

# **Westgold Resources**



Leaner operating model yielding better AISC

### **Key Points**

- FY24 guidance was mixed with prod guidance softer (flat YoY) than we anticipated while AISC was stronger and ~A\$100/oz better YoY.
- The company notes that key organic growth projects are set to 'establish a growth runway into FY25'; we expect +300koz in FY25.
- We trim our 5-year prod outlook ~15kozpa but reduce our AISC by ~A \$68/oz to reflect the benefits of WGX's leaner operating strategy.
- Mixed FY24 guidance: FY24 production guidance has been set at 245-265koz at an AISC of \$1,800-2,000/oz. We previously expected 298koz at an AISC of A\$2,009/oz. We note that while FY24 guidance (mid-pont) implies flat YoY production AISC is expected to fall ~A \$100/oz across the group, it is a positive indication that WGX's leaner operating model (making big mines bigger and 'right sizing' smaller mines) is yielding results, in our view. Growth capex guidance of A\$130m was also A\$32m higher than our prior estimate.
- **Growth flagged into FY25**: WGX notes that organic growth projects are set to 'establish a growth runway into FY25' (we now expect 304koz in FY25). Key projects include developing down to the high-grade lodes at Great Fingall (first ore 2HFY25), commencing an LHOS operation in the deeper areas of Big Bell (first ore late-FY24) and re-starting the Fender underground (first ore 2QFY24).
- Leaning our outlook: We have adjusted our long-term outlook at Meekatharra (Murchison operation) and Fortnum (Bryah operation) to reflect WGX's prior commentary of the 'right sizing' of the Paddy's Flat and Starlight underground mines. While this sees our 5-year production outlook trimmed by an average of ~15kozpa, we also reduce our AISC expectation by an average of ~A\$68/oz over the same period to reflect the benefits of WGX's leaner operating strategy.

**Earnings changes:** FY24 guidance (lower prod but better AISC) sees our FY24 EPS improve 3%. Trimming our production outlook while reducing AISC (WGX's transition to leaner operating model) sees FY25/FY26 EPS fall 1%/9% with a 3% improvement in FY27.

**Valuation**: 50:50 blend of 1.1x NAV and 7x OCF (unchanged). We retain our A\$2.00/sh target price.

**Catalyst**: Outcomes of the Big Bell's expansion study remain important near term as does the successful re-start of the Fender mine and development of Great Fingall.

#### Investment Thesis and Recommendation

**Outperform**: FY24 guidance was mixed, with softer production and capex with stronger AISC. Growth projects will begin seeing ore in FY24, while Great Fingall will take another ~1.5 years. WGX's operating strategy is yielding results highlighted by stronger YoY AISC guidance despite flat production.

### **Metals & Mining** Australia

Outperform
AUD1.56
AUD2.00
30.0
High
739
489
2.8

#### **Investment Fundamentals**

Year end 30 Jun	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue (m)	647.6	654.4	703.0	809.5
EBITDA (m)	222.1	170.5	252.2	269.3
EBITDA growth (%)	(9.7)	(23.2)	47.9	6.8
EBIT (m)	28.8	33.4	121.3	131.6
EBIT growth (%)	(73.0)	15.8	263.3	8.5
Reported profit (m)	(111.1)	18.5	85.0	92.4
Adjusted profit (m)	76.7	15.0	85.0	92.4
EPS adj (¢)	17.5	3.1	17.8	19.3
EPS adj growth (%)	3.4	(82.1)	470.1	8.6
PER adj (x)	8.9	50.0	8.8	8.1
PER rel (x)	0.6	2.6	0.6	0.6
Total DPS (¢)	0.0	1.0	3.0	3.0
Total DPS growth (%)	NM	NM	200.0	0.0
Total div yield (%)	0.0	0.6	1.9	1.9
Franking (%)	NM	0.0	0.0	0.0
ROA (%)	3.3	4.0	13.3	13.1
ROE (%)	12.8	2.5	13.3	12.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	2.9	4.1	2.8	2.6
Net debt/equity (x)	(23.8)	(23.2)	(21.5)	(29.0)
P/BV (x)	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0

