

TARO PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of November, 2016

Commission File Number 001-35463

Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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TARO PROVIDES RESULTS FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Hawthorne, NY, November 8, 2016 - Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (NYSE: TARO) ("Taro" or the "Company") today provided unaudited financial results for the three and six months ended September 30, 2016.

Quarter ended September 30, 2016 Highlights - compared to September 30, 2015

Net sales of \$228.8 million, increased \$16.7 million or 7.9%, driven by increased volumes in the U.S. generic business. The 2015 net sales were negatively impacted by a \$19.6 million net charge taken to meet contractual obligations associated with price adjustments. On a pro-forma basis, adjusting 2015 net sales for the price protection provision, net sales would have decreased 1.2%.

Gross profit of \$177.3 million, increased \$8.5 million, or 5.1%

Research and development (R&D) expenses decreased \$3.9 million to \$14.8 million with all of our activities, including clinical studies, proceeding according to plan as the R&D spend is not evenly distributed across quarters. Selling, marketing, general and administrative expenses (SG&A) decreased \$3.2 million to \$20.9 million, principally the result of reduced Keveyis marketing spend.

Operating income increased \$16.6 million to \$141.6 million, or 61.9% of net sales compared to 58.9%

Foreign Exchange (FX) income decreased \$21.5 million from \$34.9 million to \$13.4 million.

Tax expense of \$35.6 million increased \$5.1 million.

Net income attributable to Taro was \$123.7 million compared to \$133.3 million, a \$9.7 million decrease, as the increase in operating income was offset by the decrease in FX income and an increase in tax expense, resulting in diluted earnings per share of \$3.00 compared to \$3.11.

Six Months ended September 30, 2016 Highlights - compared to September 30, 2015

Net sales of \$462.6 million, increased \$35.2 million, or 8.2%, with an increase in volumes, principally due to an increase in our U.S. generic volumes. On a pro-forma basis, adjusted for the 2015 price protection provision, the net sales increase would have been 2.4%.

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Gross profit increased \$19.5 million to \$360.1 million, and as a percentage of net sales, was 77.8% compared to 79.7%.

R&D expenses of \$32.8 million remained in line with prior year expenses.

SG&A decreased \$3.8 million to \$43.1 million, principally as the result of reduced Keveyis spend.

Operating income increased \$24.8 million to \$284.2 million, or 61.4% of net sales compared to 60.7%

FX income decreased \$23.2 million from \$30.7 million to \$7.5 million.

Tax expense of \$66.0 million increased \$5.5 million.

Net income attributable to Taro was \$233.6 million compared to \$237.0 million, a \$3.4 million decrease, as the increase in operating income was offset by the decrease in FX income and increase in tax expense, resulting in diluted earnings per share of \$5.59 compared to \$5.54.

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Mr. Kal Sundaram, Taro's CEO stated, "We are pleased with our sales and operating performance in the face of increasing competitive intensity and pricing pressure. Our new product sales have met, and in some cases, exceeded our expectations, helping to off-set the decline in sales arising from the price erosion of existing products. We continue to focus on building our R&D pipeline to deliver sustained long-term performance."

#### Cash Flow and Balance Sheet Highlights

Cash flow provided by operations for the six months ended September 30, 2016, was \$192.7 million compared to \$129.3 million for the six months ended September 30, 2015.

As of September 30, 2016, cash, including short-term bank deposits and marketable securities, decreased \$319.2 million to \$909.5 million from March 31, 2016, mainly due to the \$240.6 million impact from the Company's share repurchases, and a \$251.3 million increase in long-term bank deposits.

#### FDA Approvals and Filings

The Company recently received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") for the Abbreviated New Drug Application ("ANDA") Naftifine Hydrochloride Cream USP, 1%. The Company has a total of thirty six ANDAs awaiting FDA approval.

#### Share Repurchase Program

On August 19, 2016, the Company announced the completion of its \$250 million share repurchase of ordinary shares.

The Company bought back 1,801,099 of its ordinary shares in open market transactions, in accordance with a 10b5-1 program, at an average price of \$138.80 per share, as represented in the following table.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of the Current Program	Average Price Paid per Share
March 17, 2016 - March 31, 2016	67,339	\$ 140.30
April 1, 2016 - April 30, 2016	117,515	\$ 141.46
May 1, 2016 - May 31, 2016	552,474	\$ 134.86
June 1, 2016 - June 30, 2016	290,298	\$ 142.32
July 1, 2016 - July 31, 2016	318,080	\$ 141.28
August 1, 2016 - August 18, 2016	455,393	\$ 138.71
TOTAL	1,801,099	\$ 138.80

#### New Hire Announcement

On October 3, Taro announced the appointment of Mariano Balaguer as Vice President, CFO and Chief Accounting Officer. Mr. Balaguer has nearly 20 years of senior management experience in finance with global companies such as Novartis Consumer Health, Nestle and most recently, the Global Strategic Portfolio Division of Henry Schein.

