



Assured Guaranty Ltd. (AGO)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	\$85	5 Year CAGR Estimate:	5.1%	Market Cap:	\$3.9B
Fair Value Price:	\$74	5 Year Growth Estimate:	6.0%	Ex-Dividend Date:	03/06/2026
% Fair Value:	115%	5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:	-2.8%	Dividend Payment Date:	03/20/2026
Dividend Yield:	1.8%	5 Year Price Target	\$99	Years Of Dividend Growth:	14
Dividend Risk Score:	B	Sector:	Financials	Rating:	Hold

Overview & Current Events

Assured Guaranty Ltd. (AGO) is a Bermuda-based holding company that provides credit protection products and asset management services through its subsidiaries. The company offers credit protection products to the U.S. and international public finance and structured finance markets and manages assets across collateralized loan obligations as well as other funds.

AGO operates the following two segments:

1. **Insurance:** This segment provides clients with financial guaranty insurance that protects holders of debt instruments from defaults in scheduled payments. It also offers specialty insurance and reinsurance on transactions with risk profiles similar to its structured finance exposures written in financial guaranty form, as well as insurance and reinsurance of renewable energy bonds, infrastructure bonds, healthcare bonds, etc. The segment made up roughly 86% of its \$1.11 billion in total 2025 revenue.
2. **Asset Management:** AGO participates in the asset management business via its ownership interest in Sound Point, LP. The company's five main credit strategies include CLOs and performing credit, private credit, structured credit, opportunistic credit, and commercial real estate credit. Along with the corporate division, this made up the remainder of AGO's total revenue in 2025.

On February 26th, the company released its financial results for the fourth quarter ending December 31st, 2025. AGO's total revenue rocketed 77.6% higher year-over-year to \$277 million in the quarter. A swing from a \$70 million foreign exchange loss in Q4 2024 to \$3 million of FOREX gains in Q4 2025, and a surge in fair value gains on trading securities from \$1 million in Q4 2024 to \$25 million in Q4 2025, were largely responsible for this uptick in revenue during the quarter. AGO's adjusted operating income per diluted share soared 82.6% over the year-ago period to \$2.32 for the quarter. That surpassed the analyst consensus by \$0.76 in the quarter. A week before Q4 2025 earnings, AGO also upped its quarterly dividend per share by 11.8% to \$0.38. This dividend is payable on March 20th to shareholders of record as of March 6th.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
EPS	\$6.68	\$5.41	\$4.34	\$3.91	\$2.97	\$6.32	\$4.14	\$10.78	\$7.10	\$9.08	\$7.40	\$9.90
DPS	\$0.52	\$0.57	\$0.64	\$0.72	\$0.80	\$0.88	\$1.00	\$1.12	\$1.24	\$1.36	\$1.52	\$2.45
Shares¹	128.0	116.0	103.7	93.3	77.6	67.5	59.0	56.2	50.5	45.2	45.2	29.5

Over the past decade, AGO's adjusted operating income per diluted share has grown by almost 4% annually. Moving forward, we think that adjusted operating income per diluted share can grow by 6% annually through 2031, off an anticipated 2026 base of \$7.40. That's because new business production in Q4 came in at \$92 million. AGO also recently acquired Warwick RE (which it renamed Assured Life Reinsurance), where it's actively progressing several promising opportunities to assume new blocks of annuity business. Coupled with AGO's extensive history of aggressive share buybacks, this is how we believe that the company can meet our growth forecasts.

¹ Share count is in millions.



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Valuation Analysis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
Avg. P/E	5.7	6.3	8.8	12.5	10.6	7.9	15.0	6.9	12.7	10.8	11.5	10.0
Avg. Yld.	1.4%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%	1.5%	2.5%	1.8%	1.6%	1.4%	1.5%	1.8%	2.5%

Since 2016, AGO has traded at a P/E ratio ranging from as low as the mid-single-digits to as high as the mid-teens. The average P/E ratio over that time was approximately 10. Since we believe that the modest growth profile is intact, a P/E ratio of 10.0 probably represents fair value. Compared to the current year P/E ratio of 11.5, this suggests the stock is still richly valued.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
Payout	8%	11%	15%	18%	27%	14%	24%	10%	17%	15%	21%	25%

