

Royal Gold, Inc. (RGLD)

\$244.40 (Stock Price as of 01/06/2026)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$239.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:

Neutral

(Since: 12/19/25)

Prior Recommendation: Outperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

1-Strong Buy

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM: D

Value: F

Growth: D

Momentum: B

Summary

Royal Gold has been benefiting from its solid streaming agreements. The company maintains a strong balance sheet, which is likely to drive growth in the upcoming quarters. It is focused on allocating its strong cash flow to dividends, debt reduction and new businesses. Gold prices have been on an uptrend this year, aided by geopolitical reasons, a depreciating U.S. dollar, the potential for monetary policy easing, and continuous purchasing by central banks. Silver has also gained on the back of the recent expansion seen in the U.S. manufacturing sector. This rise in gold and silver prices will also boost the company's results in the coming quarters. However, Royal Gold has been facing headwinds from lower gold sales at Xavantina. Lower output at Peñasquito also remains a woe for the company.

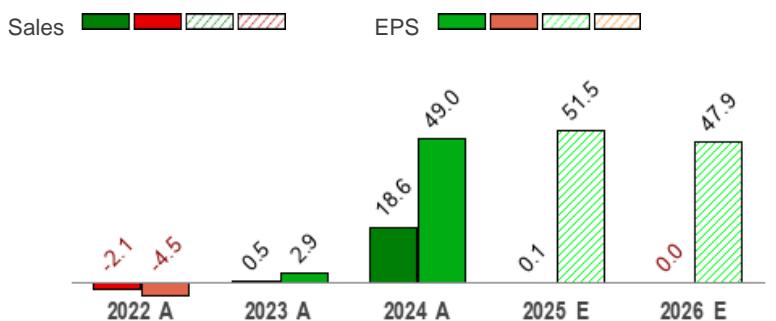
Price, Consensus & Surprise⁽¹⁾



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$236.65 - \$131.73
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	921,638
Market Cap	\$19.4 B
YTD Price Change	3.2%
Beta	0.49
Dividend / Div Yld	\$1.90 / 0.8%
Industry	Mining - Gold
Zacks Industry Rank	Top 19% (46 out of 244)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)⁽¹⁾



Last EPS Surprise	-10.4%
Last Sales Surprise	NA
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	0.0%
Expected Report Date	02/11/2026
Earnings ESP	0.0%

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)⁽¹⁾

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2026					720 E
2025	193 A	210 A	252 A		720 E
2024	149 A	174 A	194 A	203 A	719 A

EPS Estimates⁽¹⁾

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2026	2.07 E	2.10 E	2.13 E	2.18 E	11.79 E
2025	1.51 A	1.81 A	2.06 A	2.40 E	8.04 E
2024	0.91 A	1.25 A	1.47 A	1.63 A	5.26 A

*Quarterly figures may not add up to annual.

(1) The data in the charts and tables, including the Zacks Consensus EPS and sales estimates, is as of 01/06/2026.

(2) The report's text and the price target are as of 12/22/2025.

Overview

Based in Denver, CO, Royal Gold, together with its subsidiaries, acquires and manages precious metals stream and royalty interests, with a primary focus on gold. Royal Gold manages its business under two segments:

Acquisition and Management of Stream Interests — A metal stream is a purchase agreement that provides, in exchange for an upfront deposit payment, the right to purchase all or a portion of one or more metals produced from a mine, at a price determined for the life of the transaction by the purchase agreement. As of Dec 31, 2022, Royal Gold owned interests in 186 properties on five continents, including 40 producing mines and 20 projects in the development stage.