# WGX AU rel Small Ordinaries performance, & rec history



Source: FactSet, Macquarie Research, Aug 2023 (all figures in AUD unless noted, TP in AUD)

### Mixed FY24 guidance

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- We have adjusted our FY24 outlook to match WGX's respective guidance ranges. We now expect WGX to generate A\$19m in FCF in FY24 using our gold and FX outlook with the potential to generate ~A\$77m under a spot price scenario.

Figure 1 - FY24 guidance vs Macq prior outlook

Guidance	Low	High	Average	Macq	Var - Low	Var - High	Var - Av.
Production (koz)	245	265	255	258	5%	-3%	1%
AISC (A\$/oz)	1,800	2,000	1,900	1,900	6%	-5%	0%
Growth capex (A\$m)	=	130	130	130	=	=	0%

Source: WGX, Macquarie Research, August 2023

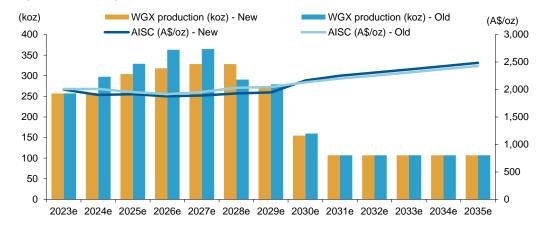
### **Growth flagged into FY25**

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Figure 2 - Changes to our production and AISC (inflated) outlook for WGX



Source: WGX, Macquarie Research, August 2023

### Earnings and target price revision

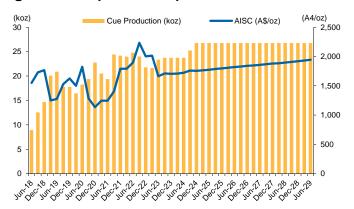
• The FY24 guidance (lower production but better AISC) sees our FY24 EPS estimate improve 3%. Reducing our production outlook at Fortnum and Meekatharra while also reducing AISC (due to WGX's recent transition to leaner operating model highlighted by flat FY24 YoY production guidance and lower YoY AISC) sees FY25/FY26 EPS fall 1%/9% with a 3% improvement in FY27. We retain our A\$2.00/sh target price.

Figure 3 - Changes to our earnings and target price for WGX

Y/E June	FY23e	FY24e	FY25e	FY26e	FY27e	Price Target
EPS (AC/sh) - Old	3.1	17.2	19.5	27.8	23.1	2.00
EPS (AC/sh) - New	3.1	17.8	19.3	25.2	23.7	2.00
Change	0%	3%	-1%	-9%	3%	0%

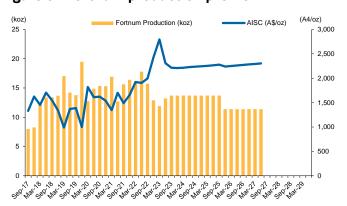
Source: WGX, Macquarie Research, August 2023

Figure 4 - Cue production profile



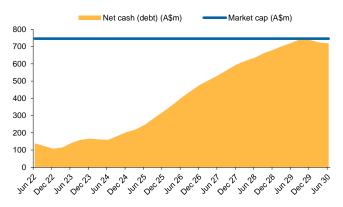
Source: WGX, Macquarie Research, August 2023

Figure 6 - Fortnum production profile



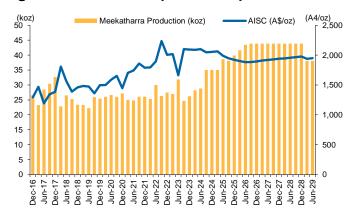
Source: WGX, Macquarie Research, August 2023

