

ASX's largest pre-production primary silver asset gets even larger

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We update coverage on Sun Silver Limited (ASX: SS1) with a revised 12-month Target Share Price of \$6.54, **representing the scope of a 287% upside from the current share price of \$1.69 and a notable increase from our Target Share Price in our initiation report from August last year.** Sun Silver is continuing to rapidly advance its flagship Maverick Springs Project in Nevada, **the largest pre-production primary silver asset listed on the ASX, boasting a JORC Inferred Resource of 539Moz silver equivalent (AgEq) at 71 g/t.** SS1's impressive recent 3rd Mineral Resource upgrade in under 2 years since listing places its Maverick Springs Project as a standout, strategically significant U.S. primary silver asset at a time when silver is becoming an important element of the North American / western-based secure supply chain thematic

Maverick Springs: still open for further exploration upside

Maverick Springs continues to reaffirm our original thesis that, apart from just peer set leading primary silver asset scale, the asset is still open for notable further exploration upgrade. SS1's last 2 Mineral Resource upgrades have increased both scale and silver equivalent grades, which is an uncommon facet of large projects. Importantly, and forming a key part of our bullish investment thesis, recent drilling and re-assaying results released post last December's resource upgrade continue to show thick, high-grade silver-gold mineralisation at grades above the existing mineral resource, validating the strong lateral and vertical continuity of the multi-metal commodity at the Project. Additionally, near-surface shallow exploration via RC pre-collars shows mineralisation above the current ore body, validating our thesis of open-pit/low-strip mining potential, which SS1 will seek to confirm in future scoping studies.

Several additional value creation levers are in play

Alongside its significant exposure to silver (now a US-designated critical mineral), SS1's Maverick Springs' multi-commodity aspect allows investors to also benefit from valuable gold and antimony exposure. The Project exhibits a gold resource of over 2Moz at grades suitable for bulk tonnage mining, in addition to possessing re-assay and new drilling intercepts that point to the high likelihood of a near-term antimony maiden resource, allowing investors to also gain from antimony's U.S. critical minerals status. Furthermore, SS1 recently increased its exploration land holding along strike, paving the way for more discoveries at a larger Maverick Springs. As a possible precedent step to an eventual US listing, since the time of our last report, SS1's stock now also trades on the U.S. OTCQX Market, setting the stage for an eventual material rerate that rewards SS1 stockholders from the U.S. markets' silver premium. Additionally, we view the recent silver pullback as an opportune time to increase exposure to silver, given that the medium- to long-term structural thesis supporting silver remains intact.

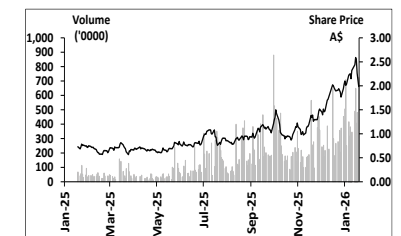
Valuation range of A\$5.96 Base Case – A\$7.11 per share in the Upside

Our approach has been conservative given the prospectivity of Maverick Springs and its highly likely amenability to low-cost bulk tonnage heap leach mining. We have based our valuation on only 50% of SS1's Mineral Resource and have refrained from rewarding SS1 more for its carbonate-hosted silver mineralisation (catalyst for a strong additional future re-rate).

Sun Silver Limited (A\$m)	Base Case	Bull Case
Implied Enterprise Value	1,036	1,243
Equity Value	1,066	1,273
Implied Price (A\$)	5.96	7.11

Date	9 Feb 2026
Share Price (A\$)	1.69
Market Cap (A\$m)	225.6
52-week L/H (A\$)	0.530 / 2.730
Free Float (%)	59.9%
Bloomberg	SS1 AU
Reuters	SS1.AX

Price Performance (in A\$)



Business description

Sun Silver (ASX: SS1) is a US-focused explorer advancing its 100%-owned Maverick Springs Project in Nevada. Hosting a JORC Inferred MRE of 539Moz AgEq at 71 g/t, it is the largest pre-production primary silver asset on the ASX and also one of the most significant silver assets in the U.S. In addition to silver, the Project is also prospective for gold and antimony.

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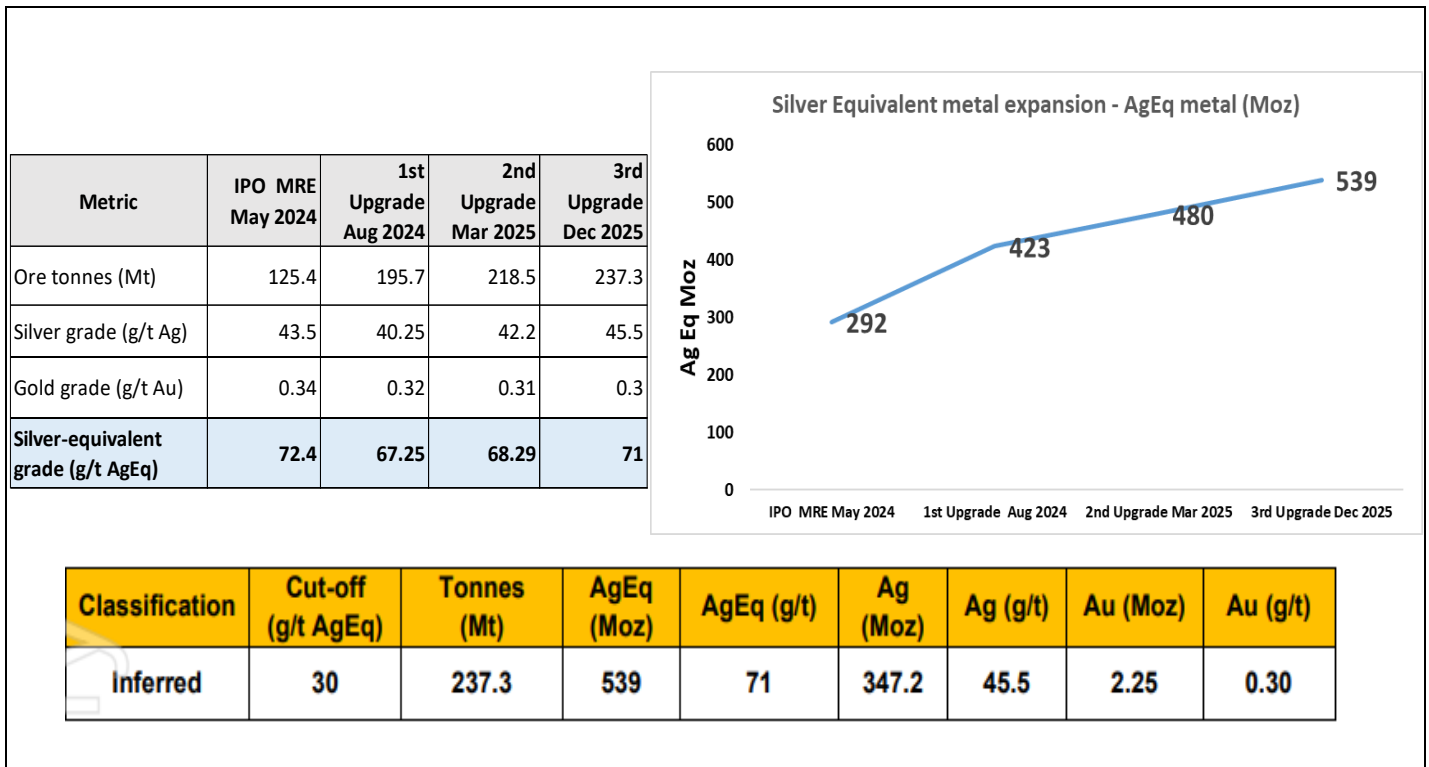
December 2025 MRE upgrade crystallises Maverick Springs' emergence as a tier-one undeveloped U.S. silver system

