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Be selective amid gold price volatility

We highlight near-term upside for Chinese gold miners on better Rmb-denominated ASP and more favorable funding costs compared to global peers. Zhaojin is our preferred pick amid higher gold price environment.

Upside risk to gold price into 1Q24: With our US economist Ellen Zentner expecting the first Fed rate cut in March 2024, we see the gold price rising to US \$2,100/oz in 1Q24 vs US\$1,900/oz currently. While ETF flows are struggling, central bank buying has driven strong physical demand. Although a stronger USD is an overhang to gold price, we note that gold and USD can rally simultaneously at times of safe-haven demand. Our global commodities team forecasts base case 2023/24 average gold price of US\$1,988 (+11% YoY) and US\$2,050 (+3% YoY), respectively.

Higher gold ASP expected for Chinese miners: Marking-to-market weaker Rmb YTD (with 2H23 USDCNY 7.1 vs. 6.8 previously), we expect Chinese gold ASP to rise 15% YoY to Rmb447/g in 2023 (Exhibit 15). Compared to flattish global gold investment holdings, AUMs for China onshore gold have recorded inflows of 12% YTD. In our view, this signals investors' appetite for gold-related investments. We accordingly raise our earnings forecasts for Zhaojin, Zhongjin and Shandong Gold.

Zhaojin is our preferred pure gold play: With record high gold ASP in local currency terms, we forecast Zhaojin's 2023e net profit to more than double to Rmb1bn. In addition, concerns over a potential selldown by Fosun (3.57% stake now vs. 31.08% in Nov-22) have reduced. The new strategic partnership with Zijin following its 20% stake purchase in Zhaojin should add to investors' confidence about the new Haiyu project next year.

Government fiscal policy easing an added positive: We expect lower interest costs and access to low-cost borrowing, supported by the government, to alleviate the interest burden. Low-cost financing allows attractive returns for Chinese gold projects. Assuming a long-term gold price forecast of US\$1,300/oz, our analysis suggests 11.6-15.3% IRRs using funding costs of 6-8%.

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WHAT'S CHANGED		
Zhongjin Gold Corp. Ltd. (600489.SS) Price Target	From Rmb10.39	To Rmb10.96
Shandong Gold Mining Co. Ltd (1787.HK) Price Target	From HK\$16.10	To HK\$16.60
Shandong Gold Mining Co. Ltd (600547.SS) Price Target	From Rmb15.60	To Rmb15.22
Zhaojin Mining Industry (1818.HK) Price Target	From HK\$12.50	To HK\$12.90

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Order of preference

Exhibit 1: Gold miners - order of preference

	Zhaojin	Shandong	Zhongjin	Shandong	
Name	Znaojin	Gold (H)	Gold	Gold (A)	
Stock code	1818.HK	1787.HK	600489.SS	600547.SS	
Rating	EW	EW	EW	UW	
Trading currency	HKD	HKD	CNY	CNY	
Current price	11.66	16.12	11.11	25.61	
Target upside (%)	10.6%	3.0%	-1.4%	-40.6%	
Market cap (US\$ bn)	5 USD	15 USD	8 USD	15 USD	
Street view					
Green - Overweight					
Yellow - Equal-weight					
Red - Underweight					
Buy/Overweight	6	3	2	9	
Hold/Equal-weight	3	1	2	1	
Sell/Underweight	1	0	1	2	
PB Multiples					
2023e	2.0 e	1.9 e	2.0 e	3.3 e	
2024e	1.9 e	1.8 e	2.0 e	3.1 e	
Price Performance					
1M Abs Perf	6.4%	4.5%	7.2%	7.7%	
3M Abs Perf	(12.6%)	(7.2%)	(4.8%)	(1.5%)	
YTD Abs Perf	34.3%	11.3%	35.7%	33.7%	

Current prices as of July 21, 2023. Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research, including (e) estimates

Investment case

Miners - Benefiting from record-high Rmb-denominated gold price

Against our base case gold price, which is +11% YoY in USD terms to average US\$1,742/oz this year, our Rmb-denominated gold price is 15% higher YoY at Rmb430/g. On our estimates, every 1% change in gold price has a 0.7-2.7% change on gold miners' earnings (Exhibit 3). We expect progress on the new Haiyu mine to be a key catalyst for Zhaojin.

Zhaojin is our preferred pick

We highlight the near-term earnings upside for Chinese gold producers from weaker Rmb trend. Zhaojin is our preferred pick among upstream gold miners.

Exhibit 2: Our global commodities team projects a higher gold price into year end



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 3: Earnings sensitivity to gold price

	Share pri	ce vs. gold	Estimated impact on share price from every 1% move in	
Gold miners	2-year	3-year	5-year	gold price
Zhaojin	76%	73%	35%	3.2%
Shandong Gold (H)	81%	59%	NA	5.8%
Shandong Gold (A)	79%	67%	60%	5.8%
Zhongjin	70%	70%	46%	1.4%

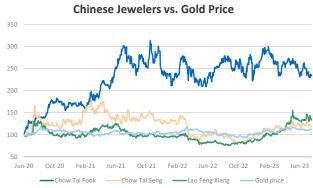
Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research estimates

Exhibit 4: Share price performance chart - miners



Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research. June 1, 2020 as 100

Exhibit 5: Share price performance chart - jewelers



Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research. June 1, 2020 as 100

Our View on Gold

Morgan Stanley's Commodities team sees recent correlations with key drivers (USD, interest rates and ETF holdings) breaking down. We also highlight that similarities with 2011 seem to be rising. Morgan Stanley's base case is for gold to rise further to US\$2,075/oz in 4Q23 and US\$2,100 in 1Q24 vs. current level of US\$1,900/oz.

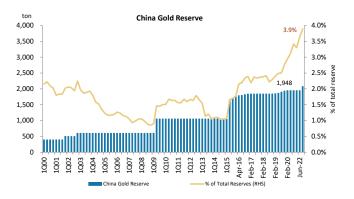
See the Gold section in metal&ROCK: The Price Deck – 3Q23: What's in the Price? (21 Jun 2023) and metal&ROCK: Gold: 2011 Parallels? for more details.

Exhibit 6: While global gold ETFs are flattish YTD....



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 8: China's Central Bank has been adding gold reserve



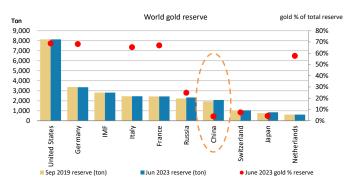
Source: World Gold Council, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 7: China onshore gold investments have recorded inflows of +12% YTD



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 9: With 2,076 tons, China's gold reserves account for just 3.9% of its total reserves, well below the US's 68.8% and the ECB's 35.5%



Source: World Gold Council, Morgan Stanley Research

Policy easing to allow cheaper financing option for Chinese miners

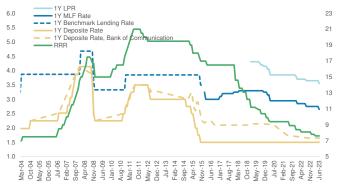
With access to low cost funding, we expect Chinese gold miners will also benefit from a lower interest burden to improve their earnings profile.

