

Amaero Inc. (ASX: 3DA)

Scarce U.S. advanced-manufacturing platform with U.S. IPO rerating upside



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Valuation upside

Current price

A\$0.25

Intrinsic valuation

A\$0.73

Re-rate prospect

183%

Operating snapshot

FY26 revenue

A\$18.15m

FY26 growth

+376%

Company data

Market capitalisation **A\$238m**

Enterprise value **A\$253m**

Issued shares **953m**

GICS sector **Industrials**

One year price chart



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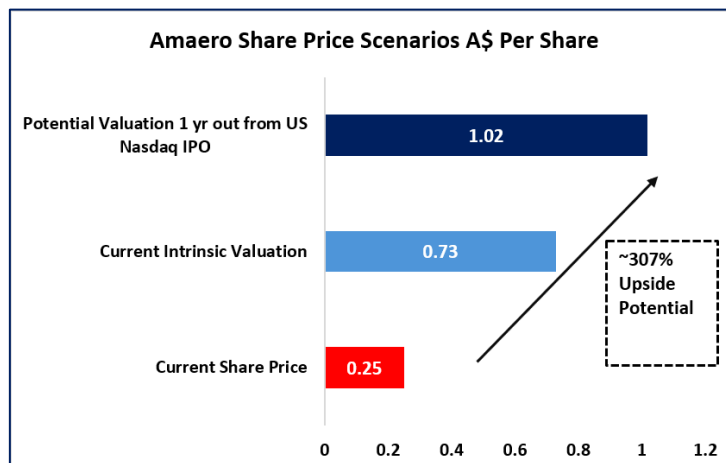
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We initiate coverage on Amaero (ASX: 3DA) with a valuation of \$0.73 per share, leading to a potential upside of 183% from the current price of \$0.25.

Amaero is a U.S. based advanced materials manufacturer supplying high-value spherical metal powders for Additive Manufacturing and near-net-shape components through Powder Metallurgy Hot Isostatic Pressing (PM-HIP). Its Tennessee manufacturing platform directly addresses two structural U.S. supply-chain constraints: insufficient domestic supply of qualified advanced-metal feedstock and constrained casting and forging capacity. This positions Amaero to benefit from rising U.S. defense spending, reshoring and the broader push to rebuild sovereign advanced-manufacturing capability. Amaero has filed its Form S-1 for a proposed Nasdaq Global Select Market listing, targeted for late CY2026 / early CY2027.

Key Points

- **Structural U.S. demand pull.** Defense reindustrialisation and reshoring are pulling advanced-materials supply and manufacturing capacity onshore.
- **High-barrier powders.** Amaero targets qualification-gated refractory/titanium LPBF powders, where traceability and qualification create customer stickiness.
- **Tier-1 customer validation.** Agreements span ADDMAN/Castheon, Velo3D, Titomic, UPM/Knust-Godwin and BPMI/U.S. Navy; a A\$7.8m FY27 titanium commitment and a A\$6.5m Department of War (DoW) award add near-term scale and strategic development.
- **Revenue inflection.** FY26 revenue rose 376% to A\$18.15m; backlog reached A\$23.1m.
- **Capex largely sunk.** ~A\$80m is deployed and ~680tpa installed; utilisation can now drive operating leverage with limited incremental capex.
- **ASX small-cap discount.** Amaero's U.S. defense and reshoring exposure is still priced through an ASX small-cap lens despite strong U.S. industrial market performance.
- **Undervalued vs ASX peers.** Despite being prior to material revenue generation and focusing on lower-value titanium LPBF powders versus Amaero's higher-value refractory LPBF offering, IperionX's EV of ~A\$0.97bn materially exceeds Amaero's ~A\$250m.
- **Ownership alignment is strengthening.** CEO Hank Holland's investment vehicle, Pegasus Growth Capital, recently increased its Amaero stake to 31.3%, strengthening alignment and signaling conviction ahead of the commercial ramp and U.S. listing.
- **Institutional validation.** Fidelity International and IFM Investors are also shareholders, adding high-quality institutional validation.
- **U.S. Nasdaq IPO rerating precedents.** Velo3D peaked +958% from its uplist price; Almonty, formerly listed on the ASX, rose ~110% pre-IPO and is ~305% from its U.S. IPO price, highlighting the potential benefit of deeper U.S. market access. As shown below, applying their 1-year post Nasdaq listing % uplifts leads to a derived potential A \$ stock price of \$1.02.



Source: GBA Capital

Investment Thesis

A scarce U.S. advanced-manufacturing platform amidst commercial scale up

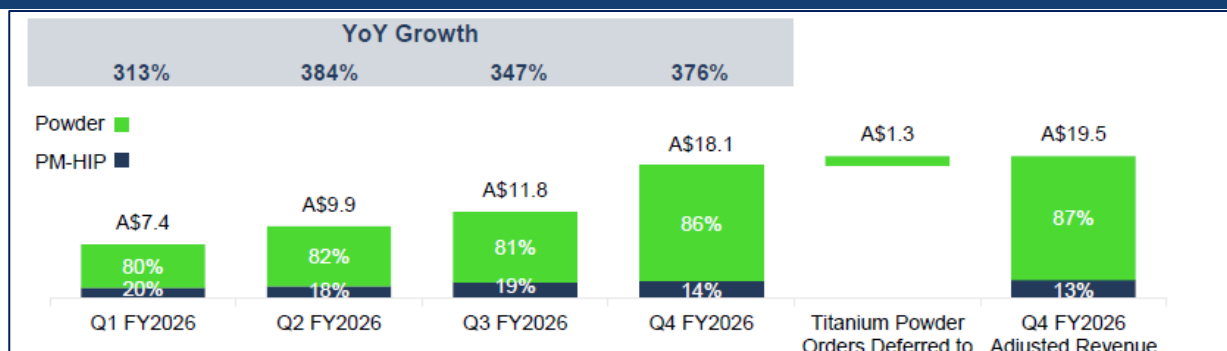
Amaero has spent the last three years building specialised U.S. manufacturing capacity that is now being used to address strong and growing public policy supported U.S. defense industrial and other key industrial sector demand. This is happening via Amaero securing qualification gated, exclusive / preferred supplier contracts that its first mover technological platform has been helping to win with strategic U.S. defense and advanced-manufacturing partners.

