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Yancoal Australia (3668 HK)

3Q thermal coal ASP way above benchmark; a positive surprise

We are surprised that Yancoal achieved thermal coal ASP growth of 226% YoY (39% QoQ) in 3Q22, which is way above the API5 price (the major benchmark of 5500kCal; 118% YoY; 6% QoQ). This suggests good management execution. Yancoal maintains the full year saleable production guidance of 31-33mn tonnes and unit cash cost of A\$84-89/t (excluding royalties). While the volume target is challenging, we expect it will be more than offset by a strong coal price in 4Q22E. We expect the solid balance sheet and strong free cash flow will offer room for potential dividend upside. Reiterate **BUY** and NPV-based TP of HK\$53. The stock is attractively trading at 1.5x 2022E P/E or 23% yield (net of dividend tax).

- ASP above expectations in 3Q22. Thermal ASP surged 226% YoY (39% QoQ) to A\$489/t in 3Q. This is much higher than the average price of API5 (US\$195 or A\$286). Based on our understanding, the higher ASP versus benchmark was driven by good timing of sales, higher volume sold on short term basis and roll over of long dated contracts. Metallurgical ASP increased 144% YoY to A\$434/t. The blended ASP surged 210% YoY (31% QoQ) to A\$481/t.
- Production volume affected by rain disruptions and labour shortage. Attributable sales volume of thermal coal / metallurgical coal dropped 34%/44% YoY to 5.8mn/0.9 tonnes. In 9M22, the total attributable sales volume was 22.4mn tonnes. This suggests that Yancoal has to deliver 8.6-10.6mn tonnes in 4Q22E in order to achieve the full year target of 31-33mn tonnes.
- Solid balance sheet. As at end-Sep, Yancoal had a gross cash balance of A\$3.4bn, after paying A\$696mn interim dividend and repaying A\$1.2bn of debts. In Oct, Yancoal completed the US\$1bn (~A\$1.56bn) of debt repayment, which took the debt level down to <US\$800mn (~A\$1.27bn).</p>
- Key risks: (1) Decline in coal price; (2) easing geopolitical tension; (3) higherthan-expected production cost.

Earnings Summary

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(YE 31 Dec)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Turnover (A\$ mn)	3,473	5,403	11,293	10,311	9,501
Change (YoY)	-22.1	55.6	109.0	-8.7	-7.9
Core net profit (A\$ mn)	-1,040	791	4,538	3,800	3,245
Core EPS (A\$)	-0.79	0.60	3.44	2.88	2.46
Change (YoY)	n/a	n/a	475.7	-16.3	-14.6
Consensus EPS (A\$)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
EV/EBITDA (x)	n/a	3.0	0.9	1.0	1.2
PE (x)	n/a	7.5	1.5	1.8	2.1
РВ (х)	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6
Yield (%)	0.0	11.0	23.0	19.3	16.5
ROE (%)	-18.3	13.9	59.7	39.0	29.1
Net gearing (%)	68.7	31.6	Net cash	Net cash	Net cash

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Note 1: Thermal coal price assumptions: A\$350/300/250 per tonne in FY22E/23E/24E.

Note 2: Dividend yield is net of dividend tax of 30%.



BUY (Maintain)

Target Price	HK\$53.0
(Previous TP	HK\$53.0)
Up/Downside	+102%
Current Price	HK\$26.20

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Stock Data

Mkt Cap (HK\$ mn)	34,596
Avg 3 mths t/o (HK\$ mn)	114
52w High/Low (HK\$)	47.26/15.21
Total Issued Shares (mn)	1,320
Source: Bloomberg	

Shareholding Structure

Yankuang Energy	62.26%
China Cinda AM	13.74%
Others	23.99%
Source: HKEx	

Share Performance

	Absolute	Relative
1-mth	-13.8%	-3.1%
3-mth	-10.5%	11.9%
6-mth	1.8%	29.7%
Source: Bloomberg	3	

12-mth Price Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Auditor: ShineWing Australia

