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- ▶ **[Permira Funds Completes \\$2.4-Billion Buy of Cambrex](#)**  
Permira Funds, a private-equity firm, has completed its acquisition of Cambrex for approximately \$2.4 billion, including Cambrex's net debt. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[Astellas to Acquire Gene-Therapy Company Audentes for \\$3 Billion](#)**  
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- ▶ **[Novartis Opens Cell and Gene Therapy Mfg Facility in Switzerland](#)**  
Novartis has opened a new cell and gene therapy manufacturing facility at its site in Stein, Switzerland. The site currently houses production for liquid and solid drugs. [Read More >](#)
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A US Senate committee has approved Dr. Stephen Hahn, MD Anderson Medical Center, as the next FDA Commissioner; his confirmation now goes to a full Senate vote. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[Eli Lilly and Co Opens Shared Innovation Lab in San Francisco](#)**  
Eli Lilly and Company has opened its first shared innovation lab, located in South San Francisco, for drug discovery and collaboration with local biotech companies. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[White House Issues Analysis of Drug Pricing Plan](#)**  
The White House Council of Economic Advisers has issued an analysis of a US House of Representatives' proposed drug-pricing plan. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[Bayer Sells Stake in Chemical Park Operator Currenta for \\$3.9 Bn](#)**  
Bayer has completed the sale of its 60% stake in chemical park operator, Currenta, to Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets for EUR 3.5 billion (\$3.9 billion). [Read More >](#)



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