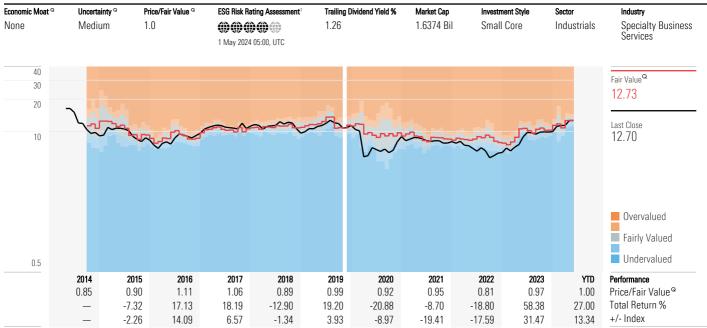
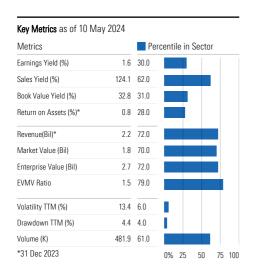
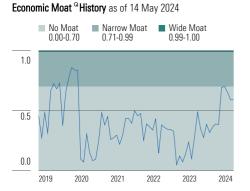
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Business Description

Applus Services SA is a Spain-based company that provides testing, inspection and certification services. The company operates through four divisions. Applus+ Energy & Industry, Applus+ Laboratories, Applus+ Automotive, Applus+ IDIADA and Other. Applus+ Energy & Industry provides non-destructive testing, quality control and accreditation services, project management, supplier inspection, facility inspection and asset certification and integrity services. Applus+ Laboratories offers variety of laboratory testing, system certification, product development services. Applus+ Automotive offers vehicle roadworthiness testing services, verifying vehicles' compliance with safety. Applus+ IDIADA offers design, engineering, testing and certification services to car manufacturers

Valuation ^Qas of 14 May 2024

Morningstar affirms a 3-star quantitative rating for Applus Services. We calculate this outcome using the company's underlying model-driven valuation and uncertainty scores.

The stock's last closing price was 12.70, in-line with its Quantitative Fair Value estimate of 12.71. The stock has been trading between a 15.89% discount and 5.51% premium to its quantitative fair value over the past year. The stock's price to fair value ratio is at the 89th percentile in our global equity coverage universe for this methodology and at the 82nd percentile relative to its peers in the industrials sector.

Applus Services furthermore holds a Medium quantitative uncertainty rating.

The company's quantitative star rating dates to after 07/04/2023, before which it was 4-star. Similarly, the firm's uncertainty rating changed from High to Medium after 05/10/2024.

We examine the financials and market statistics for

Applus Services to determine these ratings. Its earnings yield is 1.57% and its annualized trailing 12-month volatility is 13.40%. These fall at the 43rd and 7th percentiles in the equity universe and at the 30th and 6th in the industrials sector, respectively.

Economic Moat ^Qas of 14 May 2024

With a Morningstar quantitative moat rating of None, the quantitative moat score for Applus Services falls at the 54th percentile in the industrials sector and at the 61st in the equity coverage universe. The company has maintained its None quantitative moat rating since after 05/01/2024, when it was downgraded from Narrow.

We also assign a Moderate quantitative financial health rating to Applus Services. The company's raw score on this metric, termed Distance to Default, ranks at the 64th percentile overall and in the industrials sector. Furthermore, this financial health rating has stayed Moderate over the last year

Supporting these ratings are the company's book value yield and enterprise value-to-market value ratio. The book value yield of 32.83%, ranks at the 31st percentile overall and among its peers. Meanwhile, its enterprise value-to-market value ratio of 1.53, falls at the 79th percentile in both the universe and the industrials sector.

Fundamentals as of 14 May 2024

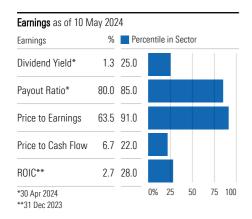
Applus Services reports earnings per share of 0.16. Its return on invested capital is 2.71%. The company maintains a dividend yield of 1.26%, paying out 80% of earnings. These values are calculated over a trailing 12-month period.

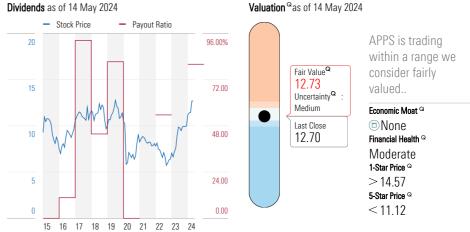
As of last market close, Applus Services has a price-to-earnings ratio of 63.5, falling at the 92nd



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Economic Moat Q	Uncertainty Q	Price/Fair Value Q	ESG Risk Rating Assessment ¹	Trailing Dividend Yield %	Market Cap	Investment Style	Sector	Industry
None	Medium	1.0	0000	1.26	1.6374 Bil	Small Core	Industrials	Specialty Business Services
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percentile in its sector (where a lower percentile means a lower ratio) and ranging between 23.33 and 63.7 over the past year. The company's price-to-free cash flow ratio is 6.74, falling at the 20th percentile in its sector and ranging between 5.99 and 8.19 over the past year.

