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Fortescue Metals Group (FMG)

Weathering the storm

Recommendation

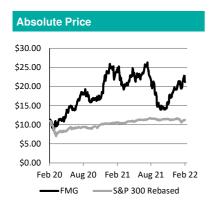
Hold (unchanged)
Price
\$21.15
Target (12 months)
\$19.09 (previously \$18.33)

GICS Sector

Materials

Expected Return	
Capital growth	-9.7%
Dividend yield	8.0%
Total expected return	-1.7%
Company Data & Ratio	os
Enterprise value	\$67,528m
Market cap	\$65,120m
Issued capital	3,079m
Free float	55%
Avg. daily val. (52wk)	\$233m
12 month price range	\$13.90-\$26.58

Price Performance							
	(1m)	(3m)	(12m)				
Price (A\$)	21.40	15.45	23.69				
Absolute (%)	-1.2	36.9	-10.7				
Rel market (%)	1.4	38.4	-17.2				



1HFY22 financial result

FMG announced its 1HFY22 financial results, which reported record half year production volumes but lower revenue, EBITDA and earnings. The weaker financial metrics reflected iron ore prices retreating from record highs, higher operating costs, downward provisional pricing adjustments and wider grade and quality discounts. Key metrics included revenue of US\$8,125m (vs BPe US\$8,067m and down 13% vs pcp), EBITDA of US\$4,762m (vs BPe US\$4,980m and down 28% vs pcp) and NPAT of US\$2,779m (vs BPe US\$2,981m and down 32% vs pcp). The declaration of a fully franked interim dividend of A86cps (vs BPe A90cps and down 41% vs pcp) represented a payout ratio of 70% (vs 80% pcp) and equates to a fully franked yield of 4.0% in its own right. The ex-dividend date is 28 February 2022.

Robust margins but valuation question remains

The result was in-line or marginally below our expectations. To put the performance into perspective: the 1HFY22 interim dividend is FMG's second highest ever, yet 1HFY22 earnings were 15% below its 1HFY21 dividend (let alone the earnings), which benefitted from high iron ore prices and lower costs. The robustness of FMG's financial performance continues to be demonstrated by 1HFY22 EBITDA margins of 59%. While down from 71% vs the pcp, they remain some of the highest in the sector. Unfortunately, Fortescue Future Industries (FFI) remains a bit of a black box, in that while it is critical to FMG achieving its objective of decarbonisation by 2030, its value accretion and optionality added to the core business cannot be quantified. In our view, this is currently the key to closing the gap to a "Buy" recommendation.

Investment thesis – Hold TP\$19.09/sh (Hold TP\$18.33/sh)

Larger grade and quality discounts and increased costs expensed by FFI are the primary drivers of a moderate trim of our earnings forecasts. Our forecast FY22 and FY23 earnings are lowered 7% and 4% respectively. Our lowered FY22 dividend of A170cps equates to an 8.0% fully franked dividend yield. Our NPV-based target price increases by 4% on our increased forecast contribution from Iron Bridge and an increased notional valuation for FFI. The dividend yield supports our Hold rating.

Earnings Forecast								
Year ending 30 Jun	2021a	2022e	2023e	2024e				
Sales (US\$m)	22,284	15,337	13,866	13,823				
EBITDA (US\$m)	16,312	8,996	8,083	7,955				
NPAT (reported) (US\$m)	10,295	5,272	4,603	4,518				
NPAT (adjusted) (US\$m)	10,295	5,272	4,603	4,518				
EPS (adjusted) (UScps)	335	166	150	147				
EPS growth (%)	117%	-51%	-10%	-2%				
EPS (adjusted) (Acps)	448	227	205	201				
PER (x)	4.7	9.3	10.3	10.5				
EV/EBITDA (x)	3.0	5.5	6.1	6.2				
Dividend (Acps)	358	170	164	160				
Yield (%)	16.9%	8.0%	7.8%	7.6%				
Franking (%)	100%	100%	100%	100%				
ROE (%)	58%	32%	27%	25%				

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As at 31 December 2021 FMG held cash of US\$2,899m, gross debt of US\$4,623m (including lease liabilities) for net debt of US\$1,724m (from net cash of US\$2,678m at June 2021). FY22 guidance was unchanged to 180-185Mt at C1 cash costs of US\$15.00-US\$15.50/wmt based on an AUD:USD exchange rate of 0.72.

