



Over the past year, RGLD shares are up 44.5%, versus a gain of 11.5% for the broader market. The 52 week trading range is \$119.72 to \$191.78. The Argus A6 target price is \$204 representing a 10.1% gain from the current level.

Royal Gold Inc enquires and manages precious metal royalties and streams with a focus on gold. The company purchases a percentage of the metal produced from a mineral property for an initial payment without assuming responsibility for mining operations.

Growth Analysis	GAAP Data					Growth Rates		
	2021	2021	2022	2023	2024	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year
Revenue (M)	615.9	343.0	603.2	605.7	719.4	19%	110%	44%
Gross Margin	54%	Nil	53%	57%	65%	16%	Nil	39%
Operating Income (M)	303.7	171.4	288.0	303.2	429.9	42%	151%	115%
Interest Expense (M)	6.4	2.8	17.2	30.9	9.7	-68%	250%	-1%
Pre Tax Income (M)	339.6	168.8	272.9	282.1	426.1	51%	152%	121%
Net Income (M)	302.5	138.3	239.0	239.4	332.0	39%	140%	67%
EPS	4.60	2.10	3.63	3.63	5.04	39%	140%	66%
Dividend/Share	1.18	Nil	1.43	1.53	1.65	8%	Nil	49%
Shares Outstanding (M)	65.6	65.6	65.7	65.7	65.8	0%	0%	0%
Market Cap (B)	7.5	6.9	7.4	8.0	8.9	12%	29%	9%
Book Value (B)	2.49	2.59	2.74	2.89	3.12	8%	20%	37%

Financial Condition	GAAP Data					Growth Rates		
	2021	2021	2022	2023	2024	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year
Cash / Short Term Inv. (M)	225.9	143.6	118.6	104.2	195.5	88%	36%	-39%
Current Assets (M)	297.1	216.0	185.8	167.4	275.3	64%	27%	-24%
Current Liabilities (M)	52.1	61.4	63.6	72.4	85.2	18%	39%	96%
Working Capital (M)	245.1	154.6	122.2	95.0	190.1	100%	23%	-40%
Short-Term Debt	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Long Term Debt (M)	Nil	Nil	571.6	246.0	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Debt (M)	Nil	6.7	571.6	246.0	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Shareholders Equity (B)	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.1	8%	20%	37%

Ratio Analysis	Trend					Trend		
	2021	2021	2022	2023	2024	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year
Operating Margin	49%	Nil	48%	50%	60%	Higher	Nil	Higher
Net Margin	49%	Nil	40%	40%	46%	Higher	Nil	Higher
ROE	13%	Nil	9%	9%	11%	Higher	Nil	Higher
ROA	11%	Nil	8%	7%	10%	Higher	Nil	Higher
Current Ratio	5.7	Nil	2.9	2.3	3.2	Higher	Nil	Lower
Interest Coverage	53.9	Nil	16.9	10.1	44.7	Higher	Nil	Higher
Dividend Payout Ratio	56%	56%	39%	42%	33%	Lower	Lower	Lower
L-T Debt/Equity	Nil	Nil	21%	9%	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Debt/Total Cap	Nil	Nil	17%	8%	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

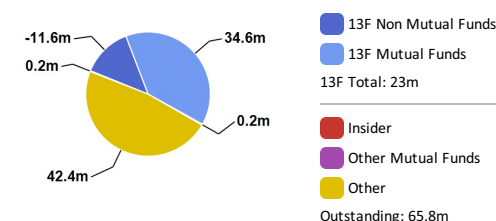
Valuation Analysis	Trend					Trend		
	2021	2021	2022	2023	2024	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year
Price - Year End	114.10	105.21	112.72	120.96	135.65	Higher	Higher	Higher
52-Week High	145.33	128.08	146.33	143.88	139.58	Lower	Higher	Higher
52-Week Low	102.15	92.27	86.46	102.87	101.30	Lower	Higher	Higher
P/E High	31.6	61.0	40.3	39.6	27.7	Lower	Lower	Lower
P/E Low	22.2	43.9	23.8	28.3	20.1	Lower	Lower	Lower
P/S High	16.8	13.1	Nil	Nil	13.7	Nil	Higher	Lower
P/S Low	11.8	9.4	Nil	Nil	9.9	Nil	Higher	Higher
P/B High	3.9	3.3	Nil	Nil	3.0	Nil	Lower	Lower
P/B Low	2.8	2.4	Nil	Nil	2.2	Nil	Lower	Lower
Yield High	1.16%	Nil	1.65%	1.48%	1.63%	Higher	Nil	Higher
Yield Low	.81%	Nil	.97%	1.06%	1.18%	Higher	Nil	Higher
Return	-8%	-15%	7%	7%	12%	Higher	Higher	Nil

Argus Rating:	<b>BUY</b>
Rating Since:	05/14/25
Current Price:	\$185.37
Target Price:	\$204.00
Market Cap:	\$12.2 billion
Dividend:	\$1.80
Yield:	1.0%
Beta:	-1.67
Sector:	Materials
Industry:	Metals & Mining

### Argus A6 Sub-component Scores

<b>H</b> High	<b>M</b> Medium	<b>L</b> Low
<b>L</b> Industry	Earnings revisions, analyst conviction, performance and historical industry weighting.	
<b>M</b> Management	Consistency of growth & financial strength.	
<b>M</b> Safety	Liquidity, dividend yield, market cap, debt leverage and stock price beta.	
<b>H</b> Financial Strength	Balance sheet debt and liquidity ratios.	
<b>H</b> Growth	Normalized earnings estimates and sales trends.	
<b>M</b> Value	Price/earnings, price/sales ratios, trend lines, and DCF valuation.	

