

Yancoal Australia (3668 HK)

Weak earnings but largely anticipated; Expect an improvement trend of coal price

Yancoal's (YAL) net profit came in at A\$163mn in 1H25 (-61% YoY) which is slightly below our expectation due to higher-than-expected effective tax rate. YAL proposes interim dividend of A\$0.062/shr, implying ~50% payout ratio which is consistent with YAL's dividend policy. Meanwhile, YAL maintains the full-year guidance on sales volume, unit cost and capex. We maintain our full-year estimate as we expect (1) the coal price to rebound from the low base in 2Q25, driven by China's "anti-involution" campaign; (2) an improvement of sales to production ratio starting from 3Q25E (following the logistical issue in 2Q). Sitting on A\$1.7bn net cash (~20% of the current market cap) together with a clear dividend policy, we see buying interest in case of any potential pullback of share price. Our NPV-based TP of HK\$34 is unchanged. Maintain **BUY**.

- Key highlights on 1H25 results. Revenue dropped 16% YoY to A\$2.6bn, due to a 2% YoY coal sales volume decline (to 16.6mt) as well as a 15% YoY decline in blended coal ASP (to A\$149/t). EBIT declined 56% YoY to A\$259mn as a result of operating de-leveraging. Net profit dropped 61% YoY to A\$163mn, due to a 5.4ppt YoY increase of effective tax rate (to 32%). Operating cash inflow dropped 44% YoY to A\$473mn. As at end-Jun 2025, YAL had net cash of A\$1.7bn.
- Continuous unit cost reduction. The unit cash operating cost (based on saleable production, excluding royalties) in 1H25 was A\$93/t, -8% YoY. We expect YAL to achieve similar cost reduction in 2H25E, driven by high utilisation rate.
- 2025 full-year guidance unchanged: (1) attributable saleable production: 35-39mn tonnes (-5% to +6% YoY); (2) operating cash cost (excluding royalties): A\$89-97/t (-4% to +4% YoY); (3) capex: A\$750-900mn (up 6%-28% YoY).
- **Key risks:** (1) further decline in coal price; (2) rebound of unit cost; (3) extreme weather that affects production and delivery.

Earnings Summary

FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
7,778	6,860	6,258	6,316	6,513
(26.3)	(11.8)	(8.8)	0.9	3.1
1,818.7	1,215.9	796.3	891.7	965.4
1.38	0.92	0.60	0.68	0.73
(49.3)	(33.1)	(34.5)	12.0	8.3
na	na	0.68	0.71	0.86
4.5	6.7	10.3	9.2	8.5
1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8
11.2	8.4	4.9	5.5	5.9
22.1	13.7	8.5	9.4	9.7
(14.8)	(25.2)	(23.1)	(25.9)	(30.7)
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Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

BUY (Maintain)

Target Price HK\$34.00 Up/Downside 8.3% Current Price HK\$31.40

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Stock Data

Mkt Cap (HK\$ mn)	41,461.8
Avg 3 mths t/o (HK\$ mn)	31.6
52w High/Low (HK\$)	34.35/21.85
Total Issued Shares (mn)	1320.4

Source: FactSet

Shareholding Structure

Yankuang Energy	62.3%
China Cinda AM	7.7%

Source: HKEx

Share Performance

	Absolute	Relative
1-mth	5.2%	3.9%
3-mth	23.4%	14.6%
6-mth	12.5%	2.8%

Source: FactSet

12-mth Price Performance



Source: FactSet

Auditor: ShineWing Australia

Related Reports

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Figure 1: YAL's 1H25 results