Exhibit10: We estimate every 1% change in interest costs would affect returns by 1.8%

funding cost	6.0%	7.0%	8.0%	
gold price (US\$/oz)	1,200	1,200	1,200	
fund raised (Rmb mn)	1,000	1,000	1,000	
valuation (US\$/oz)	84.00	84.00	84.00	
price per ton (Rmb/ton)	14.84	14.84	14.84	
reserve volume (ton)	67.40	67.40	67.40	
reserve life (years)	15.00	15.00	15.00	
annual production (ton)	4.49	4.49	4.49	
unit analysis (Rmb/g)				
gold price	239.23	239.23	239.23	
unit cost	150.00	150.00	150.00	
unit margin	89.23	89.23	89.23	
unit interest cost	13.35	15.58	17.81	
unit net margin	53.11	51.55	50.00	
annual profit (Rmb mn)	238.64	231.64	224.64	
IRR	15.3%	13.4%	11.6%	

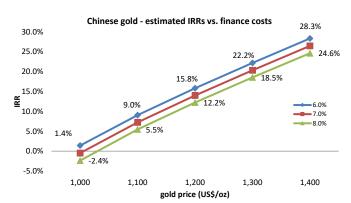
Source: Morgan Stanley Research estimates

Exhibit 11: Our China Economics team expects further cuts to interest rates as part of the easing policy



Source: CEIC, Wind, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 12: Our estimates on IRR sensitivities against interest rate



Source: Morgan Stanley Research estimates

Exhibit 13: Chinese miners financing

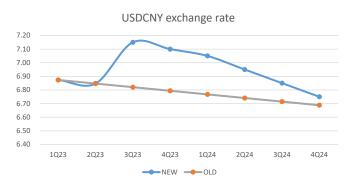
Company	Date		Amount raised (Rmb mn)	Interest rate / cost	Duration (years)
	May-23	Super Short-term Bonds issuance	70,000	2.1%	0.67
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	Dec-22	Super Short-term Bonds issuance	1,000	2.3%	0.5
	Dec-22	Super Short-term Bonds issuance	50,000	2.4%	0.75
	Oct-22	Super Short-term Bonds issuance	50,000	1.8%	0.75
	Jul-22	Super Short-term Bonds issuance	50,000	1.7%	0.5
Shandong Gold	Apr-22	Super Short-term Bonds issuance	70,000	2.2%	0.75
	Mar-22	Super Short-term Bonds issuance	100,000	2.2%	0.75
	Dec-21	Super Short-term Bonds issuance	50,000	2.7%	0.75
	Nov-21	Super Short-term Bonds issuance	50,000	2.7%	0.55
	Oct-21	Super Short-term Bonds issuance	50,000	2.6%	0.75
	Aug-21	Super Short-term Bonds issuance	50,000	2.5%	0.75
	Jul-21	Super Short-term Bonds issuance	50,000	2.7%	0.75
	May-23	Super Short-term Bonds issuance	1,500	2.0%	0.08
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	Apr-23	Medium-term Notes issuance	1,000	3.2%	3
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	Feb-23	Super Short-term Bonds issuance	1,000	2.0%	0.08
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Zhaojin	Sep-22	Medium-term Notes issuance	1,000	2.8%	3
	Mar-22	Super Short-term Bonds issuance	1,000	2.2%	0.75
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	Jan-22	Super Short-term Bonds issuance	1,000	2.3%	0.75
	Jul-21	Medium-term Notes issuance	1,000	3.5%	3
	Jun-21	Medium-term Notes issuance	1,000	3.6%	3
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Source: Chinamoney, Morgan Stanley Research

What's Changed

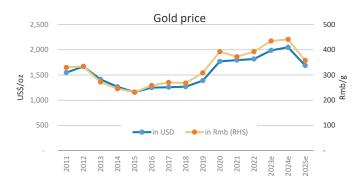
Marking-to-market the weaker Rmb YTD, we have modelled in 2023e/24e USDCNY assumptions of 6.98/6.90 vs. 6.83/6.73 previously (with 2H23 USDCNY 7.1 vs. 6.8 previously). We expect Chinese gold ASP to rise 15% YoY to Rmb447/g in 2023. Accordingly we revise up our earnings forecasts for Chinese pure gold miners Zhaojin, Shandong Gold and Zhongjin.

Exhibit 14: We update our models for pure gold miners with 2% weaker Rmb for 2023 and 2024



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research estimates

Exhibit 15: We project Rmb-denominated gold price to rise 15% YoY this year



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research estimates

Exhibit 16: What's changed

	old EPS (Rmb/share)		new EPS (Rmb/share)			% change			
Company	2023e	2024e	2025e	2023e	2024e	2025e	2023e	2024e	2025e
Zhaojin	0.29	0.37	0.49	0.31	0.39	0.49	4.7%	5.4%	0.1%
Shandong Gold (A and H)	0.53	0.56	0.81	0.56	0.61	0.84	6.0%	9.2%	3.6%
Zhongjin	0.43	0.34	0.30	0.46	0.37	0.30	6.2%	7.3%	0.4%

Source: Morgan Stanley Research estimates

Exhibit 17: MSe vs. consensus

Ticker	Company	2	2023 EPS			2024 EPS		
		MSe	Cons	% diff.	MSe	Cons	% diff.	
1818.HK	Zhaojin	0.31	0.29	4%	0.39	0.42	-7%	
1787.HK	Shandong Gold(H)	0.56	0.49	15%	0.61	0.61	0%	
600547.SS	Shandong Gold(A)	0.56	0.53	5%	0.61	0.67	-8%	
600489.SS	Zhongjin Gold	0.46	0.55	-17%	0.37	0.60	-39%	

Source: Refinitiv consensus, Morgan Stanley Research estimates

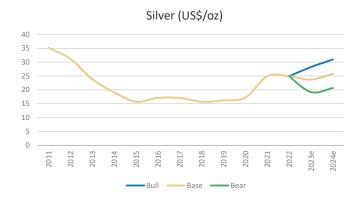
Valuation Methodology

Our price targets are derived from our DCF models using Morgan Stanley's base case gold price forecasts.

Exhibit 18: Gold price assumptions in our bull, base and bear scenarios



Exhibit 19: Silver price assumptions in our bull, base and bear scenarios



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research (e) estimates

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Shandong Gold

Base case HK\$16.60/Rmb15.22: We derive our base case value from our DCF model which discounts our base-case earnings estimates through 2030, and then normalizes them by a 7% WACC. We assume a steady-state revenue growth rate of 3% p.a. For Shandong Gold-A, we assume its premium vs. H share to converge to 10% over the next twelve months.

Bull case HK\$24.80/Rmb31.58: In our bull case, we model a 2023e gold price of US \$2,292/oz. We also build in the high end of company production guidance for gold output. For Shandong Gold-A, we assume the current 44% premium vs. H share to stay under our bull case scenario.

Bear case HK\$6.83/Rmb6.11: We assume 2023e gold price at US\$1,761/oz under our bear case scenario. Other assumptions stay unchanged. In this scenario, we assume no premium vs. its A share.