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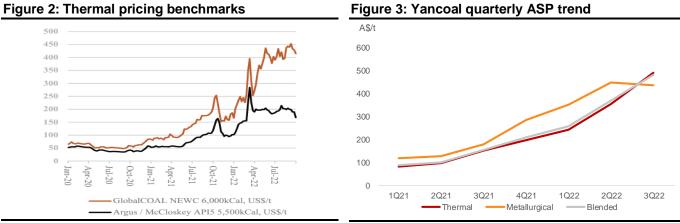
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Figure 1: 3Q22 operating statistics

	1Q21	1Q22	Chg (YoY)	2Q21	2Q22	Chg (YoY)	3Q21	3Q22	Chg (YoY)
Marketable coal production (mn tonnes)									
(100 % equity basis)									
Mines									
HVO	2.6	2.7	3.8%	2.5	2.9	16.0%	2.9	2.4	-17.2%
Mount Thorley Warkworth (MTW)	2.7	2	-25.9%	2.3	1.7	-26.1%	3.2	2.1	-34.4%
Moolarben	4.1	4.3	4.9%	5.1	4.1	-19.6%	4.6	3.4	-26.1%
Stratford Duralie	0.1	0.2	100.0%	0.2	0.1	-50.0%	0.2	0.2	0.0%
Yarrabee	0.8	0.5	-37.5%	0.4	0.5	25.0%	0.7	0.5	-28.6%
Middlemount	0.9	0.8	-11.1%	0.9	0.6	-33.3%	0.9	0.7	-22.2%
Ashton	0.4	0.2	-50.0%	0.2	0.2	0.0%	0.4	0.3	-25.0%
Total	11.6	10.7	-7.8%	11.6	10.1	-12.9%	12.9	9.6	-25.6%
Marketable coal production (mn tonnes)									
(Attributable basis)									
Total	8.7	8.1	-6.9%	8.8	7.4	-15.9%	9.9	7.3	-26.3%
Attributable sales volume (mn tonnes)	7.0		0.00/	7.0		0.00/			0 1 101
Thermal	7.2	6.7	-6.9%	7.3	6.6	-9.6%	8.8	5.8	-34.1%
Metallurgical	1.4	1.1	-21.4%	1.3	1.3	0.0%	1.6	0.9	-43.8%
Total	8.6	7.8	-9.3%	8.6	7.9	-8.1%	10.4	6.7	-35.6%
ASP (A\$/tonne)									
Thermal	82	243	196.3%	96	353	267.7%	150	489	226.0%
Metallurgical	117	349	198.3%	127	446	251.2%	178	434	143.8%
Blended	88	258	193.2%	101	368	264.4%	155	481	210.3%
Revenue (A\$ mn)									
Thermal	590	1,628	175.8%	701	2,330	232.4%	1,320	2,836	114.9%
Metallurgical	164	384	134.4%	165	580	251.2%	285	391	37.1%
Total ex-mine coal revenue	754	2,012	166.8%	866	2,910	236.0%	1,605	3,227	101.1%

Note: Equity-accounting for Middlemount

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

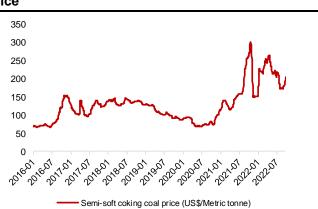


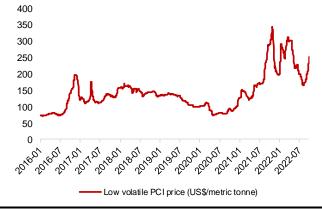
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Figure 4: Seaborne Semi-soft Coking Coal (SSCC) Figure 5: Seaborne pulverised coal injection (PCI) price price





Source: Wind, CMBIGM

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Figure 6: Key operating assumptions

