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30 October 2024

Rating
SPECULATIVE BUY
Unchanged

Price Target
A\$3.40
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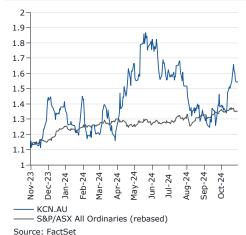
Price **A\$1.60** 

KCN-ASX

#### **Market Data**

52-Week Range (A\$):	1.05 - 1.89
Avg Daily Vol (000s) :	517
Market Cap (A\$M):	413.7
Shares Out. (M) :	257.8
Enterprise Value (A\$M):	432.7
NAV /Shr (A\$):	3.41

FYE Jun	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
EBITDA (A\$M)	(20.5)	100.0↓	163.2↓	206.4↓
Previous	-	105.0	163.7	206.7
Net Income (A\$M)	197.6	54.1↓	97.3↓	132.0
Previous	-	55.7	97.5	-
Free Cash Flow (A\$M)	(16.2)	64.0	118.0	170.5



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Kingsgate Consolidated an emerging mid-tier gold producer which owns 100% of the Chatree Gold Mine in Thailand and the Nueva Esperanza Gold-Silver Project in Chile.

#### **Estimates Revised**

# Kingsgate Consolidated Limited Precious Metals - Producer

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## SepQ'24 report

#### SepQ production in line but minor AISC miss

Group gold production of 16koz at AISC US\$2,065/oz (gold sales 14koz) versus CGe at 16koz at US\$1,876/oz. The minor AISC miss was due to greater reliance on low grade stockpiles as mining operations ramp up. AISC is expected to fall over the remainder of FY25 (CGe 21koz at US\$1,984/oz in DecQ) due to increased efficiency from its new fleet (incl. trucks, dozers and excavator), less reliance on stockpile ore (lower non-cash inventory charge and higher milled grade) and higher production.

#### **Production and AISC outlook unchanged**

As expected, KCN's production and AISC outlook remained unchanged. KCN expects FY25 Group gold production to be 80-90koz at AISC of US\$1,650-1,800/ oz (CGe 85koz at US\$1,782/oz), which reflects ramp up to >5Mtpa. Over FY26-28, production guidance increases to 95-120kozpa at AISC of US\$1,400-1,600/oz (CGe avg. 105kozpa at US\$1,518/oz). We model LOM average 105kozpa at AISC US\$1,446/oz over a nine-year LOM but exploration prospectivity sees LOM extension potential, in our view.

#### Balance sheet remains in a net debt position...

During the quarter, KCN refinanced with a US\$35m (A\$52m) senior secured debt facility from Nebari to repay the existing Nebari bridge loan of A\$15m and preference shares of A\$12m. After the debt movement in the quarter, KCN has drawn facilities of A\$63m comprising A\$52m Nebari senior secured facility and A\$11m preference shares (treated as debt in Australia, repayment at the earliest in July 2026) and cash + bullion/dore of A\$44m.

#### ...but we forecast it to move to net cash by JunQ'25

We forecast the balance sheet to de-gear reasonably quickly (net cash by JunQ'25) driven by increasing production (and falling AISC) and prevailing gold price tailwinds (noting its unhedged production profile). We do note however the additional funding/ technical risk associated with ramp-up of any mining operation (albeit lower risk as brownfield). Our FCF metrics look appealing over FY25E-27E at 15%/28%/41% (vs peer avg.  $\sim 10\%$ ), with any residual cash providing capital management optionality.

#### **Model revisions**

We make minimal model revisions including lowering production by -1% and increasing AISC by +3% in FY25 which sees our EBITDA cut -5%.

#### Valuation and recommendation

Our price target to \$3.40 remains unchanged (risked, 1.0x forward curve NPV5%).

If KCN can navigate a successful ramp-up (on track to date) and demonstrate operational consistency over the remainder of FY25, we think KCN shares will continue to re-rate accordingly. KCN remains amongst the most undervalued gold companies in our ASX gold producer coverage P/NAV 0.47x; vs mid-tier producer avg. 0.75x). Maintain SPECULATIVE BUY rating.