Figure 8 - WGX net cash vs Mkt cap



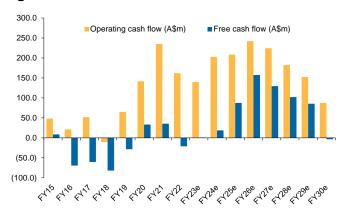
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Figure 5 - Meekatharra production profile



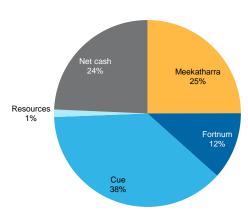
Source: WGX, Macquarie Research, August 2023

Figure 7 - WGX cash flow outlook



Source: WGX, Macquarie Research, August 2023

Figure 9 - WGX NPV breakdown



Source: WGX, Macquarie Research, August 2023

Figure 10 - WGX summary financials

Source: WGX, Macquarie Research, August 2023

ASX: WGX		Price: (A\$	Sps)	1.56				oigoid	Resources Year	end: Jun	Rating:	Outperfor	m	Up/dn	TSR		
		Mkt cap:		746 563					Diluted shares	s (m) 478.1	Target:	2.00		28%	30%		
ASSUMPTIONS		FY22	FY23e	FY24e	FY25e	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e	ATTRIBUTABLE MINE OUTPU	JT	FY22	FY23e	FY24e	FY25e	FY26e	FY27e	FY28
Exchange Rate	A\$/US\$	0.73	0.67	0.67	0.69	0.70	0.70	0.70	Gold production								
Spot Gold	(US\$/oz)	1,834	1,832	1,844	1,838	1,875	1,850	1,746	Meekatharra	(koz)	107.5	112.6	108.0	143.8	163.0	175.5	175
Spot Gold	(A\$/oz)	2,528	2,722	2,742	2,663	2,698	2,643	2,499	Fortnum	(koz)	65.9	53.7	54.8	54.8	47.9	45.6	45
RATIO ANALYSIS		FY22	FY23e	FY24e	FY25e	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e	Cue	(koz)	97.4	90.8	95.0	105.5	107.1	107.1	107
Diluted share capital	m	438.9	478.1	478.1	478.1	478.1	478.1	478.1	Total	(koz)	270.9	257.1	257.8	304.1	318.0	328.1	328
EPS (diluted and pre sig. items)	A¢	17.5	3.1	17.8	19.3	25.2	23.7	15.3									
P/E	X	8.9x	50.0x	8.8x	8.1x	6.2x	6.6x	10.2x	C1 Cash costs	(00/)	4 504	4.005	4.070	4.070	4 574	4.500	4.04
CFPS P/CF	Α¢	36.8	29.2 5.3x	42.4	43.5 3.6x	50.6	47.0 3.3x	38.1	Meekatharra	(A\$/oz)	1,521	1,665 1,743	1,672 1,599	1,679 1,638	1,571 1,682	1,568 1,728	1,6
DPS	x A¢	4.2x 0.0	1.0	3.7x 3.0	3.0	3.1x 4.0	3.0	4.1x 2.0	Fortnum Cue	(A\$/oz) (A\$/oz)	1,299 1,464	1,678	1,518	1,577	1,617	1,659	1,70
Dividend yield	%	0.0%	0.6%	1.9%	1.9%	2.6%	1.9%	1.3%	C1 Cash costs	(A\$/oz)	1,446		1,600	1,636	1,603	1,620	1,66
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Book value per share	x	1.34	1.27	1.42	1.58	1.80	2.00	2.13	AISC (inflated)								
P/Book value	x	1.2x	1.2x	1.1x	1.0x	0.9x	0.8x	0.7x	Meekatharra	(A\$/oz)	1,837	1,964	2,095	2,037	1,911	1,902	1,94
R.O.E. (pre sig items)	%	13%	2%	13%	12%	14%	12%	7%	Fortnum	(A\$/oz)	1,557	2,103	1,842	1,879	1,913	1,952	1,98
R.O.A. (pre sig items)	%	3%	4%	13%	13%	15%	13%	8%	Cue	(A\$/oz)	1,721	1,980	1,712	1,764	1,804	1,844	1,88
nterest Cover	х	25.5x	3.2x	-940.7x	-402.3x	-129.9x	-59.5x	-26.9x	AISC (inflated)	(A\$/oz)	1,727	1,999	1,900	1,914	1,875	1,890	1,92
BITDA per share	A\$ps	0.51	0.36	0.53	0.56	0.63	0.61	0.48	EV/Production	(A\$/oz)	2,237	2,353	2,348	1,990	1,903	1,844	1,84
EV/EBITDA	x	2.7x	3.5x	2.4x	2.0x	1.3x	0.9x	0.8x									
ree cash flow yield	%	(3%)	0%	3%	12%	21%	17%	14%	OPERATIONAL OUTLOOK								
EARNINGS		FY22	FY23e	FY24e	FY25e	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e	(koz) Meekatharra (koz	) Fortnu	m (koz)	Cue (ko	z) — A	ISC (A\$/o	z) (inflated	d) _ 3,00	00