Exhibit 20: Shandong Gold-H base case DCF

Key Assumptions	Cost of Equity	10.4%
Shares outstanding (mn)	4,473 Risk Free Rate	2.7%
Target D/(D+E)	50% ERP	5.6%
Equity Weight	50% Equity Beta	1.2
Debt Weight	50% Country Premiur	n 1.0%
WACC	7% Cost of Debt	3.4%
Terminal growth	3% Interest Rate	5.0%
	Tax rate	33%

DCF (Rmb mn)	2023e	2024e	2025e	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e	2030e
EBITDA	8,012	8,799	10,954	9,637	8,626	8,103	7,169	7,460
Net interest expense	(1,061)	(969)	(876)	(769)	(645)	(531)	(436)	(355)
Capex	(8,316)	(8,316)	(1,510)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Tax	(1,017)	(1,125)	(1,797)	(1,531)	(1,352)	(1,308)	(1,126)	(1,300)
FCF	(2,382)	(1,611)	6,771	5,337	4,629	4,265	3,608	3,805
Terminal (2030e)								100,887
Discounting Factor	100%	94%	88%	82%	77%	72%	67%	63%
NPV	17,819	21,593	24,801	19,271	14,893	10,971	7,168	3,805
Terminal	63,302	67,661	72,319	77,298	82,620	88,309	94,389	100,887
EV	81,122	89,253	97,120	96,569	97,513	99,280	101,557	104,693
Net debt	12,294	12,792	5,112	(1,358)	(7,290)	(12,905)	(17,988)	(23,196)
Equity - 100%	68,828	76,461	92,009	97,927	104,803	112,184	119,544	127,889
Minority	4,067	4,371	4,790	5,148	5,463	5,768	6,031	6,334
Value of Shareholder's Equity (Rmb mn)	64,761	72,090	87,218	92,780	99,340	106,416	113,514	121,555
Share value (Rmb/shr)	14.50	16.10	19.50	20.70	22.20	23.80	25.40	27.20
Share value (HKD/shr)	15.00	16.60	20.10	21.40	22.90	24.60	26.20	28.10

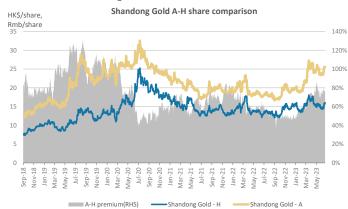
Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research; e = Morgan Stanley Research estimates

Exhibit 21: Southbound flow of Shandong Gold - H



Source: Wind, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 22: Shandong Gold A and H



Source: Company data, Woodmac, Morgan Stanley Research estimates

Zhongjin

Base case Rmb10.96: We derive our base case value from our DCF model which discounts our base case earnings estimates through 2030, and then normalizes them by a 7% WACC. We calculate our cost of equity assumption on an ERP of 5.2%, and a beta of 1.17. We assume a steady-state revenue growth rate of 2% p.a.

Bull case Rmb14.49: We lift our bull case value on the back of increased contribution from copper and weaker Rmb assumptions. The additional volume is partially offset by bigger-than-expected production depletion of 11% vs. 4% in our previous assumption. We model a 2023e gold price of US\$2,292. We assume production to stay flat compared with an 11% decline in our base case.

Bear case Rmb5.56: We raise our bear case value on weaker Rmb assumptions. We set our bear case value using our 2023e bear case gold price of US\$1,761/oz.

Exhibit 23: Zhongjin - base case DCF

Key Assumptions		Cost of Equity	8.0%
Shares outstanding (mn)	4,572	Risk Free Rate	0.0%
Target D/(D+E)	25%	ERP	5.2%
Equity Weight	75%	Equity Beta	1.170
Debt Weight	25%	Country Premiun	2.0%
WACC	7% (Cost of Debt	3.4%
Terminal growth	2%	Interest Rate	4.5%
		Tax rate	25%

DCF (Rmb mn)	2024e	2025e	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e	2030e
EBITDA	5,248	4,584	5,212	4,985	4,757	5,033	5,098
Net interest expense	(233)	(208)	(175)	(157)	(150)	(144)	(140)
Capex	(1,390)	(1,391)	(1,393)	(1,394)	(1,395)	(1,396)	(1,397)
Tax	(856)	(704)	(875)	(829)	(779)	(854)	(875)
FCF	2,770	2,282	2,769	2,605	2,433	2,639	2,685
Terminal (2030e)							56,328
NPV	15,026	13,098	11,558	9,393	7,253	5,152	2,685
Terminal	37,823	40,419	43,193	46,157	49,325	52,710	56,328
EV	52,849	53,517	54,751	55,550	56,578	57,862	59,013
Net debt	(672)	(2,619)	(4,119)	(5,774)	(7,322)	(8,995)	(10,478)
Equity - 100%	53,522	56,136	58,870	61,324	63,900	66,857	69,491
Minority	3,410	4,057	4,862	5,625	6,341	7,126	7,931
Value of Shareholder's Equity (Rmt	50,112	52,079	54,008	55,699	57,559	59,730	61,560
Share value (Rmb/shr)	10.96	11.39	11.81	12.18	12.59	13.06	13.46

Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research estimates

Zhaojin

Base case HK\$12.90: We derive our base case value from our DCF model which discounts our base case earnings estimates through 2030, and then normalizes them by a 6% WACC. We calculate our cost of equity assumption on an ERP of 5.6%, and a beta of 1.18. We assume a steady-state revenue growth rate of 2% p.a.

Bull case HK\$15.38: We model a 2023e gold price of US\$2,292/oz and weaker Rmb assumptions. We assume faster ramp-up from Haiyu in 3Q24 vs. end 2024 in our base case.

Bear case HK\$7.74: We raise our bear case value on weaker Rmb assumptions. We set our bear case value using our 2023e bear case gold price of US\$1,761/oz.

Exhibit 24: Zhaojin - base case DCF

Key Assumptions		Cost of Equity	10.2%
Shares outstanding (mn)	3,270	Risk Free Rate	2.7%
Target D/(D+E)	68%	ERP	5.6%
Equity Weight	33%	Equity Beta	1.180
Debt Weight	68%	Country Premium	1.0%
WACC	6% (Cost of Debt	3.4%
Terminal growth	2%	Interest Rate	4.5%
		Tax rate	25%

DCF (Rmb mn)	2023e	2024e	2025e	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e	2030e
EBITDA	2,990	3,433	3,995	3,927	4,290	4,110	4,525	4,602
Net interest expense	(414)	(377)	(370)	(413)	(399)	(386)	(301)	(196)
Capex	(1,277)	(1,461)	(1,737)	(1,253)	(1,408)	(1,384)	(1,284)	(1,284)
Tax	(390)	(496)	(623)	(582)	(664)	(612)	(723)	(757)
FCF	909	1,098	1,265	1,679	1,819	1,728	2,217	2,365
Terminal (2030e)								66,845
Discounting Factor	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	76%	72%	68%
NPV	10,499	10,128	9,536	8,735	7,451	5,948	4,457	2,365
Terminal	45,621	48,180	50,882	53,736	56,750	59,933	63,295	66,845
EV	56,120	58,307	60,418	62,471	64,201	65,881	67,751	69,210
Net debt	14,856	14,753	15,355	15,158	14,979	13,776	12,299	10,622
Equity - 100%	41,264	43,554	45,063	47,313	49,222	52,105	55,453	58,588
Minority	3,657	3,937	4,288	4,616	4,990	5,335	5,742	6,168
Value of Shareholder's Equity (Rmb mn)	37,607	39,617	40,775	42,697	44,233	46,771	49,711	52,420
Share value (Rmb/shr)	11.50	12.10	12.50	13.10	13.50	14.30	15.20	16.00
Share value (HKD/shr)	12.90	13.80	14.90	15.90	16.70	18.00	18.50	19.50

Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research estimates

What's in the Price

Company	What's in the price	What's the market missing?
Zhaojin	l We estimate the stock is currently pricing in implied gold price of US\$1,680/oz.	l We believe the market is overly concerned about timing on the Haiyu mine given multiple years of delays. l Our 2H23 gold price assumption is 5% above consensus.
Shandong Gold	l We estimate the stock is currently pricing in implied gold price of US\$1,770/oz.	an Increased portion of lower-margin smelting and refining gold business partially reduces earnings sensitivity to gold price.
Zhongjin	l We estimate the stock is currently pricing in implied gold price of US\$1,990/oz.	l Incremental revenue from the newly acquired assets double the earnings basis versus last year. We estimate an annual depletion of 10% for Zhongjin's gold output, which is well below other Chinese gold majors of flat to 11% growth.

