

Yancoal Australia (3668 HK)

Strong sales volume in 2Q26 alongside increased ASP

Yancoal's (YAL) 2Q26 attributable production/ sales volume was +15%/+43% YoY. The higher sales volume growth was due to low base last year due to shipping delays. Given that blended ASP increased 13% YoY in 2Q26, we estimate Yancoal delivered revenue of ~A\$1.85bn in 2Q26 (+63% YoY; +53% QoQ). In Jul (MTD), coking coal price/GC Newc price have been up >30%/20% (YoY). We revise up our 2026E/27E/28E earnings forecasts by 55%/14%/7%, largely due to higher assumptions on both thermal and metallurgical coal ASP. We maintain our **BUY** rating on YAL due to (1) resilient thermal coal price underpinned by the warm summer in Northern Hemisphere arising from El Nino impact, and (2) ongoing conflict in the Middle East that supports the energy prices. Our NPV-based TP is only slightly revised up to HK\$39 (from HK\$38), as we have left our long-term thermal coal price assumptions unchanged. Meanwhile, we have yet to model in the acquisition of Kestrel Coal Mine as we are awaiting relevant approvals (by end-Sep 2026, expected by YAL).

- **Attributable sales volume +43% YoY in 2Q26:** Attributable sales volume of thermal coal/ metallurgical coal was +44%/+38% YoY to 9.8mn/1.8mn tonnes in 1Q26. On the production side, the total attributable volume grew 15% YoY to 10.8mn tonnes in 2Q26. We believe YAL had a high utilisation rate in 2Q26. In 1H26, the total attributable production volume grew 5% YoY to 19.8mn tonnes, which accounted for 49-54% of YAL's full-year guidance (36.5-40.5mn tonnes).
- **ASP breakdown in 2Q26.** Thermal ASP increased 15% YoY to A\$149/t in 2Q26, within the range of GCNewc 6,000kCal (A\$191/t) and API5 (A\$136/t). Metallurgical ASP increased 11% YoY to A\$219/t, within the range of the market price of Low Vol PCI and semi-soft.
- **Stable cash position.** As at end-Jun 2026, Yancoal had gross cash of A\$2bn, similar to the amount at end-Mar 2026.
- **2026 guidance unchanged:** (1) attributable saleable production: 36.5-40.5mn tonnes (-5% to +5% YoY); (2) operating cash cost (excluding royalties): A\$90-98/t (-2% to +7% YoY); (3) capex: A\$750-900mn (up 0%-20% YoY)

Earnings Summary

(YE 31 Dec)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue (AUD mn)	6,860	5,949	6,649	6,521	6,625
YoY growth (%)	(11.8)	(13.3)	11.8	(1.9)	1.6
Net profit (AUD mn)	1,215.9	439.9	892.2	719.5	707.9
EPS (Reported) (AUD)	0.92	0.33	0.68	0.54	0.54
YoY growth (%)	(33.1)	(63.8)	102.8	(19.4)	(1.6)
Consensus EPS (AUD)	na	na	0.71	0.71	na
P/E (x)	6.1	16.9	8.3	10.3	10.5
P/B (x)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7
Yield (%)	9.3	3.3	6.6	5.3	5.2
ROE (%)	13.7	4.8	9.6	7.4	7.1
Net gearing (%)	(25.2)	(22.6)	(23.1)	(28.6)	(26.6)

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

BUY (Maintain)

Target Price	HK\$39.00
(Previous TP)	HK\$38.00)
Up/Downside	26.4%
Current Price	HK\$30.86

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Stock Data

Mkt Cap (HK\$ mn)	40,748.8
Avg 3 mths t/o (HK\$ mn)	84.0
52w High/Low (HK\$)	47.40/24.60
Total Issued Shares (mn)	1320.4

Source: FactSet

Shareholding Structure

Yankuang Energy	62.3%
China Cinda AM	7.7%

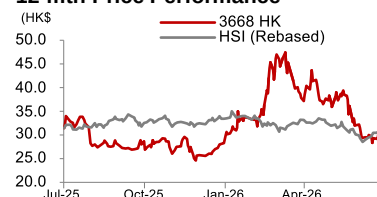
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Share Performance

	Absolute	Relative
1-mth	-2.8%	-7.5%
3-mth	-17.0%	-12.9%
6-mth	6.0%	11.7%

Source: FactSet

12-mth Price Performance



Source: FactSet

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Figure 1: YAL's quarterly statistics