YE Dec 31(A\$ mn)	1H24	1H25	Change (YoY)
Revenue			
Sales of coal	3,030	2,558	-15.6%
Sea freight	44	39	-11.4%
Fair value of losses recycled from hedge reserve	0	0	n/a
Sub-total Sub-total	3,074	2,597	-15.5%
Other revenue			
Interest income	39	52	33.3%
Mining services fees	0	0	n/a
Royalty revenue & others	25	26	4.0%
Total (other revenue)	64	78	21.9%
Total revenue	3,138	2,675	-14.8%
Other income/(loss)	53	31	-41.5%
Change in inventories of finished goods & work in progress	-10	128	n/a
Raw materials and consumables used	-585	-604	3.2%
imployee benefits	-401	-409	2.0%
ransportation	-412	-402	-2.4%
Contractual services and plant hire	-295	-292	-1.0%
Government royalties	-261	-262	0.4%
Coal purchase	-102	-63	-38.2%
Other operating expenses	-138	-160	15.9%
Depreciation and amortisation	-400	-383	-4.3%
BIT	587	259	-55.9%
Finance expenses	-20	-21	5.0%
Share of profit of JV and associates	4	1	-75.0%
Pretax profit	571	239	-58.1%
ncome tax	-151	-76	-49.7%
After tax profit	420	163	-61.2%
/I	0	0	n/a
Net profit	420	163	-61.2%
D&A	400	383	-4.3%
EBITDA	987	642	-35.0%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM

Figure 2: YAL's quarterly statistics

	1Q24	1Q25	Chg (YoY)	2Q24	2Q25	Chg (YoY)	3Q23	3Q24	Chg (YoY)	4Q23	4Q24	Chg (YoY)
Marketable coal production (mn tonnes)												
(100 % equity basis)												
Mines												
HVO	2.8	3.5	25%	2.0	3.1	55%	3.0	3.2	7%	3.3	3.7	12%
Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW)	2.2	2.8	27%	2.5	2.7	8%	3.3	3.3	0%	3.4	3.2	-6%
Moolarben	5.0	4.8	-4%	4.5	5.0	11%	4.5	5.3	18%	4.8	4.2	-13%
Stratford Duralie	0.1	0.0	n/a	0.0	0.0	n/a	0.2	0.0	-100%	0.2	0.0	-100%
'arrabee	0.4	0.6	50%	0.4	0.7	75%	0.5	0.7	40%	0.5	0.7	40%
Middlemount	0.5	0.7	40%	0.6	0.7	17%	0.6	0.5	-17%	0.6	0.7	17%
Ashton	0.3	0.2	-33%	0.3	0.2	-33%	0.0	0.2	n/a	0.1	0.5	400%
[otal	11.3	12.6	12%	10.3	12.4	20%	12.1	13.2	9%	12.9	13.0	1%
Marketable coal production (mn tonnes)												
Attributable basis)												
[otal	8.8	9.5	8%	8.2	9.4	15%	9.3	10.2	10%	9.7	9.7	0%
Attributable sales volume (mn tonnes)												
Thermal	7.3	7.0	-4%	7.5	6.8	-9%	7.7	9.0	17%	8.7	8.6	-1%
Metallurgical	1.0	1.4	40%	1.0	1.3	30%	0.9	1.4	56%	1.4	1.8	29%
Total Total	8.3	8.4	1%	8.6	8.1	-6%	8.6	10.4	21%	10.1	10.4	3%
ASP (A\$/tonne)												
Thermal	159	145	-9%	163	130	-20%	178	157	-12%	180	163	-9%
Metallurgical	334	218	-35%	318	197	-38%	360	259	-28%	292	242	-17%
Blended	180	157	-13%	181	142	-22%	197	170	-14%	196	176	-10%
Revenue (A\$ mn)												
Thermal	1,161	1,015	-13%	1,223	884	-28%	1,371	1,413	3%	1,566	1,402	-10%
Metallurgical	334	305	-9%	318	256	-19%	324	363	12%	409	436	7%
Total ex-mine coal revenue	1,495	1,320	-12%	1,541	1,140	-26%	1,695	1,776	5%	1,975	1,837	-7%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM