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Financials as of 14 May 2024 (Fiscal Year End 31 Dec 2024)													
2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD	Fiscal		
1,619	1,701	1,586	1,583	1,676	1,778	1,558	1,777	1,899	2,058	2,058	Revenue (Mil)		
99	111	81	89	112	135	55	117	146	152	152	Operating Income (Mil)		
6.09	6.55	5.09	5.6	6.66	7.61	3.55	6.61	7.7	7.39	7.39	Operating Margin (%)		
24	38	20	36	41	56	-158	32	49	20	20	Net Income (Mil)		
0.20	0.30	0.15	0.27	0.29	0.39	-1.11	0.23	0.36	0.16	0.16	Diluted Earnings/Share		
123	160	169	137	159	248	282	188	249	324	324	Operating Cash Flow (Mil)		
-48	-51	-54	-59	-51	-71	-56	-63	-66	-79	-79	Capital Spending (Mil)		
75	109	116	78	108	178	227	125	183	245	245	Free Cash Flow (Mil)		
123	130	130	133	143	143	143	143	137	130	130	Avg Shares Outstand(Mil)		

Valuation as of 14 May 2024												
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Current	Calendar
	0.85	0.90	1.11	1.06	0.89	0.99	0.92	0.95	0.81	0.97	1.00	Price/Fair Value Q
	0.74	0.64	0.77	0.92	0.84	0.94	0.78	0.70	0.48	0.64	0.80	Price/Sales
	14.38	24.42	40.74	80.08	32.64	33.10	_	44.92	22.96	24.69	63.50	Price/Earnings
	8.36	8.60	7.58	9.10	8.78	8.14	5.12	4.78	4.12	5.29	5.09	Price/Cash Flow
	2.01	1.75	2.07	2.64	1.87	2.17	2.17	1.95	1.46	2.30	3.03	Price/Book

Operating P	erforman	ce as of 1	4 May 20	24 (Fiscal	Year En	d 31 Dec 2	(024)				
2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	03	Fiscal (%)
1.19	1.91	0.97	1.78	2.06	2.67	-7.31	1.44	2.05	0.83	_	Return on Assets
5.39	6.38	3.21	5.25	5.5	7.26	-23.25	5.36	7.94	3.52	_	Return on Equity
3.06	3.44	2.09	3.42	3.73	4.63	-9.62	2.88	4.0	2.71	_	Rtn on Invested Capital

Div	ridends a	ends as of 14 May 2024										
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Current	Calendar (%)
	_	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.15	_	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.16	Dividend Per Share
	_	0.3	1.35	1.15	1.34	1.32	_	_	2.34	_	1.26	Trailing Dividend Yield
	_	0.03	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	2.2	Buyback Yield



Appendix

Economic Moat	Conomic Moat ^o History as of 14 May 2024 (No Moat: 0.00-0.70, Narrow Moat: 0.70-0.99, Wide Moat: 0.99-1.00)														
Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December			
2024	0.38	0.69	0.70	0.65	0.59	_	_	_	_	_	_	_			
2023	0.07	0.14	0.24	0.10	0.28	0.49	0.35	0.28	0.39	0.32	0.36	0.39			
2022	0.39	0.36	0.34	0.43	0.15	0.38	0.36	0.34	0.34	0.33	0.05	0.12			
2021	0.26	0.27	0.30	0.22	0.30	0.44	0.44	0.39	0.50	0.46	0.48	0.25			
2020	0.84	0.84	0.10	0.07	0.30	0.15	0.08	0.09	0.25	0.48	0.38	0.45			
2019	0.45	0.27	0.48	0.31	0.67	0.72	0.68	0.73	0.38	0.65	0.77	0.86			



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 - ★ the stock is overvalued with a reasonable margin of safety. Log (Quant FVE/Price) < -1*Quantitative Uncertainty Micro-Caps: Log (Quant FVE/Price) < -1.5*Quantitative Uncertainty</p>
 - ** the stock is somewhat overvalued.

Log (Quant FVE/Price) between (-1*Quantitative Uncertainty, -0.5*Quantitative Uncertainty)

Micro-Caps: Log (Quant FVE/Price) between (-1.5*Quantitative Uncertainty, -0.75*Quantitative Uncertainty)

★★★ – the stock is approximately fairly valued.

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Micro-Caps: Log (Quant FVE/Price) between (-0.75*Quantitative Uncertainty, 0.75*Quantitative Uncertainty)

★★★ – the stock is somewhat undervalued.

Log (Quant FVE/Price) between (0.5*Quantitative Uncertainty, 1*Quantitative

Uncertainty)

Micro-Caps: Log (Quant FVE/Price) between (0.75*Quantitative Uncertainty, 1.5*Quantitative Uncertainty)

★★★★ — the stock is undervalued with a reasonable margin of safety.

Log (Quant FVE/Price) > 1*Quantitative Uncertainty

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but greater than 10%

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