On July 6, the Company announced that its' CEO, Mr. Kal Sundaram, plans to step down as CEO by the end of the current calendar year. The Taro Board, with Mr. Sundaram's assistance, is conducting a search for his replacement.

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Earnings Call (8:30 am EST, November 9, 2016)

As previously announced, the Company will host an earnings call at 8:30 am EST on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, where senior management will discuss the Company's performance and answer questions from participants. This call will be accessible through an audio dial-in and a web-cast. Audio conference participants can dial-in on the numbers below:

Participant Toll-Free Dial-In Number: +1 (844) 421-0601 ID: 10641252

Participant International Dial-In Number: +1 (716) 247-5800 ID: 10641252

Web-cast: More details are provided on our website, [www.taro.com](http://www.taro.com)

To participate in the audio call, please dial the numbers provided above five to ten minutes ahead of the scheduled start time. The operator will provide instructions on asking questions before the call. The transcript of the event will be available on the Company's website at [www.taro.com](http://www.taro.com). An audio playback will be available for twelve (12) days following the call.

The Company cautions that the foregoing financial information is presented on an unaudited basis and is subject to change.

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About Taro

Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. is a multinational, science-based pharmaceutical company, dedicated to meeting the needs of its customers through the discovery, development, manufacturing and marketing of the highest quality healthcare products. For further information on Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., please visit the Company's website at [www.taro.com](http://www.taro.com).

SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT

The unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the annual consolidated financial statements and, in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments necessary to present fairly the financial condition and results of operations of the Company. The unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F, as filed with the SEC.

Certain statements in this release are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements that do not describe historical facts or that refer or relate to events or circumstances the Company "estimates," "believes," or "expects" to happen or similar language, and statements with respect to the Company's financial performance, availability of financial information, and estimates of financial results and information for fiscal year 2017. Although the Company believes the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements to be based on reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurances that its expectations will be attained. Factors that could cause actual results to differ include general domestic and international economic conditions, industry and market conditions, changes in the Company's financial position, litigation brought by any party in any court in Israel, the United States, or any country in which Taro operates, regulatory and legislative actions in the countries in which Taro operates, and other risks detailed from time to time in the Company's SEC reports, including its Annual Reports on Form 20-F. Forward-looking statements are applicable only as of the date on which they are made. The Company undertakes no obligations to update, change or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, additional or subsequent

developments or otherwise.

**\*\*Financial Tables Follow\*\***

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TARO PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD.  
SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited)

(U.S. dollars in thousands, except share data)

	Quarter Ended September 30,		Six Months Ended September 30,	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Sales, net	\$228,794	\$212,058	\$462,578	\$427,336
Cost of sales	51,428	41,354	102,313	84,828
Impairment	76	1,947	184	1,947
Gross profit	177,290	168,757	360,081	340,561
Operating Expenses:				
Research and development	14,845	18,728	32,765	33,268
Selling, marketing, general and administrative	20,886	24,046	43,137	46,938
Settlements and loss contingencies	-	1,000	-	1,000
Operating income	141,559	124,983	284,179	259,355
Financial (income) expense, net:				
Interest and other financial income	(3,546 )	(3,401 )	(6,853 )	(6,670 )
Foreign exchange income	(13,375 )	(34,858 )	(7,465 )	(30,658 )
Other gain, net	1,054	758	1,457	1,110
Income before income taxes	159,534	164,000	299,954	297,793
Tax expense	35,558	30,443	65,984	60,532
Income from continuing operations	123,976	133,557	233,970	237,261
Net loss from discontinued operations attributable to Taro	(76 )	(70 )	(177 )	(101 )
Net income	123,900	133,487	233,793	237,160
Net income attributable to non-controlling interest	243	139	240	176
Net income attributable to Taro	\$123,657	\$133,348	\$233,553	\$236,984
Net income per ordinary share from continuing operations attributable to Taro:				
Basic	\$3.00	\$3.11	\$5.59	\$5.54
Diluted	\$3.00	\$3.11	\$5.59	\$5.54
Net loss per ordinary share from discontinued operations attributable to Taro:				
Basic	\$(0.00 )*	\$(0.00 )*	\$(0.00 )*	\$(0.00 )*
Diluted	\$(0.00 )*	\$(0.00 )*	\$(0.00 )*	\$(0.00 )*
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