

4<sup>th</sup> quartile, energy-exposed player

## Underperform maintained, TP cut to PLN92

We believe the Chinese news flow remains uninspiring, as surprisingly weak GDP / PMI / real estate data mitigate hypothetical positive impact of stimulus. Most importantly, China is deliberately devaluing its currency, which may trim global USD-denominated demand for commodities and copper, potentially exposing price of the latter to the downside, we assume. In short-term, KGHM faces high exposure to energy prices, which negatively distinguishes the Polish company among world miners. Take-or-pay gas contracts, and high electricity price may result in PLN2-4bn downside to company's 2023E EBITDA y/y, we calculate. Finally, KGHM is also ahead of dozen-year heavy capex cycle (new mine, renewables), weakening its investment appeal in our view. In our model we assume KGHM's extraction tax will remain at 60% terminally (vs 85% until 2022, positive news to be announced in Nov2022, we believe), but global and local inflationary pressures cancel out its positive impact valuation-wise. KGHM is 4<sup>th</sup> quartile copper producer, thus it is most exposed to potential commodities' downside (mitigated potentially by zloty weakening), and its short- to long-term opex and capex outlooks remain discouraging, in our view.

**Chinese yuan depreciation, risk to copper price.** China macro and geopolitical situation is a wild card for us. We still tend to believe USD/CNY exchange rate should continue to depreciate. Weaker China currency is influencing mining cost curves, which drives down industrial commodity prices. With CNY depreciating, large chunk of global demand volumes would move copper demand line to the left. Copper supply curve seems to be steep on the right side, so any decrease in demand has got the capacity to trim copper price significantly, we believe.

**Readying for extreme pressure at energy opex in 2023/2024E.** KGHM is the Polish largest electricity user, with quite thin 2023E hedging at 25-30%. Also, company's take-or-pay contracts for gas bode poorly for its opex outlook, we believe. Prices of both electricity and gas have grown substantially in the recent months, hence we believe KGHM's unavoidable 2023/24E gas and electricity exposure negatively distinguishes the Polish company among world miners (we see 2023E delta at opex at PLN2.3bn, seeing electricity price optimistically at PLN900/MWh).

**Downside risks vs. potential positives.** The global pace of growth and cash availability are respectively the key upside and downside risks for the company. The pandemic may stall the former, though pandemic-driven supply limitations could prove supportive, as could any new monetary stimulus, we believe. The world's renewables focus should support demand for copper in the long term. Changes in extraction tax would affect KGHM's EBITDA and valuation, while participation in state-run or other new projects could pose a threat to FCFs. The parent company's mining volumes (a major source of EBITDA) may start sliding, implying downside to KGHM's results and valuation. The new partner in Sierra Gorda might help to unlock Sierra Gorda oxides' upside. The Chilean extraction tax remains a risk to Sierra Gorda FCFs, yet we think the outcome of local parliamentary elections should trim this risk.

**Changes to forecasts & valuation.** We adjusted our model for current metals' prices and USDPLN exchange rate. Also, we adjusted it for impact of gas/electricity/inflation impacts, barely mitigated by extraction tax trimmed to 60% indefinitely. These result in 9-19% downsides to 2022/23E forecasts. Long-term opex challenges result in SoTP-based TP settling at PLN84 for Dec2023 (vs PLN94 for Dec2022 previously). 2023-24E comparative valuation falls 40%, depressing our blended TP to PLN92. Lack of TP upside, opex / capex challenges and macro uncertainty makes us keep KGHM at Underperform.

## KGHM: Financial summary

PLNmnn	2019	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
Revenue	22,723	23,632	29,803	33,538	33,799	34,467
EBITDA incl. SG	5,227	6,623	10,327	9,531	6,167	6,695
EBIT	2,794	3,348	4,710	5,352	2,181	2,822
Net profit	1,428	1,797	6,156	5,497	1,146	1,672
P/E (x)	13.0	12.1	5.9	3.7	19.3	15.8
EV/EBITDA* (x)	6.4	5.5	4.8	3.3	5.3	5.3
DY	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	3.0%	2.7%	0.5%

Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland estimates, \* incl. Sierra Gorda

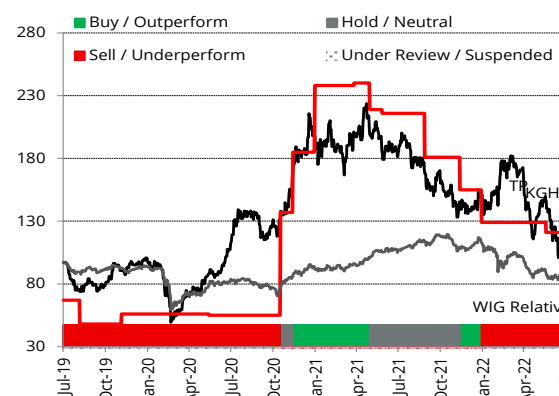
## Recommendation

## Underperform

Price (PLN, 24 August 2022)	100.8
Target price (PLN, Dec'23)	92
Market cap. (PLNmnn)	20,160
Free float (%)	68.2
Number of shares (mn)	200.0

## What has changed

- TP cut to PLN92 from PLN121, recommendation Underperform maintained
- Question marks concerning Chinese demand, and devaluation of CNY pose material downside risk to commodities / copper pricing, we believe
- Energy-cost exposure (potential downside to 2023E EBITDA ranging at PLN2-4bn) negatively distinguishes company among world miners
- We keep extraction tax flat at 60% (valuation-supportive), which neutralizes inflationary pressures at SoTP valuation, applying 30% risk that it will be restored to 85%
- Multi-billion (and multi-year) capex on maintenance of Polish mining capacity and renewables highlight that KGHM's investment cycle is at its through
- An all-metal rally represents upside risk to our call, as does the weakening of zloty. The accelerated decline of Polish copper volumes, no change at Polish extraction tax, stabilization of electricity / gas prices at current levels and high Polish inflation rate all pose downside risks to KGHM



The chart measures performance against the WIG index.

## Main shareholders

## % of votes

State Treasury	31.8
NN Pension Fund	6.8
Aviva OFE	5.3

Source: stooq.com

## Company description

KGHM is one of the world's largest copper extraction companies, and the number two global silver producer. It also operates projects in Canada, the US and Chile.

