

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 26, 2022

Zymeworks Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

British Columbia, Canada
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-38068
(Commission
File Number)

98-1398788
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**Suite 800, 114 East 4th Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia,
Canada**
(Address of principal executive offices)

V5T 1G4
(Zip Code)

(604) 678-1388
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Shares, no par value per share	ZYME	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On September 26, 2022, Zymeworks Inc. (the “Company” or “Zymeworks”) issued a press release announcing that independent proxy advisory firm, Institutional Shareholder Services (“ISS”), recommended that shareholders of the Company vote in favor of a resolution to approve a series of transactions, including a corporate redomicile, at the Company’s upcoming special meeting of securityholders to be held on October 7, 2022.

On September 26, 2022, the Company filed a press release regarding the recommendation by ISS with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval at www.sedar.com (“SEDAR”). A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

The information under this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto are being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), regardless of the general incorporation language of such filing, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Important Information for Investors and Securityholders

This communication is not intended to and does not constitute an offer to sell, buy or exchange or the solicitation of an offer to sell, buy or exchange any securities or the solicitation of any vote or approval in any jurisdiction, nor shall there be any sale, purchase, or exchange of securities or solicitation of any vote or approval in any jurisdiction in contravention of applicable law. In connection with the proposed redomicile (the “Redomicile”), Zymeworks has caused its subsidiary Zymeworks Delaware Inc., a Delaware corporation (“New Zymeworks”), to file a registration statement on Form S-4, which includes New Zymeworks’ prospectus as well as Zymeworks’ proxy statement (the “Proxy Statement/Prospectus”), with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and the appropriate Canadian securities regulatory authorities. Zymeworks has mailed the Proxy Statement/Prospectus to its shareholders and holders of its warrants and outstanding equity awards in connection with the proposed Redomicile. INVESTORS AND SECURITYHOLDERS OF ZYMEWORKS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC AND CANADIAN SECURITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITIES CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ZYMEWORKS, NEW ZYMEWORKS, THE REDOMICILE, AND RELATED MATTERS. Investors and securityholders are able to obtain free copies of the Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC by Zymeworks or New Zymeworks through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov (“EDGAR”). Investors and securityholders are also able to obtain free copies of the Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed with Canadian securities regulatory authorities by Zymeworks, through the website maintained by the Canadian Securities Administrators on SEDAR. In addition, investors and securityholders are able to obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC and Canadian securities regulatory authorities on Zymeworks’ website at www.zymeworks.com or by contacting Zymeworks’ corporate secretary.

Participants in the Solicitation

Zymeworks and certain of its directors, executive officers and employees may be considered participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed Redomicile. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be deemed participants in the solicitation of the securityholders of Zymeworks in connection with the proposed Redomicile, including a description of their respective direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is included in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus described above. Additional information regarding Zymeworks’ directors and executive officers is also included in Zymeworks’ Amendment No. 1 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K/A, which was filed with the SEC and Canadian securities regulatory authorities on May 2, 2022. This document is available free of charge as described above.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This communication includes “forward-looking statements” or information within the meaning of applicable securities legislation, including Section 27A of the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Forward-looking statements in this communication include, but are not limited to, statements that relate to expected benefits of the Redomicile; opportunities to enhance long-term value for securityholders as a U.S. corporation; opportunities to expand the institutional investor base; ability to commercialize its products in the United States; and other information that is not historical information. When used herein, words such as “intention”, “subject to”, “believes”, “propose”, “will”, “future”, “may”, “anticipates”, “pending”, “plans”, “potential”, and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. In addition, any statements or information that refer to expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives, performance or other characterizations of future events or circumstances, including any underlying assumptions, are forward-looking. All forward-looking statements are based upon Zymeworks’ current expectations and various assumptions. Actual results could differ materially from those described or implied by such forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including, without limitation: the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Zymeworks’ business, research and clinical development plans and timelines and results of operations, including impact on its clinical trial sites, collaborators, and contractors who act for or on Zymeworks’ behalf, may be more severe and more prolonged than currently anticipated; the ability to receive, in a timely manner and on satisfactory terms, the required securityholder, stock exchange and court approvals; the anticipated last day of trading Zymeworks common shares on the NYSE and the anticipated trading of shares of common stock of New Zymeworks following the completion of the Redomicile; and assumptions in corporate guidance. Risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: the anticipated benefits of the Redomicile may not be achieved; the receipt of securityholder, stock exchange and court approvals and satisfaction of other conditions in connection with the Redomicile may not be obtained; the anticipated tax consequences and impact of the Redomicile to Zymeworks securityholders, Zymeworks and New Zymeworks may not materialize; risks relating to New Zymeworks following the Redomicile, including triggering provisions in certain agreements that require consent or may result in termination; publicity resulting from the Redomicile and impacts to the company’s business and share price; risks that the description of the transactions in external communications may not properly reflect the underlying legal and tax principles of the Redomicile; the benefits of being a U.S. corporation on efforts to commercialize zanidatamab may not be realized; changes in or interpretation of laws or regulations may prevent the realization of anticipated benefits from the Redomicile; risks associated with existing or potential lawsuits and regulatory actions; the impact of disputes arising with partners; and other risks and uncertainties as described in Zymeworks’ Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended, and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and as described from time to time in Zymeworks’ other periodic filings as filed on SEDAR and EDGAR.