The Iron Bridge Magnetite Project remains on schedule to deliver first production of a high grade (67% Fe) concentrate in December 2022, which we expect to reduce FMG's grade and quality discounts. Fortescue Future Industries FY22 anticipated expenditure remains US\$400-US\$600m, however returns on investment remain uncertain.

Period	Dec-20	Jun-21	Jun-21	Dec-21	Dec-21	Variance	Variance
Half / Full / BP Est	HY(a)	HY(a)	FY(a)	HY(a)	HY (BPe)	Vs pcp	Vs FY(BPe)
Revenue US\$m	9,335	12,949	22,284	8,125	8,067	-13%	1%
EBITDA US\$m	6,611	9,701	16,312	4,746	4,980	-28%	-5%
EBIT US\$m	5,939	9,007	14,946	4,024	4,226	-32%	-5%
NPAT US\$m	4,084	6,211	10,295	2,777	2,981	-32%	-7%
Dividend Acps	147	211	358	86	90	-41%	-4%
Cash balance US\$m	3,974	6,930	6,930	2,899	4,120	-27%	-30%
FMG ore shipped Mt (wet)	110	-2,678	-2,678	1,724	94	1467%	1733%
Realised price US\$/t (dry)	91	92	182	93	93	3%	0%
Est. discount to 62% benchmark	114	156	135	96	96	-16%	0%

Other key takeaways from the result include:

- The Iron Bridge Magnetite Project is reportedly progressing to schedule, with first production targeted for December 2022. It is expected to produce 22Mtpa of high grade 67% Fe iron ore concentrate;
- Labour market tightness and logistics disruptions have been exacerbated by WA's ongoing border restrictions. FMG is working closely with the WA Government to resolve these issues; and
- FMG is working with a range of partners (and including FFI) to decarbonise its
 operations by 2030. During 1HFY21, the 60MW Alinta Energy Chichester Solar Gas
 Hybrid project was completed. Among other initiatives, this has enabled FMG to

establish its Sustainability Financing Framework during the period, positioning it to issue Green and Social debt instruments in the future, opening up another potential funding source.

Changes to our forecasts

Beyond updating our forecasts for the 1HFY22 financial results, we have made the following changes to our modelled assumptions:

- Increased our assumed grade and quality discounts, reflecting the volatile iron ore
 pricing environment and increased competition in mid-grade iron ore products. We
 apply a lower discount from 4QFY23, when we expect Iron Bridge will make a more
 material contribution to FMG's production profile;
- The increased discounts are partially offset by a lift to our medium-term production profile as we make a greater allowance for production from the Iron Bridge Magnetite Project;
- Increased our medium-term operating cost expenditure for FFI, reflecting the increasing size and activity of the FMG subsidiary;
- We increase our notional valuation for FFI, and giving some recognition that as a number of projects progress to the development stage it may, in the future, be a major benefactor to FMG's core business; and
- Lowered our dividend forecast, in line with the lowered revenue and increased operating cost outlook. We now forecast FY22 dividends of A170cps (from A180cps).