	1Q25	1Q26	Chg (YoY)	2Q25	2Q26	Chg (YoY)	3Q24	3Q25	Chg (YoY)	4Q24	4Q25	Chg (YoY)
Marketable coal production (mn tonnes)												
(100 % equity basis)												
Mines												
HVO	3.5	3.7	6%	3.1	3.7	19%	3.2	3.5	9%	3.7	4.0	8%
Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW)	2.8	2.3	-18%	2.7	3.1	15%	3.3	2.7	-18%	3.2	3.6	13%
Moolarben	4.8	4.4	-8%	5.0	5.4	8%	5.3	4.7	-11%	4.2	4.6	10%
Stratford Duralie	0.0	0.0	n/a	0.0	0.0	n/a	0.0	0.0	n/a	0.0	0.0	n/a
Yarrabee	0.6	0.4	-33%	0.7	0.7	0%	0.7	0.7	0%	0.7	0.7	0%
Middlemount	0.7	0.6	-14%	0.7	0.6	-14%	0.5	0.6	20%	0.7	0.7	0%
Ashton	0.2	0.4	100%	0.2	0.4	100%	0.2	0.0	-100%	0.5	0.1	-80%
Total	12.6	11.8	-6%	12.4	13.9	12%	13.2	12.2	-8%	13.0	13.7	5%
Marketable coal production (mn tonnes)												
(Attributable basis)												
Total	9.5	9.0	-5%	9.4	10.8	15%	10.2	9.3	-9%	9.7	10.7	11%
Attributable sales volume (mn tonnes)												
Thermal	7.0	7.0	0%	6.8	9.8	44%	9.0	9.0	0%	8.6	9.2	7%
Metallurgical	1.4	1.3	-7%	1.3	1.8	38%	1.4	1.6	14%	1.8	1.7	-6%
Total	8.4	8.3	-1%	8.1	11.6	43%	10.4	10.7	3%	10.4	10.8	4%
ASP (\$/tonne)												
Thermal	145	134	-8%	130	149	15%	157	130	-17%	163	138	-15%
Metallurgical	218	213	-2%	197	219	11%	259	195	-25%	242	203	-16%
Blended	157	146	-7%	142	160	13%	170	140	-18%	176	148	-16%
Revenue (\$ mn)												
Thermal	1,015	938	-8%	884	1,460	65%	1,413	1,170	-17%	1,402	1,270	-9%
Metallurgical	305	277	-9%	256	394	54%	363	312	-14%	436	345	-21%
Total ex-mine coal revenue	1,320	1,215	-8%	1,140	1,854	63%	1,776	1,482	-17%	1,837	1,615	-12%

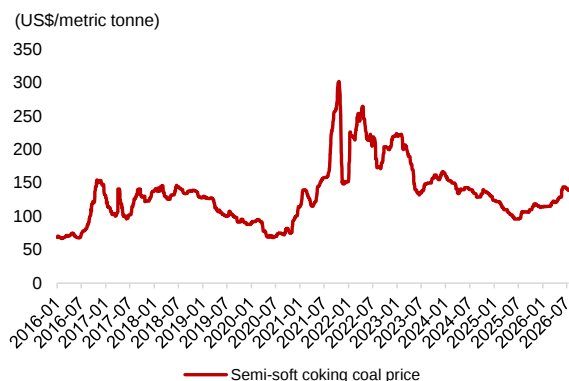
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Figure 2: Changes in key operating assumptions