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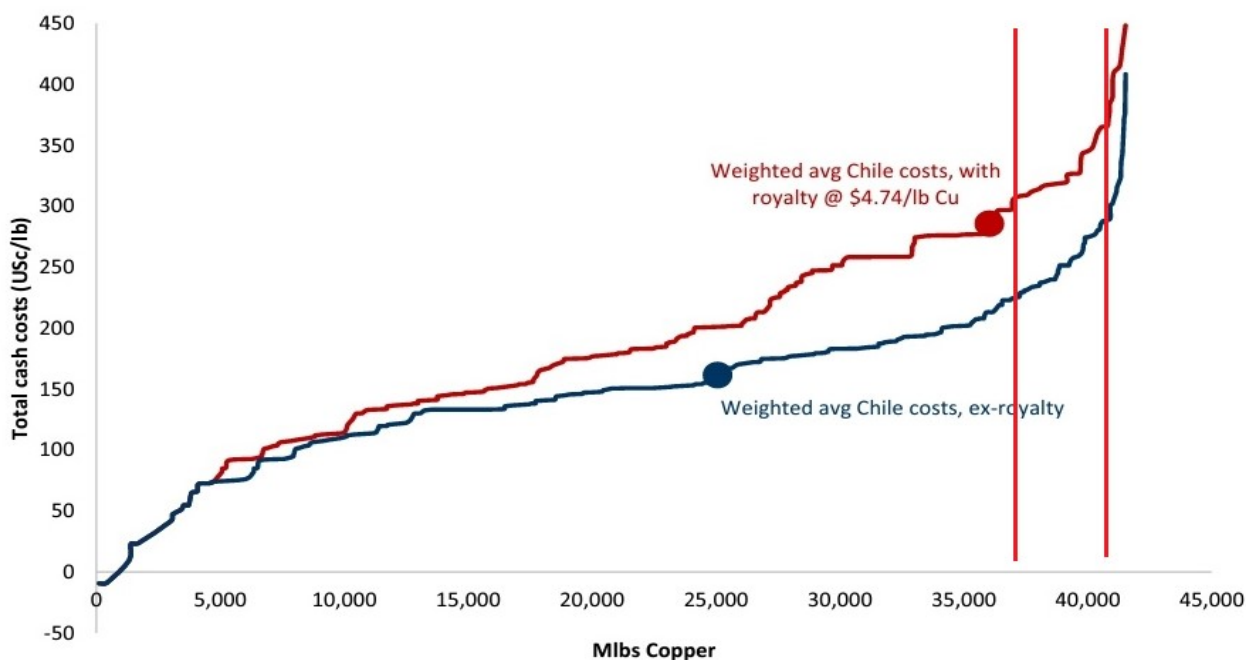
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## Key Stories

### 1) Chinese yuan depreciation, risk to copper price?

*[an excerpt from Flash note 'Market Strategy Update: From inflation risks to deflation risks?' published on August 16, 2022 by Piotr Zielonka, CFA and Kamil Stolarski, CFA]*

Fig. 1. Copper cost curve with demand line



Source: Wood MacKenzie

China macro and geopolitical situation is a wild card for us. We still tend to believe USD/CNY exchange rate should continue to depreciate. Weaker China currency is influencing mining cost curves, which drives down industrial commodity prices. Weak commodities should help contain inflation risks.

In the chart above we present copper cost curve. Strong USD is generally forcing the curve to move down as majority of copper producers are EM and their currencies usually weaken vs the USD. But USD/CNY is even more important for copper prices due to the impact on demand line (we present only theoretical demand lines). With CNY depreciating, demand volumes will go down moving demand line to the left. Copper supply curve seems to be steep on the right side, so any decrease in demand is decreasing copper price significantly (copper prices decreased by 30% since beginning of June).

## 2) Ready for extreme pressure at energy opex in 2023/2024E

KGHM is the Polish largest electricity user, with annual usage (parent company) at 3TWh p.a. Additionally, company is consuming large amounts of gas, totalling some 300mn cubic meters per annum. We were informed at the confcall that KGHM's 2023E electricity price hedging settles at 25-30%, and that the company is paying for its gas under take-or-pay contracts. Prices of both electricity and gas have risen substantially in the recent months, hence we believe KGHM's unavoidable gas and electricity exposure negatively distinguishes the Polish company among world miners.

KGHM may continue replacing gas with coal, but take-or-pay gas contracts should result in KGHM's gas bill rising very substantially already in 4Q2022E, we believe. Overall, at current gas prices KGHM's quarterly gas cost might grow to levels expected by the company for the entire 2022, we assume. In electricity, hedging remains thin, and hedging price is most likely substantially higher vs 2022 electricity prices (KGHM admitted it was hedging its 2023 electricity price from late 2021 till today). We cannot rule out some kind of long-term arrangement, letting KGHM report its 2023E electricity price at PLN900/MWh (our core scenario) and implying 2023E electricity cost PLN1.2bn higher y/y. However, if KGHM were to pay market electricity prices in 2023E (PLN1.8k/MWh), its electricity cost could expand to PLN6.3bn, PLN3.9bn y/y downside vs 2022E electricity bill.

### **[+] Aug2022 KPIs: Weak monthly production in every segment, KGHM Int.'s copper falls to all-time low**

*[published in Flash note on August 24, 2022]*

Below we list key takeaways from the company's July 2022 volumes:

- **Parent company (weak):** weak monthly mining production both at copper and silver, with mid-single digit declines y/y and calendar-adjusted m/m. Anticipated rebound at electrolytic copper, up 6% m/m, yet production from own concentrate still below 30kt per month. Weak-ish monthly production of metallic silver and TPMs. Very weak copper/silver/TPM sales volumes, but we believe it remains of minor importance to quarterly volumes;
- **KGHM International (exceptionally weak):** weakest monthly copper and TPM production in project's history. At copper, disposal of Franke mine

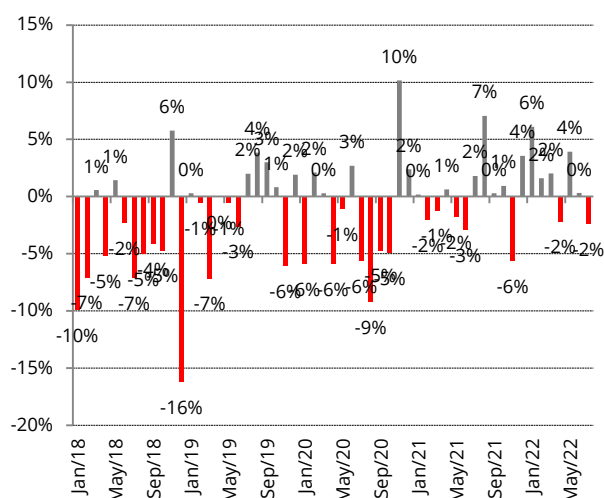
trimmed volume by 0.9kt y/y, and Robinson mine volume comes in weak again, down 1.3kt y/y. No explanation for 37% m/m decline at TPM volume, other than striking Robinson mine weakness;

- **Sierra Gorda (weak):** copper volume rebounded vs very weak June 2022, but remains 27% weaker y/y due to low metal content in processed ore. Company suggests the change in hardness feed should result in higher monthly volumes, but does not provide any deadlines. Moly volumes remain on the slide, down 33-34% y/y and m/m.