On 9 December 2025, SS1 delivered its **third Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) upgrade in under two years**, culminating from the fully funded 2025 infill and extensional drill campaign at its Maverick Springs Project. The upgrade followed a robust A\$30m institutional capital raise in Q1 FY2026, which materially strengthened SS1's balance sheet and enabled an aggressive, technically disciplined drilling and de-risking program across the deposit. The result was a step-change in both the scale and quality of the resource, with Maverick Springs' MRE increasing to **~539Moz AgEq at ~71g/t AgEq** (Inferred JORC Resource), **reinforcing its position as one of the largest undeveloped primary silver systems in the United States (and also the largest preproduction primary silver asset on the ASX).**

The December 2025 update represents the latest step in a consistent, high-conviction resource growth trajectory. Since SS1's IPO, Maverick Springs has now delivered **three successive MRE upgrades**, with each update increasing contained silver-equivalent ounces (and silver only ounces) and overall scale (refer below to **Figure 1**). Importantly, this growth has not come at the expense of grade. While the initial post-IPO upgrade reflected a deliberate scale-driven dilution as the geological envelope was expanded, SS1's last two MRE updates have delivered rising silver and silver-equivalent grades, with gold grades remaining broadly steady. The outcome is an uncommon, attractive combination of materially increasing tonnage alongside recovering and improving AgEq grades, a profile that is particularly financially lucrative for large-scale bulk silver systems and hence is a premise for our continued bullish stance on SS1.

Achieving 3 MRE upgrades in under 2 years indicates the strong underlying prospectivity of Maverick Springs which is still open to exploration upside

Figure 1: SS1's impressive record of sequential MRE upgrades



Source: Company, East Coast Research

SS1's gold only MRE as shown above in Figure 1 is substantial and at economic grades for bulk tonnage mining to qualify as a very useful gold credit

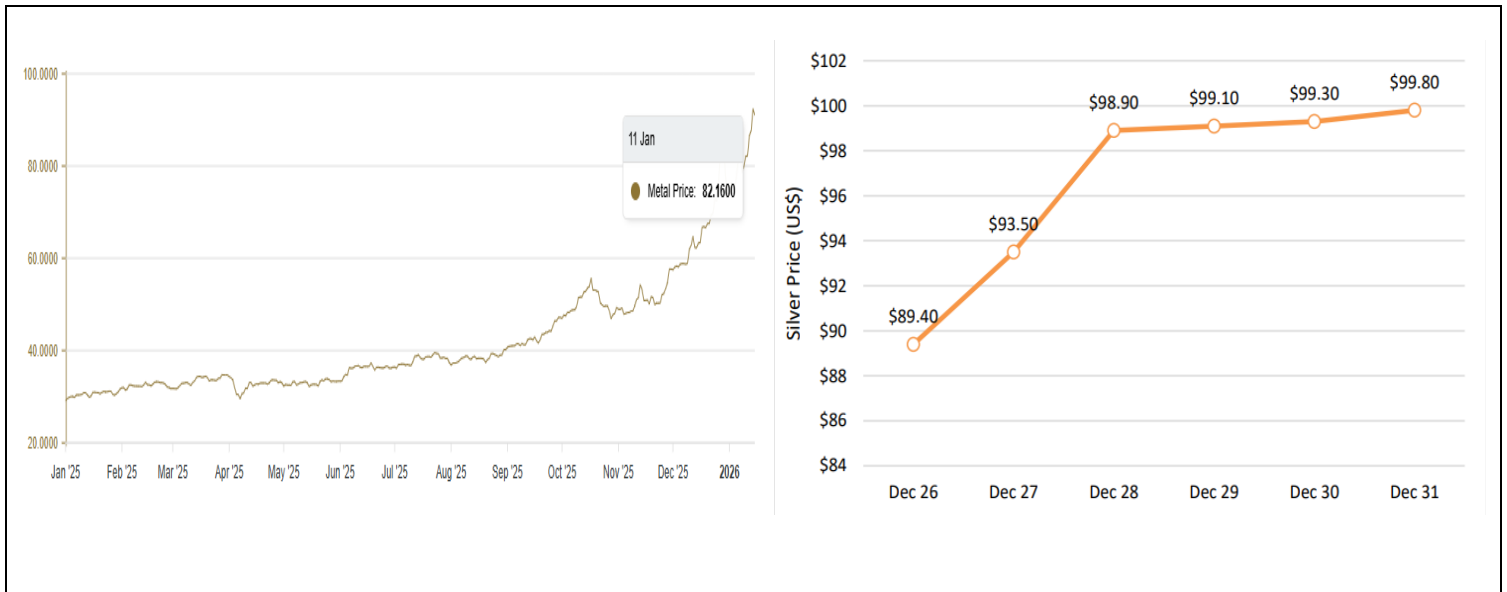
In support of our bullish investment thesis, SS1's gold-only MRE, as shown above in Figure 1, is substantial and at economic grades for bulk tonnage mining to qualify as a useful gold credit.