The company now operates three EIGA Premium atomisers and a PM-HIP platform in Tennessee U.S., positioning it upstream of defense, hypersonic, space, aerospace and other mission-critical programs at a time when Washington is expanding (1) defense-industrial and (2) overall advanced sovereign manufacturing capabilities, enabling Amaero to play an important role and benefit from both of these thematic tail winds.

Amaero's investment case is now compelling: the heavy capital build is largely complete, qualification work is converting into contracted production, and the installed platform can support a multi-year revenue and margin ramp. Amaero's valuation is still not addressing these aspects, nor is it capturing the rerate benefit from a likely near-term US listing, providing the basis for our bullish investment thesis.

Commercial execution has accelerated. (Refer Figure 1) FY26 revenue reached A\$18.1m versus A\$3.8m in FY25 (+376%), while FY26 Q4 revenue rose 417% YoY to A\$7.8m despite a six-week titanium production pause that deferred A\$1.3m of shipments into FY27. By July 2026, Amaero's revenue backlog had grown to A\$23.1m across 26 customers, with A\$12.9m scheduled for completion by 31 December 2026. With Titanium powder production expected to increase by up to 100% in FY27, and Amaero continuing to win high-quality customer supply agreements across all its 3 business lines (2 major segments), the assumptions underpinning our projected revenue ramp and valuation for Amaero are well founded.

Figure 1: Amaero's FY 26 Revenue acceleration



Source: Company

Amaero's business is uniquely structured to benefit from tail winds

Amaero's appeal comes from its two complementary capabilities that solve U.S. industrial problems across (1) increased defense industrial expenditure in the U.S. (2) the U.S. push to shore up advanced sovereign manufacturing capabilities.

Amaero's powder business segment is comprised of 2 sub-segments: the supply of high-quality (1) spherical **refractory alloy powders** and (2) **titanium alloy powders** into Additive Manufacturing, where chemistry, particle-size distribution, flowability and traceability determine qualification and lead to attractive supply agreements with high levels of customer stickiness. Additive Manufacturing is preferred over traditional methods in key defense and sovereign manufacturing use cases, because it enables faster development, enables designs that cannot be made otherwise, reduces reliance on offshore supply, and generally creates more technically reliable parts. Within this market, Amaero is focused on the production of the highest value spherical powders (both refractory and titanium) that are used in AM and that face minimal substitution risk. Amaero is also producing them via the best technology available in the USA that it currently only uniquely offers – EIGA Premium atomisers, which vs the standard EIGAs used by some competitors can deliver materially higher usable powder yields which flow into better margins, profitability and cash flows. Amaero is meeting the strong demand-pull need in the U.S. by offering the largest and lowest cost domestic capacity of these spherical powders – **this is not an aspiration goal, Amaero already possesses this attribute.**

PM-HIP is Amaero's second major business segment and it also addresses a structural U.S. industrial bottleneck: constrained casting and forging capacity for large, high-integrity components. By consolidating metal powder into near-net-shape parts with wrought-equivalent properties, PM-HIP can materially shorten lead times and reduce reliance on scarce U.S. foundry and forging capacity.

This strategic relevance is now translating into commercial traction: building on its first mover advantage that led to an earlier US Navy's letter of support, Amaero has progressed with Bechtel Plant Machinery Inc (BPMI), a U.S. naval nuclear propulsion prime contractor, from development to initial production. BPMI has indicated potential demand for up to 400 PM-HIP components per year. Because U.S. naval shipbuilding is constrained by limited domestic casting and forging capacity, creating long lead times for critical submarine components, Amaero's PM-HIP can bypass part of this bottleneck by producing complex, high-integrity near-net-shape parts faster while maintaining forged-equivalent material properties.