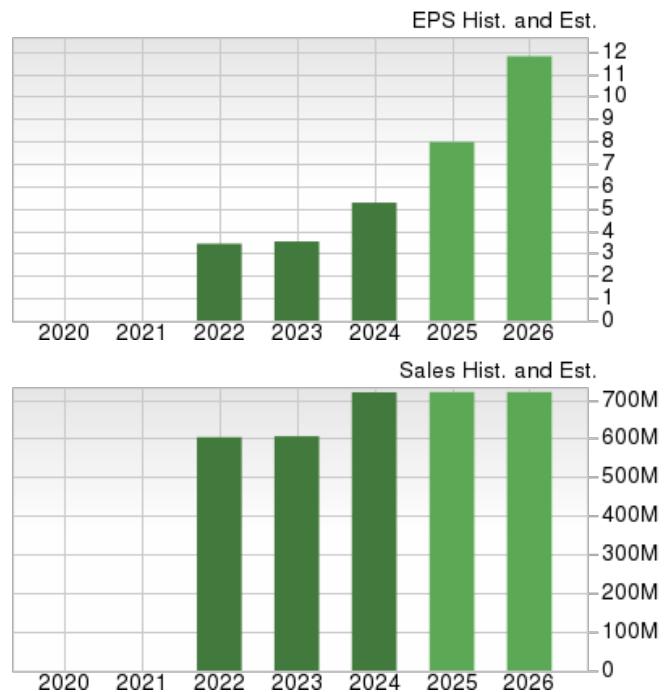
Acquisition and Management of Royalty Interests — Royalties are non-operating interests in mining projects which provide the right to revenues or metals produced from the project after deducting specified costs, if any.

The company's financial results are primarily tied to the price of gold, silver, copper, and other metals. Gold contributed 71% to its revenues in first-quarter 2022.

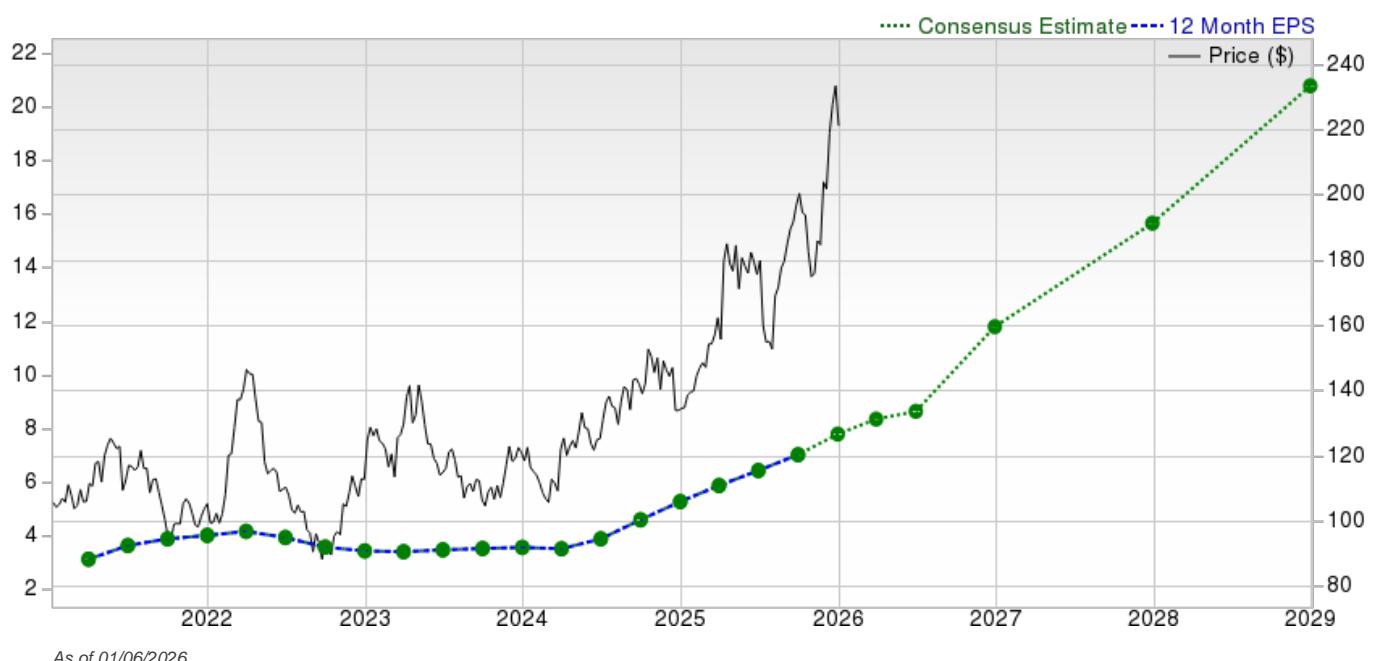
In February 2019, Royal Gold entered into a silver mine life purchase agreement with Khoemacau Copper Mining Limited (KCM), subsidiary of Cupric Canyon Capital LP. The agreement highlights the purchase and sale of silver, produced from the Khoemacau Copper Project in Botswana.