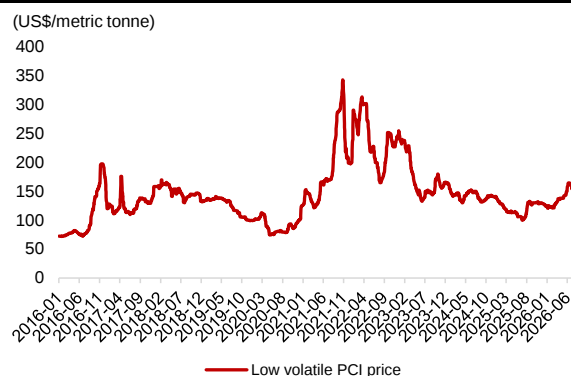
	2026E	Old 2027E	2028E	2026E	New 2027E	2028E	2026E	Change 2027E	2028E
Marketable coal production (mn tonnes)									
(100 % equity basis)									
Consolidated mines									
HVO	13.5	14.0	16.0	13.5	14.0	16.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW)	12.0	12.5	12.8	12.0	12.5	12.8	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Moolarben	19.5	20.0	20.5	19.5	20.0	20.5	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Stratford Duralie	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Yarrabee	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Middlemount	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.9	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Ashton	1.3	1.3	0.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0%	0.0%	-100.0%
Total	50.9	52.5	54.5	50.9	52.5	54.2	0.0%	0.0%	-0.6%
Sales volume (mn tonnes)									
Thermal	32.3	33.3	33.9	32.3	33.3	33.6	0.0%	0.0%	-0.7%
Metallurgical	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.1	7.3	7.4	0.0%	0.0%	-0.7%
Total	39.4	40.6	41.3	39.4	40.6	41.0	0.0%	0.0%	-0.7%
ASP (\$/t)									
Thermal	140	142	144	150	142	143	7.1%	0.0%	-0.7%
Metallurgical	195	196	198	220	214	213	12.8%	9.2%	7.6%
Blended	150	152	154	163	155	156	8.5%	2.1%	1.2%
Cash operating cost breakdown (\$/tonne)									
Unit cash operating cost	-112	-113	-114	-114	-114	-114	1.1%	0.3%	0.2%
Unit cash operating cost (excluding government royalties)	-97	-98	-99	-97	-98	-99	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Unit cash margin (excluding government royalties)	53	54	55	65	57	57	24.1%	6.0%	3.4%
Net profit (\$ mn)									
	577	634	664	892	720	708	54.6%	13.5%	6.5%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

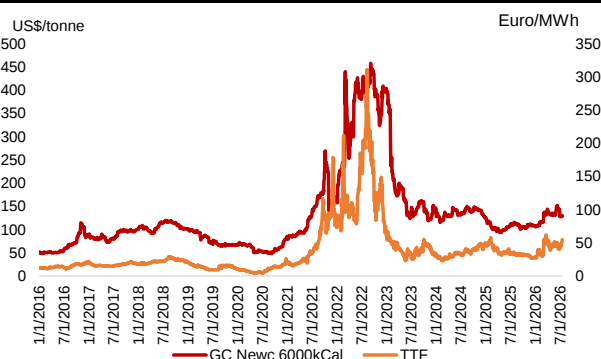
Note: Our unit cost figures are slightly different from the company's due to the difference in transportation cost calculation.

Figure 3: Seaborne semi-soft coking coal (SSCC) price


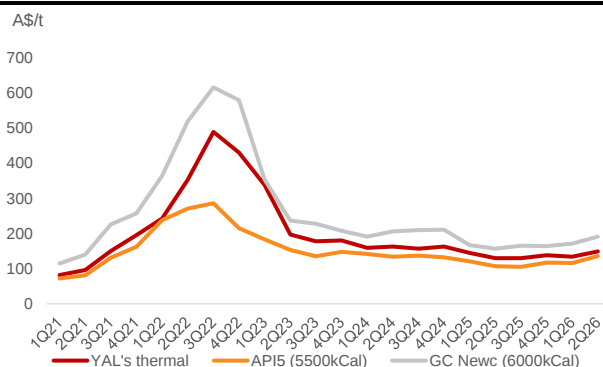
Source: Wind, CMBIGM

Figure 4: Seaborne pulverised coal injection (PCI) price


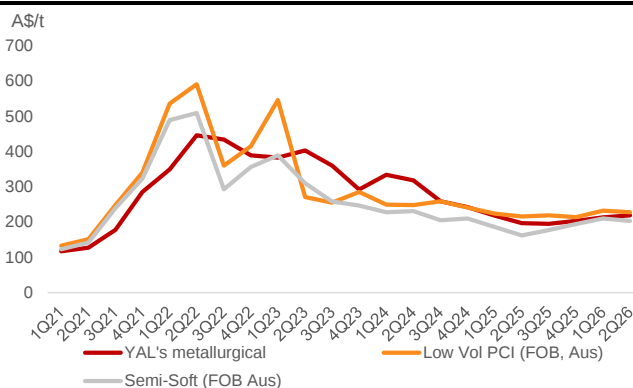
Source: Wind, CMBIGM

Figure 5: GC Newc (6000/kCal) price vs TTF gas price


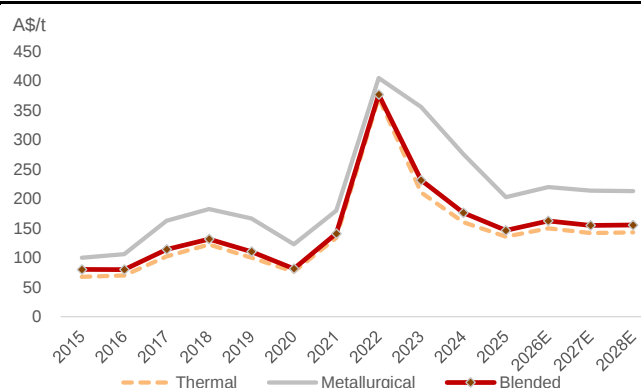
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Figure 6: YAL's thermal ASP vs benchmarks


