

RECOMMENDATION

# Buy JSC «Kazatomprom» (KZAP)

Upside: **30%** Target Price: **24,700 KZT** Last price: **18,995 KZT**  March 26, 2025

### **STOCK MARKET**

DCF

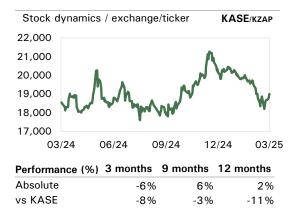
Kazakhstan | Nuclear Power

### flashnote/update

# Kazatomprom: Financial results for 2024



Revenue, '24 (billion KZT) EBIT, '24 (billion KZT) Net Income, norm. '24 (billion KZT) Net Debt, '24 (billion KZT)	1,813 966 577 -145
P/E, norm. '24 (x)	8.5x
P/BV, '24 (x)	1.6x
EV/S, '24 (x)	2.6x
EV/EBITDA, '24 (x)	6.1x
ROA, norm. (%)	22%
ROE, norm. (%)	<b>49</b> %
EBIT Margin (%):	<b>40</b> %
Net Margin, norm. (%):	32%
Market cap (billion KZT)	4,926
Shares issued (million units)	259
Free float (%)	<b>25</b> %
52-week min/max (KZT) 16,700 -	- 21,390
Current price (KZT)	18,995
Target Price (KZT)	24,700
Upside (%)	30%
Investment horizon 6-12	2 months
Planned price update frequency	Quarterly



Orazbayev Daniyar, CFA Investment Analyst (+7) 727 311 10 94 (988) | orazbayev@ffin.kz JSC "Kazatomprom" released its financial report for 2024. Revenue showed solid growth amid an increase in average realized prices. Moreover, operating margin declined only slightly. In our valuation model, we updated key financial indicators, lowered forecasted revenue and uranium price projections, and increased the cost of capital. As a result, our valuation of Kazatomprom's stock decreased to 24,700 KZT, with a growth potential of 30% from the current price on KASE. Recommendation – "Buy".

(+) **Record annual revenue**. The company's revenue for 2024 reached a record 1.8 trillion KZT, growing by 26% y/y. The main drivers of this growth were revenues from uranium sales (+20% y/y) and uranium product sales (+66% y/y). However, the company's attributable uranium sales volume for the year totaled 12.8 thousand tons, 14% lower than in 2023 due to increased supplies to LLP "Ulba-FA" for uranium products (fuel pellets and assemblies) manufacturing. At the same time, overall uranium production increased by 10% y/y. Thus, the key factor behind revenue growth was a 26% increase in the average selling price, while the average market price rose by 36%.

(=) Margin declined slightly. Compared to the previous year, profitability saw a slight decline in terms of operating profit. Gross margin fell from 53% to 49%, largely due to a 42% y/y increase in raw material and supply costs caused by a sulfuric acid shortage and rising uranium prices. However, EBITDA margin declined less significantly—from 44.6% to 43.5%—thanks to a 62% y/y increase in net profit from associated and joint ventures. Adjusted net profit attributable to shareholders, excluding a one-time non-cash gain of 296 billion KZT from business acquisition (JV "Budenovskoye"), amounted to 577 billion KZT (+38% y/y), or 2,223 KZT per share.

**Our opinion and valuation model changes.** Kazatomprom's report can be considered moderately positive due to record annual revenue. Given the slight decline in margin, the company's net profit grew significantly. However, free cash flow for dividend calculation increased by only 5.6% y/y, meaning that a significant dividend increase should not be expected this year. In our valuation model, we lowered forecasted revenue due to declining market uranium prices. Additionally, WACC was slightly increased. As a result, the new target price for Kazatomprom's shares is **24,700 KZT**, with an **upside of 30%** from the current market price. **Recommendation –** "**Buy**".



