

# Aluminum Corp of China Ltd

Earnings trajectory intact 5 November 2025

#### Company Overview

Aluminum Corporation of China (CHALCO), incorporated in 2001, is the world's largest aluminum producer by volume. Its products include aluminum alloys, highpurity aluminum, and fine alumina. CHALCO boasts a complete industrial chain, encompassing bauxite mineral resource exploration, alumina refining, aluminum smelting, aluminum alloy production, carbon anode manufacturing, and coal production. The company exemplifies the successful integration of China's aluminum industry. In 2022, CHALCO acquired a 29.1% stake in Yunnan Aluminum, further solidifying its position as the global leader in alumina and aluminum capacity. The company also controls the largest bauxite reserves in China and continues its overseas expansion in Guinea through the Boffa project. CHALCO was primary listed on the HKEX in 2001 and has been listed on the SHEX since 2007.

#### **Investment Overview**

Government's anti-involution guidelines spur market consolidation expectations. The China Government announced its intention to guide efforts aimed at reducing price competition and improving overcapacity conditions across various industries. The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) further stated that a plan targeting 10 industries, including metals, would be published to eliminate outdated capacity. Following this announcement, we anticipate the alleviation of the oversupply situation, driven by expectations of an improved supply structure and accelerated market consolidation.

Chalco's bauxite resource expansion to enhance cost competitiveness. The company holds the largest bauxite reserves in China, and supplements these with high-quality overseas sources from Africa, South America and Southeast Asia. It has the target to increase bauxite self supply rate to 100% from 60% in 2025. Given that bauxite constitutes 30% to 45% of alumina production costs, Chalco's substantial reserves are expected to drive lower production costs and enhance long-term profitability for its alumina business.

Industry leadership bolstered by economies of scale. Chalco commands the largest global capacity for both alumina and aluminium. China's moratorium on new aluminum capacity approvals is expected to solidify Chalco's leading market position. Furthermore, with near-100% capacity utilisation within China's aluminum industry, Chalco's aluminum business enjoys a positive outlook, driven by strong price momentum and its economies of scale.

We maintain BUY for Chalco with TP increased to RMB13.8/HKD15.2 based on more positive aluminium profitability outlook, and revise up Chalco's EPS forecast of FY25F/FY26F by 28%/21% to RMB0.83/RMB0.92. Our target PE increased to 15x (previously 10x), higher than industry average, to reflect Chalco's leading position, better scale effects and cost advantages, and improving dividend yield.

### Risks

Aluminium price volatility, higher than expected alumina capacity expansions, or a sudden decline in aluminium demand could potentially disrupt our assumptions.

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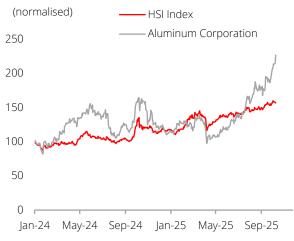
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#### Key Financial Data

Bloomberg Ticker	2600 HK
Sector	Materials
Share Price (HKD)	10.1
DBS Rating	BUY
12-mth Target Price (HKD)	15.2
Market Cap (USD bn)	24.1
Volume (m shares)	60.4
Dividend yield (%)	1.4
Net Debt/Equity (x)	Cash
Fwd. P/E (x)	10.2
P/Book (x)	2.4
ROE (%)	19.1

Closing Price as of 3 Nov 2025 Source: Bloomberg, DBS

# Indexed Share price vs Composite Index Performance



Source: Thomson Reuters



# Financial Summary (CNYmn)

FY Dec	FY2022(A)	FY2023(A)	FY2024(A)	FY2025(F)	FY2026(F)
Sales	290,988	225,071	237,066	225,877	230,361
% y/y	7.9	(22.7)	5.3	(4.7)	2.0
Gross Profit	33,385	29,031	37,344	38,029	38,549
% y/y	18.7	(13.0)	28.6	1.8	1.4
EBITDA	26,488	28,114	35,884	38,995	39,958
% y/y	20.2	6.1	27.6	8.7	2.5
Net Profit (Loss)	4,192	6,717	12,400	14,309	15,816
% y/y	(17.5)	60.2	84.6	15.4	10.5
FCF	11,956	31,508	31,186	54,605	39,177
% y/y	(66.6)	163.5	(1.0)	75.1	(28.3)
CAPEX	(15,850)	4,467	(1,621)	(2,859)	(1,316)
% y/y	(312.4)	(128.2)	(136.3)	76.3	(54.0)
EBITDA Margin (%)	9.1	12.5	15.1	17.3	17.3
Net Margin (%)	1.4	3.0	5.2	6.3	6.9
ROA (%)	2.1	3.2	5.8	6.0	5.7
ROE (%)	7.5	11.7	19.1	19.3	18.6
Tax Rate (%)	17.9	16.6	13.2	15.1	14.7
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Source: DBS HK

#### Valuation Metrics

FY Dec	FY2022(A)	FY2023(A)	FY2024(A)	FY2025(F)	FY2026(F)
PE (x)	12.4	9.1	5.7	10.1	9.1
P/B (x)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.8	1.6
Dividend Yield (%)	1.2	2.2	3.3	3.0	3.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	4.0	4.1	3.5	4.0	3.3
FCF Yield (%)	11.2	27.4	24.5	35.1	30.0
Net DPS	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3
BV Per Share	3.2	3.5	4.0	4.6	5.3

Source: DBS HK

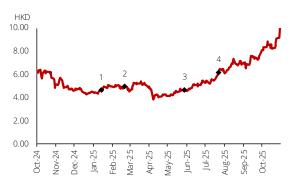
# Credit & Cashflow Metrics

FY Dec	FY2022(A)	FY2023(A)	FY2024(A)	FY2025(F)	FY2026(F)
Debt / Equity (x)	46.2	41.9	33.8	30.7	25.9
Net Debt / Equity (x)	24.2	15.5	12.2	cash	cash
Debt / Assets (x)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
EBITDA / Int Exp (x)	7.9	9.5	15.0	149.5	nm
Debt / EBITDA (x)	60.6	150.0	38.0	53.4	47.3
Receivables Days	5.5	6.9	7.1	7.8	7.1
Days Payable	37.2	54.5	52.8	54.9	52.1
Inventory Days	32.0	46.7	45.7	48.3	46.0

Source: DBS HK



#### Target Price & Ratings History



S.No	. Date	Closing Price	Target Price	Rating
1	13-Jan-25	4.61	5.60	BUY
2	20-Feb-25	4.97	5.30	BUY
3	28-May-25	4.61	5.50	BUY
4	22-Jul-25	6.05	8.00	BUY
5	30-Oct-25	10.13	15.20	BUY

Note: Share price and Target price are adjusted for corporate actions

Source: DBS

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