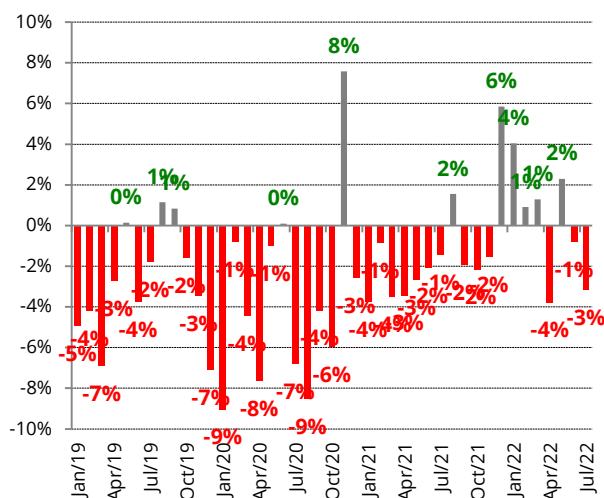
**Comment: July 2022 volumes: Negative.** Parent company's mining production come in weak-ish in July 2022, down mid-single digit both y/y and calendar-adj. m/m. Electrolytic copper production from own concentrate rebounded as expected, but still remains below 30k mark. Monthly production in Aug-Dec 2022 has to remain above 37k threshold if KGHM intends to meet its FY2022 budget, we calculate, which turns into a challenge in our view. Weakness at Robinson output and lack of Franke contribution resulted in KGHM Int. monthly copper and TPM production falling to all-time lows. Sierra Gorda copper production rebounded vs. very weak June, but still remains weak in July, 27% weaker y/y and 7% below 1H22 avg. monthly production.

**2022 budget delivery.** July 2022 did not bring any major changes to parent company's budget delivery, with most volumes ahead of FY2022 budget except for own metallurgical copper remaining 9% below budget. KGHM Int. remains 29% above budget at copper, but Franke disposal and Robinson's July weakness trimmed annualized budget beat by 9pp (from 38% beat in June) just in one month. Budget beat is almost warranted at KGHM Int., as we see that, but please note that 2022 Franke volumes were probably not included in KGHM's FY22 budgeting. Sierra Gorda weak-ish copper production depresses its annualized YTD production 3% below budget at copper, and if project continues delivering 0.2mn lbs moly per month, today's Sierra Gorda 25% budget beat (based on strong 1H22 volumes) would be nullified, we calculate.

**Fig. 2. Parent company's change at production/day y/y change**

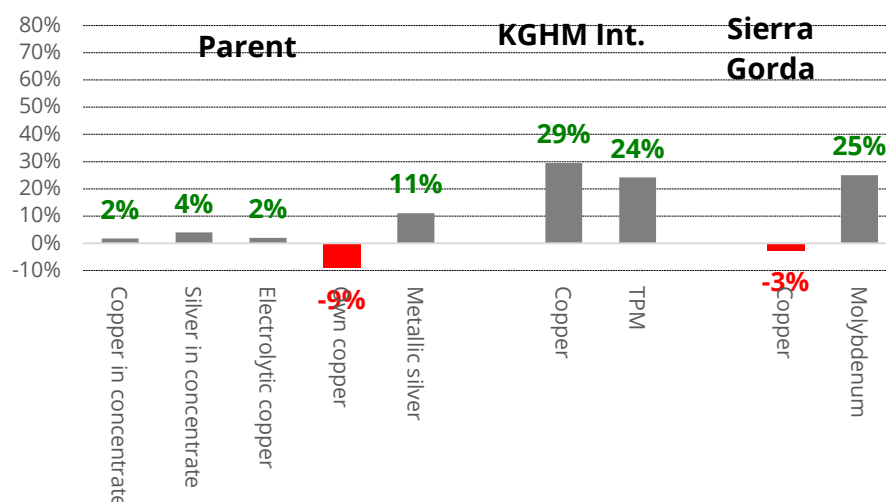


**Fig. 3. Parent company's change at production/day Specific month vs average of these months in three preceding years**



Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland estimates for both graphs

Fig. 4. KGHM: 2022 budget delivery\* by segment



Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland estimates, \* working-day recalculation of Jan-Jun2022 volumes

Fig. 5. KGHM Group volumes

	Apr22	May22	Jun22	Jul22	y/y	m/m	Cal-adj. m/m	3Q22*	y/y	q/q
<b>KGHM parent</b>										
<b>Mine production</b>										
copper in concentrate (kt)	31.3	34.5	33.1	<b>32.3</b>	-4.7%	-2.4%	-3.6%	<b>97</b>	-3.6%	-1.7%
silver in concentrate (kt)	105.1	116.4	110.4	<b>108.8</b>	-2.6%	-1.4%	-2.6%	<b>327</b>	-2.7%	-1.3%
<b>Metallurgical prod.</b>										
Electrolytic copper (kt)	48.1	50.4	46.7	<b>49.5</b>	-0.4%	6.0%	4.7%	<b>149</b>	1.4%	2.6%
- including from own concentrate	28.5	28.5	25.5	<b>29.6</b>	-7.2%	16.1%	14.7%	<b>89</b>	-5.0%	8.0%
Metallic silver (t)	83.5	123.6	121.6	<b>117.6</b>	4.2%	-3.3%	-4.5%	<b>354</b>	9.5%	7.7%
<b>Sales</b>										
Copper sales (t)	49.7	46.3	53.4	<b>42.6</b>	1.9%	-20.2%	-21.2%	<b>128</b>	-2.9%	-14.2%
Silver sales (t)	93.5	104.1	135.4	<b>114.8</b>	-3.0%	-15.2%	-16.2%	<b>346</b>	4.3%	3.8%
<b>KGHM International</b>										
<b>Production</b>										
Payable copper (kt)	7.1	6.2	5.3	<b>3.6</b>	-39.0%	-32.1%	-32.9%	<b>10.8</b>	-43.0%	-41.7%
TPM (koz t)	7.4	6.9	5.4	<b>3.4</b>	-19.0%	-37.0%	-37.8%	<b>10.2</b>	-25.8%	-48.1%
<b>Sales</b>										
Copper sales (kt)	5.2	4.5	4.5	<b>2.3</b>	-58.2%	-48.9%	-49.5%	<b>6.9</b>	-65.4%	-51.2%
TPM sales (koz t)	5.9	5.7	4.3	<b>2.6</b>	-16.1%	-39.5%	-40.3%	<b>7.8</b>	-31.4%	-50.8%
<b>Sierra Gorda (55%)</b>										
<b>Production</b>										
Payable copper (kt)	6.8	7.7	6.1	<b>6.9</b>	-25.8%	13.1%	11.8%	<b>20.8</b>	-23.9%	0.8%
Molybdenum (mn lbs)	0.1	0.4	0.3	<b>0.2</b>	-33.3%	-33.3%	-34.1%	<b>0.6</b>	-75.9%	-24.8%
TPM (koz t)	2.7	3.7	2.5	<b>2.2</b>	-8.3%	-12.0%	-13.1%	<b>6.6</b>	-23.9%	-25.6%
<b>Sales</b>										
Copper sales (kt)	7.0	7.4	5.9	<b>6.6</b>	-36.5%	11.9%	10.5%	<b>19.9</b>	-28.8%	-2.1%
Molybdenum sales (mn lbs)	0.5	0.5	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	50.0%	50.0%	48.2%	<b>0.9</b>	-46.9%	-24.8%
TPM (koz t)	2.6	3.1	2.6	<b>2.2</b>	-18.5%	-15.4%	-16.4%	<b>6.6</b>	-21.2%	-20.2%

Source: company data, Santander Brokerage Poland, \* based on calendar-day adjusted production in July

## **[-] Unique items trigger 2Q22's 15% EBITDA miss, opex inflationary pressures accelerate...**

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**Fig. 6. KGHM: 2Q2022 results' review**

