



## Complementary Medicines Retailer Industry Update

### Australian Complementary Medicine (CM) Industry Growth

- Industry revenue: \$3.5 billion, will grow to \$4.6 billion in 2017-2018 with a rise to 45,000 of employees<sup>1</sup>
- There are over 10,000 Complementary medicines available on the Australian market<sup>2</sup>
- The sales of Vitamin & Dietary Supplements will overtake OTC medicines by 2015<sup>3</sup>

### Consumer Trends

- More than two-thirds of the Australian population use Complementary Medicines<sup>4</sup>
- Australians spent \$2 billion in out of pocket expenses on Complementary Medicines in 2010–11 whereas they spent \$1.6 billion on pharmaceuticals<sup>1</sup>
- 24% (1.3 million) of Australian adults with a chronic condition regularly applied CMs to treatment<sup>5</sup>
- Only 6 % of Australian adults regularly meet the required daily intake of vegetables despite government' advocacy for nutrition through food. They are filling their nutritional deficit with vitamins and dietary supplements<sup>3</sup>

### Sales of Consumer Health by Category (2013)<sup>3</sup> - A\$ million

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Vitamin & Dietary Supplements	1,428.1	1,633.0	1,936.5	2,157.1	2,333.9
Sports Nutrition	382.9	436.3	498.5	533.7	561.9
Herbal & Traditional Products	423.0	461.6	497.7	531.0	551.2

### Vitamin & Dietary Supplements<sup>3</sup>

Generating \$2 billion in revenues, over 50% growth in 5 year and expected to grow at constant value CAGR\* of 7% of over the forecast period.

- Krill oil: over \$201 million (growth of 180% in 2013) – fastest selling Vitamins & Dietary supplement
- Strong growth in multivitamins, VB,VC and VD
  - Multivitamins: \$347 million (expected to grow by 6% in 2014)
  - Vitamin B \$79 million (growth of 2%) – “Manage stress”
  - Vitamin C \$64 million (growth of 4%) – reliable and stable growth
  - Vitamin D - 10% growth in 2013
  - VA and VE are negative in constant value terms

<sup>1</sup> NICM, [http://www.nicm.edu.au/health\\_information/information\\_for\\_consumers/understanding\\_cm](http://www.nicm.edu.au/health_information/information_for_consumers/understanding_cm)

<sup>2</sup> Therapeutic Goods Regulation: Complementary Medicines, Australian National Audit Office

<sup>3</sup> Consumer Health in Australia, Euromonitor International

<sup>4</sup> NHMRC CAM001 April 2014

<sup>5</sup> Australian adults use complementary and alternative medicine in the treatment of chronic illness: a national study, <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1753-6405.2011.00745.x/full>

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### Herbal / Traditional Products<sup>3</sup>

A\$ 498 million (growth of by 8% in 2013)

1. Herbal / Traditional Dietary Supplements \$377.3 million
2. Cough, Cold & Allergy (Hay Fever) remedies \$ 69.9 million
3. Dermatologicals \$ 20.6 million

- Calming and Sleeping products such as passion flower, valerian, and hops remain popular (15.8% Value Growth 2008-2013) – related to demand by aging population

### Sports Nutrition<sup>3</sup>

A\$499 million (growth of 14% in 2013) – expected to have a constant value CAGR\* of 5 % over the forecast period due to increasing demand for pre-workout products

- Protein powder A\$272 million (67% value share)
- Protein bars A\$91.3 million

### Distribution channel for consumer health products<sup>3</sup>

- Although the most popular channel is still traditional pharmacy retailers, major supermarket chains are beginning to offer a challenge to this.
- Parapharmacies and online retailers, such as Chemist Warehouse Group, are gaining market share
- The face of the pharmacy is shifting from a community-focused store (which gives advice on and dispenses prescription medications) to a larger discount one-stop shop for health, beauty and accessories.

### Para-pharmacy<sup>3</sup>

- Chemist Warehouse Group – 16th largest retailer in Australia (over \$2 billion in sales in 2013) while Terry White Chemists, historically the largest pharmacy retail group, saw a drop in sales from over \$1 billion to \$993 million in 2013.
- Consumers believe that they can get good quality information online regarding consumer health remedies, so are now looking for “the cheapest price” – therefore “para-pharmacies” are becoming increasingly popular in Australia.

\*CAGR = Compound Annual Growth Rate

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