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#### Peer Comparison Table: Materials

Ticker	Company	Price(\$)	Market Cap (Millions \$)	5-yr EPS Growth Rate	Current FY P/E	Net Margin	1-yr EPS Growth Rate	Argus Rating
CRS	CARPENTER TECHNOLOGY	246.30	12,260.65	8%	34.59	Nil	225%	BUY
RGLD	ROYAL GOLD INC	185.37	12,200.40	66%	31.65	Nil	39%	BUY
X	UNITED STATES STEEL CORP	53.76	12,172.29	Nil	73.72	Nil	-56%	HOLD
ATI	ATI INC	81.92	11,556.26	38%	28.74	Nil	-9%	SELL
CCK	CROWN HOLDINGS INC	98.20	11,429.72	-6%	20.05	Nil	-6%	HOLD
Peer Average			11,923.9	21%	38	Nil	39%	

Our rating on the Materials sector is Under-Weight. Even as energy prices recover, the prices of many other commodities, which are traded in U.S. dollars, remain weak. The dollar is inversely correlated to commodities, and long-term dollar strength is weighing on commodity prices. Demand from China - the world's largest consumer of industrial commodities - also remains sluggish as the lifting of zero-tolerance COVID restrictions has failed to stimulate the economy.

As of the end of April, the sector accounted for 2.0% of the S&P 500. It includes industries such as chemicals, paper, metals and mining. Over the past five years, the weighting has ranged from 1% to 4%. The sector was outperforming, with a flat result of 0.0%. It underperformed in 2024, with a loss of 1.8% versus a gain of 23.3% for the S&P 500.

The sector's P/E ratio on projected 2025 EPS was 17, below the market multiple. Yields of 1.6% were above the market average. The sector's smoothed earnings growth rate of 2% was below the market average.

## Key Sector Trends

### Metals & Mining

- Performance in the metals and mining industry is driven by the global economy. Growth in the heavy metals segment has slowed in recent quarters as a slowdown in the global economy has curbed metal consumption. However, as noted above, the price of copper has risen in recent months. In other words, the cycle may be turning.
- Drilling down into specific segments, the steel and iron markets are driven by ongoing demand from large-scale construction but offset by decreased consumption from China. Aluminum and copper should benefit in the long-term from the growing consumption of lighter, more sustainable metals. As the mining industry shifts from coal

- and fossil fuels, we expect that aluminum, copper and precious metals will gain market share over heavier metals.
- We also expect to see long-term growth for the commodities that drive the global energy transition, including for aluminum, copper, nickel, and rare earth metals. The United Nations Environment Programme estimates that normal production channels in the metals and mining industry are responsible for approximately 10% of climate change. Companies in the industry will need to have balance sheets that allow for significant capital expenditures for emission reduction technologies, recycling-chain mechanization, and the increased use of electric furnaces

### Pulp & Paper

- The combined global paper, pulp and packaging industry had an estimated market size of approximately \$407 billion in 2024, up from \$395 billion in 2023 and \$385 billion in 2022. Argus Research estimates that the industry will remain strong, and we see modest expansion at a compound annual growth rate of 3%-4% through 2028. We favor companies with pulp, paperboard packaging, and corrugated product lines, and expect this segment to show continued long-term growth through 2030. (Industry sources valued the containerboard market at approximately \$125 billion in 2021 and \$130 billion in 2022.)
- The containerboard segment is expected to increase through 2025 in line with e-commerce growth. Our forecast is less favorable for companies focusing heavily on graphic papers. We project that graphic demand for writing papers and newsprint will experience a continuation of the decade-long downward trend due to displacement by electronic communication devices and what appears to be the approaching obsolescence of physically printed newspapers, periodicals, magazines, and retail catalogs.

## Argus A6 Quantitative Universe

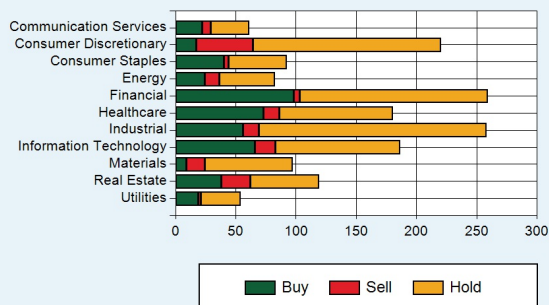
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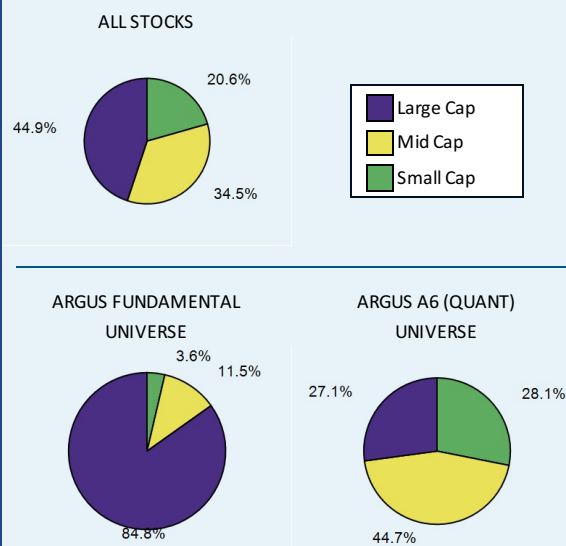
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