PLNm	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22	2Q22	y/y	q/q	SANe	Cons.
Sales	5,649	5,632	7,052	6,745	7,761	7,229	8,068	8,993	<b>8,933</b>	15.1%	-0.7%	8,993	9,066
EBITDA	1,522	1,767	2,205	2,608	2,705	2,417	2,597	3,133	<b>2,176</b>	-19.6%	-30.5%	2,497	2,537
EBITDA margin	26.9%	31.4%	31.3%	38.7%	34.9%	33.4%	32.2%	34.8%	<b>24.4%</b>	-10.5	-10.5	27.8%	28.0%
EBIT	645	966	1,055	1,442	1,364	1,065	839	1,801	<b>1,230</b>	-9.8%	-31.7%	1,165	1,707
EBIT margin	11.4%	17.2%	15.0%	21.4%	17.6%	14.7%	10.4%	20.0%	<b>13.8%</b>	-3.8	-6.3	13.0%	18.8%
Net profit	9	473	562	1,365	2,358	1,039	1,393	1,899	<b>1,409</b>	-40.2%	-25.8%	1,409	1,330
Net margin	0.2%	8.4%	8.0%	20.2%	30.4%	14.4%	17.3%	21.1%	<b>15.8%</b>	-14.6	-5.3	15.7%	14.7%

Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland estimates

### Key takeaways from KGHM's 2Q2022 quarterly results:

- One-offs. EBITDA. Sierra Gorda's delayed shipments resulted in almost PLN200mn mark-to-marking effect (company sold volume at certain time at higher price, client received it later and paid lower market price). FX differences and hedging settlements drove parent company's bottom line above company's internal estimates, which made KGHM create almost PLN0.1bn provision (depressing parent company's EBITDA) for 2-4Q2022 personnel bonuses. Additionally, parent company's 'other tax and charges' opex line settles some PLN0.1bn below 1-t quarterly average. Cash generation. Disposal of Interferie subsidiary (some PLN40mn inflow), Franke mine (some PLN140mn inflow) and oxides project to Sierra Gorda (PLN100mn) support company's net cash by some PLN0.23bn, we calculate. This is offset by heavy PLN1.1bn income tax paid. Bottom line. PLN0.25bn quarterly net FX gain and PLN0.4bn quarterly financial assets' fair value gain drive very strong parent company / Group's bottom line, respectively at PLN1.9bn / PLN2.3bn;
- Segmental EBITDA. KGHM International at PLN213mn, down 28% y/y, broadly in line with expectations. Very weak Sierra Gorda at PLN333mn, down 60% y/y and q/q, due to PLN0.2bn mark-to-marking resulting from delayed shipments. Below-estimate parent company at PLN1.52bn, +5% y/y and down 19% q/q, mostly due to PLN0.1bn provision for bonuses;
- Parent company opex. Very high personnel costs at PLN1.3bn, up 20% y/y and up 35% q/q. Adjusted for bonus provisioning expected at PLN0.1bn, growth at 11% y/y. extraction tax at PLN809mn, down 12% y/y and down 4% q/q. Materials & Energy (other than scrap) at PLN1.2bn, up 78% y/y and up 10% q/q. External services up 16% y/y. 'Other tax and charges' surprisingly low at PLN22mn, down 85/90% y/y and q/q. Total expenses by nature at PLN6.7bn, up 18% y/y and up 9% q/q, reported opex at PLN6.5bn, up 20% y/y and up 9% q/q;
- Cash Flow, capex, Net Debt. Net cash from operating activities at negative PLN135mn due to very high income tax paid at PLN1.1bn, totaling PLN1.6bn



in 1H2022, vs PLN2.3bn in 1H2021. Working Capital at neg. PLN0.8bn, totaling neg. PLN1.4bn in 1H2022 vs neg. PLN1.7bn in 1H2021. Capex at PLN0.8bn in 2Q2022, totaling PLN1.5bn in 1H2022. Net debt (net of derivatives) grows PLN0.8bn q/q to PLN3.4bn, net debt-to-EBITDA ratio up insignificantly q/q to 0.33x.

**Comment: Negative.** KGHM posts 2Q2022 EBITDA at PLN2.2bn, 14% below consensus, coming in line with our expectations at bottom line. While we attribute PLN0.3bn EBITDA miss to one-off events, some PLN0.3bn cash has been lost vs consensus. Parent company's opex rallies 20% y/y to all-time high PLN6.7bn (costs adj. for depreciation/extraction tax/scrap up 28% y/y), with energy's 78% y/y growth representing the key driver. 2Q22 EBITDA miss, rallying opex outlook and metal prices keeping 2H2022E top line under pressure all warrant negative outlook, we believe.

Company's EBITDA suffered due to PLN0.2bn marking-to-market loss at Sierra Gorda (delays in dispatches trimmed SG's top line), and high FX gains (and implied high 2Q/1H22 bottom line) made company create some PLN0.1bn provision for 2022 bonuses. Parent company's costs by nature grow 18% y/y to PLN6.7bn (costs adj. for scrap/extraction tax/depreciation/ up 28% y/y), the highest reading(s) ever. These are driven by energy (up 78% y/y) personnel (+20% y/y) and third-party services (+16% y/y), yet 'other taxes/charges' position comes in surprisingly low (PLN100mn below past quarterly average), suggesting total costs might be understated.

At net debt, heavy tax paid at PLN1.1bn depressed operating cash flow into red, despite PLN0.25bn gains on disposals.

**Fig. 7. KGHM: EBITDA breakdown**

PLNmn	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22	2Q22	y/y	q/q	SANe
<b>Group</b>	<b>1,522</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>2,608</b>	<b>2,705</b>	<b>2,417</b>	<b>2,597</b>	<b>3,133</b>	<b>2,176</b>	-19.6%	-30.5%	<b>2,481</b>
Parent	1,031	1,121	1,406	1,675	1,482	1,115	1,202	1,924	<b>1,551</b>	4.7%	-19.4%	1,663
KGHM Int.	110	233	213	238	295	460	347	361	<b>213</b>	-27.8%	-41.0%	259
Sierra Gorda	324	351	567	643	835	759	930	821	<b>333</b>	-60.1%	-59.4%	533

Source: Company data

**Fig. 8. KGHM: Cash Costs**

USD/lb	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22	2Q22	y/y	q/q
<b>Group</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>1.56</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>1.82</b>	<b>1.96</b>	<b>2.03</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.19</b>	<b>2.18</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>
Parent company	1.59	1.61	1.68	1.93	2.30	2.48	2.32	2.40	<b>2.42</b>	5.2%	0.8%
KGHMI	1.83	1.62	2.00	2.32	1.83	1.67	2.27	2.23	<b>1.77</b>	-3.3%	-20.6%
Sierra Gorda	1.34	1.21	1.08	0.93	0.81	0.71	0.69	1.35	<b>1.41</b>	74.1%	4.4%

Source: Company data

**...and 2Q2022 confcall takeaways: Working Capital supportive to cash, energy alone to trim 2023E EBITDA by PLN3.4bn?**

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Key takeaways from yesterday's conference call with company's management:

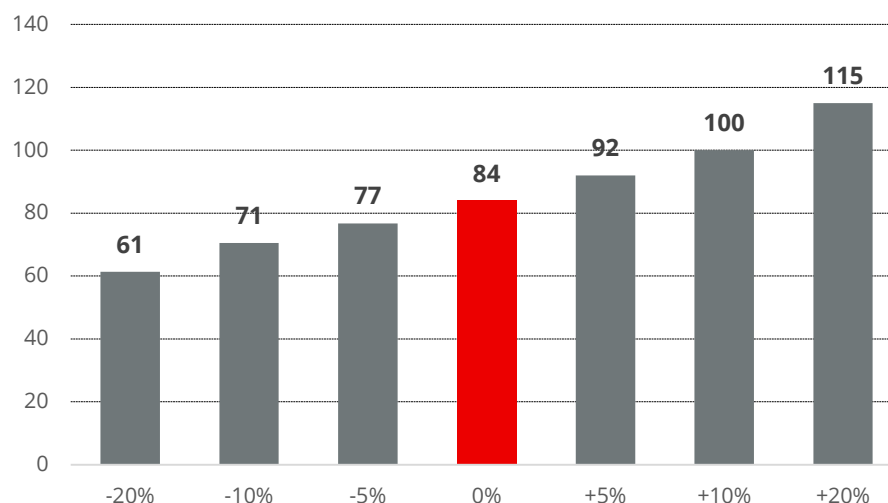
- Company is not adjusting its FY2022 parent company unit cost, presented at PLN26.5k/t in January 2022 along with FY2022 budget;

- Volume production in Siera Gorda is stronger in July and August versus 2Q2022, project managers are doing their best to make up for weak-ish 2Q2022 in terms of FY2022 volume;
- The company does not feel the slowdown in China, sales to China are progressing smoothly, some European customers are accelerating their copper purchases;
- In 2Q2022 cost of diesel fuel grew 55% y/y in Chile. In Poland, electricity cost is 84% higher y/y, while acc. to the management costs of materials grew significantly more than price of electricity;
- In Chile, copper is sold in up to 3-month contracts to China. Marking-to-market occurs every quarter, but it used to trigger negligible EBITDA impact during stable copper prices, while management estimates mark-to-market impact at PLN120mn in 2Q2022;
- KGHM reduced gas-fired heat production in Polkowice, replacing it with coal-fired production. KGHM representatives claim company gas got enough coal on stock for this heating season;
- KGHM wants to reduce internal gas consumption from 2.5TWh to 1.9TWh in 2023. However, the company has got long-term take-or-pay contract;
- At Working Capital, company increased its inventory after the outbreak of the war, semi-finished products also remained on the rise, and KGMH also built its inventory of materials. As of 3Q2022, company is planning to reduce its stock (both copper and materials);
- KGHM is applying rolling electricity price hedging for 2023, its 2023 hedging settles at 25-30% presently, with prices hedged from 2021 till today;
- KGHM maintains 30% pay-out dividend plan for 2023;
- Company keeps lobbying for reduction in extraction tax;
- KGHM International mines from Sudbury basin are for sale, but first it is necessary to sort out their ownership structure. Carlota mine (also KGHM Int.) was for sale, but there was no interest.



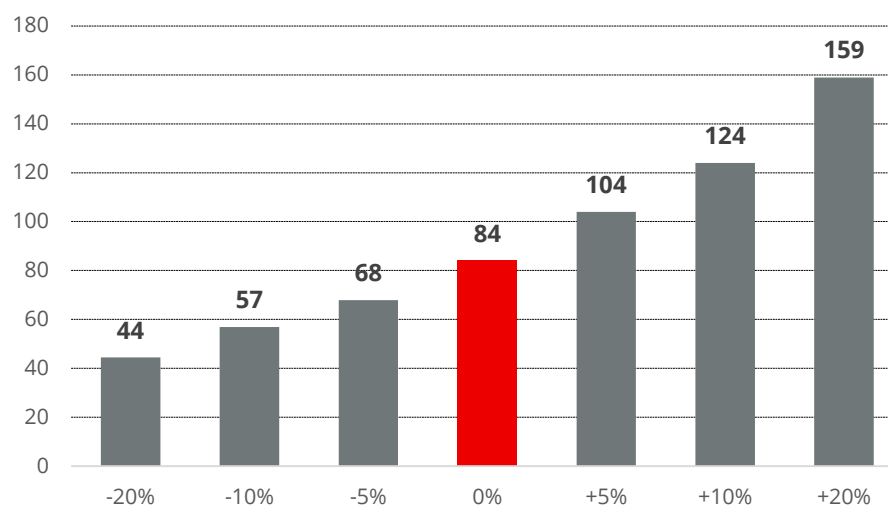
## KGHM's valuation sensitivity

**Fig. 9. KGHM: SoTP target price sensitivity to changes in gold / silver / TPM prices [PLN]**



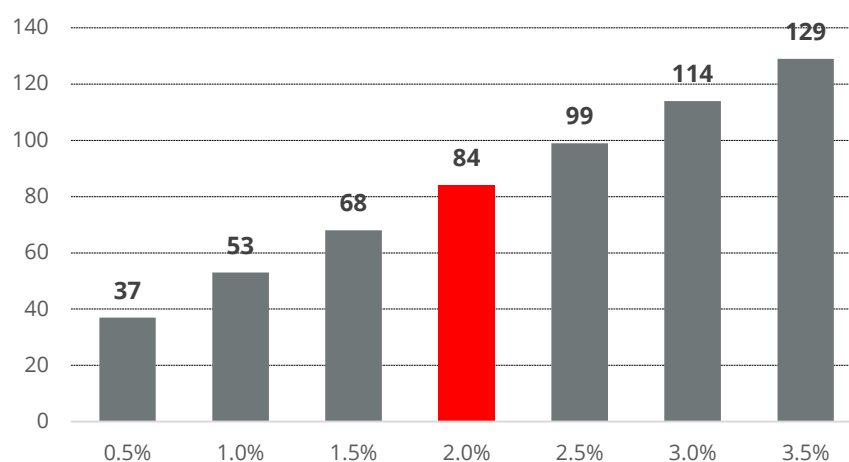
Source: Santander Brokerage Poland estimates

**Fig. 10. KGHM: SoTP target price sensitivity to changes in copper / moly prices [PLN]**



Source: Santander Brokerage Poland estimates

**Fig. 11. KGHM: SoTP target price sensitivity to changes in all-metal price inflation [PLN]\***



Source: Santander Brokerage Poland estimates, \* X axis presents all-metal per annum inflation