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
Marketable coal production (mn tonnes)								
(100 % equity basis)								
Mines								
HVO	14.8	13.3	13.7	12.0	10.6	11.5	12.0	13.0
Mount Thorley Warkw orth (MTW)	11.8	12.1	12.1	11.9	11.2	7.7	8.0	9.0
Moolarben	12.4	16.5	17.8	19.7	18.4	17.0	18.0	18.5
Stratford Duralie	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.0
Yarrabee	2.9	2.6	2.8	3.0	2.6	2.0	2.0	2.0
Middlemount	3.9	3.8	2.7	2.9	3.7	2.8	2.7	2.7
Ashton	1.2	1.1	2.2	1.8	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total	47.7	49.9	52.1	51.8	48.5	42.6	44.3	46.2
Attributable sales volume (mn tonnes)								
Thermal	15.5	28.4	30.1	33.2	31.7	27.2	28.4	29.5
Metallurgical	3.8	5.1	5.5	4.2	5.8	4.8	5.0	5.2
Total	19.3	33.5	35.6	37.4	37.5	32.0	33.5	34.7
Growth (YoY)								
Thermal	76.1%	83.2%	6.0%	10.3%	-4.5%	-14.2%	4.5%	3.6%
Metallurgical	15.2%	34.2%	7.8%	-23.6%	38.1%	-17.2%	4.5%	3.6%
Average	59.5%	73.6%	6.3%	5.1%	0.3%	-14.7%	4.5%	3.6%
ASP (A\$/tonne)								
Thermal	102	123	100	76	134	350	300	260
Metallurgical	163	183	167	123	180	320	300	290
Blended	114	132	110	82	141	346	300	265
ASP growth (YoY)								
Thermal	45.8%	20.0%	-18.3%	-23.8%	75.4%	161.3%	-14.3%	-13.3%
Metallurgical	53.6%	12.2%	-8.8%	-26.3%	46.5%	77.8%	-6.3%	-3.3%
Blended	42.9%	15.4%	-16.2%	-26 .1%	72.9%	144.9%	-13.2%	-11.8%
Cash operating cost breakdown (A\$/tonne)								
Unit cash operating cost	-71	-73	-73	-67	-77	-112	-110	-107
Change (YoY)	3.5%	2.6%	-0.9%	-8.2%	16.2%	45.2%	-2.2%	-2.2%
Unit cash operating cost (excluding government royalties)	-62	-63	-64	-60	-66	-85	-86	-86
Change (YoY)	-1.1%	0.7%	1.6%	-5.4%	9.5%	28.3%	1.2%	0.2%

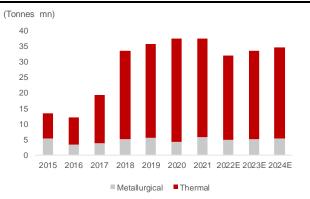
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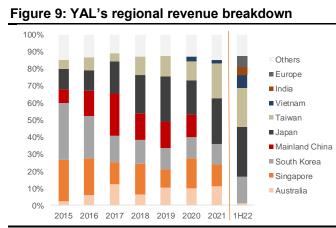






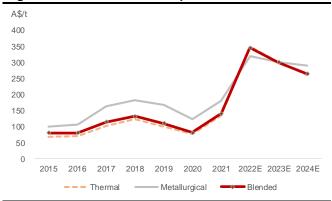






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Figure 8: YAL's ASP assumptions



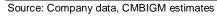
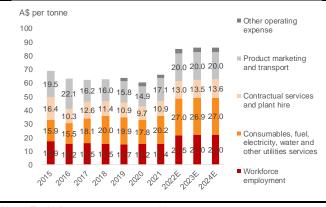


Figure 10: YAL's unit cash cost breakdown



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



Valuation

Reiterate BUY with TP of HK\$53. We value YAL by employing net present value (NPV). The future cash flow of all the reserves based on their effective mine life is calculated and discounted to reach our TP.