## Appendix

#### Illustration 1. Key changes in the latest version of the valuation model

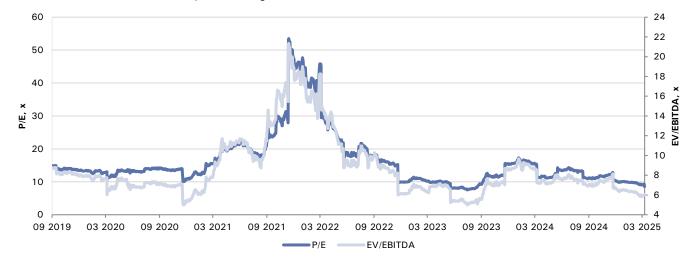
0	Date of v	Date of valuation		0
Changes	04.12.2024	26.03.2025	%	Comments
Uranium spot price, 2025, \$/lb	76	70	-8%	Recent actual U3O8 spot price decrease
Revenue, 2025, trillion KZT	1.86	1.73	-7%	Lower forecast prices for uranium and uranium products
WACC, %	11.1%	11.5%	+40 bp	Higher equity risk premium and risk-free rate

Freedom Broker estimates





Illustration 3. P/E and EV/EBITDA multiples according to Freedom Broker estimates



#### Illustration 4. Current Rating Percentage from Freedom Broker for KASE securities

Recommendation	Quantity	Percentage
Buy	8	80%
Hold	1	10%
Sell	1	10%



#### License https://ffin.global/licence/

Public company "Freedom Finance Global PLC» (hereinafter referred to as the Company) provides brokerage (agency) services in the securities market on the territory of the Astana International Financial Center (AIFC) in the Republic of Kazakhstan. Subject to the requirements, conditions, restrictions and / or instructions of the current AIFC legislation, the Company is authorized to carry out the following regulated activities under License No. AFSA-A-LA-2020-0019: investment transactions as a principal, investment transactions as an agent, investment management, providing investment advice and organizing investment transactions. The information and materials posted in this section are for reference and informational purposes only, addressed to Freedom clients Finance Global PLC is not an individual investment recommendation, is not an offer to invest in shares of various companies.

recommendation, is not an offer to invest in shares of various companies. The materials contained in this document are of a reference and informational nature with respect to the object of investment research (hereinafter referred to as the Issuer), and are addressed to current retail and potential retail clients of the Company. The information contained in this document has been obtained from publicly available sources and is considered reliable by the author(s), however, the author(s) make no warranties or representations, express or implied, regarding its accuracy or completeness. The information is not intended to be used as a basis for making any investment decisions by any individual or legal entity. This information does not constitute an investment recommendation, nor is it an offer or solicitation to buy or sell any security. Owning securities and other financial instruments is always associated with risks: the value of securities and other financial instruments may rise or fall. Past investment recounts the reliability of noreible income. In accordance with the law, the company does not guarantee or promise future investment returns, does not quarantee the reliability of noreible income.

guarantee the reliability of possible investments and the stability of possible income.

#### Disclosure of information

- The author(s) or member of his/her family of this report have no financial interest in the securities of the Issuer The author(s) or their family member(s) of this report are not aware of any conflicts of interest that could influence the content or publication of this report. The author(s) or a member of his/her family of this report do not have a sufficient amount of the Issuer's securities in their personal portfolio to have a
- significant impact on the quotes in the event of their sale. The order of subordination of the author(s) and his/her/their remuneration does not lead to a conflict of interest
- The Company and its related person do not hold 1% or more of the total issued share capital of the Issuer
- The Company and its related person do not act as a corporate broker for the Issuer. The Issuer does not have a significant stake in the Company's share
- The Company may be a market maker in relation to the Issuer's shares. A detailed list of financial instruments is available on the website of the Kazakhstan Stock Exchange at this link: https://kase.kz/ru/membership/SEVEN/

#### Rating system

- Buy: A stock that, at the time of rating, is expected to increase in price by more than 20 percent over the next 6-12 months.
- Hold: A stock that, at the time of rating, is expected to move in price in the range of minus 10 percent to plus 10 percent over the next 6-12 months.
- Sell: A stock that, at the time of rating, is expected to decline in price by more than 10 percent over the next 6-12 months.