## Key assumptions

**Fig. 12. KGHM: Key assumptions – parent company**

Year to December	unit	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	...	2025E
USDPLN exchange rate		3.16	3.74	3.91	3.78	3.61	3.84	3.88	3.86	4.41	4.50		4.20
<b>Prices</b>													
Copper	USD/t	6,830	5,493	4,871	6,174	6,456	6,001	6,059	9,302	8,863	8,560		9,572
Silver	USD/troz	19.07	15.71	17.11	17.08	15.72	16.05	20.33	25.18	21.55	21.23		24.41
Gold	USD/troz	1,266	1,161	1,249	1,259	1,265	1,395	1,769	1,804	1,834	1,865		1,995
<b>Volumes - Production</b>													
Copper	kt	578	611	535	522	502	566	561	569	585	585		585
incl. copper scrap	kt	157	190	159	163	117	165	138	185	191	203		211
incl. own copper	kt	421	421	375	359	385	399	413	384	394	382		374
Silver	t	1256	1283	1191	1217	1264	1249	1,218	1,303	1,280	1,280		1280
Gold / TPM	k troz	83	94	114	117	83	104	97	81	78	76		76
<b>Volumes - Sales</b>													
Copper	kt	573	571	525	506	515	557	561	562	583	585		585
incl. copper scrap	kt	157	190	159	163	117	165	138	185	191	203		211
incl. own copper	kt	416	381	366	343	398	392	423	376	392	382		374
Silver	t	1263	1605	1168	1185	1228	1393	1,369	1,270	1,332	1,280		1280
<b>Costs</b>													
Mining Cash Costs	PLNmn	13121	12655	12436	12899	13460	15291	16,161	20,514	24,132	27,494		26695
<b>C1 cash cost</b>	<b>USD/lb</b>	1.82	1.56	1.20	1.72	2.02	1.66	1.40	2.39	2.62	3.31		3.09

Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland estimates

**Fig. 13. KGHM: Key assumptions – KGHM International (ex. Sierra Gorda project)**

	unit	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	...	2025E
USDPLN exchange rate		3.16	3.74	3.91	3.78	3.61	3.84	3.88	3.86	4.41	4.50		4.20
<b>Prices</b>													
Copper	USD/t	6,830	5,493	4,871	6,174	6,456	6,001	6,059	9,302	8,863	8,560		9,572
TPM	USD/troz	1266	1161	1249	1259	1265	1,395	1,769	1,804	1,834	1,865		1995
<b>Volumes - Production</b>													
Copper	kt	86	98	90	81	79	77	67	72	67	58		55
Nickel	kt	3	2	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0		0
TPM	k troz	70	95	92	74	68	85	66	52	65	58		55
<b>Volumes - Sales</b>													
Copper	kt		99	90	80	78	72	72	66	58	58		55
Nickel	kt		2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0		0
TPM	k troz		97	94	73	66	76	71	47	57	58		55
<b>Costs</b>													
Mining Cash Costs	USDmn		803	604	526	716	722	655	585	580	584		615
<b>C1 cash cost</b>	<b>USD/lb</b>		1.87	1.45	1.31	1.51	1.25	1.78	1.59	1.52	1.63		2.03

Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland estimates

**Fig. 14. KGHM: Key assumptions – Sierra Gorda project**

	unit	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	...	2025E
USDPLN exchange rate		3.16	3.74	3.91	3.78	3.61	3.84	3.88	3.86	4.41	4.50		4.20
<b>Prices</b>													
Copper	USD/t	6,830	5,493	4,871	6,174	6,456	6,001	6,059	9,302	8,863	8,560		9,572
Molybdenum	USD/lb	11.59	6.60	6.42	7.07	9.80	10.68	8.95	15.28	16.88	15.66		16.98
Gold	USD/troz	1266	1161	1249	1259	1265	1,395	1,769	1,804	1,834	1,865		1995
<b>Volumes - Production</b>													
Copper	kt		84	94	97	97	108	149	190	165	169		169
Molybdenum	m lb		7.0	22.2	35.7	26.8	20.3	16.5	11.1	5.3	2.9		1.2
Gold	k troz		0.0	41.5	50.9	42.1	56.7	57.3	44.4	52.3	48.0		48.0
<b>Volumes - Sales</b>													
Copper	kt		51	95	98	95	111	148	186	165	169		169
Molybdenum	m lb		4.3	24.2	35.3	30.9	21.2	16.9	14.7	5.8	2.9		1.2
Gold	k troz		25.4	41.5	50.9	40.4	58.4	56.6	55.9	53.0	48.0		48.0
<b>Costs</b>													
Mining Cash Costs	USDmn		471	938	898	934	852	958	1030	1138	1284		1500
<b>C1 cash cost</b>	<b>USD/lb</b>		2.58	1.95	1.30	1.00	1.15	0.92	0.66	1.36	1.92		2.57

Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland estimates

**Fig. 15. KGHM: Revenues / EBITDA – contribution by segment**

PLNmn (Year to Dec)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E
<b>Net sales, incl.</b>	<b>19,156</b>	<b>20,358</b>	<b>20,353</b>	<b>22,723</b>	<b>23,632</b>	<b>29,803</b>	<b>33,538</b>	<b>33,799</b>	<b>34,467</b>	<b>35,051</b>
Parent	15,112	16,024	15,757	17,683	19,326	24,618	28,725	28,913	29,657	30,225
KGHM International	2,535	2,608	2,864	3,087	2,703	3,122	3,210	3,284	3,207	3,223
Others	1,509	1,726	1,732	1,953	1,603	1,603	1,603	1,603	1,603	1,603
Sierra Gorda (55%, not incl.)	1,388	1,998	1,944	2,010	2,599	4,576	3,774	3,888	3,911	3,954
<b>EBITDA, incl.</b>	<b>4,784</b>	<b>5,814</b>	<b>4,971</b>	<b>5,227</b>	<b>6,623</b>	<b>10,327</b>	<b>9,531</b>	<b>6,167</b>	<b>6,695</b>	<b>7,975</b>
Parent	3,630	4,197	3,416	3,627	4,458	5,474	6,097	2,980	3,635	5,189
KGHM International	654	702	724	699	608	1,340	1,112	1,175	1,174	1,060
Others	313	309	201	241	211	346	346	346	346	346
Sierra Gorda (55%, incl.)	188	606	630	660	1,346	3,167	1,976	1,666	1,539	1,380

Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland estimates

## Valuation

### DCF valuation

Fig. 16. KGHM: WACC calculation

	2022-24E	2025-31E
Risk-free rate	6.0%	4.0%
Unlevered beta	1.00	1.00
Levered beta	1.16	1.16
Equity risk premium	5.5%	5.5%
<b>Cost of equity</b>	<b>12.4%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
Risk-free rate	6.0%	4.0%
Debt risk premium	1.0%	1.0%
Tax rate	19%	19%
<b>After tax cost of debt</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
%D	16%	16%
%E	84%	84%
<b>WACC</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>9.3%</b>

Source: Santander Brokerage Poland estimates

Fig. 17. KGHM: Parent company DCF valuation \*

PLNm	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>28,725</b>	<b>28,913</b>	<b>29,657</b>	<b>30,225</b>	<b>30,805</b>	<b>31,396</b>	<b>31,999</b>	<b>32,614</b>	<b>32,614</b>
EBIT	4,793	1,618	2,225	3,731	3,613	3,491	3,363	3,218	2,812
Cash taxes on EBIT	1,423	716	863	1,185	1,183	1,181	1,178	1,173	1,085
<b>NOPAT</b>	<b>3,370</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>2,546</b>	<b>2,430</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>2,185</b>	<b>2,045</b>	<b>1,727</b>
Depreciation	1,504	1,562	1,610	1,658	1,706	1,754	1,802	1,850	1,898
<b>Capital expenditure</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>2,750</b>
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>2,124</b>	<b>-285</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>1,237</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>875</b>
WACC	11.3%	11.3%	11.3%	9.3%	9.3%	9.3%	9.3%	9.3%	9.3%
PV FCF 2022-2030E	6,245								
Terminal growth	-1.0%								
Terminal Value (TV)	12,802								
PV TV	4,890								
<b>Total EV</b>	<b>11,134</b>								

Source: Santander Brokerage Poland estimates, \* forecasts do not include potential strategy update implications

According to the CEO, KGHM intends to focus on energy in its strategy update. KGHM requires 3TWh electricity per annum, and below we present our view of capacity and capex requirements for the company to become CO<sub>2</sub>-independent. According to our calculations, KGHM would have to spend PLN4.3bn to build zero-pollution capacity providing 50% of its electricity (strategic target).