Our key assumptions include:

- Long-term thermal and metallurgical coal price (starting 2025E) of A\$120/t and A\$160/t respectively;
- Long-term unit cash cost inflation of 2% p.a.
- WACC of 5.9%, based on risk free rate of 3.7% (10-year Australian government bond yield), risk premium of 7%, 0.3x beta, and 10% debt/capital ratio;
- AUD/HKD rate of HK\$5.3.

Figure 11: TP sensitivity

		<u> </u>									
WACC	LT coal thermal coal price (A\$/t)										
	80	100	120	140	160						
3.9%	22.9	38.1	53.3	68.5	83.7						
4.9%	26.6	40.0	53.5	66.9	80.4						
5.9%	29.3	41.3	53.3	65.2	77.2						
6.9%	31.4	42.1	52.8	63.5	74.2						
7.9%	7.9% 32.9		52.2	61.8	71.5						
Note: Assur	ning I T thermal	coal price =	A\$120/t								

Note: Assuming LT thermal coal price = A\$120/t

WACC		LT metallurgical coal price (A\$/t)										
	120	140	160	180	200							
3.9%	47.6	50.5	53.3	56.1	59.0							
4.9%	48.5	51.0	53.5	56.0	58.4							
5.9%	48.9	51.1	53.3	55.5	57.7							
6.9%	48.9	50.9	52.8	54.8	56.7							
7.9%	48.7	50.5	52.2	54.0	55.7							

Note: Assuming LT metallurgical coal price = A\$160/t

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates



Financial Summary

Income statement					
YE 31 Dec (A\$ mn)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Total revenue	3,473	5,403	11,293	10,311	9,501
Other income	-703	-36	56	52	48
Change in inventories	12	-60	0	0	0
Raw materials and consumables	-666	-757	-864	-900	-936
Employee benefits	-568	-578	-688	-736	-763
Transportation	-556	-642	-640	-669	-693
Contractual services	-364	-410	-416	-452	-471
Government royalties	-232	-421	-880	-803	-740
Coal purchase	-302	-162	-204	-185	-169
Other operating expenses	-183	-202	-331	-320	-308
Dep & amortization	-804	-831	-835	-841	-819
EBIT	-893	1,305	6,493	5,456	4,649
Finance expenses	-191	-259	-132	-45	-30
Share of profit of JV & associates	-59	57	32	17	18
Pretax profit	-1,143	1,103	6,392	5,428	4,636
Income tax	103	-312	-1,854	-1,628	-1,391
After tax profit	-1,040	791	4,538	3,800	3,245
MI	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit	-1,040	791	4,538	3,800	3,245
Core net profit	-1,040	791	4,538	3,800	3,245
D&A	804	831	835	841	819
EBITDA	-89	2,136	7,328	6,298	5,468

	Cash flow summary					
	YE 31 Dec (A\$ mn)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
	Pretax profit	-1,143	1,103	6,392	5,428	4,636
	Finance cost	191	259	132	45	30
)	Interest income	-84	-21	-68	-82	-152
;	Share of profit or loss of associates	59	-57	-32	-17	-18
	Depreciation & amortization	804	831	835	841	819
	Income tax paid	0	0	-1,854	-1,628	-1,391
	Change in working capital	25	-193	-717	943	-1,316
)	Others	868	151	0	0	0
)	Cash flow from operation	720	2,073	4,689	5,530	2,609
	Net capex on PP&E	-238	-268	-580	-550	-550
)	Investment in JV/associates	0	0	0	0	0
)	Investment in subsidiaries	-204	-100	0	0	0
)	Investment in intangibles	-27	-6	0	0	0
	Dividend received	11	11	5	3	3
;	Interest received	64	7	68	82	152
	Others	-133	57	0	0	0
,	Cash flow from investing	-527	-299	-507	-465	-395
)	Equity financing	0	0	0	0	0
,	Net bank borrowings	1	-494	-2,413	-500	0
,	Net repayment of borrowings from associates	0				
	Dividend paid	-280	0	-1,626	-2,428	-1,775
)	Interest paid	-179	-180	-132	-45	-30
;	Others	-35	-267	0	0	0
	Cash flow from financing	-493	-941	-4,171	-2,973	-1,805
	Change in cash	-300	833	10	2,092	409
	Cash at beginning of the year	962	637	1,495	1,505	3,597
	Exchange gains/(losses) and others	-25	25	-0	0	0
-	Cash at the end of the year	637	1,495	1,505	3,597	4,006