In January 2023, the company announced that its fully owned subsidiary, RG Royalties, LLC, acquired additional royalties from Idaho Royalty. The two portions of the gross smelter return royalty acquired cover a large area, which includes the Cortez mine operational area and the entirety of the Fourmile development project in Nevada.

As of Dec 31, 2021, Royal Gold completed the change in fiscal year-end from Jun 30 to Dec 31 to match the company's reporting and disclosure with a majority of its stream and royalty counterparties and the precious metals sector.



As of 01/06/2026



Reasons To Buy:

▲ Gold prices have rallied 68.6% year to date. The metal has been supported by geopolitical tensions, tariff concerns and continuous purchasing by central banks. Gold prices are currently trending at a fresh record of \$4,410 per ounce, backed by expectations of further interest rate cuts. Silver prices have gained 132.8% year to date supported by strong safe-haven demand, geopolitical tensions and escalating trade conflicts. Silver has benefited from resilient industrial demand and mounting supply deficits. Demand for solar energy, electronics and electrification now accounts for more than half of global silver demand. Currently, silver is trading at a fresh-high of above \$69, driven by further expectations of a rate cut, which bodes well for prices. This pickup in the prices of gold and silver is likely to improve Royal Gold's results in the upcoming quarters.

▲ Royal Gold has been benefiting from its acquisitions and strong business model. Despite persistent inflationary pressures in the broader economy, the company has been maintaining high margins. It is poised to gain from its solid streaming agreements.

In 2024, the company acquired royalty interests in the Back River Gold District and Cactus Project, which is expected to aid Royal Gold's performance. On June 26, 2024, Royal Gold's subsidiary, International Royalty Corporation, expanded its royalty holdings in the Back River Gold District by acquiring two additional royalties. The Back River boasts significant gold reserves totaling 9.2 million ounces, with 3.6 million ounces classified as Proven and Probable Reserves. Royal Gold's subsidiary, RG Royalties, LLC, acquired a 2.5% net smelter return (NSR) royalty on the Cactus Project in Arizona for \$55 million on Dec. 31, 2024. The Cactus Royalty covers the Cactus East, Cactus West and portions of the Parks/Salyer deposits, currently being developed by Arizona Sonoran Copper Company.

On March 28, 2025, RGLD Gold AG signed an additional stream agreement with Ero Gold Corporation for gold from the Xavantina mine, involving a \$50-million advance. The Additional Stream raises the 25% stream rate threshold from 93,000 to 160,000 ounces, with excess deliveries priced at 40% of spot gold. In May 2025, Royal Gold inked a gold purchase and a net smelter return royalty ("NSR") agreements for metals produced by Solaris Resources Warintza Project in southeastern Ecuador. The total deal amount of \$200 million will be paid in installments, subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions. The move will expose Royal Gold to a world-class resource with long life and large-scale production potential. The company will receive 20 ounces of gold per million pounds of recovered copper, initially paying 20% of spot gold prices until 90,000 ounces are delivered, increasing to 60% thereafter. If stream deliveries do not commence by 2033, the defined area of interest will expand significantly. RG AG will also earn a 0.30% NSR royalty, increasing annually until a cap of 0.60% or stream commencement. In the event of a change of control, these rates vest for the life of mine. Additional royalties may apply if Solaris sells assets within the broader project area.