Furthermore, investors should note that SS1's delivery of three MRE resource upgrades in under two years is not simply a function of drilling intensity; it is indicative of a mineral system with strong lateral and vertical continuity, predictable geometry, and a growing density of data that consistently converts exploration success into compliant resources. Consequently, we also support the view that SS1's Maverick Spring Project is emerging as one of the most strategically important undeveloped silver assets in the United States.

Also notable is that the December 2025 MRE upgrade was driven not only by new drilling results but also by a systematic re-assaying of historical drill material, which has materially improved confidence in the underlying grade distribution. Multi-element re-assay work on historic pulps and core has demonstrated a consistent uplift in mean silver grades of approximately 20–25% across the re-assayed dataset.

And as shown below in **Figure 2**, SS1's material MRE upgrades in 2025 also occurred in the context of silver being the best performing global commodity in 2025, with its rise of ~150% well exceeding gold's 60-70% and because as remphasised in the valuation section there are a multitude of structural demand and supply forces in support of its rise, silver future prices are also expected to be at elevated levels over the medium term forecasting horizon **(although silver's price has in the last few days fallen, we are confident that the long term structural thesis supporting elevated prices remains due to both demand and supply reasons).**

Figure 2: Silver prices on a structural rise (spot LHS and futures RHS - \$ USD)



Source: Bloomberg, COMEX Futures

Ongoing growth potential: north-west expansion, southern tightening, and post-MRE drilling momentum

Our continued bullish thesis on SS1 is also premised on Maverick Springs' sustained demonstration of the scope for substantial further exploration upside beyond the recent MRE upgrade, with mineralisation still remaining open in all directions. A number of the higher-grade intercepts contributing to the December 2025 MRE upgrade were delivered from extensional drilling in the north-western sector of the deposit, confirming continuity of wide, above-average grade mineralisation beyond the previous resource boundary. Drilling holes from the 2025 drill campaign that are a part of SS1's most recent MRE upgrade include:

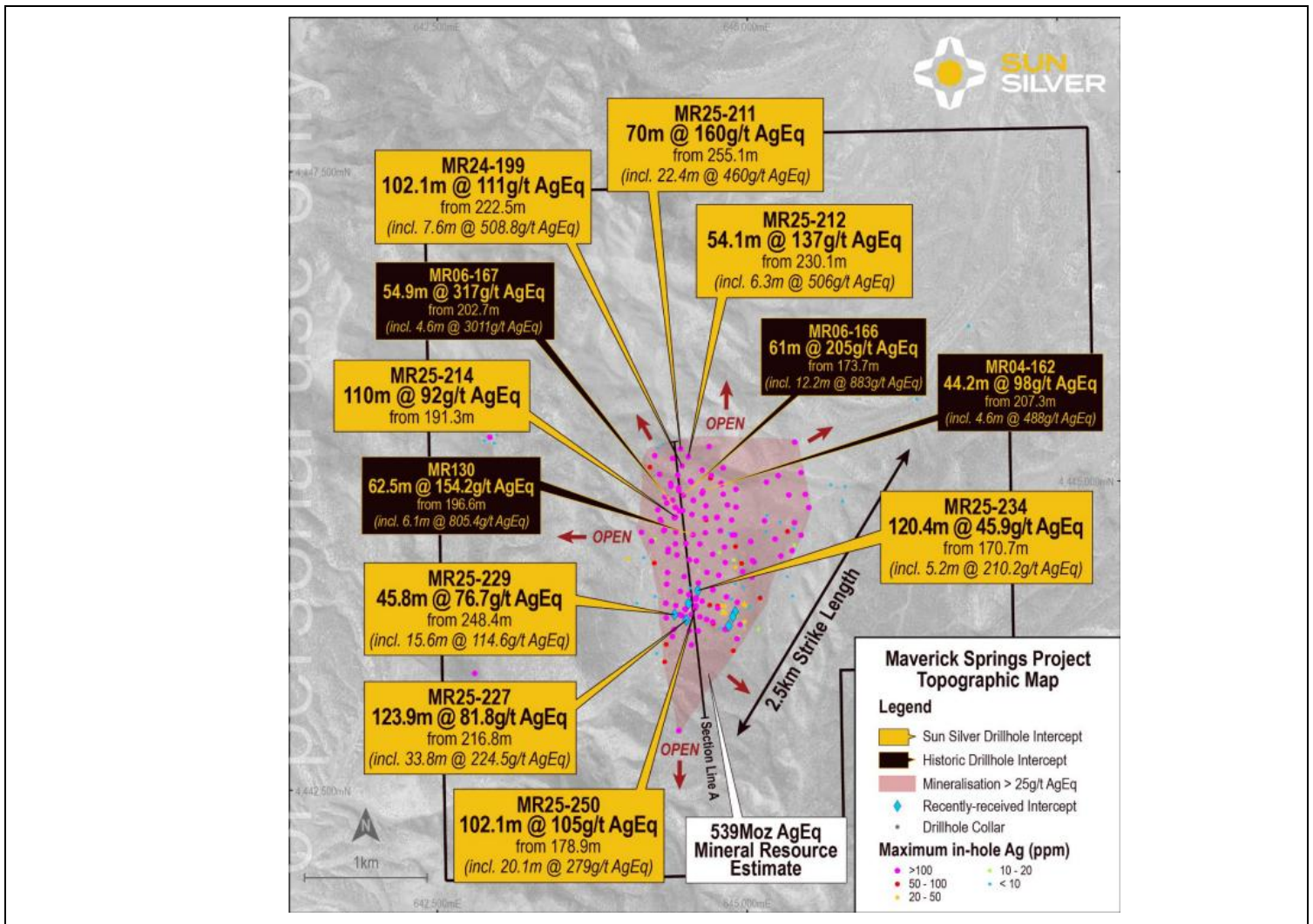
- **MR25-211** – 70m at 160g/t AgEq (144.5g/t Ag, 0.179g/t Au), including 22.4m at 460g/t AgEq (440.5g/t Ag, 0.226g/t Au)
- **MR25-212** – 54.1m at 137g/t AgEq (116.7g/t Ag, 0.23g/t Au), including 6.3m at 506g/t AgEq (484.8g/t Ag, 0.25g/t Au)

These results not only confirm continuity of mineralisation along strike, but also indicate localised grade enhancement and sustained thickness along the structural hinge, highlighting the potential both to further expand the overall resource footprint and to lift grades in this north-western sector.