Figure 3: Change in key operating assumptions

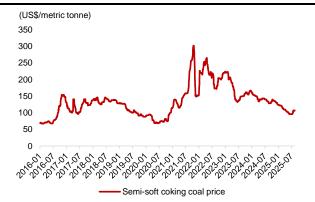
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Marketable coal production (mn tonnes)									
(100 % equity basis)									
Mines									
HVO	13.7	12.0	10.6	9.6	10.5	11.7	13.1	13.5	14.0
Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW)	12.1	11.9	11.2	8.1	11.3	11.2	11.8	12.8	13.5
Moolarben	17.8	19.7	18.4	14.9	16.7	19.0	19.5	19.5	20.0
Stratford Duralie	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Yarrabee	2.8	3.0	2.6	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.7	2.0	2.0
Middlemount	2.7	2.9	3.7	2.6	2.2	2.3	2.6	3.0	3.0
Ashton	2.2	1.8	1.2	0.9	0.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Total	52.1	51.8	48.5	38.9	43.6	47.8	51.0	52.1	53.8
Attributable sales volume (mn tonnes)									
Thermal	30.1	33.2	31.7	24.6	28.4	32.5	33.5	33.4	34.5
Metallurgical	5.5	4.2	5.8	4.7	4.7	5.2	5.5	5.9	6.1
Total	35.6	37.4	37.5	29.3	33.1	37.7	39.0	39.3	40.6
Change (YoY)									
Thermal	6.0%	10.3%	-4.5%	-22.4%	15.4%	14.4%	3.2%	-0.3%	3.3%
Metallurgical	7.8%	-23.6%	38.1%	-19.0%	0.0%	10.6%	5.0%	8.1%	3.3%
Average	6.3%	5.1%	0.3%	-21.9%	13.0%	13.9%	3.4%	0.9%	3.3%
ASP (A\$/tonne)									
Thermal	100	76	134	372	211	160	150	150	150
Metallurgical	167	123	180	405	356	276	200	200	200
Blended	110	82	141	377	232	176	157	158	158
ASP change (YoY)									
Thermal	-18.3%	-23.8%	75.4%	177.4%	-43.3%	-23.9%	-6.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Metallurgical	-8.8%	-26.3%	46.5%	125.0%	-12.1%	-22.6%	-27.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Blended	-16.2%	-26.1%	72.9%	167.3%	-38.5%	-23.9%	-11.0%	0.3%	0.0%
Cash operating cost breakdown (A\$/tonne)									
Unit cash operating cost	-73	-67	-77	-131	-121	-112	-107	-106	-105
Change (YoY)	-0.9%	-8.2%	16.2%	69.6%	-8.0%	-7.5%	-3.8%	-1.7%	-0.3%
Unit cash operating cost (excluding government royalties)	-64	-60	-66	-98	-100	-95	-93	-91	-90
Change (YoY)	1.6%	-5.4%	9.5%	48.5%	1.9%	-5.3%	-2.3%	-2.0%	-0.4%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Note: Our unit cost figures are slightly different from the company's due to the difference in transportation cost calculation.

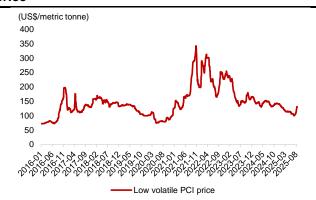


Figure 4: Seaborne semi-soft coking coal (SSCC) price



Source: Wind, CMBIGM

Figure 5: Seaborne pulverised coal injection (PCI) price



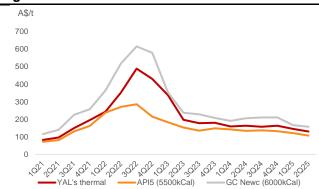
Source: Wind, CMBIGM

Figure 6: GC Newc (6000/kCal) pricing



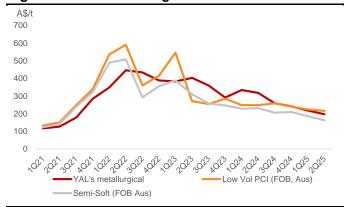
Source: Company data, Argus/McCloskey, GlobalCOAL, CMBIGM