Zhongjin – Financial summary

Exhibit 25: Zhongjin: Financial Summary

Assumptions	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e	Profitability Ratios %	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Mined gold volume (t)	20.0	19.9	19.4	19.4	19.4	ROE	6.8%	8.2%	8.3%	6.5%	5.3%
ASP (Rmb/g)	238	258	293	298	234	EBITDA margin	8.4%	9.0%	11.0%	11.3%	10.9%
Cash Cost (Rmb/t)	(128)	(128)	(139)	(137)	(139)	EBIT margin	5.2%	6.0%	7.5%	7.7%	7.0%
Mined Gold Volume (k oz)	643	641	624	624	624	Pre-tax profit margin	4.5%	5.3%	7.0%	7.4%	6.7%
ASP (USD/oz)	1,796	1,816	1,988	2,050	1,688	Net profit margin	3.0%	3.7%	4.7%	3.8%	3.5%
Cash Cost (USD/oz)	(619)	(591)	(621)	(616)	(658)	Net Debt / Equity %	-27.5%	-15.8%	-4.6%	2.5%	9.4%
RMB/USD	6.45	6.73	6.98	6.90	6.58	Interest cover (EBITDA) (x)	8.0	8.6	11.0	13.3	16.5
P&L (Rmb mn)	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e	Days sales AR outstanding	1.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Net Sales	56,102	57,151	47,300	46,467	42,086	Days in inventory	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.7
Gross Profit	5,825	5,922	5,717	6,097	5,282	Days payable outstanding	2.5	3.5	5.2	4.7	4.8
EBITDA	4,703	5,137	5,227	5,248	4,584	Cash conversion	3.0	0.8	(0.8)	(0.7)	(0.7)
Consensus EBITDA			5,700	6,059	6,309	Balance Sheet (Rmb mn)	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Diff. to Consensus EBITDA (9	%)		(8)	(13)	(27)	Cash & Equivalents	7.528	9.862	8.637	10.045	10.955
EBIT	2,930	3,413	3,535	3,590	2,956	Receivables	104	59	49	48	43
Net Financing Cost	(452)	(431)	(308)	(233)	(208)	Inventories	12,046	11,621	9,618	9,449	8,558
Pre-tax Profit	2,533	3,048	3,293	3,423	2,815	Property, Plant and Equipment	15,465	15,145	14,859	14,605	14,382
Tax	(574)	(547)	(591)	(856)	(704)	Intangible Asset	4,705	4,508	4,508	4,508	4,508
Minority Interest	(261)	(384)	(494)	(787)	(647)	Goodwill	716	714	714	714	714
Net Profit	1,698	2,117	2,208	1,780	1,464	Other Current Asset	72	278	278	278	278
Cash Flow (Rmb mn)	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e	Other Asset	6,995	6,454	6,245	6,213	6,115
EBITDA	4,703	5,137	5,227	5,248	4,584	Total Assets	47,631	48,642	44,908	45,861	45,554
-Taxes Paid	(574)	(547)	(591)	(856)	(704)	Payables	2,917	3,071	2,492	2,419	2,206
-Working Capital Changes	(812)	1,043	1,246	65	627	Borrowings	14,361	13,955	9,866	9,373	8,336
-Others	574	547	591	856	704	Other Current Liability	31	58	58	58	58
Operating cash flow	3,891	6,180	6,473	5,313	5,212	Other Liabiliyties	3,400	3,556	3,201	3,293	3,063
-Capex.	(1,031)	(632)	(1,388)	(1,390)	(1,391)	Total Liabilities	20,709	20,639	15,617	15,142	13,661
FCF	2,859	5,548	5,085	3,924	3,820	Shareholders Equity	24,844	25,875	26,669	27,309	27,836
i						Minority Interest	2,078	2,128	2,622	3,410	4,057
Disposal of PP&E	9	7	0	0	0	Total Liabilities and Equity	47,631	48,642	44,908	45,861	45,554
Acquisition	(5,000)	(5,760)	0	0	0	Valuation	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Investing cash flow	(1,715)	(947)	(1,388)	(1,390)	(1,391)	P/E	23.5	18.8	24.1 e	30.3 e	34.4 e
Equity Raised	4.425627	0	0	0	0	P/BV	1.6	1.5	1.9 e	1.8 e	1.8 e
Debt Raised	17,253	14,901	0	0	0	EV/Sales	8.0	0.7	1.1 e	1.1 e	1.2 e
Dividend	(1,087)	(1,356)	(1,414)	(1,140)	(937)	EV/EBITDA	8.2	7.0	9.1 e	8.9 e	9.5 e
Financing cash flow	(769)	(2,454)	(6,390)	(2,738)	(2,914)	FCF Yield %	7.2%	14.0%	10.0% e	7.4% e	7.2% e
Net increase in cash	1,034	2,741	2,864	1,901	1,947	Dividend Yield %	2.7%	3.4%	2.7% e	2.1% e	1.9% e
						Quarterly Financials	1Q23	2Q23e	3Q23e	4Q23e	2023e
Per Share Data (Rmb)	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e	Net sales	16,400	16,481	16,247	(1,829)	47,300
ModelWare EPS	0.35	0.44	0.46	0.37	0.30	Gross profit	1,811	1,829	1,778	299	5,717
Consensus EPS	0.38	0.43	0.54	0.58	0.63	EBIT	1,401	1,375	1,330	(570)	3,535
Diff. to Consensus EPS (%)	(8)	2	(15)	(37)	(52)	EBIT Margin	9%	8%	8%	31%	7%
000	0.22	0.28	0.29	0.24	0.19		1.045	900	1.079	(040)	2.208
DPS	0.22	0.20	0.23	0.24	0.13	Net Income	1,045	900	1,079	(816)	

Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research (e) estimates

Risk Reward – Zhongjin Gold Corp. Ltd. (600489.SS)

Possible price increase and production volume decline priced in; EW

PRICE TARGET Rmb10.96

Our DCF model uses a WACC of 7% (cost of equity of 8.0%). We assume a steady-state revenue growth rate of 2% p.a.



RISK REWARD CHART

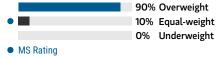


Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research

EQUAL-WEIGHT THESIS

- ASP in line with the global commodity price deck for 2023e/2024e/2025e of Rmb288/g/Rmb292/g/Rmb237/g, respectively.
- We expect the company's earnings to be dragged down by its declining gold production vs. previous normal level and increasing exposure to low-margin smelting business.
- On a relative basis, we view the stock as fairly valued.