Sales Revenue	A\$m	648	654	703	810	858	867	820									
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Operating Costs	A\$m	(418)	(472)	(437)	(526)	(540)	(562)	(575)	250 -							0.00	20
Operational EBITDA	A\$m	234	184	266	284	318	305	245								2,00	JU
Corporate & Other Costs	A\$m	(12)	(14)	(14)	(14)	(15)	(15)	(16)	200 -								
BITDA	A\$m	222	171	252	269	303	290	229								- 1,50	00
Exploration Expense/Write-offs	A\$m	(0)	0	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(4)	150 -								
D&A	A\$m	(193)	(137)	(126)	(133)	(127)	(126)	(125)	100 -							- 1,00	00
EBIT	A\$m	29	33	121	132	171	159	101	100 ]								
Net Interest Profit Before Tax	A\$m <b>A\$m</b>	(1) <b>28</b>	(10) <b>23</b>	0 <b>121</b>	0 <b>132</b>	1 172	3 <b>162</b>	4 104	50 -							- 500	
Tax Expense	A\$m	49	(8)	(36)	(40)	(52)	(49)	(31)									
Minorities	A\$m	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	
Adjusted NPAT	A\$m	77	15	85	92	120	113	73	840 845, 845 8458, 84	Jose Eduze Edu	% <1/3/0 <1	Be 7Be	7300 73,	e dage	1,330 < 1,3h	2	
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Reported NPAT	A\$m	(111)	19	85	92	120	113	73									
CASHFLOW	A.C	FY22	FY23e	FY24e	FY25e	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e	DESERVES AND DESCRIPCE	O (ATTRIBUT	FADI E)						
Net Profit nterest/Tax/D&A	<b>A\$m</b> A\$m	<b>(111)</b> 118	<b>19</b> 125	<b>85</b> 117	<b>92</b> 124	<b>120</b> 126	<b>113</b> 108	<b>73</b>	RESERVES AND RESOURCE Gold Reserves	S (ATTRIBUT	ABLE)						
Norking Capital/other	A\$m	155	(3)	1	(9)	(5)	3	3	Project Project						Mt	g/t	koz
Net Operating Cashflow	A\$m	162	140	203	208	242	224	182	Meekatharra						4.2	3.06	413
Capex	A\$m	(188)	(141)	(184)	(120)	(85)	(95)	(80)	Fortnum						5.5	1.83	324
nvestments	A\$m	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	Cue						16.2	2.64	1,377
Sale of PPE and Other	A\$m	0	(2)	0	0	0	0	0	Total						25.9	2.54	2,114
Free cash flow	A\$m	(21)	1	19	88	157	130	102	Gold Resources								
Dividends Paid	A\$m	(6)	0	(14)	(14)	(14)	(19)	(9)	Project						Mt	g/t	koz
Debt	A\$m	(37)	(8)	0	0	0	0	(1)	Meekatharra						44.8	2.02	2,917
Equity Issuance	A\$m	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	Fortnum						20.7	2.00	1,330
Other	A\$m	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Cue						44.8	2.57	3,693
Net Financing Cashflow	A\$m	53	(8)	(14)	(14)	(14)	(19)	(10)	Total						110.2	2.24	7,940
	A\$m	32	(7)	5	73	143	111	92	EQUITY DCF VALUATION	E	V/Reserve	s (A\$/oz)	286 Spo	EV/F	Resources Ma	(A\$/oz) acquarie f	7 orecast
Net change in cash				=>/-	= \/	=\/	=\/		Projects				A\$m	A\$ps		A\$m	A\$p
-		FY22	FY23e	FY24e	FY25e	FY26e	FY27e	FY28e	Meekatharra				542	1.13		217	0.4
BALANCE SHEET	••	183	176	181	254	397	508	600	Fortnum				174	0.36		101	0.2
BALANCE SHEET Cash	A\$m			534	522	479	448	404	Cue				779	1.63		328	0.6
BALANCE SHEET Cash PP&E & Mine Development	A\$m	412	435	407		163	176	191	Resources Unpaid capital				12	0.02		11	0.0
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### **Key Risks to Investment Thesis**