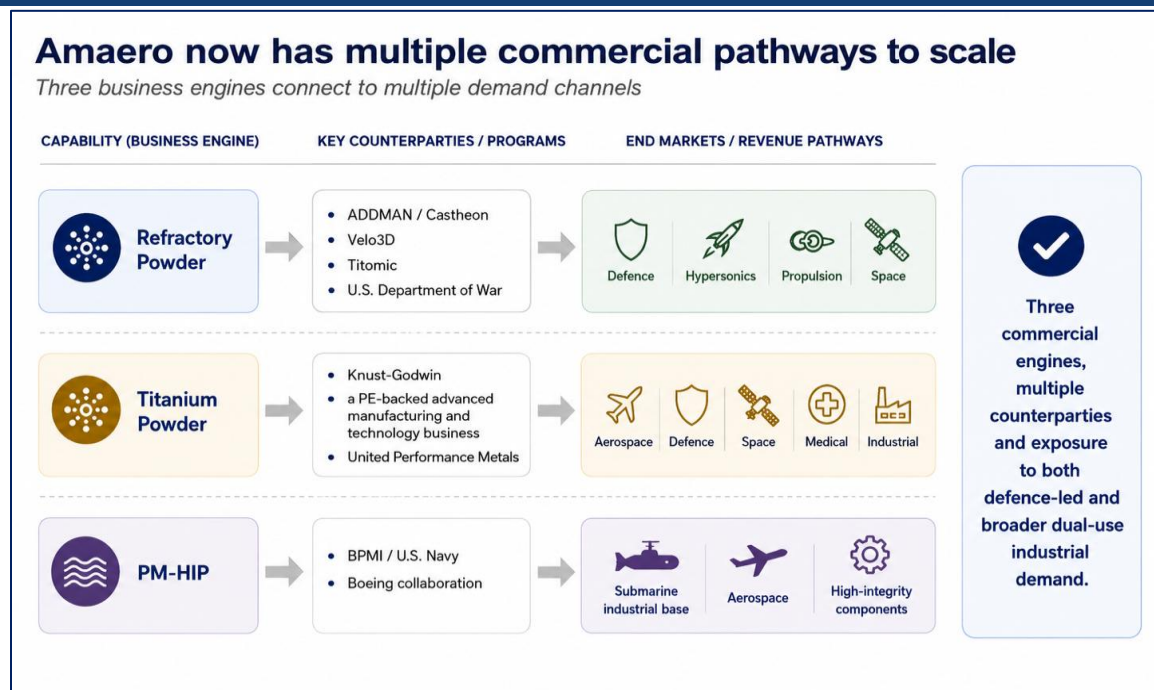
Additional demand drivers also support the story. While defense remains the core thesis, Amaero's titanium platform broadens its opportunity set. Agreements with a PE-backed advanced manufacturing and technology business and with United Performance Metals provide exposure to aerospace, space, medical, energy and broader industrial markets. As metal AM adoption accelerates, improving economics, design flexibility, shorter lead times and supply-chain resilience should drive higher 3D-printer utilisation and stronger demand for qualified titanium alloy powders.

➤ **We therefore view Amaero as a defense-led, dual-use advanced-manufacturing platform with multiple growth drivers.**

Why Amaero's investment thesis is particularly attractive right now

- **Build-out largely complete.** Amaero completed its original three-year A\$72m capital program on time and on budget. ~A\$80m of tangible capital has now been deployed, allowing the company to scale revenue from an already-built platform. New investors are increasingly paying for asset utilisation rather than platform build-out.
- **Commercial traction is building.** Preferred/exclusive supply positions with ADDMAN/Castheon, Velo3D, Titomic and UPM provide embedded growth exposure as these partners scale. Combined with the A\$7.8m FY27 minimum commitment from a PE-backed customer, the DoW development award and the BPMI PM-HIP order, Amaero now has multiple pathways to recurring revenue.
- **Policy is pulling demand onshore.** U.S. defense budgets increasingly prioritise shipbuilding, munitions, advanced manufacturing and industrial-base resilience, while domestic-sourcing rules continue to raise the value of local production and full feedstock traceability.
- **A U.S. listing is an added catalyst.** Amaero has completed its U.S. re-domiciliation and taken key steps toward a U.S. listing. A listing would likely broaden institutional access, improve liquidity and price discovery, and increase comparability with higher-rated U.S. defense and advanced-manufacturing peers. This listing is expected later in CY 2026 or early in CY 2027.
- **Strong shareholder alignment.** CEO Hank Holland-linked Pegasus Growth Capital retains a 31.3% stake in Amaero, materially above insider/founder ownership across key ASX peers (MPW, IPX, TTT). Hank and Pegasus have repeatedly backed Amaero through its capital-build phase, including participation in primary equity raisings, with no disposals. **We view this unusually high ownership as strong management-shareholder alignment and a positive signal of conviction in Amaero's long-term value creation potential.**

Figure 2: Each of Amaero's 3 Business Lines are positioned for growth



Source: GBA Capital

U.S. Defense Re-industrialisation creates the demand pull

Amaero has deliberately aligned itself with a structural U.S. supply-chain problem

Amaero developed its technical foundations in Australia, but under Chairman and CEO Hank Holland it shifted the operating centre of gravity to the U.S., establishing the Tennessee manufacturing platform in 2023. The logic was demand-led: the U.S. defense industrial and advanced sovereign manufacturing ecosystem need more domestic capacity in advanced materials, Additive Manufacturing and complex near-net-shape components.

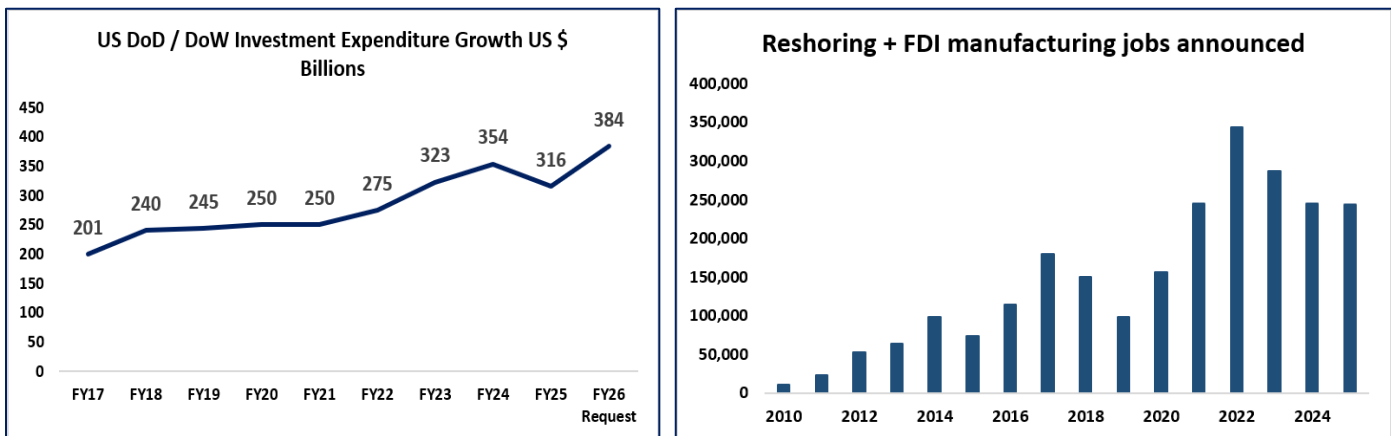
Washington is increasing both spending and domestic-content requirements