On Oct. 20, 2025, Royal Gold acquired Sandstorm Gold Ltd. and Horizon Copper Corp. These transactions reinforce Royal Gold's position as a leading North American precious metal streaming and royalty company. The addition of these assets from SAND and Horizon Copper create a uniquely diversified global precious metals portfolio for Royal Gold with significant growth and exploration potential. The deal adds 40 producing assets to Royal Gold's portfolio. These assets are expected to generate gold equivalent ounces ("GEO") of 65,000-80,000 in 2025. The transaction is expected to increase GEO production by 26%, based on the midpoints of the 2025 guidance provided by both Royal Gold and Sandstorm Gold. Sandstorm reported revenues of \$57.5 million in the third quarter, while Horizon's revenues for the quarter were \$6 million.

On Aug. 5, the company announced it has inked a \$1 billion gold stream agreement deal with First Quantum Minerals on the Kansanshi copper-gold mine in Zambia. Royal Gold will pay 20% of spot gold price per ounce delivered. The stream is expected to provide Royal Gold around 12,500 ounces of gold in 2025 and an average of 35,000-40,000 ounces annually for more than 10 years. Royal Gold received its first delivery of 2,300 ounces of gold from Kansanshi on Oct. 3, 2025. The company expects 2025 stream deliveries of around 7,500 ounces from this deal.

▲ Royal Gold is focused on allocating its strong cash flow to dividends, debt reduction and new businesses. Its total liquidity was over \$813 million as of Sept. 30, 2025, consisting of \$188 million in working capital and \$625 million available under the revolving credit facility. The company currently has a debt of \$750 million. In November, 2025, the company announced that its fully-owned subsidiary, International Royalty Corporation ("IRC"), has inked a deal to sell 11,827,273 common shares of Versamet Royalties Corporation to Tether Investments and 11,827,272 shares to Nemesia S.à.r.l. The deal is priced at C\$8.75 (\$6.23) per share, which will help Royal Gold with debt repayment.

Royal Gold is likely to benefit from ramping up of new projects and solid streaming agreements. Focus on acquisitions and new business investments aided by a deleveraged strong balance sheet bodes well.

Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ Royal Gold's profitability is significantly affected by changes in the market price of gold and other mineral commodities. Prices fluctuate and are affected by numerous factors beyond the company's control. A drop in gold prices can impact commercial production. The company could lose interest in some or all of its properties, or be forced to cease operations or development activities or to abandon or sell properties. This could negatively impact the company's profitability and cash flow.
- ▼ At Xavantina, lower gold sales impacted the company's top line in the first nine months of 2025. Xavantina operator Ero Copper expects the mine's gold production to be towards the lower end of the 40,000 to 50,000 ounces. If they persist, these will further pressure the company's margins. Peñasquito's operator Newmont reported a lower proportion of gold at the mine during the third quarter. Newmont anticipates lower gold production in 2026 due to the transition to the next phase of mining at Peñasco pit.
- ▼ Approximately 77% of Royal Gold's revenues come from six properties — Mount Milligan, Andacollo, Pueblo Viejo, Wassa, Peñasquito, and Cortez. This concentration of revenues could mean that adverse developments, including any adverse decisions made by the operators, at one or more of these properties could have a more significant or longer-term impact on the company's results.

Volatility in commodity prices, particularly of gold and silver is expected to impact Royal Gold's revenue and earnings performance. Lower sales are also likely to hurt margin.