 Movements in commodity prices present the most significant upside and downside risk to our earnings forecasts and valuation. We also make assumptions within our forecasts for production, capital expenditure and operating costs, in addition to exchange rates. Variances in these assumptions versus our base case present material risks, both to the upside and downside, to earnings forecast and valuation.

### **Company Description**

West Gold Resources (WGX) is a Perth based gold producer with three gold mines (Cue, Meekatharra and Fortnum) across two operational areas, Murchison and Bryah, located in the Murchison region of Western Australia. WGX's in-house mining division serves as the specialist underground mining operator for the groups underground gold operations.

#### **Key Quant Pick**

The quant model currently holds a marginally positive view on Westgold Resources. The strongest style exposure is Earnings Momentum, indicating this stock has received earnings upgrades and is well liked by sell side analysts. The weakest style exposure is Valuations, indicating this stock is over-priced in the market relative to its peers.

# Macquarie Alpha Model: Key rankings

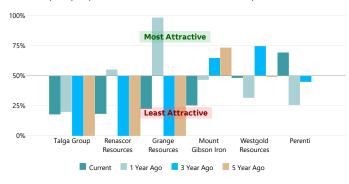
The Macquarie Quant's flagship Alpha model is a dynamic multi-factor model based on a staple of quant factors such as value, momentum, revisions, quality, and risk.

	Global	Market (Country)	Sector
	Whole Universe	Australia & NZ	Metals & Mining
Macquarie Alpha Model	7873/17570	217/419	288/672
Fundamental (Consensus) *	1352/17570	10/419	63/672

<sup>\*</sup> based on Total Shareholder Return = Consensus Price target / Current Price

# **Current and Historical Alpha Model Rank**

The chart shows the Macquarie Alpha model ranking against the company's peers and over recent history.



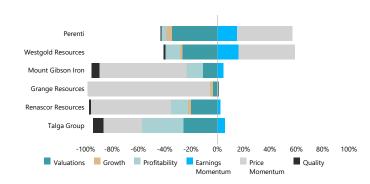
# Alpha Model Decomposition

The Macquarie Alpha is decomposed into its sector and market relative factor & styles exposures (a higher/better percentile is coded in green, whilst lower in red).