### Figure 1: KCN financial summary

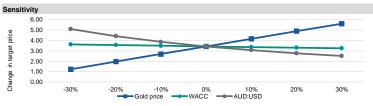
### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Kingsgate Consolidated (KCN:ASX)	
Analyst :	Tom Prendiville
Date:	30/10/2024
Year End:	Jun

Market Information		
Share Price	A\$	1.61
Market Capitalisation	A\$m	414
12 Month Hi	A\$	1.89
12 Month Lo	A\$	1.05
Issued Capital	m	258
ITM Options	m	
Fully Diluted	m	258

Valuation		A\$m	A\$/share
Chatree	NPV @5%	983	3.81
Exploration, Projects & Other		20	0.08
Investments		-	-
Gold Forwards		-	-
Corporate		(105)	(0.41)
(Net debt)/cash		(19)	(0.07)
Total		879	3.41
Price/NAV			0.47x
NAV @ Spot			
Target Price (1.00 x NAV)			3.40
Price/TP			0.47x

Assumptions	2024a	2025e	2026e	2027e
Gold Price (US\$/oz)	2,076	2,641	2,785	2,893
Silver Price (US\$/oz)	25	32	34	35
Copper (US\$/lb)	3.95	4.73	5.00	5.00
AUD:USD	0.66	0.68	0.68	0.69



Production (kt) - by asset	2024a	2025e	2026e	2027e
Chatree				
Gold Production (koz)	47	85	99	108
AISC (US\$/oz)	-	1,782	1,614	1,510
Neuva Esperanza				
Gold Production (koz)	-	-	-	-
AISC (US\$/oz)	-	-	-	-
Group				
Gold Production (koz)	47	85	99	108
AISC (US\$/oz)	-	1,782	1,614	1,510
Reserves & Resources		Mt	Grade	Moz
Reserves	Gold	68	0.71	1.6
	Copper	-	0.00%	0kt
Resources	Gold	203	0.60	3.9
	Copper	-	0.00%	0kt

Directors & Management	
Name	Position
Ross Smyth-Kirk	Exec Chairman
Jamie Gibson	Managing Director
Nucharee Sailasuta	NE Director
Peter Warren	NE Director
Daniel O'Connell	CFO

Source: Company reports, Canaccord Genuity estimates

Target Price:

SPEC BUY A\$3.40

Kingsgate Consolidated (KCN:ASX) owns and operates the Chatree Gold Mine in Thailand. The gold mine restarted processing tailings in 2023 after a period of closure.

2024a	2025e	2026e	2027e
			487.9
			-259.5
			-22.0
			206.4
			0.0 -22.2
	10.0		
			4.4 -56.6
			132.0
			132.0
197.0	54.1	97.3	132.0
-15%	28%	37%	42%
-19.3x	3.9x	2.4x	1.9x
0.77	0.21	0.38	0.51
	-73%	80%	36%
2.1x	7.7x	4.3x	3.1x
- 0.0%	-	-	0.0%
0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
2024a	2025e	2026e	2027
			487.9
			-281.5
			0.0
	0.0		4.4
0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0 <b>210.</b> 9
			210.9
			-40.4
		0.0	0.0
-23.7	-32.0	-43.6	-40.4
14.6	16.7	-10.6	-8.6
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		0.0	0.0
			0.0
			-8.6
			195.0 161.8
			0.0
6.6	87.6	195.0	356.8
\$0.03	\$0.37	\$0.63	\$0.82
			2.0
-16.2	64.0	118.0	170.5
-3.9%	15.5%	28.5%	41.2%
2024a	2025e	2026e	2027
7.0	87.6	195.0	356.8
9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0
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Date and time of first dissemination: October 29, 2024, 22:01 ET

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#### **Target Price / Valuation Methodology:**

Kingsgate Consolidated Limited - KCN

Our price target for KCN is based on a risked NPV5% for Chatree. Our assumed production scenario is largely based on the company's existing LOMP and discussions with management, overlaid with our pricing and discount rates.

#### Risks to achieving Target Price / Valuation:

Kingsgate Consolidated Limited - KCN

#### Geopolitical risks

Chatree is located in Thailand which is considered an emerging market. As such, KCN, through the Chatree Gold Mine, carries a higher degree of economic, political, social, legal and legislative risk. We saw this risk play out in practice when the Thai government revoked KCN's licence to operate Chatree in 2016. There is a risk this happens again, albeit we think this is unlikely given the actions by the new Thai government and KCN to remedy the situation.

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As KCN continues to ramp up operations at Chatree, there is a risk that additional external funding may be required (via equity or debt markets) to assist with its working capital requirements.

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	921*	100.0%	

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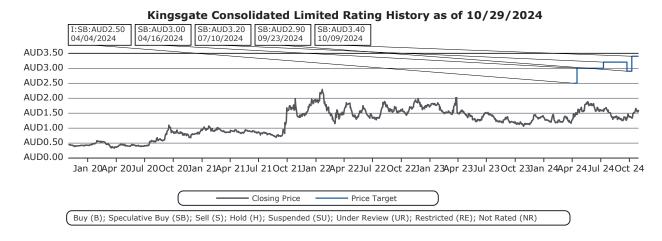
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