Importantly, drilling completed subsequent to the December 2025 MRE continues to reinforce this thesis of additional scope for exploration upside. Drilling results released in January 2026 report **thick mineralised intercepts from multiple holes**, with grades consistent with or exceeding the updated MRE averages. These post-MRE results provide confidence that the December resource update did not exhaust the growth potential of the system and that further resource expansion remains likely as new data is incorporated/ new drilling work done (SS1 is well funded).

While early extensional work confirmed that mineralisation remains open to both the **north and south**, recent drilling has also begun to **tighten drill density in the southern portion of the deposit** – refer below to **Figure 3**. The use of RC pre-collars with HQ diamond tails is improving geological certainty in the southern area of the system. This work is important in demonstrating that the southern extent of Maverick Springs is not simply a lower confidence add-on, but a prospective area capable of contributing meaningful tonnes and potentially supporting future upgrades in classification and scale. **New assay results released from the 2025 drill program also include high-grade gold (10.7m at 1.59g/t Au from 192m with individual gold assays up to 2.95g/t Au) and high-grade antimony intercepts, strengthening the Project's strategic value due to its multi-commodity exposure to strategic and critical metals.**

Figure 3: SS1's recent drilling results – silver mineralisation remains open in all directions



Source: Company

Mineralisation geometry and open-pit potential

The current MRE defines a mineralisation envelope extending approximately **2.4km along strike and up to ~1.4km in width**. The mineralised body has been modelled as a large, continuous, gently folded antiform, broadly sub-horizontal in nature. Mineralisation is noted to commence at approximately **120m below surface at its shallowest extent** and extends to **in excess of 500m below surface**, deepening and dipping more steeply toward the east.

From a mining economic attractiveness perspective, the geometry and depth profile are important. The MRE has been constructed with reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction under open-pit assumptions, with selective underground potential at depth. While no pit optimisation or reserve studies have yet been completed, the scale, continuity, and relatively shallow upper portions of the system support the view that Maverick Springs is **conceptually open-pittable**, which adds to the overall strength of our investment thesis.

In line with this, a particularly encouraging development has been the **increasing evidence for shallow mineralisation** above and peripheral to the main orebody. Our review of SS1's recent drilling results indicates that shallow RC pre-collars, which terminate above the core mineralised horizon, have returned near-surface silver and gold anomalism within ~150m of surface. While these intercepts do not yet form part of the MRE, they suggest the presence of additional shallow mineralisation that could materially influence future open-pit shell optimisation.

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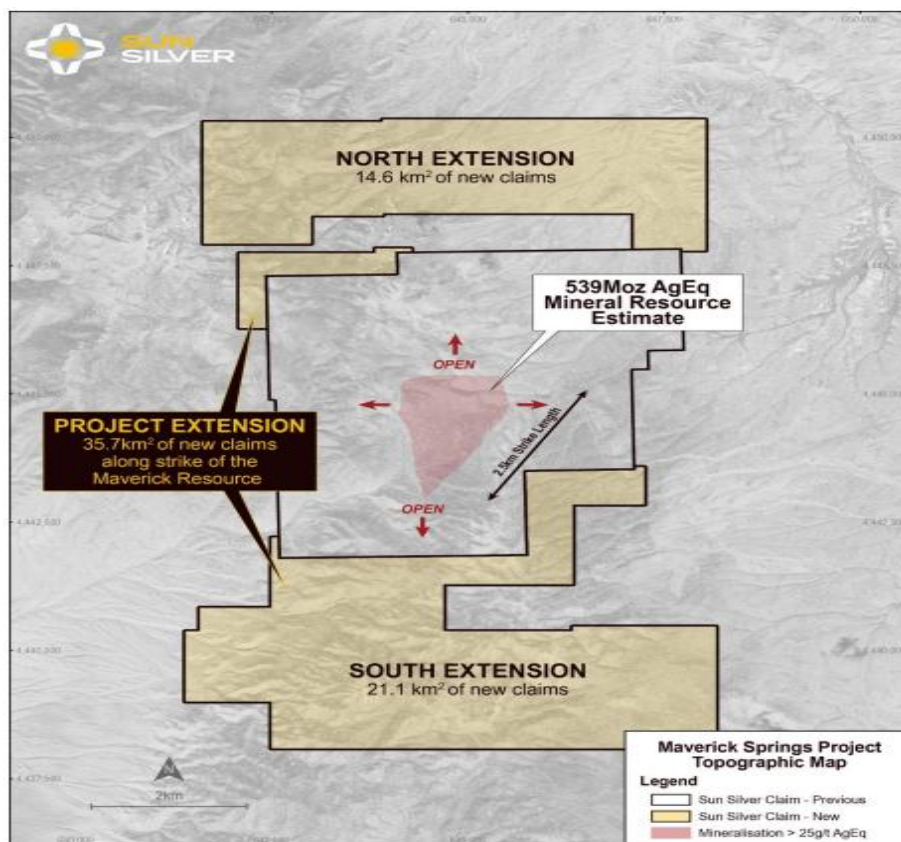
The demonstration of shallow mineralisation clearly provides another strong future catalyst to potentially even further enhance our bullish investment thesis, because shallow mineralisation can reduce pre-strip volumes, lower initial capital outlays, and **enhance the overall economic cash generation profile of the Project.**

Land position expansion: doubling the footprint and extending long-term optionality

On 19 January 2026, Sun Silver announced a material expansion of its Maverick Springs land position, staking an additional ~35.7km² of new lode claims. This represents a ~219% increase in total project landholding, effectively more than doubling the Company’s footprint around the existing Mineral Resource – refer below to **Figure 4**. The newly staked claims extend along strike to both the north and south of the current resource envelope and capture highly prospective ground interpreted to host extensions of the known mineralised system.