	Percentile relative to		
Factors / Styles	sectors (/672)	market (/419)	Core factors in definition
ALPHA	57%	48%	See all the styles below
VALUE	34%	33%	Book, CF, Yield, Earnings Multiples
ANALYST	94%	91%	Revisions (Earnings, Recommendations)
MOMENTUM	90%	87%	Price Momentum
GROWTH	60%	73%	EPS, Sales (Forecast, Historic)
PROFITABILITY	50%	30%	ROE, Margin, Asset Turnover
QUALITY	51%	64%	Accruals, Earn Stability, Cash Conversion
CAPITAL	24%	25%	Investment/Capex, Net share issuance
LIQUIDITY	56%	42%	Size, Turnover, Analyst Coverage
RISK	18%	19%	Beta, Volatility, Earn.Cert, Leverage
TECHNICAL	61%	59%	MACD, RSI, Bollinger, Williams R, etc

# Factors driving the Alpha Model vs peers

For the comparable firms this chart shows the key underlying styles and their contribution to the current overall Alpha score.



#### **Drivers of Stock Return**

Breakdown of 1-year total return (local currency) into returns from dividends, changes in forward earnings estimates and the resulting change in earnings multiple.



# Macquarie Style Returns over last year

Recent performance to Macquarie style factors

	Monthly Factor Long-Short Returns for													
Australia & NZ	Jul - 23	Jun - 23	May - 23	Apr - 23	Mar - 23	Feb - 23	Jan - 23	Dec - 22	Nov - 22	Oct - 22	Sep - 22	Aug - 22	Last 5 Years (ann)	Last 10 Years (ann)
ALPHA	-3%	2%	1%	-3%	0%	0%	-1%	-1%	-3%	0%	4%	6%	-6%	-1%
VALUE	1%	4%	3%	-3%	-5%	-1%	-2%	1%	2%	-2%	4%	6%	1%	-2%
ANALYST	0%	-1%	-1%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	-3%	-5%	-3%	5%	5%	8%	6%
MOMENTUM	-4%	0%	-1%	-3%	1%	-4%	-4%	-2%	0%	-3%	2%	5%	-14%	-4%
GROWTH	-1%	2%	5%	-2%	0%	-3%	-4%	0%	-6%	3%	-1%	5%	-8%	-2%
PROFITABILITY	-3%	6%	-1%	-4%	3%	-5%	4%	-3%	5%	-2%	4%	-3%	2%	2%
QUALITY	-3%	1%	3%	-2%	-1%	0%	-2%	-1%	2%	-6%	0%	-2%	-12%	-9%
CAPITAL	-1%	1%	0%	-1%	4%	-3%	-2%	0%	1%	1%	-3%	1%	-2%	-1%
LIQUIDITY	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	-9%	0%	2%	4%	1%	2%	1%	-2%	-1%
RISK	-2%	0%	3%	-1%	-4%	6%	-5%	0%	-2%	-3%	1%	0%	1%	-1%
TECHNICAL	-2%	0%	1%	3%	4%	1%	3%	-1%	8%	4%	0%	3%	12%	10%

Source (all charts): FactSet, Refinitiv, and Macquarie Quant. For more details on the Macquarie Alpha model or for more customised analysis and screens, please contact the Macquarie Global Quantitative Team: maccapequitiesresearchquantglobal@macquarie.com. Explanation for items on this page can be found at https://www.macquarieinsights.com/rp/d/r/p/OTUyMzg1

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#### Recommendation definitions

#### Macquarie - Asia and USA

Outperform - expected return >10% Neutral - expected return from -10% to +10% Underperform - expected return <-10%

#### Macquarie - Australia/New Zealand Outperform - expected return >10% Neutral - expected return from 0% to 10% Underperform - expected return <0%

During periods of share price volatility, recommendations and target prices may occasionally and temporarily be inconsistent with the above definitions.

**Recommendations** – 12 months **Note**: Quant recommendations may differ from Fundamental Analyst recommendations

#### Volatility index definition

This is calculated from the volatility of historical price movements.