The net changes to our forecasts are summarised in the table below:

Table 2 - Changes to earnings estimates									
	Previous			New			Change		
Year ending 30 June	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24
Iron ore (Fines) CFR @ 62% Fe	123	98	95	123	98	95	0%	0%	0%
AUD/USD	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0%	0%	0%
Total production (Mt wet)	186.1	184.0	188.0	186.1	188.0	192.0	0%	2%	2%
Costs C1 (US\$/t)	15.35	14.42	14.42	15.29	14.37	14.37	0%	0%	0%
Revenue (US\$m)	15,459	13,938	13,535	15,337	13,866	13,823	-1%	-1%	2%
EBITDA (US\$m)	9,221	8,300	7,835	8,996	8,083	7,955	-2%	-3%	2%
NPAT (adjusted) (US\$m)	5,460	4,804	4,475	5,272	4,603	4,518	-3%	-4%	1%
Adjusted EPS (Ac/sh)	243	214	199	227	205	201	-7%	-4%	1%
PER (x)	8.7	9.9	10.6	9.3	10.3	10.5	0.6	0.4	(0.1)
DPS (Ac/sh)	180	171	159	170	164	160	-6%	-4%	1%
Yield (%)	8.5%	8.1%	7.5%	8.0%	7.8%	7.6%	-0.5%	-0.3%	0.0%
Net debt (cash) (\$m)	672	376	(271)	2,615	2,439	1,737	289%	548%	-742%
ND / (ND + E) (%)	4%	2%	-1%	14%	13%	9%	10%	11%	10%
Valuation (\$/sh)		18.33			19.09			4%	

SOURCE: COMPANY DATA AND BELL POTTER SECURITIES ESTIMATES

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Upcoming catalysts

Key near term catalysts for FMG include:

- Maintaining the good cost control demonstrated in 1HFY22 through what is emerging as a tightening labour market and inflationary cost environment;
- The persistence of market dynamics that have negatively impacted grade and quality discounts for FMG's product mix;
- The movement of key market drivers through FY22, including the impact of steel
 production policy restrictions in China (and their potential removal following the Beijing
 Winter Olympics in February 2022) on the iron ore price and the AUD:USD exchange
 rate;
- The March 2022 quarter report, scheduled for release on 28 April 2022;
- Production and development updates the Iron Bridge Magnetite project, the Belinga Iron Ore project in Gabon and the assessment of Sinosteel's Midwest Magnetite Project; and
- · Progress updates in relation to the investments being made by FFI.

FMG vs the ASX Metals and Mining Index

Figure 1 - FMG relative share price performance vs ASX Metals and Mining Index (XMM)



SOURCE: IRESS

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd (FMG)

Company description: Iron ore major in the Pilbara, WA

FMG is an independent iron ore producer in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. The company is currently achieving its targeted ~175-180Mtpa production rate, following ten years of development and expansion. It has successfully reduced its debt and built a strong balance sheet. FMG is now targeting the production of a +60% Fe product and has become more active in exploration for other commodities.

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Valuation: \$19.09/sh

Our FMG valuation incorporates DCF models of FMG's Chichester and Solomon production hubs, including future production from the Eliwana and Iron Bridge projects. We also make an estimate of exploration/expansion upside and an estimate of corporate overhead costs, including FFI's operating costs and capital expenditure guidance. We calculate a 12-month forward, NPV-based valuation for FMG of \$19.09/sh on this basis.

Risks

Risks to resources sector equities include, but are not limited to:

- Funding and capital management risks: Funding and capital management risks can include access to debt and equity finance, maintaining covenants on debt finance, managing dividend payments and managing debt repayments. Exploration and development companies with no sales revenues are reliant on access to equity markets and debt financing to fund the advancement and development of their projects.
- Operating and development risks: Mining companies' assets are subject to risks
 associated with their operation and development. Risks for each company can be
 heightened depending on method of operation (e.g. underground versus open pit
 mining) or whether it is a single mine company. Development of mining assets may be
 subject to receiving permits, approvals timelines or weather events, causing delays to
 commissioning and commercial production.
- COVID-19 risks: Mining companies' rely on freedom of movement of workforces, functioning transport routes, reliable logistics services including road, rail, aviation and ports in order to maintain operations and get their products to market. They also rely on liquid, functioning markets to sell their products. Measures being put in place to combat the COVID-19 pandemic are posing risks to these conditions.
- Operating and capital cost fluctuations: The cost and availability of exploration, development and mining inputs can fluctuate widely and cause significant differences between planned and actual operating and capital costs. Key operating costs are linked to energy and labour costs as well as access to, and availability of, technical skills, operating equipment and consumables.