Fig. 18. KGHM: Comparison of different zero-pollution technologies, all producing 1.5TWh p.a.

	Off-shore wind	Nuclear SMR	Onshore wind	Photovoltaics
Technology load factor	49%	85%	30%	11.5%
Capacity required [MW]	349	201	571	1,489
Total capex required [PLNm]	5,626	3,707	4,201	3,767
<b>Average capex requirement [PLNm]</b>				<b>4,325</b>

Source: Santander Brokerage Poland estimates

**Fig. 19. KGHM: SoTP valuation including possible energy transformation benefit**

	Copper replacement	Salt venture	Energy**
Capex [PLNmn] *	10,000	3,000	4,325
Net SoTP impact [PLNmn] ***	-3,436	-	2,263
<b>Per share impact [PLN/share]</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11</b>

Source: Santander Brokerage Poland estimates, \* our capex assumption, \*\* KGHM expects to build capacity providing 50% of its electricity needs, hence we included 50% of capex and SoTP impact in Energy, \*\*\* Copper: we assume capex offers no upside, Salt: recovery of capex should be expected, Energy: we estimate a PLN8.5bn terminal gain on KGHM's 50% renewable capacity overall energy transformation with a positive impact of PLN2.2bn above from energy (PLN8.5bn discounted gain less PLN4.3bn capex).

**Fig. 20. KGHM: SoTP valuation**

PLNmn	Current	PLN per share	Previous	Change
Parent company ***	11,134	56	11,226	-1%
Other assets*	1,929	10	1,930	0%
KGHM International*	3,061	15	2,725	12%
Sierra Gorda, Victoria*	7,290	36	8,206	-11%
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>23,414</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>24,087</b>	<b>-3%</b>
Net Debt ** / ***	9,900	50	7,771	27%
<b>Net Asset Value (Jan 2022)</b>	<b>13,514</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>16,316</b>	<b>-17%</b>
<b>Dec2023 Target Price</b>		<b>84</b>		

Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland estimates, \* assets valued based on our multi-year FCF forecasts, Victoria project valuation based on data provided by KGHM, \*\* Net debt increased for negative PLN6 per share impact of strategic investments presented at Fig.19 and assumed 30% probability that extraction tax will be upped back to 85%, \*\*\* energy-related capex transferred from Parent company to Net Debt

**Fig. 21. KGHM: Comparable valuation**

Company	Market Cap (EURmn)	P/E			EV/EBITDA			P/CE		
		2022E	2023E	2024E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2022E	2023E	2024E
International peers										
Anglo American	41106	5.8	6.9	7.4	3.1	3.4	3.7	4.2	4.5	4.8
BHP Group	141894	6.7	8.8	11.0	3.6	4.5	5.3	5.3	6.6	7.8
Antofagasta	13386	18.4	16.1	14.5	5.6	5.0	4.7	7.0	6.5	6.2
Freeport-McMoRan	44370	11.0	14.3	12.1	5.3	5.2	4.5	6.9	8.8	7.9
Southern Copper	37978	15.4	14.7	13.4	8.0	8.0	7.2	11.7	11.5	
Boliden	9259	8.0	11.0	10.6	4.5	5.6	5.4	5.4	6.4	6.2
Rio Tinto	97544	6.0	7.3	8.4	3.5	4.1	4.4	4.6	5.2	5.6
First Quantum Minerals	13083	11.0	12.4	8.8	5.3	5.1	4.1	5.9	6.0	4.8
Jiangxi Copper	6814	5.4	5.9	4.8	7.1	7.4	6.0	5.8	6.1	
Median		8.0	11.0	10.6	5.3	5.1	4.7	5.8	6.4	6.2

Source: Bloomberg consensus estimates, Santander Brokerage Poland estimates, share prices as of August 22, 2022

**Fig. 22. KGHM: Multiple-based valuation implications (PLN/share)**

	P/E 2023-24E	EV/EBITDA 2023-24E	P/CE 2023-24E	Average 2023-24E
Comparable valuation	76	139	114	<b>110</b>

Source: Bloomberg, Santander Brokerage Poland estimates

Please note that we expect KGHM results to deteriorate substantially in 2023/24E vs 2022E. As results' outlook comes in substantially more important to 2022 data, we decided to run comparative valuation based on years 2023-24 only, vs 2022-24E

previously. Comparative valuation based on 2022E data alone would imply three-ratio average Target Price at PLN227.

## Valuation summary

DCF remains our preferred valuation tool, as it relies more on the company's long-term outlook. Changes in financial results or changes in investors' preferences drive the comparable valuation, which we see as supportive to the DCF valuation methodology.

**Fig. 23. KGHM: Valuation changes\*\***

PLN per share	New	Previous	Change
DCF / SotP valuation	84	94	-11%
Comparable valuation (based on 2023-2024E)	110	184	-40%
<b>Blended valuation *</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>-24%</b>

Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland estimates, \* 70% DCF, 30% comparable valuation, \*\* rounded values

**Fig. 24. KGHM: Santander changes to forecasts**

PLNm	2022E			2023E			2024E		
	New	Previous	Change	New	Previous	Change	New	Previous	Change
Sales	33,538	35,117	-4%	33,799	35,408	-5%	34,467	35,054	-2%
EBITDA (incl. SG)	9,531	10,436	-9%	6,167	7,658	-19%	6,695	6,259	7%
EBIT	5,352	6,790	-21%	2,181	4,150	-47%	2,822	2,803	1%
Net profit	5,497	4,699	17%	1,146	2,204	-48%	1,672	1,175	42%

Source: Santander Brokerage Poland estimates

**Fig. 25. KGHM: Santander forecasts vs. market consensus**

PLNm	2022E			2023E			2024E		
	SANe	Cons.	Diff.	SANe	Cons.	Diff.	SANe	Cons.	Diff.
Sales	33,538	33,507	0%	33,799	32,473	4%	34,467	36,199	-5%
EBITDA (incl. SG)	9,531	8,866	8%	6,167	7,147	-14%	6,695	7,913	-15%
EBIT	5,352	6,433	-17%	2,181	4,759	-54%	2,822	4,608	-39%
Net profit	5,497	5,593	-2%	1,146	2,859	-60%	1,672	1,885	-11%