Consensus Rating Distribution



Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research

Risk Reward Themes

Market Share: Negative
Pricing Power: Positive

View descriptions of Risk Rewards Themes here

BULL CASE

Rmb14.49

BASE CASE

Rmb10.96

BEAR CASE

Rmb5.56

2.6x 2023e BVPS

Gold prices surge: The economy experiences a larger impact than our expectation, which supports higher gold prices vs. our base case. 1) In our bull case, we assume a gold price of US\$2,292/oz in 2023; 2) the company acquires 1tpa of gold resources; 3) organic growth is the same as in our base case.

2.0x 2023e BVPS

Gold prices increase significantly: We use Morgan Stanley Research's base-case 2023 gold price forecast of US\$1,988/oz. We assume annual mined gold production of 19.4 tons in 2023.

1.0x 2023e BVPS

Gold prices go to bear case, and no resource acquisition: USD strength and accelerating Fed rate hikes bring gold prices to our bear case. 1) We use Morgan Stanley Research's bear case 2023 gold price forecast of US\$1,761/oz; 2) higher-than-expected costs due to environmental production.

Risk Reward – Zhongjin Gold Corp. Ltd. (600489.SS)

KEY EARNINGS INPUTS

Drivers	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
USDCNY	6.7	7.0	6.9	NA
Gold price (US\$/oz)	1,815.8	1,988.4	2,050.0	NA
Copper price (US\$/lb)	4.2	3.9	3.8	NA
Silver price (US\$/oz)	24.9	23.7	25.8	NA
Unit cost blended (Rmb/g)	(188.0)	(214.6)	(218.1)	NA

INVESTMENT DRIVERS

- Retreat of gold prices as uncertainties in global economies are resolved better than expected.
- Scattered mine locations cause further difficulty in cost control.
- Higher-than-expected minority interest offsets growth quality.

GLOBAL REVENUE EXPOSURE



Source: Morgan Stanley Research Estimate View explanation of regional hierarchies <u>here</u>

MS ALPHA MODELS



Source: Refinitiv, FactSet, Morgan Stanley Research; 1 is the highest favored Quintile and 5 is the least favored Ouintile

SUSTAINABILITY & ESG



RISKS TO PT/RATING

RISKS TO UPSIDE

- Asset injection faster than expected.
- Further cost control to improve production efficiency.

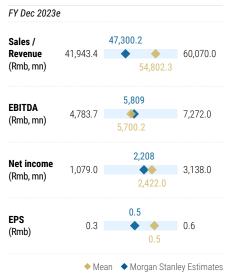
RISKS TO DOWNSIDE

- · Weaker-than-expected gold prices
- · Less-than-expected gold production

OWNERSHIP POSITIONING



MS ESTIMATES VS. CONSENSUS



Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research

Shandong Gold – Financial summary

Exhibit 26: Shandong Gold - Financial summary

Income Statement	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e	Balance Sheet	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Sales	33.933	50.306	60.892	62,343	66.505	Current Assets	14,268	21,475	15,871	9,803	12,816
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Cost of sales	(31,558)	(44,138)	(52,528)	(53,406)	(55,575)	Receivables	3,579	4.684	5.669	5,804	6,192
SG&A	(2,771)	(2,642)	(2,771)	(2,868)	(3,059)	Others	6,164	9,038	9,816	9,897	10,099
DD&A	(1,517)	(1,754)	(1,981)	(2,305)	(2,632)		-,	-,	-,	-,	,
Other income	1,023	(692)	(354)	(354)	(379)	Non Current Assets	64,768	69,741	75,661	81,020	79,294
EBITDA	2,144	4,587	7.220	8.020	10,124	Fixed assets	31,598	37.028	42.850	48,346	46,710
EBIT	627	2,833	5,239	5.715	7.492	Others	33,170	32,712	32,811	32,674	32,584
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Interest income	72	85	199	47	(83)	TOTAL ASSETS	79.037	91.216	91.531	90.823	92,110
Interest expenses	(733)	(1,051)	(1,139)	(971)	(837)		.,	. , .	. ,	,	
Associates	22	35	49	50	54	Current Liabilities	35.012	34.690	35.232	33.929	33,323
Pre tax profit	(12)	1.902	4.348	4.841	6,626	Accounts payable	15.249	13.144	15.642	15,904	16,550
Tax	(218)	(551)	(1,174)	(1,307)	(1,988)	Bank loans	9,910	9.912	7.956	6,391	5,139
Minority interest	. 8	160	(254)	(283)	(371)	Others	9,853	11,634	11,634	11,634	11,634
Net Profit	(230)	1.351	3.174	3,534	4,638		-,	,	,	,	,
Net profit to equity shareholders	(221)	1,512	2,920	3,251	4,267	Non-current Liabilities	12,064	19,724	17,014	14,847	13,112
Normalized net profit	(1.590)	1.804	2.970	3,231	4.247	LT loans	5.340	13.548	10.839	8.671	6,937
EPS (Rmb/share)	(0.04)	0.28	0.56	0.61	0.84	Others	6,724	6,176	6,176	6,176	6,176
Dividend	224	313	438	488	640	TOTAL LIABILITIES	47,076	54,414	52,247	48,776	46,435
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YoY growth %						Net Assets	31,961	36,802	39,284	42,048	45,675
Revenue	-47%	48%	21%	2%	7%	Equity to owners of company	29,329	32,931	35,414	38,177	41,804
EBIT	-82%	352%	85%	9%	31%	Minority interest	2,632	3,871	3,871	3,871	3,871
Pretax profit	-100%	-16094%	129%	11%	37%	SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	31,961	36,802	39,284	42,048	45,675
Net income	-111%	-783%	93%	11%	31%			,	,	,	.,
						Net debt / (cash) (Rmb mn)	10,242	13,826	16,528	19,080	13,669
EBIT margin	1.8%	5.6%	8.6%	9.2%	11.3%	Net debt to equity (%)	32%	38%	42%	45%	30%
PBT margin	0.0%	3.8%	7.1%	7.8%	10.0%						
Net margin	-0.7%	3.0%	4.8%	5.2%	6.4%						
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Key assumptions	2021	2022e	2023e	2024e	2025e	Cash Flow Statement	2021	2022e	2023e	2024e	2025e
USDCNY	6.45	6.73	6.98	6.90	6.58	EBITDA	2,144	4,587	7,220	8,020	10,124
Gold price (US\$/oz)	1,796	1,816	1,988	2,050	2,050	Cash interest paid	(316)	(1,034)	(877)	(709)	(574)
ASP (Rmb/g)	373	392	445	454	433	Tax paid	(640)	(1,092)	(1,174)	(1,307)	(1,988)
						Gross Cash Flow	1,188	2,462	5,169	6,004	7,562
Mined gold production (ton)	13.2	38.7	39.7	42.0	53.6	Chg in working capital	507	(2,062)	466	17	(12)
China	7.9	32.6	34.4	36.0	47.5	Operating Cash Flow	1,206	2,527	7,241	7,455	8,847
Overseas	5.4	6.1	5.3	6.1	6.1	Capex	(5,875)	(8,316)	(8,316)	(8,316)	(1,510)
						Free Cash Flow	(4,668)	(5,789)	(1,075)	(861)	7,337
Ore grade (g/t)	1.64	2.00	2.45	2.56	2.44	Borrowings	2,303	9,430	(4,666)	(3,733)	(2,986)
China	1.38	3.15	3.41	3.56	12.09	Dividends paid	(467)	(497)	(692)	(770)	(1,011)
Overseas	0.68	0.69	0.89	0.98	0.56	IPO proceeds	2,250	6,235	0	0	0
						Others	3,686	(126)	(935)	(920)	(916)
Unit cash cost (Rmb/g)	215	133	135	125	98	Net Cash Flow	853	3,017	(7,368)	(6,284)	2,424
ASIC (Rmb/g)	272	163	166	155	113						,
Unit cash cost (US\$/oz)	1,035	613	601	562	462	Free Cash Flow/share (Rmb)	(1.04)	(1.29)	(0.24)	(0.19)	1.64
AISC (US\$/oz)	1,310	754	738	701	534		,,	,,	,,,_,,	,,,,,,	

Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research (e) estimates

Risk Reward - Shandong Gold Mining Co. Ltd (1787.HK)

Higher gold price in 2023 with production rebound

PRICE TARGET HK\$16.60

DCF discounts our earnings estimates through 2030, and then normalizes them by a 7% WACC. We calculate our cost of equity assumption on an ERP of 5.6%, and a beta of 1.2. We assume a steady-state revenue growth rate of 3% p.a.

Consensus Price Target Distribution

HK\$14.03

HK\$26.45

MS PT

Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research

Mean Morgan Stanley Estimates

RISK REWARD CHART

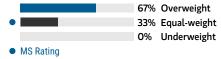


Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research

EQUAL-WEIGHT THESIS

- Being the largest pure gold producer in China, Shandong Gold enjoys scalable mine operations and high sensitivity to gold prices
- With a strong balance sheet, the company has consistently paid dividends since its Ashare listing in 2003.
- However, the stronger RMB, potential execution risks on projects overseas, and potential asset impairments remain earnings overhangs.

Consensus Rating Distribution



Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research

Risk Reward Themes

Market Share: Positive Pricing Power: Positive

View descriptions of Risk Rewards Themes <u>here</u>

BULL CASE

HK\$24.80

BASE CASE

HK\$16.60

BEAR CASE

HK\$6.83

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implies 2.7x 2023e BVPS

Our bull case assumption is a gold price of US\$2,292/oz in 2023. Production is projected at 40 tons.

implies 1.8x 2023e BVPS

We use Morgan Stanley Research's base case 2023 gold price forecast of US\$1,988/oz. Production is projected at 40 tons.

implies 0.7x 2023e BVPS

We use Morgan Stanley Research's bear case 2023 gold price forecast of US\$1,761/oz. Production is projected at 40 tons.



Risk Reward – Shandong Gold Mining Co. Ltd (1787.HK)

KEY EARNINGS INPUTS

Drivers	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e	
USD/CNY exchange rate	6.7	7.0	6.9	6.6	
Price in US\$ per oz	1,815.8	1,988.4	2,050.0	2,050.0	
Silver price (Rmb/g)	22.0	23.7	25.8	25.8	

INVESTMENT DRIVERS

- Gold prices are the biggest driver of earnings
- Execution on production, especially after the Veladero acquisition
- · Cost control for China and overseas

GLOBAL REVENUE EXPOSURE



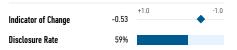
Source: Morgan Stanley Research Estimate View explanation of regional hierarchies <u>here</u>

MS ALPHA MODELS



Source: Refinitiv, FactSet, Morgan Stanley Research; 1 is the highest favored Quintile and 5 is the least favored Quintile

SUSTAINABILITY & ESG



RISKS TO PT/RATING

RISKS TO UPSIDE

- Stronger-than-expected gold price that moves the share price toward our bull case.
- Further RMB depreciation.
- Production upside from China or overseas operations.

RISKS TO DOWNSIDE

- Stronger RMB, which would be negative for Shandong Gold's earnings.
- Execution risks on Veladero mine.
- Overall mine grade dropping further.

Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research

OWNERSHIP POSITIONING

Inst. Owners, % Active 76.2%

MS ESTIMATES VS. CONSENSUS



Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research

Risk Reward - Shandong Gold Mining Co. Ltd (600547.SS)

Rich valuation premium to H-shares

PRICE TARGET Rmb15.22

Our price target for Shandong Gold A-shares is derived from our H-share PT assuming a FX rate of 1.2 and 10% AH premium. We expect the A-H differential to continue over the next 12 months given the difference in the tradability in the two markets.



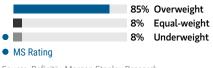
RISK REWARD CHART



UNDERWEIGHT THESIS

- As the largest pure gold producer in China, Shandong Gold enjoys scalable mine operations and high sensitivity to gold prices
- With a strong balance sheet, the company has consistently paid dividends since its 2003 A-share listing.
- However, we are Underweight the Ashares given their rich valuation premium to the H-shares.

Consensus Rating Distribution



Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research

Risk Reward Themes

Market Share: Negative
Pricing Power: Negative
View descriptions of Risk Rewards Themes here

Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research

BULL CASE

Rmb31.58

BASE CASE

Rmb15.22

Rmb6.11

4.0x 2023e BVPS

Our bull case assumption is a gold price of US\$2,292/oz in 2023. Production is projected at 40 tons. We assume the current 44% premium vs. H share to stay under our bull case scenario.

1.9x 2023e BVPS

We use Morgan Stanley Research's base case 2023 gold price forecast of US\$1,988/oz. Production is projected at 40 tons. We assume its premium vs. H share to coverage to 10% over the next twelve months.

BEAR CASE 0.8x 2023e BVPS

We use Morgan Stanley Research's bear case 2023 gold price forecast of US\$1,761/oz. Production is projected at 40 tons. We assume no premium vs. its A share.

Risk Reward – Shandong Gold Mining Co. Ltd (600547.SS)

KEY EARNINGS INPUTS

Drivers	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
USD/CNY exchange rate	6.7	7.0	6.9	6.6
Price in US\$ per oz	1,815.8	1,988.4	2,050.0	2,050.0
Silver price (Rmb/g)	22.0	23.7	25.8	25.8

INVESTMENT DRIVERS

- A stronger RMB is negative for Shandong Gold's earnings.
- Convergence of A/H differential via Stock Connect would narrow its A-share premium vs. H-shares.

GLOBAL REVENUE EXPOSURE



Source: Morgan Stanley Research Estimate View explanation of regional hierarchies here

MS ALPHA MODELS

5/5 3 Month MOST Horizon

Source: Refinitiv, FactSet, Morgan Stanley Research; 1 is the highest favored Quintile and 5 is the least favored Quintile

SUSTAINABILITY & ESG



RISKS TO PT/RATING

RISKS TO UPSIDE

- Stronger-than-expected gold price that moves the share price toward our bull case.
- Further RMB depreciation.
- Production upside from China or overseas operations.

RISKS TO DOWNSIDE

- Stronger RMB, which would be negative for Shandong Gold's earnings.
- Execution risks on Veladero mine.
- Overall mine grade dropping further.