Figure 7: YAL's thermal ASP vs benchmarks



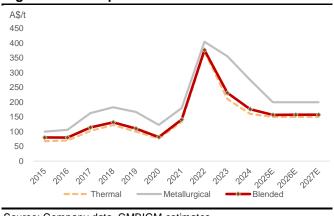
Source: Company data, Argus/McCloskey, GlobalCOAL, CMBIGM

Figure 8: YAL's metallurgical ASP vs benchmarks



Source: Company data, Argus/McCloskey, GlobalCOAL, CMBIGM

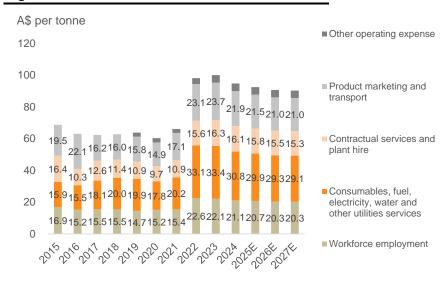
Figure 9: Assumptions on YAL's ASP



Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates



Figure 10: YAL's unit cash cost breakdown



Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates Note: Excluding government royalties

Valuation

Maintain BUY with TP of HK\$34. We value YAL by net present value (NPV), calculated by the future cash flow of all the reserves based on their effective mine life.

Our key assumptions include:

- Long-term thermal and metallurgical coal price (starting 2028E) of A\$130/t and A\$200/t respectively;
- Long-term unit cash cost inflation of 1% p.a.;
- WACC of 6.7%, based on risk-free rate of 4% (10-year Australian government bond yield), risk premium of 6%, 0.5x beta, and 10% debt/capital ratio;
- AUD/HKD rate of HK\$5.

Figure 11: TP sensitivity to coal price

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WACC	LT coal thermal coal price (A\$/t)								
	90	110	130	150	170				
4.7%	14	26	38	51	63				
5.7%	14	25	36	47	58				
6.7%	14	24	34	43	53				
7.7%	15	23	32	40	49				
8.7%	15	22	30	38	46				

Note: Assuming LT thermal coal price = A\$130/t

WACC	LT metallurgical coal price (A\$/t)									
	160	180	200	220	240					
4.7%	34	36	38	41	43					
5.7%	32	34	36	38	40					
6.7%	30	32	34	35	37					
7.7%	29	30	32	33	35					
8.7%	27	29	30	32	33					

Note: Assuming LT metallurgical coal price = A\$200/t

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates



Financial Summary

INCOME STATEMENT	2022A	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
YE 31 Dec (AUD mn)	ZUZZA	2023A	2024A	2023E	2020E	2021 L
Revenue	10,548	7,778	6,860	6,258	6,316	6,513
Royalties and other related payments	(967)	(685)	(639)	(583)	(588)	(607)
Staff costs	(662)	(730)	(796)	(807)	(797)	(824)
Others	(2,548)	(2,901)	(3,135)	(3,012)	(2,981)	(3,067)
Other income	(132)	26	159	31	32	33
EBITDA	6,239	3,488	2,449	1,888	1,981	2,048
Depreciation	(834)	(881)	(750)	(798)	(750)	(715)
EBIT	5,405	2,607	1,699	1,089	1,231	1,333
Interest expense	(459)	(53)	(39)	(6)	(6)	(6)
Others	146	29	29	23	14	14
Pre-tax profit	5,092	2,583	1,689	1,106	1,239	1,341
Income tax	(1,505)	(764)	(473)	(310)	(347)	(376)
After tax profit	3,587	1,819	1,216	796	892	965
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit	3,587	1,819	1,216	796	892	965
BALANCE SHEET	2022A	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
YE 31 Dec (AUD mn)						
Current assets	3,810	2,533	3,540	3,263	3,776	4,198
Cash & equivalents	2,699	1,397	2,461	2,271	2,631	3,254
Account receivables	736	662	600	566	645	532
Inventories	330	416	419	369	440	347
Other current assets	45	58	60	56	60	65
Non-current assets	8,991	8,721	8,816	8,849	8,906	8,898
PP&E	3,486	3,582	3,909	4,225	4,514	4,698
Right-of-use assets	4,642	4,278	4,023	3,732	3,496	3,300
Deferred income tax	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investment in JVs & assos	413	431	447	458	465	472
Intangibles	133	131	134	131	128	125
Other non-current assets	317	299	303	303	303	303
Total assets	12,801	11,254	12,356	12,112	12,683	13,096
Current liabilities	2,532	1,048	1,234	963	1,158	1,069
Short-term borrowings	48	44	37	37	37	37
Account payables	863	734	975	704	899	810
Other current liabilities	1,621	270	222	222	222	222
Non-current liabilities	2,239	1,764	1,805	1,805	1,805	1,805
Long-term borrowings	625	102	75	75	75	75
Other non-current liabilities	1,614	1,662	1,730	1,730	1,730	1,730
Total liabilities	4,771	2,812	3,039	2,768	2,963	2,874
Total shareholders equity	8,028	8,440	9,315	9,342	9,717	10,220
Minority interest	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total equity and liabilities	12,801	11,254	12,356	12,112	12,683	13,096