Strategically, this move materially strengthens the long-term upside of Maverick Springs. Apart from the increased scope for substantial additional exploration upside, consequent to this increased landholding, SS1 has also secured space for potential **future development infrastructure**. Importantly, this expansion was achieved through low-cost staking (Nevada is particularly good in this regard) rather than acquisition, reflecting capital discipline while materially enhancing potential shareholder returns.

Figure 4: SS1’s expanded landholding – material increase in the scope of future exploration upside



Source: Company

Antimony upside: credible pathway to a maiden critical minerals resource

Antimony is emerging as a meaningful additional value driver at Maverick Springs, with mineralisation now confirmed from both systematic multi-element re-assays of historical drilling and intervals reported within Sun Silver’s recent RC and diamond drilling programs. This dual dataset strengthens confidence that the antimony is spatially extensive, locally near-surface, and closely associated with the broader silver-gold system. The presence of antimony in new drilling materially de-risks continuity, providing the geological substantiation needed for a potential near-term maiden antimony resource. Given current U.S. critical minerals tailwinds, strong domestic demand signals, and antimony’s strategic relevance to national security supply chains, an antimony component could enhance Maverick Springs’ economics, improve development optionality, and elevate the Project’s positioning within the U.S. critical minerals landscape, given antimony’s long-standing status of being on the US critical minerals list.

Recap of why we were originally so pre-emptively bullish on SS1 as per our original coverage

Tier-1 location, scale and primary silver asset advantage

SS1’s Maverick Springs Project stood out to us because of where it is located and what it represents within the global silver mining investment universe. Nevada is widely regarded as one of the most attractive global mining jurisdictions, consistently ranking near the top of global mining investment attractiveness surveys due to its stable legal framework, transparent permitting regime, and deep operational history in precious metals. **For a pre-development silver project, this jurisdictional advantage materially lowers sovereign and execution risk relative to many alternative silver districts globally** (as discussed in the valuation section, this is still being discounted by the market as reflected in SS1’s share price).

The Project’s proximity to the mining hub of Elko provides immediate access to sealed and gravel road networks, rail connectivity, grid power, water infrastructure, assay laboratories, and a skilled mining workforce. These factors collectively reduce development friction, shorten mobilisation timelines, and lower operating and sustaining capital intensity. In contrast to more remote greenfield districts, we noted that Maverick Springs’ location benefits from decades of mining-led infrastructure investment, which is already proven to support large-scale, long-life operations.

Nevada’s regulatory environment strengthened our bullish investment case. Exploration and mine permitting pathways are well established, with clearly defined processes for drill approvals, environmental baseline work, and mine development. This predictability reduces the probability of prolonged approval delays that can erode project economics and necessitate additional capital raises. Compared with silver projects in other jurisdictions, which are located in regions with longer approval timelines, higher labour costs, and more complex environmental overlays, we noted that Nevada-based assets are generally expected to achieve lower unit operating costs and smoother development trajectories.

We were also impressed with the Project’s specific and associated wider regional geology.

Maverick Springs is positioned at the southeastern end of the Carlin Trend, one of the world’s most productive and best-understood gold-silver belts. The Carlin Trend is characterised by large, laterally extensive mineral systems with strong continuity and favourable metallurgy, attributes that underpin the longevity of multiple world-class operations. The Project sits within a well-established mining district surrounded by producing and past-producing well-known mines,

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including Barrick’s Carlin complex, Kinross’ Bald Mountain Mine, and Coeur Mining’s Rochester Silver Mine. This regional clustering reinforces the geological endowment of the area due to its creation of potential strategic advantages as the Project advances. The presence of nearby operations opens the door to infrastructure sharing, processing optionality, and longer-term strategic partnerships, while also providing real-world benchmarks for operating costs and metallurgical performance. In support of our investment thesis, this clustering reduces the perception of “single-asset isolation risk” that often applies to standalone development projects.

Maverick Springs immense scale was also a clear standout aspect supporting our original bullish investment thesis. **Maverick Springs remains the ASX’s largest pre-production primary silver asset on a contained silver ounce basis**, materially exceeding the scale of other listed silver developers, a position that it also held at the time of our initial coverage note from last year.

The Project’s classification as a primary silver asset is also particularly significant. Globally, most silver production is derived as a by-product of base-metal or gold mining, meaning supply is often insensitive to silver price movements. In contrast, Maverick Springs’ silver-dominant resource profile provides direct leverage to rising silver prices. We posited that primary Silver plays such as Sun Silver would materially benefit directly from silver’s long-term price ascendancy, and given SS1’s stock price has risen ~ over 200 % vs where the price was at the time of our initial coverage, our hypothesis has been shown to be right.

Impressive geology and drilling outcomes underpinned by a multi-commodity system

We keenly noted that Maverick Springs is underpinned by geology that supports both scale and economic robustness. Mineralisation is hosted within Permian-age sedimentary sequences, predominantly limestone and dolomite, and displays strong affinities with Carlin-style mineral systems. These systems are characterised by fine dissemination of silver and gold within carbonate host rocks, often accompanied by sulphide minerals such as pyrite, arsenopyrite and related alteration assemblages.

This style of mineralisation is particularly attractive from a mining and processing perspective. Carlin-type deposits are typically laterally extensive, continuous, and amenable to bulk-tonnage mining methods. Importantly, the host rocks are generally soft, allowing for efficient drilling, blasting, and material movement, which in turn supports lower operating costs at scale. While Carlin-style systems can be economically mined at relatively low grades, we noted that Maverick Springs benefits from grades that are in the upper tier for bulk-tonnage thresholds, partly due to the Project’s attractive gold credits, highlighting the Project’s overall economic attractiveness. Indeed, since then in further support of this view, scale has increased along with silver equivalent grade.