U.S. defense spending is rising. Additionally, the composition of that spending is particularly favorable for Amaero (Refer below Figure 3). The FY26 Department of War request totals US\$961.7bn, covering everything from personnel and day-to-day operations to new equipment and technology development. Within this total, the more directly relevant investment accounts: Procurement plus Research, Development, Test & Evaluation (RDT&E) (**collectively labeled as Investment have almost doubled from US\$200.8bn in FY17 to US\$384.3bn in FY26, increasing at a CAGR of 7.5% between FY 17 to 26'**). Procurement funds the acquisition of weapons, platforms and equipment, while RDT&E funds the development and maturation of next-generation defense technologies.

This expanding investment pool spans missiles and munitions, hypersonics, space systems, aircraft, naval platforms, nuclear systems and defense-industrial-base capacity, giving Amaero exposure to multiple demand drivers. **Refractory powders feed extreme-temperature propulsion, hypersonic and missile applications; titanium powders serve aerospace, space and other lightweight high-performance systems; while PM-HIP provides an alternative manufacturing route for large, high-integrity components constrained by traditional casting and forging capacity¹.** These allocations matter because Amaero's two core capabilities sit directly inside the upstream materials and manufacturing bottlenecks these programs are trying to relieve

At the same time, Washington is increasingly pulling those supply chains onshore (Refer below Figure 4). Policy is changing not only how much the U.S. spends, but who can supply. Domestic-sourcing initiatives and tighter defense supply-chain requirements increasingly favor U.S.-based production, documented feedstock pedigree and full material traceability. For Amaero, this provides a favorable overall operating environment.

Figure 3: Strong underpinning tailwinds: increased US DoD investment spending + increased US reshoring



Source: U.S. Department of War FY2026 Program Acquisition Costs by Weapon System; Reshoring Initiative 2024 Annual

Additive Manufacturing fits the urgency of the defense and reshoring problem

Additive Manufacturing can shorten design-to-part cycles, enable geometries that are difficult to machine or forge, consolidate assemblies, reduce material waste and localise production closer to the end user. Those advantages become more valuable when defense and sovereign advanced manufacturing customers need faster replenishment, complex thermal or propulsion designs and less dependence on offshore supply.

Favorably², the U.S. AM metal-powder market which is the segment most relevant to Amaero is forecast to grow at ~20%+ p.a. to 2030, around 3–4x faster than the broader global metal-powder market at ~5–6% p.a. **Amaero is therefore positioned in a**

¹ Important for Columbia and Virginia-class submarines (material component of defense appropriations)

² Sources: Global Market Insights. Grand View Research. Additive Manufacturing Research

structurally higher-growth part of the market, with further exposure to aerospace/metal 3D printing and titanium AM powders, where forecast growth is even higher at ~22–23% p.a.

Amaero is targeting the highest-value segments of the metal AM market

LPBF powders offer stronger qualification barriers and lower substitution risk

Amaero is not only exposed to the fast-growing metal Additive Manufacturing market but also focused on Laser Powder Bed Fusion (LPBF) grade spherical powders sub segment of that market. LPBF powders are one of the most technically demanding and defensible parts of the market. LPBF requires tightly controlled chemistry, narrow particle-size distribution, high sphericity, predictable flowability and full material traceability. Once powders are qualified to a machine, process and program, switching suppliers can require costly requalification, creating high customer stickiness.

Refractory alloys provide Amaero's highest-value, lowest-substitution exposure. These materials retain strength at extreme temperatures where conventional alloys fail. Amaero has contracts covering 14 refractory alloys, including niobium, molybdenum, tungsten, tantalum, rhenium and zirconium. Amaero's relationships with ADDMAN/Castheon, Velo3D, Titomic and the U.S. Department of War provide credible commercial validation of this positioning.

Titanium provides the scale and utilisation leg of the powder platform. Ti-6Al-4V combines high strength-to-weight, corrosion resistance and an extensive qualification history across aerospace, defense, medical and industrial applications. While titanium pricing is lower than specialty refractory alloys, its much larger and more consistent demand base should support higher production volumes, improve atomiser utilisation, accelerate manufacturing learning curves and spread fixed costs across greater revenue, creating an important operating-leverage benefit as Amaero scales – an effect that is already in play. UPM, Knust-Godwin and the A\$7.8m FY27 minimum commitment from a PE-backed advanced-manufacturing customer demonstrate the breadth of this demand which will only continue to grow.

Together, refractory powders provide scarcity and high-value mission-critical exposure, while titanium provides scale, repeat volumes and operating leverage.