- Commodity price and exchange rate fluctuations: The future earnings and valuations of exploration, development and producing Resources companies are subject to fluctuations in underlying commodity prices and foreign currency exchange rates.
- Resource growth and mine life extensions: The viability of future operations and the earnings forecasts and valuations reliant upon them may depend upon resource and reserve growth to extend mine lives, which is in turn dependent upon exploration success, of which there are no guarantees.
- Regulatory changes risks: Changes to the regulation of infrastructure and taxation (among other things) can impact the earnings and valuation of mining companies.
 NIC's assets are located in Sulawesi, Indonesia, which has in the past implemented regulatory changes related to mining project ownership, fiscal terms and mineral export requirements.
- Sovereign risks: Mining companies' assets are subject to the sovereign risks of the jurisdiction within which they are operating. NIC's assets are in Indonesia, a G20 country with one of the largest economies in SE Asia. Its sovereign debt is rated investment grade by the major ratings agencies.
- Corporate/M&A risks: Risks associated with M&A activity including differences between the entity's and the market's perception of value associated with completed transactions.

Fortescue Metals Group as at 16 February 2022

RecommendationHoldPrice\$21.15Target (12 months)\$19.09

Table 3 - Financial s	summar	у											
PROFIT AND LOSS							FINANCIAL RATIOS						
Year ending 30 Jun	Unit	2020a	2021a	2022e	2023e	2024e	Year ending 30 Jun	Unit	2020a	2021a	2022e	2023e	2024e
Revenue	US\$m	12,820	22,284	15,337	13,866	13,823	VALUATION						
Expense	US\$m	(4,508)	(5,972)	(6,341)	(5,782)	(5,868)	NPAT (adjusted)	US\$m	4,937	10,295	5,272	4,603	4,518
EBITDA	US\$m	8,312	16,312	8,996	8,083	7,955	Adjusted EPS	USc/sh	154	335	166	150	147
Depreciation	US\$m	(1,400)	(1,366)	(1,475)	(1,491)	(1,522)	EPS growth	%	49%	117%	-51%	-10%	-2%
EBIT Net interest expense	US\$m US\$m	6,912 (222)	14,946 (224)	7,521 (174)	6,592 (199)	6,433 (157)	Adjusted EPS EPS growth	Ac/sh %	229 59%	448 95%	227 -49%	205 -10%	201 -2%
PBT	US\$m	6,690	14,722	7,346	6,394	6,276	PER	/o X	9.2x	4.7x	9.3x	10.3x	10.5x
Tax expense	US\$m	(1,955)	(4,427)	(2,074)	(1,790)	(1,757)	DPS	Ac/sh	176	358	170	164	160
NPAT (reported)	US\$m	4,735	10,295	5,272	4,603	4,518	Franking	%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Abnormal items	US\$m	202	-	· -		· -	Yield	%	8%	17%	8%	8%	8%
NPAT (adjusted)	US\$m	4,937	10,295	5,272	4,603	4,518	FCF/share	USc/sh	145	291	55	129	140
							FCF/share	Ac/sh	215	390	75	177	192
PROFIT AND LOSS (INTERIM)	III-de	l 00-	D 00-	l 04 -	D 04 -	l 00 -	FCF yield	%	10%	18%	4%	8%	9%