Balance sheet						Key ratios					
YE 31 Dec (A\$ mn)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	YE 31 Dec	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Non-current assets	9,712	9,269	9,041	8,764	8,510	Sales mix (%)					
PP&E	3,302	3,232	3,294	3,299	3,276	Sales of coal	98.7	100.1	99.9	99.3	98.5
Mining tenements	4,872	4,608	4,296	4,006	3,765	Sea freight	1.8	1.5	0.7	0.8	0.8
Investment in JV/associates	257	303	330	344	359	Fair value of losses recycled from	(5.6)	(2.8)	(1.7)	(1.5)	(1.6)
Exploration and evaluation	709	541	541	541	541	Interest income	2.4	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.6
Loan to an associate	0	0	0	0	0	Mining services fees	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Trade and other receivables	221	239	239	239	239	Other	1.3	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.6
Intangible assets	135	138	133	128	122	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Others	15	10	10	10	10	Profit & loss ratio (%)					
Deferred tax assets	0	0	0	0	0	EBITDA margin	(2.7)	40.0	65.6	61.9	58.9
Royalty receivable	201	198	198	198	198	EBIT margin	(25.7)	24.1	57.5	52.9	48.9
Current assets	1,343	2,531	3,313	4,478	6,236	Net profit margin	(30.0)	14.6	40.2	36.9	34.2
Inventories	312	264	318	298	323	Core net profit margin	(30.0)	14.6	40.2	36.9	34.2
Trade receivables	344	707	1,397	524	1,819	Growth (%)					
Royalty receivables	16	23	51	17	46	Revenue	(22.1)	55.6	109.0	(8.7)	(7.9)
AFS investments	2	0	0	0	0	EBITDA	(105.5)	(2,493.5)	243.1	(14.1)	(13.2)
Others	32	42	42	42	42	EBIT	(187.2)	(246.1)	397.7	(16.0)	(14.8)
Cash	637	1,495	1,505	3,597	4,006	Net profit	(244.7)	(176.0)	474.1	(16.3)	(14.6)
Current liabilities	1,199	826	881	897	930	Core net profit	(308.1)	(176.0)	474.1	(16.3)	(14.6)
Trade and other payables	665	743	798	814	847	Balance sheet ratio					
Non-contingent royalty payable	13	0	0	0	0	Current ratio (x)	1.1	3.1	3.8	5.0	6.7
Interest-bearing liabilities	496	66	66	66	66	Receivable turnover days	42	36	34	34	45
Provisions	25	17	17	17	17	Inventory turnover days	55	53	50	51	50
Non-current liabilities	4,663	4,828	2,415	1,915	1,915	Payable turnover days	109	101	100	100	100
Interest-bearing liabilities	3,709	3,369	956	456	456	Net debt / total equity (%)	68.7	31.6	Net cash	Net cash	Net cash
Deferred tax liabilities	135	516	516	516	516	Profitability (%)					
Provisions	813	935	935	935	935	ROA	(9.4)	6.9	37.6	29.7	23.2
Non-contingent royalty payable	0	0	0	0	0	ROE	(18.3)	13.9	59.7	39.0	29.1
Others	6	8	8	8	8	Per share data					
Equity	5,193	6,146	9,058	10,430	11,900	EPS (A\$)	-0.79	0.60	3.44	2.88	2.46
Shareholders' equity	5,191	6,144	9,056	10,428	11,898	BVPS (A\$)	3.93	4.65	6.86	7.90	9.01
MI	2	2	2	2	2	DPS (A\$)	0.00	0.70	1.72	1.44	1.23

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates



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