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ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated September 26, 2022.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded as Inline XBRL document).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ZYMEWORKS INC.

(Registrant)

Date: September 26, 2022

By: /s/ Neil A. Klompas

Name: Neil A. Klompas

Title: President and Chief Operating Officer



Independent Proxy Advisory Firm ISS Recommends a Vote FOR the Zymeworks Redomicile

- *Institutional Shareholder Services joins Glass Lewis in recommending a vote FOR the Redomicile resolution*
- *ISS cites potential for improved capital raising ability and commercialization efficiencies for the Company's lead product candidate, zanidatamab*
- *To vote, contact Kingsdale Advisors at 1-855-476-7981 (within North America) or at 1-416-867-2272 (outside North America), or at contactus@kingsdaleadvisors.com*

VANCOUVER, British Columbia & SEATTLE – September 26, 2022 — Zymeworks Inc. (“Zymeworks” or the “Company”) (NYSE: ZYME), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing multifunctional biotherapeutics, is pleased to announce that a second independent proxy advisory firm, Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. (“ISS”), has recommended shareholders vote FOR the Company’s plan to become a Delaware corporation (the “Redomicile”). ISS’ positive recommendation follows Glass, Lewis & Co.’s (“Glass Lewis”) support for the Redomicile.

ISS notes in the report that the Redomicile “may provide for improved capital raising ability and commercialization efficiencies if the company’s lead product candidate (zanidatamab) is approved in the United States.”

“We are pleased that both proxy advisors recognize that the Redomicile provides opportunities for a greater investor base and significant monetization opportunities,” said Kenneth Galbraith, Chair and CEO of Zymeworks. “ISS’ support further validates our view that the Redomicile will serve to enhance long-term value for securityholders. We urge Zymeworks securityholders to follow both proxy advisors’ independent recommendations and vote FOR the Redomicile.”

The board of directors of Zymeworks unanimously recommends that Zymeworks securityholders vote FOR the Redomicile resolution well before the deadline of 9:00 a.m., Pacific Time, on October 5, 2022.

Your vote is critical no matter how many Zymeworks common shares, Zymeworks warrants and/or Zymeworks incentive awards that you own. To vote, contact Kingsdale Advisors at 1-855-476-7981 (within North America), or at 1-416-867-2272 (outside North America), or by email at contactus@kingsdaleadvisors.com.

Advisors

Kingsdale Advisors is acting as strategic securityholder advisor, proxy solicitation agent, information agent and communications advisor to the Company.

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About Zymeworks Inc.

Zymeworks is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company dedicated to the discovery, development and commercialization of next-generation multifunctional biotherapeutics. Zymeworks' suite of therapeutic platforms and its fully integrated drug development engine enable precise engineering of highly differentiated product candidates. Zymeworks' lead clinical candidate, zanidatamab, is a novel Azymetric™ HER2-targeted bispecific antibody currently being evaluated in multiple Phase 1, Phase 2, and pivotal clinical trials globally as a targeted treatment option for patients with solid tumors that express HER2. Zymeworks' second clinical candidate, zanidatamab zovodotin (ZW49), is a novel bispecific HER2 -targeted antibody-drug conjugate currently in Phase 1 clinical development and combines the unique design and antibody framework of zanidatamab with Zymeworks' proprietary ZymeLink™ linker and cytotoxin. Zymeworks is also advancing a deep preclinical pipeline in oncology (including immuno-oncology agents) and other therapeutic areas. In addition, its therapeutic platforms are being leveraged through strategic partnerships with global biopharmaceutical companies. For more information on our ongoing clinical trials visit www.zymeworksclinicaltrials.com. For additional information about Zymeworks, visit www.zymeworks.com and follow @ZymeworksInc on Twitter.

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