Source: Bloomberg, Santander Brokerage Poland estimates

## Financials

Fig. 26. KGHM: Income statement forecasts

PLNmn (year to December)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
<b>Net sales</b>	<b>20,353</b>	<b>22,723</b>	<b>23,632</b>	<b>29,803</b>	<b>33,538</b>	<b>33,799</b>	<b>34,467</b>
COGS, incl.	17,699	19,929	20,284	25,093	28,186	31,618	31,645
Depreciation	1,825	1,788	1,963	2,166	2,599	2,285	2,310
Polish extraction tax	1,671	1,520	1,625	3,348	3,002	2,767	2,898
<b>Adj. EBITDA (incl. 55% SG)</b>	<b>4,971</b>	<b>5,227</b>	<b>6,623</b>	<b>10,327</b>	<b>9,531</b>	<b>6,167</b>	<b>6,695</b>
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>4,341</b>	<b>4,567</b>	<b>5,277</b>	<b>7,160</b>	<b>7,555</b>	<b>4,502</b>	<b>5,156</b>
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>2,654</b>	<b>2,794</b>	<b>3,348</b>	<b>4,710</b>	<b>5,352</b>	<b>2,181</b>	<b>2,822</b>
One-offs	1,275	180	0	2,380	2,000	0	0
Sierra Gorda (55% loss vs loan income)	-296	-111	247	1,496	737	641	681
Net financial income (costs)	1,167	734	839	762	598	758	758
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>2,466</b>	<b>2,129</b>	<b>2,756</b>	<b>7,824</b>	<b>7,491</b>	<b>2,064</b>	<b>2,744</b>
Income tax	808	701	959	1,669	1,994	918	1,072
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>1,657</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>1,797</b>	<b>6,156</b>	<b>5,497</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>1,672</b>
EBITDA margin	21.3%	20.1%	22.3%	24.0%	22.5%	13.3%	15.0%
Operating margin	13.0%	12.3%	14.2%	15.8%	16.0%	6.5%	8.2%
Net profit margin	8.1%	6.3%	7.6%	20.7%	16.4%	3.4%	4.9%

Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland estimates

Fig. 27. KGHM: Balance sheet forecasts

PLNmn (year to December)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>7,862</b>	<b>7,740</b>	<b>8,733</b>	<b>11,363</b>	<b>14,136</b>	<b>13,617</b>	<b>13,658</b>
cash and equivalents	957	1,016	2,522	2,872	4,810	4,139	4,337
other short term investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
accounts receivable	1,222	1,259	1,129	1,373	1,545	1,557	1,588
inventories	4,983	4,741	4,459	6,337	7,000	7,140	6,952
other	700	724	623	781	781	781	781
<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>29,375</b>	<b>31,669</b>	<b>34,047</b>	<b>36,664</b>	<b>39,161</b>	<b>40,316</b>	<b>41,902</b>
PPE	19,164	21,462	22,600	23,880	24,897	26,678	28,906
long-term investments	5,203	5,694	6,069	7,867	9,130	8,489	7,808
intangibles	3,013	2,984	2,998	2,843	2,843	2,843	2,843
joint venture investment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
other	1,577	1,230	2,026	1,728	1,945	1,960	1,998
deferred taxes	418	299	354	346	346	346	346
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>37,237</b>	<b>39,409</b>	<b>42,780</b>	<b>48,027</b>	<b>53,297</b>	<b>53,932</b>	<b>55,559</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>5,865</b>	<b>6,036</b>	<b>7,907</b>	<b>9,538</b>	<b>9,911</b>	<b>9,937</b>	<b>10,003</b>
bank debt	1,114	439	1,095	1,453	1,453	1,453	1,453
accounts payable	2,053	2,766	3,593	2,974	3,347	3,373	3,439
other current liabilities	1,890	1,459	1,744	3,467	3,467	3,467	3,467
Provisions	808	1,372	1,475	1,644	1,644	1,644	1,644
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>	<b>12,147</b>	<b>13,171</b>	<b>13,792</b>	<b>11,351</b>	<b>11,351</b>	<b>11,351</b>	<b>11,351</b>
bank debt	7,029	7,708	7,934	6,543	6,543	6,543	6,543
other long-term liabilities	609	631	993	1,260	1,260	1,260	1,260
Provisions	4,509	4,832	4,865	3,548	3,548	3,548	3,548
<b>Equity</b>	<b>19,133</b>	<b>20,110</b>	<b>20,992</b>	<b>27,046</b>	<b>31,943</b>	<b>32,553</b>	<b>34,114</b>
share capital	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
capital reserves	15,476	16,682	17,195	18,890	24,446	29,407	30,442
net income	1,657	1,428	1,797	6,156	5,497	1,146	1,672
Minority Interest	92	92	89	92	92	91	91
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>37,237</b>	<b>39,409</b>	<b>42,780</b>	<b>48,027</b>	<b>53,297</b>	<b>53,933</b>	<b>55,559</b>
Net debt*	7,186	7,131	6,507	5,124	3,186	3,857	3,659

Source: Company data, Santander Brokerage Poland estimates



**Fig. 28. KGHM: Cash flow statement forecasts**

<b>PLNmn (year to December)</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022E</b>	<b>2023E</b>	<b>2024E</b>
<b>Cash flow from operations</b>	<b>4,460</b>	<b>4,997</b>	<b>5,236</b>	<b>4,275</b>	<b>7,634</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>4,206</b>
Net profit	1,657	1,428	1,797	6,156	5,497	1,146	1,672
Provisions	676	323	33	-1,317	0	0	0
Depreciation and amortization	1,825	1,788	1,963	2,166	2,599	2,285	2,310
Changes in WC, o/w	464	918	1,239	-2,741	-462	-126	224
inventories	-56	242	282	-1,878	-663	-140	188
receivables	300	-37	130	-244	-172	-12	-31
payables	220	713	827	-619	373	26	67
Other, net	-162	540	204	11	0	0	0
<b>Cash flow from investments</b>	<b>-4,541</b>	<b>-4,491</b>	<b>-3,694</b>	<b>-2,793</b>	<b>-5,095</b>	<b>-3,440</b>	<b>-3,896</b>
Additions to PPE and intangibles	-3,371	-4,057	-3,115	-3,291	-3,616	-4,066	-4,538
Change in long-term investments	-1,306	-491	-375	-1,798	-1,263	641	681
Other, net	136	57	-204	2,296	-217	-15	-39
<b>Cash flow from financing</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>-447</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>-1,132</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-536</b>	<b>-112</b>
Change in long-term borrowing	630	679	226	-1,391	0	0	0
Change in short-term borrowing	39	-675	656	358	0	0	0
Change in equity and profit distribution	-218	-451	-915	198	0	0	0
Dividends paid	0	0	0	-300	-600	-536	-112
Other, net	1	0	-3	3	0	0	0
<b>Net change in cash and equivalents</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1,506</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>1,938</b>	<b>-672</b>	<b>199</b>
Beginning cash and equivalents	586	957	1,016	2,522	2,872	4,810	4,139
<b>Ending cash and equivalents</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>2,522</b>	<b>2,872</b>	<b>4,810</b>	<b>4,139</b>	<b>4,337</b>

Source: Santander Brokerage Poland estimates

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