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Ricerca, which fancies itself “a one-stop-shop at one location,” earns the slogan by providing the integrated chemistry and biology services essential to drug development and commercialization. A Cleveland-area denizen since 1986, Ricerca has completed projects for approximately 450 clients over the years, and reports charting significant growth since 2003. The company’s workforce is certainly qualified to stoke such advancement: around 70% of its 270 employees are scientists. Ricerca’s pilot plant continues to experience high demand, attracting a diverse mix of first-time scale-up, re-prep, and manufacturing projects. The company reinvested some of its earnings in 2009 in the form of two GLS Reactor systems (200 and 2,000 liters) and two vacuum shelf-drying systems (each installed in GMP-compliant finishing suites). More recently, Ricerca made waves in announcing its intent to purchase MDS Pharmacy Services’ discovery and preclinical business; the acquisition will bring Ricerca new facilities in Taiwan, France, and the U.S.