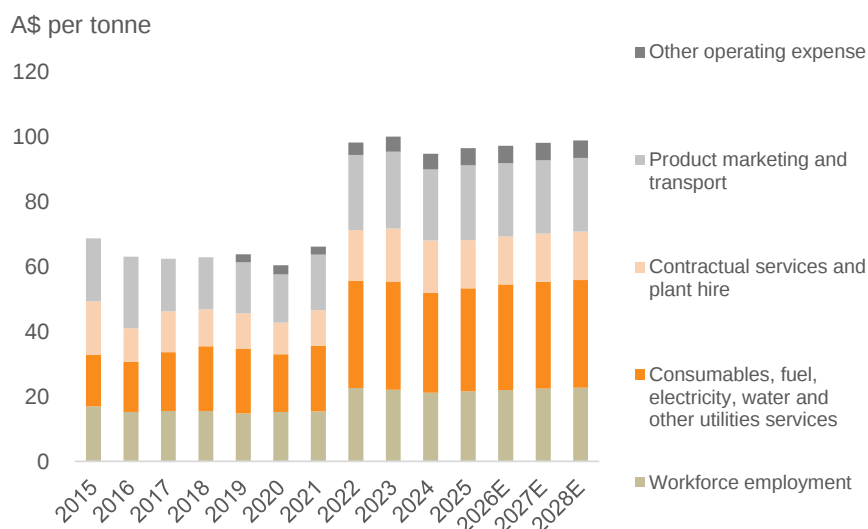
Source: Company data, Argus/McCloskey, GlobalCOAL, CMBIGM

Figure 7: YAL's metallurgical ASP vs benchmarks


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

Figure 8: Assumptions on YAL's ASP


Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 9: YAL's unit cash cost breakdown

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Note: Excluding government royalties

Valuation

We value YAL by net present value (NPV), calculated by the future cash flow of all the reserves based on their effective mine life. We maintain our **BUY** rating with new TP of HK\$39 (previously HK\$38).

Key assumptions include:

- Long-term thermal and metallurgical coal price (starting from 2029E) of A\$140/t and A\$200/t (both unchanged) respectively.
- Long-term unit cash cost inflation of 1% p.a. (unchanged).
- WACC of 7.2%: Risk-free rate of 4.5%, based on 10-year Australian government bond yield; risk premium of 6%, 0.5x beta, and 10% debt/capital ratio (unchanged).
- AUD/HKD rate of HK\$5.5.

Figure 10: TP sensitivity to coal price

WACC	LT coal thermal coal price (A\$/t)				
	100	120	140	160	180
5.2%	21	33	45	58	70
6.2%	20	31	42	53	64
7.2%	19	29	39	49	59
8.2%	19	28	37	46	55
9.2%	19	27	35	43	52

Note: Assuming LT thermal coal price = A\$140/t

WACC	LT metallurgical coal price (A\$/t)				
	160	180	200	220	240
5.2%	44	45	45	46	46
6.2%	41	42	42	42	43
7.2%	39	39	39	40	40
8.2%	36	37	37	37	38
9.2%	34	35	35	35	36

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

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

- **Key risks:** (1) further decline in coal price; (2) elevated input cost; (3) extreme weather that affects production and delivery.

Financial Summary

INCOME STATEMENT	2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
YE 31 Dec (AUD mn)						
Revenue	7,778	6,860	5,949	6,649	6,521	6,625
Royalties and other related payments	(685)	(639)	(574)	(642)	(629)	(639)
Staff costs	(730)	(796)	(821)	(866)	(909)	(929)
Others	(2,901)	(3,135)	(3,199)	(3,132)	(3,234)	(3,294)
Other income	26	159	74	33	33	33
EBITDA	3,488	2,449	1,429	2,043	1,781	1,797
Depreciation	(881)	(750)	(778)	(789)	(771)	(804)
EBIT	2,607	1,699	651	1,254	1,009	993
Interest expense	(53)	(39)	(42)	(4)	(4)	(4)
Others	29	29	14	14	14	14
Pre-tax profit	2,583	1,689	623	1,263	1,019	1,002
Income tax	(764)	(473)	(183)	(371)	(299)	(295)
After tax profit	1,819	1,216	440	892	720	708
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit	1,819	1,216	440	892	720	708