We liked that the Project exhibited a clear multi-commodity signature. While silver is the dominant metal, gold provides meaningful by-product value and improves revenue diversification. In addition, as noted, antimony mineralisation identified through drilling and re-assay work continues to add a strategic dimension to the Project, given antimony’s recognition as a critical mineral due to its applications in defence, clean energy, and advanced materials, and the imperative to secure a Western-based supply of it.

In anticipation of future exploration prospectivity, at the time of our original coverage note, we noted the Project’s favourable geology in terms of its exceptionally low discovery cost. Through a combination of historical drilling and targeted modern exploration, Sun Silver delineated a very large silver-equivalent resource at a discovery cost of only ~ A\$0.058 per ounce. Given SS1 has since then delivered another substantial MRE upgrade, this cost still remains very low and reflects the continuity of mineralisation, the effectiveness of targeting within a well-understood geological framework, and the ability to add ounces without excessive drilling density.

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Mineralisation at Maverick Springs occurs from near surface through to depth, with multiple intercepts confirming shallow zones above the main resource model. This geometry provides opportunities for shallow resource expansion with relatively low stripping ratios. We particularly noted the value of near-surface mineralisation as being particularly valuable, as it can materially improve early-stage project economics and potentially support phased development strategies.

At the time of our original thesis, we liked the broad lateral extent of the mineralised system at Maverick Springs and its favourable depth profile as being well-suited to large-scale open-pit mining and additional exploration upside, and since then, the new drilling results have further confirmed these aspects. The recent results, along with our original assessment, support the Project's strong likelihood for a long-life, bulk-tonnage operation with predictable production profiles, along with the cost and cash flow advantages associated with low stripping ratios and open pit mining. In time, it's likely that SS1 will confirm our thesis by way of scoping studies on the Project.

Exploration momentum, re-assays, metallurgy and scalable growth levers

Given the impressive infill and step out drilling results that SS1 had achieved in 2024 and 2025 up to the time of our initial coverage, we were expecting additional strong high-grade resource expansion that SS1 has since delivered to the market.

Exploration results achieved up to August 2025 highlighted Maverick Springs' capacity for continued growth. The 2024 maiden drilling program represented a major value inflection point, comprising 23 reverse-circulation holes totalling approximately 7,700 metres. This program delivered a material uplift in the Mineral Resource Estimate, increasing the Inferred resource by around 57Moz of silver equivalent. Notably, this growth was achieved alongside an improvement in average grade, confirming that expansion occurred within higher-quality portions of the system.

Several intercepts from the 2024 program demonstrated thick zones of strong silver-equivalent grades, reinforcing confidence in the continuity and scale of the mineral system and indicating to us the strong prospects for future exploration discoveries. The 2025 drilling program built on this success, targeting metallurgical sampling, infill drilling to improve confidence, and step-out drilling to test extensions beyond the existing resource envelope. **We were impressed by the step-out intercepts that extended mineralisation well outside the defined resource shell, including exceptionally high-grade intervals that set new benchmarks for the Project and, in our mind, were a leading indicator of the MRE upgrade that came last December because they pointed to the existence of a much larger mineral system.**

At the time, we also noted the strong prospects of the Project's MRE being enhanced by the further re-assaying of historical drill results, which, since the publication of our Initiating Coverage report, have continued to show incremental and valuable multi-metal mineralisation. Lastly, our thesis was derisked due to notable historical metallurgical results that showed silver recoveries of up to 97.5% and gold recoveries of up to 96%, indicating favourable mineralogy and amenability to conventional cyanide leaching, reducing the risk associated with our bullish investment thesis that has since become stronger given SS1's recent results and the continued momentum in silver prices.

Valuation: SS1 goes from strength to strength

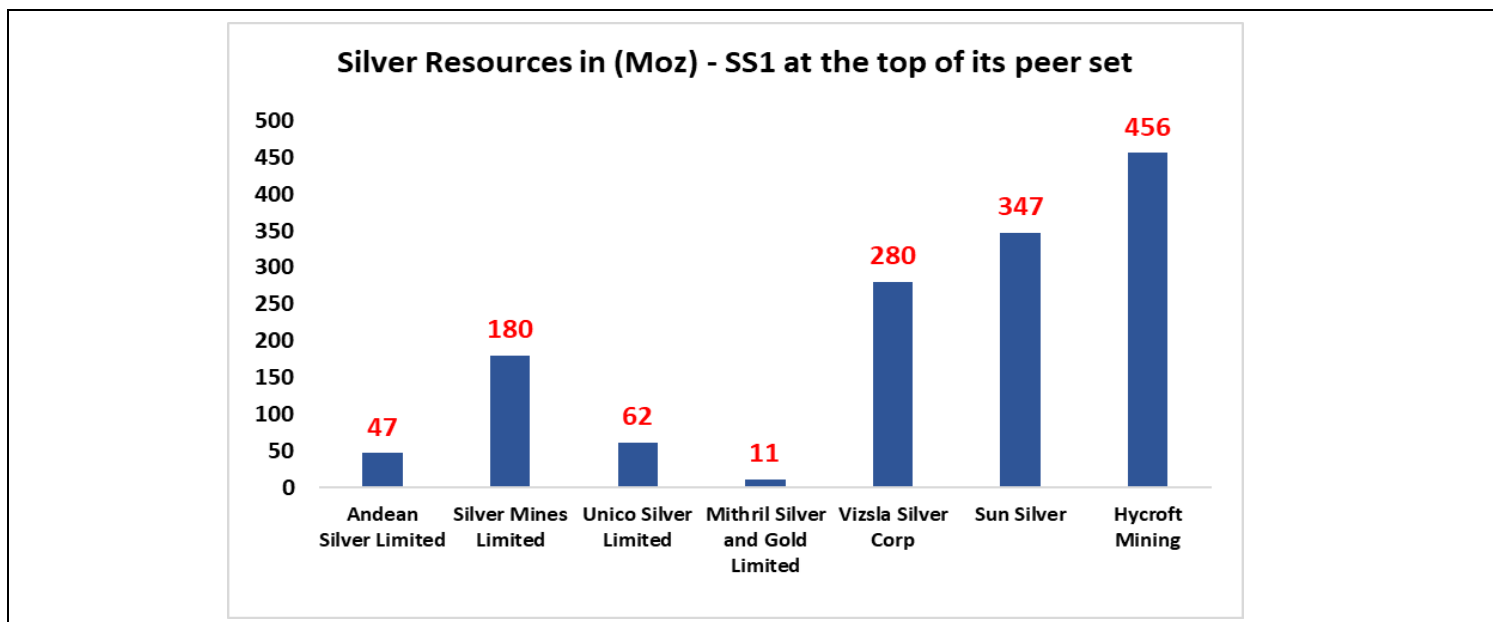
As discussed in detail below, we arrive at an updated intrinsic valuation of \$5.96 in the Base Case, whilst in the Upside Case, we arrive at \$7.11. The resultant mid-point valuation of \$6.54 represents the prospect of a 287% upside potential from the current share price of \$1.69.