PM-HIP solves a second structural U.S. industrial bottleneck

The casting and forging constraint is structural, not cyclical

Amaero's PM-HIP capability addresses a different U.S. manufacturing problem: limited domestic casting and forging capacity for large, high-integrity components. PM-HIP consolidates metal powder under high temperature and isostatic pressure into dense, near-net-shape components with forged-equivalent properties, creating an alternative manufacturing route that can reduce machining, material waste and dependence on long-lead foundry and forging supply chains. **PM-HIP also strengthens the economics of Amaero's powder business via vertical integration benefit.** LPBF requires narrow particle-size distributions, while PM-HIP can consume a broader powder fraction. Amaero can therefore potentially redirect material outside the highest-value LPBF specification into PM-HIP feedstock rather than selling it at lower value or treating it as waste, improving overall material utilisation and widening the revenue opportunity.

Ecosystem support provides external technical validation

Amaero's technology positioning also benefits from strong U.S. ecosystem support. NASA Glenn Research Centre and the Air Force Research Laboratory have identified EIGA Premium-based atomisation as critical to the qualification and scalable production of C103 and other refractory alloys, while the U.S. Navy has provided a letter of support for Amaero's PM-HIP manufacturing capability. **This external validation strengthens the case that both of Amaero's core technologies directly address genuine U.S. defense and advanced-manufacturing requirements.**

Figure 4: Amaero's manufacturing facilities



Source:
Company

Technology-based Competitive Moat

EIGA Premium is purpose-built for these demanding powder markets

Amaero's EIGA Premium atomisers are particularly suited to LPBF-grade refractory and titanium powders, where purity, chemistry control, sphericity and narrow particle size distribution are critical. EIGA Premium's crucible-free melting limits contamination, which is particularly important for reactive titanium and high melting point refractory alloys. The Premium configuration is designed to increase the proportion of output that falls within the valuable LPBF particle size range. EIGA Premium's >50% PBF-spectrum yield, materially above earlier generation EIGA systems means that a greater proportion of expensive feedstock can potentially be converted into saleable AM-grade powder. Combined with full feedstock traceability and the largest U.S. EIGA Premium capacity for LPBF-grade refractory and titanium powders, **Amaero has a clear scale and technology advantage in supplying high-value AM feedstock.**

Amaero's EIGA Premium-led competitive advantage

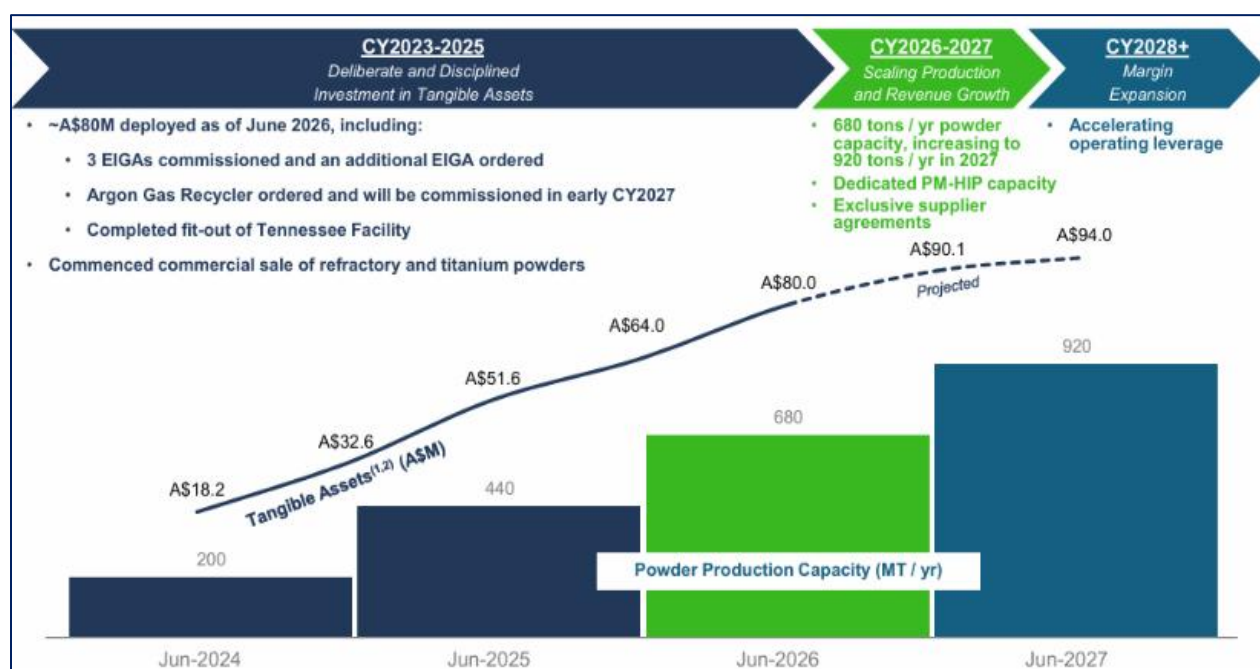
Amaero's advantage is not just the ability to make spherical powder, but the combination of EIGA Premium technology + reactive/refractory expertise + LPBF yield + U.S. scale and traceability. This meaningfully differentiates its platform from key peers:

- **Metal Powder Works:** MPW operates without an equivalent at-scale refractory atomisation platform. Amaero is better positioned in high-barrier spherical refractory LPBF powders, backed by EIGA Premium, dedicated capacity and PM-HIP.
- **IperionX:** Its platform remains titanium focused. It does not replicate Amaero's combined titanium + refractory LPBF offering.
- **ATI:** the closest U.S. refractory competitor and already supplies C103 spherical powder. However, ATI uses conventional EIGA rather than Amaero's dedicated EIGA Premium configuration.
- **AP&C / Tekna:** Canadian producers of high-quality spherical titanium powder but lack Amaero's U.S.-domestic manufacturing position and refractory focus. Recent U.S. policy is increasingly prioritising domestic defense supply-chain resilience, strengthening Amaero's sovereign-sourcing advantage.