BALANCE SHEET	2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
YE 31 Dec (AUD mn)						
Current assets	2,533	3,540	3,218	3,442	3,872	4,106
Cash & equivalents	1,397	2,461	2,127	2,292	2,887	2,776
Account receivables	662	600	530	745	434	909
Inventories	416	419	489	331	473	346
Other current assets	58	60	72	74	78	75
Non-current assets	8,721	8,816	8,987	8,972	8,984	8,969
PP&E	3,582	3,909	4,283	4,491	4,703	4,870
Right-of-use assets	4,278	4,023	3,833	3,607	3,404	3,214
Deferred income tax	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investment in JVs & assos	431	447	448	455	462	474
Intangibles	131	134	131	127	124	120
Other non-current assets	299	303	292	292	292	292
Total assets	11,254	12,356	12,205	12,414	12,857	13,076
Current liabilities	1,048	1,234	1,390	1,089	1,260	1,164
Short-term borrowings	44	37	43	43	43	43
Account payables	734	975	1,084	783	954	858
Other current liabilities	270	222	263	263	263	263
Non-current liabilities	1,764	1,805	1,782	1,782	1,782	1,782
Long-term borrowings	102	75	41	41	41	41
Other non-current liabilities	1,662	1,730	1,741	1,741	1,741	1,741
Total liabilities	2,812	3,039	3,172	2,871	3,042	2,946
Total shareholders equity	8,440	9,315	9,031	9,541	9,813	10,128
Minority interest	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total equity and liabilities	11,254	12,356	12,205	12,414	12,857	13,076

CASH FLOW	2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
YE 31 Dec (AUD mn)						
Operating						
Profit before taxation	2,583	1,689	623	1,263	1,019	1,002
Depreciation & amortization	881	750	778	789	771	804
Tax paid	(2,123)	(660)	(285)	(371)	(299)	(295)
Change in working capital	(129)	315	67	(361)	337	(441)
Others	(10)	(43)	(9)	(86)	(79)	(85)
Net cash from operations	1,202	2,051	1,174	1,235	1,749	986
Investing						
Capital expenditure	(611)	(698)	(744)	(750)	(760)	(760)
Acquisition of subsidiaries/ investments	0	0	(68)	(17)	(17)	(17)
Others	97	100	158	83	76	77
Net cash from investing	(514)	(598)	(654)	(684)	(701)	(700)
Financing						
Dividend paid	(1,413)	(429)	(769)	(382)	(448)	(393)
Net borrowings	(496)	(34)	(28)	0	0	0
Proceeds from share issues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	(95)	(42)	(26)	(4)	(4)	(4)
Net cash from financing	(2,004)	(505)	(823)	(386)	(452)	(397)
Net change in cash						
Cash at the beginning of the year	2,699	1,397	2,461	2,127	2,292	2,887
Exchange difference	14	116	(31)	0	0	(0)
Cash at the end of the year	1,397	2,461	2,127	2,292	2,887	2,776
GROWTH	2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
YE 31 Dec						
Revenue	(26.3%)	(11.8%)	(13.3%)	11.8%	(1.9%)	1.6%
EBITDA	(44.1%)	(29.8%)	(41.7%)	43.0%	(12.8%)	0.9%
EBIT	(51.8%)	(34.8%)	(61.7%)	92.7%	(19.5%)	(1.7%)
Net profit	(49.3%)	(33.1%)	(63.8%)	102.8%	(19.4%)	(1.6%)
PROFITABILITY	2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
YE 31 Dec						
EBITDA margin	44.8%	35.7%	24.0%	30.7%	27.3%	27.1%
Return on equity (ROE)	22.1%	13.7%	4.8%	9.6%	7.4%	7.1%
GEARING/LIQUIDITY/ACTIVITIES	2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
YE 31 Dec						
Net debt to equity (x)	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Current ratio (x)	2.4	2.9	2.3	3.2	3.1	3.5
Receivable turnover days	32.8	33.6	34.7	35.0	33.0	37.0
Inventory turnover days	52.2	54.6	58.5	55.0	52.0	52.0
Payable turnover days	87.3	87.0	102.9	95.0	85.0	87.0
VALUATION	2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
YE 31 Dec						
P/E	4.1	6.1	16.9	8.3	10.3	10.5
P/B	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7
Div yield (%)	12.4	9.3	3.3	6.6	5.3	5.2

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

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