Figure 5: SS1's current valuation shows that it trades at an unjustifiable deep discount to its peer set

Company Name	Ticker	Market Cap (A\$m)	EV (A\$m)	Measured & Indicated Ag Eq (Moz)	Inferred Ag Eq (Moz)	Total AgEq (Moz)	% Silver Only	Adjusted Resources (Moz)	A \$ EV/ Adjusted Silver Oz
Andean Silver Limited	ASX: ASL	441	429	18	93	111	42%	65	6.6
Silver Mines Limited	ASX: SVL	505	486	278	55	333	54%	306	1.6
Unico Silver Limited	ASX: USL	529	516	58	104	162	38%	110	4.7
Mithril Silver and Gold Limited	ASX:MTH	84	66	11	26	37	30%	24	2.7
Vizsla Silver Corp	TSXV:VZLA	2,499	2,195	222	139	361	78%	292	7.5
Hycroft Mining	NASDAQ: HYMC	4,977	4,968	1100	300	1400	33%	1250	4.0
Median									4.53
Average									4.34
Sun Silver Limited	ASX:SS1	373	363	0	539	239	64%	270	1.5

Source: East Coast Research, Cap IQ

Figure 6: SS1 sits near the top of its peers in silver-only resource volume – scale matters



Source: East Coast Research

As shown above in **Figure 5**, consequent to silver’s (and gold’s) notable price run over the last year, our silver focussed peer set that we used to value SS1 in our initial coverage report has seen corresponding impressive rises in their valuations as per our preferred valuation metric the A\$ EV /Adjusted silver Oz which due to our conservative approach lowers defined resources categorised as Inferred by 50%. Hence in this manner, given SS1’s current resource is entirely in the Inferred value, our conservative valuation methodology only effectively values half of SS1’s resource.

In comparison to its peers, as shown below in **Figure 7**, SS1 on a % basis has since the time of our last report increased its silver equivalent resources to levels that place it at the top of its peer set, in addition to also as shown above in **Figure 5** having the second highest % of its silver equivalent resource being comprised of pure silver and in absolute terms SS1 also has the second highest pure silver resource at 347 Moz behind Hycroft Mining (**Figure 6 above**).

Figure 7: SS1 is also positioned at the top of its peers in terms of recent silver equivalent resource growth

Company Name	Ag Eq % MRE increase
Andean Silver Limited	73%
Silver Mines Limited	8%
Unico Silver Limited	152%
Mithril Silver and Gold	55%
Sun Silver	126%
Vizsla Silver Corp	0%
Hycroft Mining	0%

Source: East Coast Research

Hence, despite these factors, on an A\$ EV/adjusted silver Oz basis, SS1 still trades at a material discount to its direct peer set – **Figure 5**. We feel that this is related to SS1’s resource still being all in the Inferred category and the market not yet fully taking into account Maverick Springs’ bulk tonnage scale, despite overall silver equivalent grades that, although moderate, are very well suited for highly economical, low capex, heap leach bulk tonnage mining with open-pit/low strip ratio potential.

However, given that:

- SS1 continues to deliver thick, high-grade silver-gold mineralisation at grades above the existing mineral resource, reinforcing both the scale and quality of the Maverick Springs system.
- vs its hard rock hosted peer set shown above that are associated with costlier crushing/grinding and flotation circuits, SS1’s mineralisation is noted to be carbonate hosted and amenable to simpler, more economical heap leach mining.
- And, as evidenced by elevated price levels of futures contracts, silver will most likely continue to remain at higher levels across our investment horizon due to both structural demand and supply reasons. In line with this thesis of silver’s important status, the US recently added silver to its critical minerals list, and China has introduced export controls for silver, introducing new controls and tax changes.

We are confident that SS1 should trade at the levels of at least its peer set, and hence we have conservatively applied the average (lower than the median) A\$ EV/adjusted silver Oz metric of the peer set to value SS1, leading to our final valuation results as shown below in **Figure 8**.

Large scale ~300m oz and above primary silver assets are very scarce around the world and especially so in stable high-quality jurisdictions such as Nevada in the case for SS1

In analysing the peer set in support of our valuation rerate, it's important to also contrast SS1's position to both the lowest relatively valued peer, ASX SVL and the highest relatively valued peer, TSXV VZLA (Vizsla Silver Corp), which is listed on the Toronto Venture Stock Exchange. ASX SVL's low relative valuation is an input into our valuation that, in effect, lowers our final intrinsic valuation for SS1 despite SVL's NSW-based Bowdens' project being subject to continued regulatory overhang, permitting, and legal uncertainty, which is suppressing its relative valuation multiple. In contrast, Sun Silver Limited's Maverick Springs Project in Nevada benefits from a materially superior regulatory and permitting backdrop, reflecting Nevada's long-standing status as a Tier-1 U.S. mining jurisdiction with clear, predictable permitting pathways. SS1's project is also of better grades and mineralogy than SVL (hard rock hosted).