Last Earnings Report

RGLD Earnings Miss Estimates in Q3, Revenues Up Y/Y

RGLD reported adjusted earnings per share (EPS) of \$2.06 in third-quarter 2025. The company had reported an EPS of \$1.47 in the year-ago quarter. However, it missed the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$2.30.

Including one-time items, the company reported an EPS of \$1.92 compared with the prior-year quarter's \$1.46.

RGLD generated record revenues of \$252 million, up 30% year over year. The upside was driven by higher average metal prices; gold sales from Andacollo and Rainy River; and higher production from Peñasquito. However, these factors were offset by lower gold sales from Xavantina.

Stream revenues were \$166 million and royalty revenues were \$86 million in the September-end quarter. Stream revenues increased 24.8% year over year and royalty revenues rose 41.5%.

The company's cost of sales was \$31 million in the third quarter compared with the prior-year quarter's \$27 million.

General and administrative expenses amounted to \$10 million, flat year over year. The adjusted EBITDA was \$206 million in the reported quarter, up 30.5% year over year. The adjusted EBITDA margin was 82% compared with the prior-year quarter's 81%.

RGLD's Q3 Cash Position

Net cash from operating activities was \$174 million in the third quarter compared with the prior-year quarter's \$137 million. Royal Gold ended the quarter with cash and cash equivalents of around \$173 million compared with \$195 million at the end of 2024.

FY Quarter Ending	12/31/2025
Earnings Reporting Date	Nov 05, 2025
Sales Surprise	NA
EPS Surprise	-10.43%
Quarterly EPS	2.06
Annual EPS (TTM)	7.01

Valuation

Royal Gold's shares are up 24.9% in the trailing six-months period and up 73% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks Mining-Gold industry and the Zacks Basic Materials sector are up 62% and up 21% in the trailing six-month period, respectively. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and sector are up 151.8% and up 32.9% respectively.

The S&P 500 index is up 17% in the trailing six-month period and up 18% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 17.56X forward 12-month earnings, which compares with 13.11X for the Zacks sub-industry, 15.16X for the Zacks sector and 23.44X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 36.87X and as low as 17.17X, with a 5-year median of 26.66X.

Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$239 price target reflects 18.44X forward 12-month earnings.

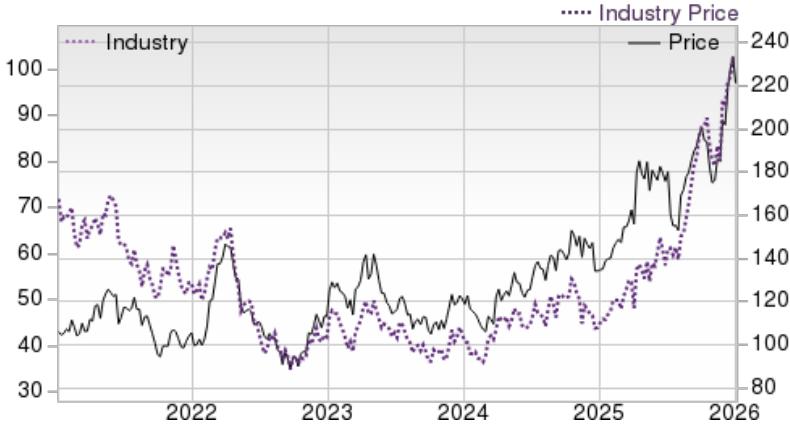
The table below shows summary valuation data for RGLD.