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CASH FLOW	2022A	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
YE 31 Dec (AUD mn)						
Operating						
Profit before taxation	5,092	2,583	1,689	1,106	1,239	1,341
Depreciation & amortization	834	881	754	798	750	715
Tax paid	0	(2,123)	(660)	(310)	(347)	(376)
Change in working capital	80	(129)	315	(184)	41	113
Others	759	(10)	(47)	(114)	(93)	(87)
Net cash from operations	6,765	1,202	2,051	1,297	1,590	1,706
Investing						
Capital expenditure	(544)	(611)	(698)	(820)	(800)	(700)
Acquisition of subsidiaries/ investments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	287	97	100	109	92	86
Net cash from investing	(257)	(514)	(598)	(711)	(708)	(614)
Financing						
Dividend paid	(1,626)	(1,413)	(429)	(769)	(517)	(462)
Net borrowings	(1,320)	(496)	(34)	0	0	0
Proceeds from share issues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	(2,465)	(95)	(42)	(6)	(6)	(6)
Net cash from financing	(5,411)	(2,004)	(505)	(775)	(523)	(468)
Net change in cash						
Cash at the beginning of the year	1,495	2,699	1,397	2,461	2,271	2,631
Exchange difference	107	14	116	0	0	0
Cash at the end of the year	2,699	1,397	2,461	2,271	2,631	3,254
GROWTH	2022A	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
YE 31 Dec						
Revenue	95.2%	(26.3%)	(11.8%)	(8.8%)	0.9%	3.1%
EBITDA	192.1%	(44.1%)	(29.8%)	(22.9%)	4.9%	3.4%
EBIT	314.3%	(51.8%)	(34.8%)	(35.9%)	13.0%	8.3%
Net profit	353.7%	(49.3%)	(33.1%)	(34.5%)	12.0%	8.3%
PROFITABILITY	2022A	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
YE 31 Dec						
EBITDA margin	59.1%	44.8%	35.7%	30.2%	31.4%	31.4%
Return on equity (ROE)	50.6%	22.1%	13.7%	8.5%	9.4%	9.7%
GEARING/LIQUIDITY/ACTIVITIES	2022A	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
YE 31 Dec						
Net debt to equity (x)	(0.3)	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Current ratio (x)	1.5	2.4	2.9	3.4	3.3	3.9
Receivable turnover days	25.0	32.8	33.6	34.0	35.0	33.0
Inventory turnover days	47.4	52.2	54.6	53.0	55.0	52.0
Payable turnover days	99.4	87.3	87.0	87.0	84.0	87.0
VALUATION	2022A	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
YE 31 Dec						
P/E	2.3	4.5	6.7	10.3	9.2	8.5
P/B	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8
Div yield (%)	19.8	11.2	8.4	4.9	5.5	5.9

 $Source: Company \ data, \ CMBIGM \ estimates. \ Note: The \ calculation \ of \ net \ cash \ includes \ financial \ assets.$



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