Half year ending Revenue	Unit US\$m	Jun-20a 6,335	Dec-20a 9,335	Jun-21a 12,949	Dec-21e 8,125	Jun-22e 7,212	EV/EBITDA EBITDA margin	Х %	5.9x 65%	3.0x 73%	5.5x 59%	6.1x 58%	6.2x 58%
Expense	US\$m	(2,230)	(2,724)	(3,248)	(3,379)	(3,136)	EBIT margin	%	54%	67%	49%	48%	47%
EBITDA	US\$m	4,105	6,611	9,701	4,746	4,076	Return on assets	%	20%	36%	20%	18%	18%
Depreciation	US\$m	(743)	(672)	(694)	(722)	(753)	Return on equity	%	36%	58%	32%	27%	25%
EBİT	US\$m	3,362	5,939	9,007	4,024	3,323	LIQUIDITY & LEVERAGE						
Net interest expense	US\$m	(99)	(75)	(149)	(76)	(98)	Net debt (cash)	US\$m	258	(2,678)	2,615	2,439	1,737
PBT	US\$m	3,263	5,864	8,858	3,948	3,224	ND/E	%	2%	-15%	16%	14%	10%
Tax expense	US\$m	(981)	(1,780)	(2,647)	(1,171)	(903)	ND / (ND + E)	%	2%	-18%	14%	13%	9%
NPAT (reported) Abnormal items	US\$m US\$m	2,282	4,084	6,211	2,777	2,321	ND / EBITDA EBITDA/Interest	X X	0.0x 37.4	-0.2x 72.8	0.3x 51.6	0.3x 40.7	0.2x 50.6
NPAT (adjusted)	US\$m	2,282	4,084	6,211	2,777	2,321	LDI I DA/III(GIGS)	: X	: 37.4	12.0	31.0	40.7	30.0
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CASH FLOW							Year ending 30 Jun	Unit	2020a	2021a	2022e	2023e	2024e
Year ending 30 Jun	Unit	2020a	2021a	2022e	2023e	2024e	Iron ore (Fines) CFR @ 62% Fe	US\$/dmt	94	155	123	98	95
OPERATING CASHFLOW							AUD/USD	US\$/A\$	0.67	0.75	0.73	0.73	0.73
Receipts	US\$m	12,704	22,181	15,505	13,886	13,826							
Payments	US\$m	(4,417)	(5,371)	(7,454)	(5,835)	(5,869)	ASSUMPTIONS - Production						
Tax Net interest	US\$m US\$m	(1,685) (187)	(4,015) (201)	(3,095) (198)	(1,790) (199)	(1,757) (157)	Year ending 30 Jun	Unit	2020a	2021a	2022e	2023e	2024e
Other	US\$m	(107)	(201)	(130)	(199)	(137)	Sales (FMG equity)	Mwt	178.2	182.2	186.1	188.0	192.0
Operating cash flow	US\$m	6,415	12,594	4,758	6,062	6,043	Third party	Mwt		-	-	-	
INVESTING CASHFLOW		,		,	,	,	Sales (total)	Mwt	178.2	182.2	186.1	188.0	192.0
Capex & exploration	US\$m	(1,768)	(2,585)	(2,637)	(2,088)	(1,722)	62% Fe index price (real)	US\$/dt	91	155	122	93	89
Other	US\$m	(200)	(1,042)	(423)	-	-	FMG realised price CFR	US\$/dt	79	135	91	80	78
Investing cash flow	US\$m	(1,968)	(3,627)	(3,060)	(2,088)	(1,722)	Realised price discount	%	-14%	-13%	-25%	-14%	-12%
FINANCING CASHFLOW	US\$m						Costs C1 (excl. royalty)	US\$/wt US\$/wt	12.87 6.68	13.84 7.32	15.29 10.40	14.37 7.67	14.37 7.67
Net equity proceeds Debt proceeds	US\$m	1,625	1,500	400	-		Shipping Royalties	US\$/wt	4.74	8.56	5.43	4.79	4.68
Debt repayments	US\$m	(905)	(2,451)	(105)	(500)	(1,323)	Other	US\$/wt	0.17	0.18	0.20	0.20	0.20
Dividends	US\$m	(1,925)	(5,684)	(6,649)	(3,799)	(3,619)	Cost of sales	US\$/wt	24.46	29.90	31.32	27.03	26.92