Capacity has moved ahead of the revenue curve

The third EIGA Premium atomiser came online ahead of schedule in June 2026, lifting Amaero's installed powder capacity to ~680 tonnes per year across one refractory and two titanium units. With ~A\$80m of tangible asset investment already deployed and EIGA #4 scheduled for June 2027, much of the heavy capex build has now been completed. Further investment will still be required, but the investment case is increasingly shifting from building capacity to filling it. Amaero's recent production and revenue growth already indicate that this commercial ramp is well underway.

Figure 5: Amaero already has a well developed tangible asset base to support its revenue ramp



Source: Company

Customers, Contracts & Revenue Visibility

Commercial conversion is accelerating across both businesses

Amaero entered FY2027 with A\$23.1m of contracted backlog, up A\$8.5m in just three weeks from 30 June, with A\$12.9m scheduled for completion by 31 December 2026 across a diversified book of 26 customers. The pipeline is also deepening across both powders and PM-HIP. More than 28 tonnes of titanium powder were contracted for Q3 CY2026, while PM-HIP has now moved from validation into production with BPMI's first low-rate initial production award. Although the initial US\$344k contract is small, it follows six earlier BPMI development contracts and sits against BPMI-indicated demand for up to 400 PM-HIP components annually, providing a credible pathway for the relationship to scale into millions of dollars of annual revenue as production broadens. **Amaero's backlog and expanding production awards increasingly demonstrate that qualification work is converting into recurring commercial demand.**

Key strategic customer contracts / relationships

Amaero has partnered with market-leading defense and advanced-manufacturing OEMs through long-term exclusive and preferred-supplier agreements. This strategy embeds Amaero upstream in its customers' production ecosystems, creating a powerful source of recurring demand as partners such as ADDMAN/Castheon, Velo3D and Titomic win and scale downstream defense, aerospace and space programs.

Figure 6: Amaero's key customer engagements

Counterparty	Amaero relationship	Counterparty positioning
ADDMAN / Castheon	Five-year preferred supplier for C103, refractory and titanium powders.	North America's largest metal-AM service provider; Castheon is a leading C103 / refractory-AM specialist.
Velo3D	Five-year exclusive C103 / refractory supplier; preferred titanium supplier.	Leading "Made in USA" metal 3D printing equipment OEM.
Titomic	Five-year sole refractory and titanium powder supplier; initial A\$4.6m refractory order completed.	Global leader in cold-spray additive manufacturing for defense and aerospace.
Knust-Godwin	Five-year exclusive titanium supply and strategic development agreement.	Established U.S. additive and precision manufacturer serving major aerospace and defense OEMs.
Undisclosed PE-backed advanced manufacturing business	Binding A\$7.8m FY27 minimum titanium commitment; equal quarterly deliveries, with upside above the minimum.	PE-backed advanced manufacturing technology and materials business.
United Performance Metals	Three-year exclusive titanium distribution agreement; initial 4,000kg PO plus contracted minimum inventory.	Global specialty-metals solutions provider within O'Neal Industries' leading U.S. metals network.
U.S. Department of War	US\$4.5m / A\$6.5m, 13-month alternative refractory-alloy development program.	Core funder and customer of the U.S. defense industrial base.
BPMI / U.S. Navy	US\$344k development / LRIP piping award after six prior BPMI contracts. Progression positions Amaero for critical-component production awards as the Navy expands sovereign shipbuilding.	Dedicated prime contractor for the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program

Source: Company ASX announcements; GBA Capital

The DoW award validates strategic relevance, not just near-term revenue

The 13-month DoW program makes Amaero a paid development partner in next-generation high-temperature materials. Amaero will down-select two alternative refractory alloys to C103, atomise powder and support PM-HIP/printed-part testing, with the goal of reducing cost and foreign critical-input dependence. C103 contains ~10% hafnium and Amaero reported that hafnium prices had risen >700% over three years. Success could broaden Amaero's qualified refractory portfolio and deepen its role in future hypersonic and space programs. **The DoW's selection of Amaero for this development of new technologies further establishes Amaero as a thought leader with leading technology and know-how for the atomisation of spherical refractory alloy powders.**

Financial Position, Management, Valuation & Catalysts

The capital strategy has shifted from platform build to targeted growth

Amaero ended June with ~A\$25.2m of total cash including restricted cash, with a further ~A\$4.7m EXIM loan reimbursement expected after period end. EXIM also increased its commitment from US\$22.8m to US\$26.1m under the Make More in America initiative. Amaero was only the sixth MMIA transaction approved by EXIM and the first focused on advanced materials and Additive Manufacturing, providing meaningful external validation of its alignment with U.S. manufacturing and critical supply-chain priorities. EXIM also named Amaero its 2025 CTEP Deal of the Year.

Management combines capital markets experience with deep technical capability. Hank Holland, founder and Managing Partner of Pegasus Growth Capital, has led Amaero's U.S. repositioning and capital program. As noted, reflecting strong alignment of incentives and indicating undervaluation ahead of a soon to happen U.S. listing, Pegasus recently increased its equity holding of Amaero to 31.3% from an earlier 30.23%. Other high-quality institutional investors that are known long-term investors include: Fidelity International Investments and IFM Investors.