Valuation Multiples - RGLD					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
P/E F12M	Current	17.56	13.11	15.16	23.44
	5-Year High	36.87	21.21	16.66	23.78
	5-Year Low	17.17	11.44	8.03	15.73
	5-Year Median	26.66	15.79	12.87	21.21
EV/EBITDA TTM	Current	20.54	9.53	14.27	18.63
	5-Year High	37.17	12.01	14.71	22.41
	5-Year Low	14.41	5.25	5.75	13.87
	5-Year Median	18.71	7.76	10.87	17.96
P/B TTM	Current	5.02	2.66	3.39	8.51
	5-Year High	5.11	3.01	4.25	9.16
	5-Year Low	2.11	0.94	2.18	6.61
	5-Year Median	2.91	1.51	3.03	8.05

As of 12/19/2025

Source: Zacks Investment Research

Industry Analysis⁽¹⁾ Zacks Industry Rank: Top 19% (46 out of 244)



Top Peers⁽¹⁾

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Iamgold Corporation (IAG)	Outperform	3
Alamos Gold Inc. (AGI)	Neutral	3
B2Gold Corp (BTG)	Neutral	3
Centerra Gold Inc. (CGAU)	Neutral	3
Eldorado Gold Corpor... (EGO)	Neutral	3
Equinox Gold Corp. (EQX)	Neutral	3
New Gold Inc. (NGD)	Neutral	3
Wheaton Precious Met... (WPM)	Neutral	3

Industry Comparison⁽¹⁾ Industry: Mining - Gold

	RGLD	X Industry	S&P 500	AGI	FNV	NGD
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	1	-	-	3	3	3
VGM Score	D	-	-	B	C	A
Market Cap	19.35 B	786.18 M	39.40 B	16.49 B	40.95 B	7.18 B
# of Analysts	2	1	22	5	5	3
Dividend Yield	0.83%	0.00%	1.39%	0.25%	0.72%	0.00%
Value Score	F	-	-	C	D	C
Cash/Price	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.02
EV/EBITDA	34.38	7.93	14.79	22.43	41.05	21.39
PEG Ratio	0.40	0.39	2.04	0.35	1.26	NA
Price/Book (P/B)	5.66	4.27	3.38	4.09	5.85	5.79
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	30.72	21.07	15.41	30.17	48.50	17.87
P/E (F1)	20.06	13.07	18.79	16.87	31.45	8.22
Price/Sales (P/S)	22.56	5.26	3.12	10.25	26.48	5.78
Earnings Yield	5.14%	6.34%	5.32%	5.93%	3.18%	12.13%
Debt/Equity	0.23	0.02	0.57	0.07	0.00	0.32
Cash Flow (\$/share)	7.46	0.01	8.98	1.30	4.38	0.51
Growth Score	D	-	-	B	B	A
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	12.83%	11.97%	8.24%	21.14%	3.94%	28.98%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	52.85%	52.62%	9.18%	82.50%	62.62%	190.00%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	23.37%	8.65%	7.00%	37.31%	-11.80%	41.62%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	23.04%	15.36%	7.49%	17.11%	6.88%	15.60%
Current Ratio	2.89	2.42	1.19	1.72	4.64	0.88
Debt/Capital	18.40%	1.96%	38.14%	6.12%	0.00%	24.20%
Net Margin	55.99%	20.52%	12.77%	33.46%	59.48%	20.07%
Return on Equity	14.14%	3.72%	17.03%	12.36%	13.94%	29.56%
Sales/Assets	0.23	0.40	0.53	0.29	0.22	0.50
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	0.10%	28.43%	5.29%	35.90%	47.20%	NA
Momentum Score	B	-	-	A	B	A
Daily Price Chg	3.70%	2.60%	0.64%	2.27%	1.85%	5.96%
1 Week Price Chg	-5.23%	-6.25%	-0.05%	-5.79%	-4.06%	-8.25%
4 Week Price Chg	15.62%	8.92%	0.81%	10.77%	6.58%	21.58%
12 Week Price Chg	14.96%	7.48%	3.72%	13.07%	0.39%	26.50%
52 Week Price Chg	73.00%	176.12%	15.51%	110.17%	75.97%	257.09%
20 Day Average Volume	921,638	967,069	2,399,304	2,155,331	561,599	15,458,981
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.11%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	38.46%	21.16%	0.44%	22.14%	19.59%	22.93%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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Value Score	F
Growth Score	D
Momentum Score	B
VGM Score	D

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