Other	US\$m	(76)	(258)	(148)	-	-	Interest	US\$/wt	1.32	1.19	1.15	1.14	0.88
Financing cash flow	US\$m	(1,281)	(6,893)	(6,502)	(4,299)	(4,942)	Capex (sustaining)	US\$/wt	11.04	19.91	10.97	6.00	6.00
Change in cash	US\$m	3,166	2,074	(4,804)	(324)	(621)	Total all-in cost	US\$/wt	36.82	50.99	43.44	34.17	33.80
DALANCE CHEET							Total all-in cost (@ 8% moist)	US\$/dt	40	55	47 59	37 42	37
Year ending 30 Jun	Unit	2020a	2021a	2022e	2023e	2024e	Total all-in cost (62% Fe eq.)	US\$/dt	46	62	29	42	41
ASSETS	JIII	20208	2021d	-0226	20236	20240	VALUATION						
Cash & short term investments	US\$m	4,855	6,930	1,969	1,645	1,024	Issued capital						
Accounts receivable	US\$m	545	737	529	508	505	Shares on issue m						3,079
Inventory	US\$m	828	1,212	1,471	1,471	1,471	Options (in the money) m						15
Property, plant & equipment	US\$m	9,894	10,758	20,901	21,468	21,638	Total m						3,094
Exploration & evaluation	US\$m	6,169	7,690	15	45	75		Current		12 months	= -	24 months	
Other	US\$m	1,107	1,056	205	205	205	Sum of parts valuation	A\$m	\$/sh	A\$m	\$/sh	A\$m	\$/sh
Total assets	US\$m	23,398	28,383	25,090	25,342	24,918	Iron ore operations (DCF)	61,713	19.95	60,246	19.47	57,853	18.70
LIABILITIES Accounts payable	US\$m	1,057	1,918	941	888	887	Exploration (estimate) Corporate (DCF)	3,703 (1,542)	(0.50)	3,615 (1,222)	1.17 (0.39)	3,471 (878)	1.12 (0.28)
Borrowings	US\$m	4,234	3,442	3,799	3,299	1,976	Total enterprise value	(1,542) 63,873		62,639	20.25	60,446	(0.28) 19.54
Other	US\$m	4,863	5,288	4,186	4,186	4,186		30,070	_0.0-7	32,000	_5.20	55,110	. 3.04
Total liabilities	US\$m	10,154	10,648	8,926	8,373	7,049	Net debt/(cash)	2,408	0.78	3,583	1.16	3,342	1.08
SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY		.,	,- ,-	,	,	,	Equity value	61,465		59,057	19.09	57,105	18.46
Share capital	US\$m	1,167	1,105	1,053	1,053	1,053							
Reserves	US\$m	62	46	78	78	78	MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS						
Retained earnings	US\$m	12,002	16,576	15,025	15,830	16,730	Minderoo Group Pty Ltd						36%
Non-controlling interest	US\$m	13	8 17 725	16 164	16.060	8 17 060	Hunan Valin Iron & Steel Group						9%
Total equity Net debt	US\$m US\$m	13,244 (621)	17,735 (3,488)	16,164 1,830	16,969 <i>1,654</i>	17,869 <i>952</i>	Combined						45%
Weighted average shares	m m	3,077	3,077	3,079	3,079	3,079							
	100	3,0.7	2,0	2,0.0	2,0.0	-,0.0							

Weighted average shares m 3,077

SOURCE: BELL POTTER SECURITIES ESTIMATES

Recommendation structure

Buy: Expect >15% total return on a 12 month view. For stocks regarded as 'Speculative' a return of >30% is expected.

Hold: Expect total return between -5% and 15% on a 12 month view

Sell: Expect <-5% total return on a 12 month view

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