OWNERSHIP POSITIONING

Inst. Owners, % Active 85

Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research

MS ESTIMATES VS. CONSENSUS



Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research

Zhaojin – Financial summary

Exhibit 27: Zhaojin - Financial summary

Assumptions	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e	Balance Sheet (Rmb mn)	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Mined gold volume (t)	10.4	12.8	14.5	16.3	25.4	Cash & equivalents	2,998	3,583	4,103	4,206	3,604
ASP (Rmb/g)	378	390	447	456	364	Receivables	188	216	234	267	318
Cash cost (Rmb/g)	115	136	135	138	125	Inventory	4,181	4,671	4,915	5,537	6,990
Volume (k.oz)	406	619	570	640	962	PPE	15,458	16,004	16,455	17,050	17,873
ASP (US\$/oz)	1,799	1,798	1,988	2,050	1,688	Investment securities (LT)	2,001	2,078	2,078	2,078	2,078
Cash cost (US\$/oz)	553	630	602	624	591	Other assets	18,196	19,335	19,638	19,658	19,723
Rmb/US\$	6.4	6.7	7.0	6.9	6.6	Total Assets	43,023	45,887	47,423	48,797	50,586
						Payables (ST and LT)	389	431	458	515	651
Income Statement (Rmb mn)	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e	Borrowings	9,128	11,481	11,481	11,481	11,481
Net Sales	6,859	7,886	8,511	9,743	11,582	Other Liabilties	13,777	13,929	14,543	14,719	14,945
Gross Profit	2,692	2,656	3,612	4,224	4,614	Total Liabilities	23,294	25,840	26,481	26,715	27,076
SG&A	(1,527)	(1,339)	(1,355)	(1,502)	(1,438)	Net Assets	19,729	20,047	20,942	22,081	23,510
EBITDA	1,580	1,976	2,990	3,433	3,995	Shareholders Equity	16,302	16,610	17,285	18,144	19,222
EBIT	709	1,062	2,027	2,430	2,944	Minority Interest	3,427	3,438	3,657	3,937	4,288
Net Financing Costs	(608)	(533)	(668)	(668)	(668)	Total Liabilities and Equity	43,023	45,887	47,423	48,797	50,586
Pre-tax Profit	282	739	1,611	2,050	2,572	Valuation Multiples (x)	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Net Profit	34	402	1,001	1,274	1,598	P/E	526.7	62.6	38.4 e	30.3 e	23.0 e
						P/BV	1.1	1.5	2.1 e	2.0 e	1.9 e
Per Share Data (Rmb)	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e	EV/Sales	4.6	5.1	5.9 e	5.4 e	4.4 e
ModelWare EPS (Rmb)	0.01	0.12	0.31	0.39	0.49	EV/EBITDA	20.0	20.4	17.6 e	15.4 e	13.2 e
ModelWare EPS (HK\$)	0.01	0.14	0.35	0.44	0.55	FCF Yield	(3.0%)	2.8%	1.2% e	1.2% e	(2.3%) e
DPS	0.00	0.04	0.10	0.13	0.16	Dividend Yield	0.0%	0.5%	0.8% e	1.1% e	1.4% e
BVPS	4.98	5.08	5.29	5.55	5.88	Profitability Ratios	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
						ROE (average)	0.2%	2.4%	5.6% e	6.8% e	8.6% e
Cash Flow (Rmb mn)	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e	EBITDA Margin	23.0%	25.1%	35.1%	35.2%	34.5%
EBITDA	1,580	1,976	2,990	3,433	3,995	EBIT Margin	10.3%	13.5%	23.8%	24.9%	25.4%
-Taxes Paid	(199)	(213)	(390)	(496)	(623)	Pre-tax Margin	4.1%	9.4%	18.9%	21.0%	22.2%
-Net Financial	(427)	(320)	(414)	(377)	(370)	Net Margin	0.5%	5.1%	11.8%	13.1%	13.8%
-Working Capital & Other	825	82	(235)	(598)	(1,368)	Balance Sheet Ratios	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Others	1,026	1,935	686	494	492	Net Debt (Cash) - Rmb mn	14,108	15,376	14,856	14,753	15,355
Operating Cash Flow	2,805	3,459	2,637	2,457	2,126	Net Debt / Equity %	86.5%	92.6%	85.9%	81.3%	79.9%
Capex	(2,148)	(1,419)	(1,277)	(1,461)	(1,737)	Interest Cover (EBITDA) (x)	2.6	3.7	4.5	5.1	6.0
FCF	657	2,040	1,361	995	389	Sensitivity analysis of 1% change	in gold pr	2022	2023	2024	
Disposals of PPE	6	0	. 0	0	0	EBIT		2.5%	2.4%	2.6%	
Acquisition of subsidiaries	0	0	0	0	0	EBITDA		1.7%	1.7%	1.9%	
Investing Cash Flow	(2,878)	(1,993)	(1,022)	(1,170)	(1,439)	EPS		3.2%	2.9%	3.0%	
Debt raised	4,250	0	0	0	0	Quarterly EPS trend					
Dividends	(411)	(131)	(326)	(415)	(520)	EPS (Rmb)	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	FY
Other	(2,594)	(750)	(769)	(769)	(769)	2022	0.03	0.01	0.05	0.04	0.12
Financing Cash Flow	1,244	(881)	(1,095)	(1,184)	(1,289)	2023e	0.03	0.08	0.08	0.11	0.31
Net changes in cash	1,172	585	520	103	(602)	YoY change % (2023e)	17%	1392%	69%	154%	149%

Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research (e) estimates

Risk Reward – Zhaojin Mining Industry (1818.HK)

Higher gold prices but lower volume

PRICE TARGET HK\$12.90

Base case DCF model using our WACC of 6% with 1.18 beta and a steady-state revenue growth rate of 2% p.a.



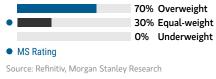
RISK REWARD CHART



EQUAL-WEIGHT THESIS■ Zhaoiin's valuation has a h

- Zhaojin's valuation has a high correlation with gold prices at >80%. It is a pure gold play, with 85% of gross profit contribution from gold.
- The Haiyu Gold mine, when reaching its full capacity, is guided to contribute 502k oz. of self-mined gold per year, +80% from the 2020 level, at a cost of around Rmb100/g. Based on management's guidance, Haiyu is scheduled to commence by 2025.
- Zhaojin faces the pressure of cost increase amid industry trend of commodity price growth.
- The company has little potential for capacity increase in short term and guides lower production volume than expected.

Consensus Rating Distribution



Risk Reward Themes

Market Share: Positive
Pricing Power: Positive
View descriptions of Risk Rewards Themes here

BULL CASE

HK\$15.38

BASE CASE

HK\$12.90

HK\$7.74

2.9x 2023e P/B

Gold prices surge: 1) Morgan Stanley's bull case gold at US\$2,292/oz in 2023e; 2) Same gold production assumption as base case.

2.4x 2023e P/B

Gold prices remain strong: 1) Morgan Stanley's base case gold price forecast is US\$1,988/oz in 2023e; 2) Gold production is forecast to be 17.7 tons in 2023.

BEAR CASE 1.5x 2023e P/B

Gold prices go to bear case: USD strength and accelerating Fed rate hikes bring gold price to our bear case. 1) Morgan Stanley's bear case gold at US\$1,761/oz in 2023e; 2) Same gold production assumption as base case.