Hank Holland also brings a demonstrated private-equity exit record (LogicSource: acquired from Bain Capital Ventures and sold to FTV Capital 23 months later for an 11x Multiple on Invested Capital). CTO Eric Bono and the technical team bring specialist powder and PM-HIP expertise, while H.R. McMaster adds U.S. national-security and defense perspective.

Valuation: Amaero's valuable and scaled asset base is being discounted

Figure 7: Amaero's key customer engagements

	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E	FY30E	A\$ M	FY 26A	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E	FY30E
Number of EIGAs fully operational for FY	3	4	4	4	Forecasted Powder Revenues	15.56	32.7	54.4	76.1	114.3
Refractory Capacity (kg)	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	Forecasted PM-HIP Revenues	2.59	7.0	14.0	30.0	65.0
Titanium Capacity (kg)	480,000	720,000	720,000	720,000	Forecasted Bottoms Up Total Revenue	18.15	39.7	68.4	106.1	179.3
Assumed Refractory Capacity Utilisation	15%	20%	25%	45%	Implied Growth		119%	72%	55%	69%
Assumed Titanium Capacity Utilisation	30%	40%	60%	80%	Total Final Revenue Estimates	18.15	32.0	58.0	95.0	175.0
Refractory Alloy Prices per kg A\$	1100	1100	1100	1100	Implied Growth		76%	81%	64%	84%
Titanium Spherical Alloy Prices per kg A\$	225	225	225	225						

Source: Company; GBA Capital

Figure 7 above showcases two sets of revenue forecasts. Based on reasonable utilisation, utilisation ramp, powder pricing and assumptions for PM HIP we arrive at the Forecasted Bottoms Up Total Revenue figures for Amaero as shown in the green cells. These are defensible based on the reasonableness of the input assumptions. However, the final Revenue assumptions we are extrapolating are even lower than this, and these are shown in the blue highlighted cells above. The point to note is that Amaero is amidst a sustainable, high percentage multi-year revenue ramp under even downside scenarios and that the cost to achieve this revenue growth will come at minimal incremental capex. Adjusted EBITDA breakeven is expected sometime in CY28. Steady state EBITDA Margins expected to be around ~25% FY31' and onward.

Figure 8: Peer based valuation

Peer	Trailing EV/Sales	FY25 → FY26 revenue growth	ASX share price change, last 52 weeks
Amaero (3DA)	~14.0x	+376%	(40%)
AML3D (AL3)	~7.9x	+69%	(52%)
Titomic (TTT)	~23.3x	+12%	(28%)
Metal Powder Works (MPW)	~88.3x	+112%	(52%)
Peer Mean	39.8x		
IperionX (IPX)	N/A (EV ~A\$0.97bn)	N/A / pre-revenue	(54%)

Notes / analyst sources

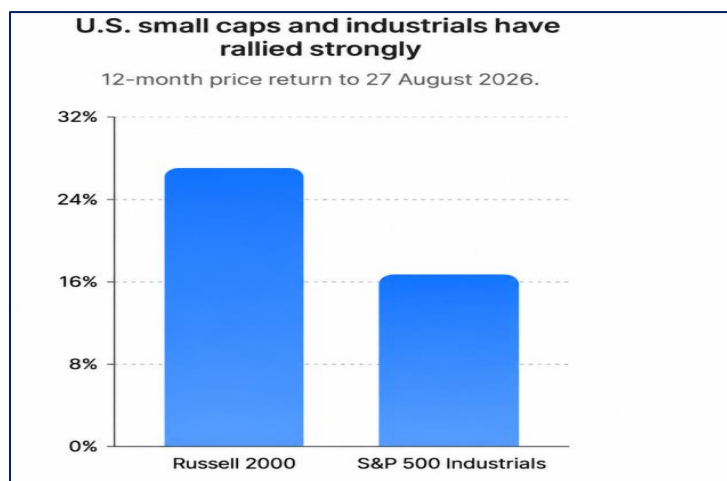
1. AML3D FY26E revenue growth (~69%) uses S&P Global Market Intelligence consensus of A\$12.46m FY26E vs A\$7.39m FY25.

2. MPW FY26E revenue growth (~112%) uses ~A\$3.4m FY26E vs A\$1.60m FY25.

3. Titomic changed its financial year-end to 31 December; growth shown is latest TTM revenue growth of ~12% (A\$10.54m latest TTM vs A\$9.43m prior comparable TTM), sourced from S&P Global Market Intelligence / StockAnalysis.

Source: ASX; S&P Global Market Intelligence; GBA Capital

Figure 9: U.S. industrial / small cap indices have been performing well



Source: FTSE Russell; S&P Dow Jones Indices; GBA Capital.

Valuation justification

The peer set is economically relevant: AML3D, Titomic and MPW are ASX-listed advanced-manufacturing scale-ups with meaningful exposure to U.S. defense and Additive Manufacturing. AML3D supplies the U.S. Navy ecosystem with AM systems, Titomic is scaling U.S. defense-focused cold-spray manufacturing, and MPW is the closest listed U.S.-based metal-powder technology peer.