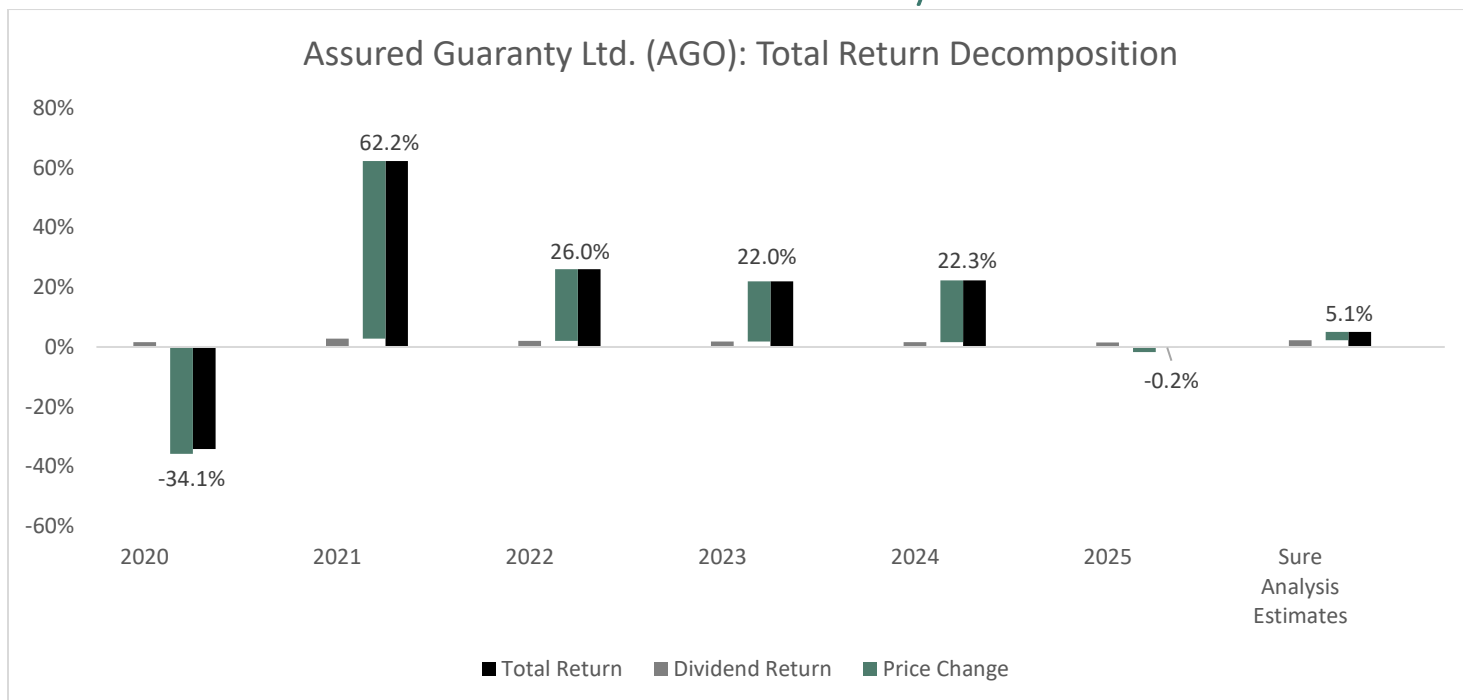
AGO's market leadership in the municipal bond insurance industry is a key competitive advantage for the company. In 2024, its U.S. municipal par volume of more than \$27 billion accounted for 58% of total insured par sold. That makes it very difficult for existing competitors or new entrants in the market to challenge their position.

AGO also enjoys a strong balance sheet, with an A credit rating from S&P on a stable outlook. AGO's dividend is also reasonably secure, with the payout ratio set to be in the low-20% range in 2026. This should give it room for payout growth to moderately exceed adjusted operating income per diluted share for the foreseeable future.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

AGO's 1.8% yield, 6.0% annual adjusted operating income per diluted share growth prospects, and 2.8% annualized multiple compression could translate into 5.1% annual total returns through 2031. That's why we're maintaining our Hold rating.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



Disclosure: This analyst has no position in the security discussed in this research report, and no plans to initiate one in the next 72 hours.



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Revenue	1,955	1,380	1,651	987	924	1,084	698	684	1,015	814
SG&A Exp.			143	152	178	228	230	258	251	202
Net Profit	1,056	881	730	521	402	362	389	124	739	376
Net Margin	54.0%	63.8%	44.2%	52.8%	43.5%	33.4%	55.7%	18.1%	72.8%	46.2%
Free Cash Flow	-71	-132	433	462	-509	-853	-1,937	-2,479	461	47
Income Tax	375	136	261	59	63	45	58	11	-93	96

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Assets	14,544	14,151	14,433	13,603	14,326	15,334	18,208	16,843	12,540	11,900
Cash & Equivalents	166	118	144	104	169	162	120	107	97	121
Acc. Receivable	888	1,021	1,487	1,394	2,033	2,363	2,173	1,555	1,766	1,947
Goodwill & Int.				24	216	203	175	163		
Total Liabilities	8,481	7,647	7,594	7,048	7,674	8,629	11,708	11,551	6,774	6,348
Accounts Payable	51	64	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Long-Term Debt	1,300	1,306	1,292	1,233	1,235	1,224	1,673	1,675	1,694	1,699
Total Equity	6,063	6,504	6,839	6,555	6,639	6,643	6,292	5,064	5,713	5,495
D/E Ratio	0.21	0.20	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.27	0.33	0.30	0.31

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Return on Assets	7.2%	6.1%	5.1%	3.7%	2.9%	2.4%	2.3%	0.7%	5.0%	3.1%
Return on Equity	17.9%	14.0%	10.9%	7.8%	6.1%	5.5%	6.0%	2.1%	13.4%	6.6%
ROIC	14.6%	11.6%	9.2%	6.5%	5.1%	4.6%	4.8%	1.6%	10.2%	5.1%
Shares Out.	138	128	116	103	93	77	67	64	58	53
Revenue/Share	13.12	10.29	13.50	8.87	9.22	12.58	9.39	10.70	17.38	15.27
FCF/Share	(0.48)	(0.98)	3.54	4.15	(5.08)	(9.90)	(26.07)	(38.80)	7.95	0.89

Note: All figures in millions of U.S. Dollars unless per share or indicated otherwise.

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