Risk Reward – Zhaojin Mining Industry (1818.HK)

KEY EARNINGS INPUTS

Drivers	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Gold belong to ZJ (t)	19.2	17.7	19.9	29.9
Price in RMB per gram	390.0	447.3	456.1	364.3
Cash cost (Rmb/g)	136.3	135.0	138.4	125.0

CATALYST CALENDAR

Date	Event	Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley
21 Aug 2023 - 25 Aug 2023	Half Year 2023 Zhaojin Mini Release	ng Industry Co Ltd Earnings
18 Oct 2023 - 23 Oct 2023	Q3 2023 Zhaojin Mining Indo	ustry Co Ltd Earnings Release

INVESTMENT DRIVERS

- Holding inventory on speculation of higher gold prices later on
- Significant accretive acquisitions

GLOBAL REVENUE EXPOSURE



Source: Morgan Stanley Research Estimate View explanation of regional hierarchies <u>here</u>

MS ALPHA MODELS



Source: Refinitiv, FactSet, Morgan Stanley Research; 1 is the highest favored Quintile and 5 is the least favored Quintile

SUSTAINABILITY & ESG

Indicator of Change	-0.38	+1.0	•	-1.0
Disclosure Rate	50%			

RISKS TO PT/RATING

RISKS TO UPSIDE

- Stronger-than-expected gold prices move the share price toward our bull case
- Further RMB depreciation
- Production volume increases more than expected

RISKS TO DOWNSIDE

- Falling gold prices amid US dollar strength
- Execution risk in new projects
- Increased borrowings lead to higher financing costs and weigh on near-term earnings

OWNERSHIP POSITIONING



MS ESTIMATES VS. CONSENSUS



Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research

Risk Reward Reference links

- 1. View explanation of Options Probabilities methodology Options_Probabilities_Exhibit_Link.pdf
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Not-Rated/Hold	2	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%
Underweight/Sell	610	17%	68	11%	11%	224	14%
Total	3,623		641			1547	

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COMPANY (TICKER)	RATING (AS OF)	PRICE* (07/21/2023)
Chris Jiang		
CGN Mining Co Ltd (1164.HK)	O (01/18/2023)	HK\$0.80
Hannah Yang, CFA		
CSG Holding Co., Ltd. (000012.SZ)	U (07/04/2022)	Rmb5.93
Flat Glass Group Co Ltd (6865.HK)	O (07/30/2020)	HK\$23.00
Flat Glass Group Co Ltd (601865.SS)	O (07/30/2020)	Rmb33.90
Jiangsu Pacific Quartz Co Ltd (603688.SS)	E (04/25/2023)	Rmb103.62
MMG Ltd (1208.HK)	U (07/13/2022)	HK\$2.78
Shandong Pharmaceutical Glass Co. Ltd. (600529.SS)	O (01/04/2021)	Rmb26.29
Triumph New Energy Co Ltd (1108.HK)	O (07/14/2021)	HK\$5.89
Triumph New Energy Co Ltd (600876.SS)	O (07/14/2021)	Rmb16.17
Xinyi Glass Holding Limited (0868.HK)	E (09/30/2021)	HK\$11.78
Zhuzhou Kibing Group Co Ltd (601636.SS)	U (07/04/2022)	Rmb8.58
Rachel L Zhang		
Aluminum Corp. of China Ltd. (601600.SS)	O (11/30/2020)	Rmb5.86
Aluminum Corp. of China Ltd. (2600.HK)	O (11/30/2020)	HK\$3.52
Angang Steel Company Limited (0347.HK)	0 (11/28/2013)	HK\$2.06
Angang Steel Company Limited (000898.SZ)	O (01/09/2018)	Rmb2.80
Baoshan Iron & Steel (600019.SS)	O (01/16/2016)	Rmb5.76
Beijing New Building Materials PLC (000786.SZ)	O (10/20/2022)	Rmb25.62
Beijing Oriental Yuhong Waterproof Techn (002271.SZ)	O (10/20/2022)	Rmb27.59
China Jushi (600176.SS)	0 (12/22/2020)	Rmb13.98
China Lesso Group Holdings Ltd (2128.HK)	U (10/20/2022)	HK\$4.91
CMOC Group Ltd (3993.HK)	O (09/24/2019)	HK\$4.86
CMOC Group Ltd (603993.SS)	E (09/24/2019)	Rmb5.81
Ganfeng Lithium Co. Ltd. (002460.SZ)	E (06/16/2020)	Rmb58.44
Ganfeng Lithium Co. Ltd. (1772.HK)	O (06/16/2020)	HK\$49.50
Guangdong Jia Yuan Technology Co., Ltd. (688388.SS)	U (04/25/2023)	Rmb23.96

Henan Liliang Diamond Co. Ltd (301071.SZ)	O (06/14/2022)	Rmb39.90
Jiangxi Copper (0358.HK)	0 (09/24/2019)	HK\$12.48
Jiangxi Copper (600362.SS)	E (09/24/2019)	Rmb19.05
JL Mag Rare-Earth Co. Ltd (6680.HK)	0 (05/26/2022)	HK\$12.88
JL Mag Rare-Earth Co. Ltd (300748.SZ)	E (05/26/2022)	Rmb18.10
Lee & Man Paper Manufacturing (2314.HK)	E (01/04/2023)	HK\$2.57
Maanshan Iron & Steel (0323.HK)	E (03/24/2021)	HK\$1.42
Maanshan Iron & Steel (600808.SS)	E (03/24/2021)	Rmb2.58
Nine Dragons Paper (2689.HK)	E (01/04/2023)	HK\$4.81
Nuode New Materials Co Ltd (600110.SS)	U (04/25/2023)	Rmb6.91
Shandong Nanshan Aluminium Co. (600219.SS)	0 (11/30/2020)	Rmb3.09
Tianqi Lithium Industries Inc. (9696.HK)	0 (08/22/2022)	HK\$47.90
Tianqi Lithium Industries Inc. (002466.SZ)	0 (08/22/2022)	Rmb66.23
Tongling Jingda Special Magnet Wire Co (600577.SS)	E (04/25/2023)	Rmb4.18
Weixing New Building Materials (002372.SZ)	0 (10/20/2022)	Rmb20.22
Sara Chan		
FangDa Carbon New Material Co. Ltd. (600516.SS)	O (01/05/2021)	Rmb5.97
Shandong Gold Mining Co. Ltd (600547.SS)	U (11/06/2018)	Rmb25.35
Shandong Gold Mining Co. Ltd (1787.HK)	E (11/06/2018)	HK\$15.96
Zhaojin Mining Industry (1818.HK)	E (03/25/2021)	HK\$11.48
Zhongjin Gold Corp. Ltd. (600489.SS)	E (04/13/2022)	Rmb11.13
Zijin Mining Group (2899.HK)	O (07/09/2019)	HK\$12.74
Zijin Mining Group (601899.SS)	0 (07/13/2022)	Rmb12.53
Yujie Wang		
Chengxin Lithium Group Co. Ltd. (002240.SZ)	E (11/25/2022)	Rmb27.70
China Steel Corp. (2002.TW)	U (01/04/2023)	NT\$29.25
GEM Co Ltd (002340.SZ)	E (07/13/2022)	Rmb6.92
Sinomine Resource Group Co Ltd (002738.SZ)	0 (11/25/2022)	Rmb46.06
Yongxing Special Materials Technology (002756.SZ)	E (11/25/2022)	Rmb53.42
Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt Co Ltd (603799.SS)	0 (02/23/2021)	Rmb49.82

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