Using the unadjusted peer average is reasonable and arguably conservative for Amaero. Amaero has delivered materially stronger realised revenue growth than even the highest multiple peer MPW. Although MPW has a smaller absolute revenue base, there are no credible reasons to believe that its forward revenue growth will be sustainably higher and better quality to Amaero's, which offers recurring consumable powder demand, high qualification and switching barriers, substantial installed U.S. capacity of the most advanced atomisation technology (linked to profitability) and an emerging PM-HIP revenue stream. MPW's business model although is less capex intensive, it has spent very little on capex vs Amaero's already well-established asset base, leading to the extent of Amaero's valuation discount vs MPW as being unreasonable. Titomic's high valuation despite modest current revenue also

demonstrates the premium investors place on differentiated U.S.-focused advanced-manufacturing platforms. Amaero can justify a premium to AML3D because its qualified powders are recurring consumables, while AML3D still relies materially on large, discrete system sales, supplemented by contract manufacturing and services. This gives Amaero better revenue visibility, higher switching barriers and stronger repeat-purchase economics as customer programs scale.

U.S. market access provides a further valuation cross-check. IperionX already trades on Nasdaq and Titomic is pursuing a U.S. redomiciliation and eventual exchange listing. Amaero is following a similar pathway, yet its current valuation does not reflect the investor-access premium already available to IperionX and Titomic. The contrast between IperionX's ~A\$1bn EV to Amaero's ~A\$250m is particularly relevant since IperionX is currently not generating any material revenues; although IperionX targets greater titanium scale, Amaero is focused further up the value curve in LPBF-grade refractory and titanium spherical powders, alongside differentiated PM-HIP capability. Furthermore, IperionX's technology produces a "synthetic" titanium without conventional titanium sponge via the up cycling of scrap. To date, it has not been proven that production can scale and IperionX's offering's feedstock traceability is not to the extent of Amaero's which offers full feedstock traceability, an essential attribute in critical applications.

The ASX small cap industrials discount. Over the past year, the Russell 2000 has risen ~27% and the S&P 500 Industrials ~17%, while Amaero and its ASX advanced-manufacturing peers have generally fallen materially (**Figure 9**).

- Amaero although exposed to U.S. defense, reshoring and advanced-manufacturing themes being rewarded by U.S. markets, remains valued through an ASX small-cap lens. **We believe that as Amaero approaches its US Nasdaq IPO this will change.**
- A U.S. exchange listing should broaden institutional access and expose Amaero to scarcer, higher-valued U.S. comparables. Velo3D, Amaero's strategic customer and U.S. LPBF partner, uplisted from OTCQX to Nasdaq at US\$3.00 in August 2025 and subsequently reached US\$31.75, a peak gain of ~958%; at US\$12.91 it remains ~330% above the offering price. While company execution also drove the rerating, Velo provides a useful example of the premium U.S. investors can place on scarce defense and sovereign advanced-manufacturing exposure. Almonty Industries provides a second precedent: the strategic tungsten producer's ASX shares rose ~110% from A\$2.30 at end-March 2025, when a potential Nasdaq listing had been publicly flagged, to A\$4.83 at end-June ahead of its July IPO; its Nasdaq shares have since risen ~320% from the US\$4.50 IPO price to US\$18.89. **Both examples reinforce the potential valuation benefit from moving a scarce U.S.-strategic industrial exposure from an ASX-small-cap investor base into deeper U.S. capital markets**

Valuation results

Including the estimated impact from a US Nasdaq IPO @ A\$ 0.25 for 300m shares leads to the derivation of the below intrinsic share price for Amaero of A\$ 0.73. This leads to a re-rate prospect of 183% from the current share price of A\$ 0.25. Added to our Peer Set Average Multiple EV/Sales is a moderate 20% premium to reflect the scope of the expected uplift in the lead up to Amaero's US IPO (justifiable based on precedent examples that have rated at notably higher levels).

Figure 10: Valuation results

Amaero (ASX: 3DA)	(A\$m)
Implied EV	868
Cash & cash equivalents	25.2
Assumed net IPO proceeds (cash)	68.0
Provisions and Liabilities	40
Equity Value	921
Number of shares (m)	953
Assumed addition shares from IPO(m)	300
Implied price (A\$)	0.73
Current price (A\$)	0.25
Upside (%)	194%

Source: GBA Capital

Risks

1. **U.S. government policy, procurement & political risk.** Amaero is exposed to U.S. defense budgets, domestic-sourcing policy and procurement cycles. Shutdowns, continuing resolutions, political changes or slower program awards could defer contracts and revenue.
2. **Commercial conversion & qualification risk.** The thesis assumes qualifications, development programs and initial orders convert into larger recurring contracts. Delays across BPMI, DoW or strategic partners would weaken the revenue ramp.
3. **Manufacturing scale-up & execution risk.** Higher EIGA utilisation and PM-HIP scaling create risks around yield, quality, uptime and commissioning. Execution shortfalls would pressure revenue, margins and operating leverage.
4. **Cash outflow & funding risk.** Amaero remains loss-making and must fund working capital, remaining capex and operating costs before expected breakeven. Slower revenue growth or cost overruns could increase cash burn and force further funding. The business recorded a FY26 operating loss of ~A\$36.5m. With the bulk of Amaero's capex program now complete, operating leverage led benefits to profitability should now increasingly become evident as revenues scale.
5. **U.S. IPO / Nasdaq & dilution risk.** The valuation thesis partly assumes a successful Nasdaq listing and rerating. The IPO could be delayed, resized or priced poorly, while new shares would dilute existing holders and a U.S. listing does not guarantee a rerating.
6. **Specialty feedstock & input-cost risk.** Long-term arrangements reduce titanium supply risk, but input-cost volatility and refractory feedstock availability remain potential exposures.
7. **Competitive & technology-moat risk.** The thesis assumes that Amaero retains its EIGA Premium, U.S. scale and refractory-powder advantages. New capacity, better competing technologies or aggressive pricing could erode market positioning.

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