**Very high** – highest risk – Stock should be expected to move up or down 60–100% in a year – investors should be aware this stock is highly speculative.

**High** – stock should be expected to move up or down at least 40-60% in a year – investors should be aware this stock could be speculative.

**Medium** - stock should be expected to move up or down at least 25-40% in a year.

**Low** - stock should be expected to move up or down at least 15-25% in a year.

\* Applicable to select stocks in Asia/Australia/NZ

**Note:** expected return is reflective of a Medium Volatility stock and should be assumed to adjust proportionately with volatility risk

#### Financial definitions

All "Adjusted" data items have had the following adjustments made:

**Added back:** goodwill amortisation, provision for catastrophe reserves, IFRS derivatives & hedging, IFRS impairments & IFRS interest expense

Excluded: non recurring items, asset revals, property revals, appraisal value uplift, preference dividends & minority interests

**EPS** = adjusted net profit / efpowa\*

**ROA** = adjusted ebit / average total assets

**ROA Banks/Insurance** = adjusted net profit /average total assets

**ROE** = adjusted net profit / average shareholders funds **Gross cashflow** = adjusted net profit + depreciation \*equivalent fully paid ordinary weighted average number of shares

All Reported numbers for Australian/NZ listed stocks are modelled under IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards).

#### Recommendation proportions for quarter ending 30 June 2023

	AU/NZ	Asia	USA	
Outperform	56.88%	63.90%	63.89%	(for global coverage by Macquarie, 2.58% of stocks followed are investment banking clients)
Neutral	36.88%	23.06%	33.33%	(for global coverage by Macquarie, 1.22% of stocks followed are investment banking clients)
Underperform	6.25%	13.04%	2.78%	(for global coverage by Macquarie, 0.00% of stocks followed are investment banking clients)

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#### **Company Name**

# Westgold Resources (WGX AU) Outperform

12-month target: AUD2.00 - 50:50 blend of 1.1x NAV and 7x OCF Valuation: AUD 1.48 - DCF (WACC 5.0%, beta 0.4, ERP 5.0%, RFR 3.1%, TGR 2.6%) Price: AUD1.56

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Company name

#### Westgold Resources (WGX AU) WGX Small Ordinaries Price Target 3600.00 3.50 3400.00 3200.00 2.50 3000.00 2800.00 1.50 2600.00 1.00 2400.00 0.50 O N U O N U Mar-21 Oct-21 Jun-22 Jan-23

Date	Recommendation	Target price
23-Jun-2023	Outperform	AUD 2.00
12-Apr-2023	Outperform	AUD 1.90
29-Mar-2023	Outperform	AUD 1.50
10-Mar-2023	Outperform	AUD 1.40
24-Feb-2023	Outperform	AUD 1.20
17-Jan-2023	Neutral	AUD 1.25
11-Jan-2023	Neutral	AUD 1.10
9-Dec-2022	Outperform	AUD 0.90
28-Oct-2022	Neutral	AUD 0.90
29-Sep-2022	Outperform	AUD 0.90
26-Aug-2022	Neutral	AUD 1.00
5-Jul-2022	Outperform	AUD 2.00
22-Jun-2022	Outperform	AUD 2.10
29-Apr-2022	Outperform	AUD 2.30
17-Mar-2022	Outperform	AUD 2.40
10-Dec-2021	Outperform	AUD 2.90
23-Sep-2021	Outperform	AUD 2.60
10-Sep-2021	Outperform	AUD 2.50

6-Aug-2021	Outperform	AUD 2.30
21-Jun-2021	Outperform	AUD 2.50
9-Jun-2021	Outperform	AUD 2.70
26-Mar-2021	Outperform	AUD 2.60
21-Jan-2021	Outperform	AUD 2.90
17-Nov-2020	Outperform	AUD 2.80
22-Sep-2020	Outperform	AUD 3.20
31-Aug-2020	Outperform	AUD 2.90

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