

## Case Summary

### TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT – STRUCTURAL HEART

# Consultant for Private Equity Placement

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) indicated for Aortic Stenosis.

### **COMPANY**

Private equity firm representing privately held start-up in structural heart therapy.

#### CHALLENGE

Evaluate new product design in comparison to commercially approved brands and assess operational challenges associated with go to market opportunity.

#### **ENGAGEMENT**

Requested by private equity investor to conduct due diligence and strategically assess "go-to-market" feasibility of next generation TAVR technology.

#### **OUTCOMES**

- This project demonstrated the value in re-innovating and differentiating technology that further enhances therapy and improves patient outcomes in an expanding market.
- Investor confidence in regulatory approval was broadened based on clinical progress to date (study outcomes, device performance & durability, physician experiences, etc). This allowed the investor mindset to shift toward competitive technology and market trends and challenge the company's ability to adapt with corresponding studies, operating plans and strategies.
- Clarification on manufacturing scale up investment was summarized via strategic roadmap outlining robust design transfer, validated process controls and workforce development in concert with regulatory and financial milestones.
- Key supply chain opportunities were identified to source proprietary material for process-specific requirements.
- Operational capital requirements were modeled in relation to commercial forecasts across global markets.

#### **LESSONS**

- Project helped qualify the value proposition of this company's technology and broadened the investor's knowledge of competitive landscape and ongoing opportunities in TAVR.
- Reaffirmed existing market trends and opportunities for value creation based on:
  - New TAVR solutions that improve therapy and clinical outcomes.
  - Accelerated access to broader patient indications and markets.
  - Economic benefit of simplified manufacturing requirements.
- Investor confidence established in company's ability to penetrate the TAVR market in a capital efficient manner that delivers compelling results and maximized valuation.