(Refer to **Figure 6**) Generally during bullish structural silver cycles of the like that we are currently in, companies that have large scale primary silver assets of the likes of SS1's and Vizsla's (SS1's is larger scale and still open for exploration upside) witness the most rapid share valuation re-rates, because large scale ~300m oz and above primary silver assets are very very scarce around the world and especially so in stable high quality jurisdictions such as Nevada in the case for SS1. One factor leading to Vizsla's much higher valuation is that it does not suffer from the ASX silver discount that SS1 does, and this is despite its silver asset being in Mexico (less attractive than Nevada). **However, given that SS1's stock has now commenced trading on the U.S. OTCQX market under the code OTCQX: SSLVF, this valuation equalisation is only a matter of time and hence is one of the premises for our bullish investment thesis on SS1.** In this vein, we have also included NASDAQ-listed Hycroft Mining, whose gold-silver asset is also located in Nevada, like SS1's Maverick Springs (Hycroft's inclusion and associated large scale is balanced by ASX MTH's inclusion in the peer set).

Additionally, it's imperative to note that despite some recent volatility, Silver prices are expected to remain structurally elevated as non-cyclical industrial demand continues to rise while supply remains constrained. Demand growth is being driven by solar PV, electrification and grid upgrades, EV penetration, and AI-driven data-centre infrastructure, all of which require silver's unmatched conductive properties with limited substitution. On the supply side, structural scarcity persists, with ~70% of global silver output sourced as a by-product, a thin pipeline of new primary silver projects, declining grades at mature mines, and prolonged under-investment, resulting in a sustained supply-demand imbalance that underpins higher long-term pricing and **benefits an at scale, primary silver asset play such as SS1 which is also exposed to valuable gold and antimony credits.**

Figure 8: SS1's final valuation results

Sun Silver Limited Valuation (A\$m)	Base Case	Bull Case
Implied EV	1,036	1,243
Cash & cash equivalent*	30.2	30.2
Provisions and Liabilities	-	-
Equity Value	1,066	1,273
Number of shares (m)	179	179
Implied price (A\$)	5.96	7.11
Current price (A\$)	1.69	1.69
Upside (%)	252.5%	321.0%
Mid-point Target Price (A\$)	6.54	
Price / NAV (X)	0.26	

Source: East Coast Research

* As of the end of the December 2025 quarter

Our Bull Case's EV has a 20% premium to the Base Case in order to penalise SS1 less for its Inferred resource status and reward it for its notable sequence of impressive MRE upgrades, continued prospectivity, which will very likely lead to more subsequent resource upgrades and better

mineralogy due to its carbonate-hosted silver mineralisation. Additionally, since it has only been a short time since acquiring Maverick Springs (~2 years) and even shorter since it listed on the ASX in May 2024, it's only a matter of time before SS1 conducts further infill drilling across its now much larger exploration land package, which will lead to even further stock price rerates.

Lastly, investors should note that once SS1 expands on our strong thesis of Maverick Springs' superior economics via economic feasibility studies, which further validate its amenability to low-cost bulk tonnage heap leach mining, then a stronger re-rate is justified

Catalysts for the re-rating of SS1

SS1 is currently trading significantly below our mid-point target valuation. Meeting the following milestones can enable a re-rating of the stock, thereby increasing shareholder value:

- **Continuous drilling program secures growth pipeline (2025-26):** As outlined in several recent drilling results, Sun Silver is still positioned to deliver a steady stream of new drill results through 2025-26 due to both the mineralisation at Maverick Springs being open for further upside and the addition of new adjacent exploration land. Consistent positive news flow relating to both step-out and infill intercepts beyond and within the current envelope could materially expand resources and resource confidence, providing near-term re-rating catalysts.
- **Maiden near-surface mineral resource to boost economics:** A maiden near-surface resource would add shallow, lower-cost ounces, improving potential mining economics and development optionality. By demonstrating scalability and cost efficiency, this milestone could significantly enhance market confidence and drive a valuation uplift.
- **Metallurgical test work to strengthen project viability:** Strong silver and antimony recoveries from upcoming metallurgical test work would validate processing assumptions and de-risk future feasibility studies. Positive results would not only enhance project economics but also support a market re-rating based on improved development certainty.
- **Resource upgrade to Indicated category adds confidence as well as commencement of scoping studies:** Moving large portions of the Inferred resource into the Indicated category would raise confidence in tonnage and grade estimates. This de-risking step is essential for development and mining plan studies that would also support a re-rating as the project matures.
- **Maiden antimony resource creates critical minerals exposure:** Defining a maiden antimony resource would establish Maverick Springs as a dual silver-critical minerals project. Given antimony's U.S. critical mineral designation, this diversification could unlock strategic partnerships or government support, providing further support to the share price.
- **Rising prices of silver and antimony:** Any sustained rise in silver and antimony prices will directly enhance Maverick Springs' projected cash flows and overall returns, given silver's industrial demand growth and antimony's designation as a critical mineral.

Resource growth, infill drilling, re-assays, antimony upside, near-surface ounces/scoping studies, and metallurgical validation drive Sun Silver's re-rating

Key Risks

While SS1 presents a highly compelling investment opportunity, investors must remain mindful of several critical risks to our thesis:

- **Geological Risk** — For a resource developer such as SS1, there is an inherent risk that drilling or re-assay results may not fully support the anticipated resource expansion. There is also the possibility that portions of Inferred resources fail to be upgraded to the Indicated category in future studies. Any such outcome would directly impact project-scale assumptions and could lead to downward revisions in the company's NAV and overall valuation.

- **Commodity Price Risk** – silver and antimony prices are subject to volatility; any sustained decline could negatively impact project economics, valuation multiples, and investor sentiment.
- **Funding and Liquidity Risk** – While the recent A\$30m placement and resultant strong cash balance de-risk near-term work programs, further capital will eventually be required to advance toward feasibility and development.
- **Permitting and Regulatory Risk** – Although Nevada is a mining-friendly jurisdiction, delays in permitting, environmental approvals, or land access could slow project timelines.
- **Execution Risk** – Inability to deliver consistent drill results, complete re-assays, or achieve metallurgical recoveries as expected could undermine confidence in the project.
- **Strategic/Market Risk** – Antimony’s strategic value is tied to U.S. government recognition; failure to secure support or partnerships could reduce the anticipated premium from critical minerals exposure.

Appendix I: Analyst’s Qualifications

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- Rahul has a bachelor’s and master’s degree in Applied Finance from Macquarie University, a master’s in Accounting from UNSW, and an MBA from Cornell University in the U.S.A.
- Rahul has several years of experience across wealth management and investments, infrastructure project finance, private equity and high tech.

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