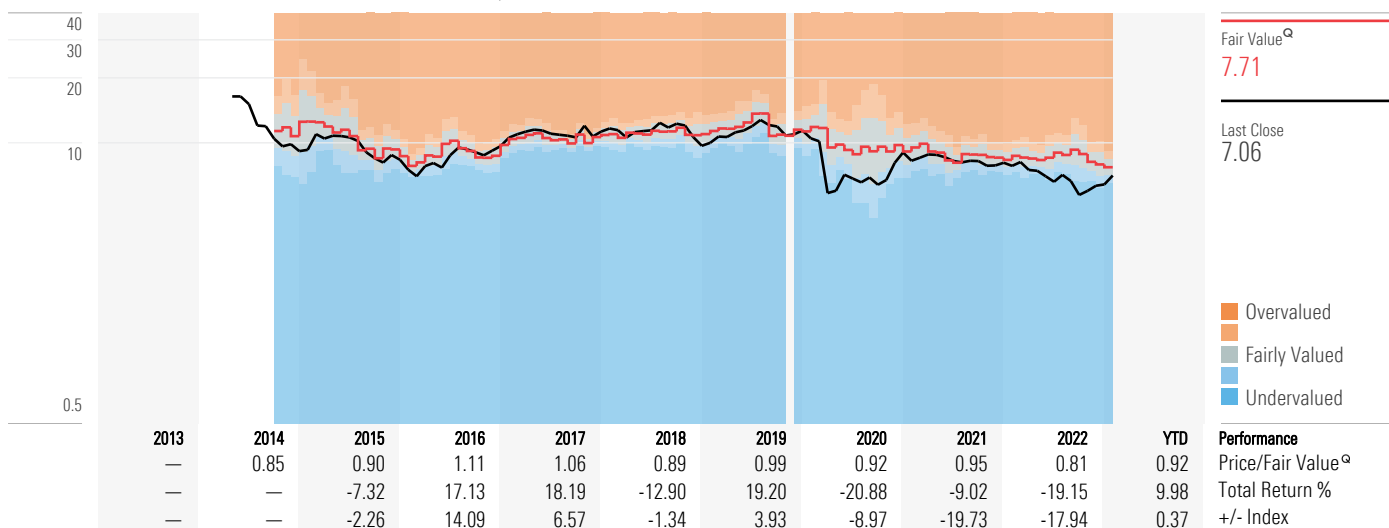


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<b>Economic Moat</b> <sup>Q</sup>	<b>Uncertainty</b> <sup>Q</sup>	<b>Price/Fair Value</b> <sup>Q</sup>	<b>ESG Risk Rating Assessment</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>Trailing Dividend Yield %</b>	<b>Market Cap</b>	<b>Investment Style</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Industry</b>
None	High	0.9	★★★★★	2.13	951.0726 Mil	Small Value	Industrials	Specialty Business Services

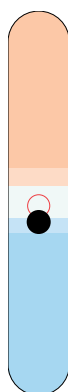
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## Valuation <sup>Q</sup> as of 27 Jan 2023



Fair Value <sup>Q</sup>  
**7.71**  
Uncertainty <sup>Q</sup> :  
High  
Last Close  
**7.06**

APPS is Under Valued at a 8% discount.

**Economic Moat** <sup>Q</sup>  
None  
**Financial Health** <sup>Q</sup>  
Moderate  
**1-Star Price** <sup>Q</sup>  
> 9.13  
**5-Star Price** <sup>Q</sup>  
< 6.51

## Financials as of 27 Jan 2023 (Fiscal Year End 31 Dec 2022)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD	Fiscal
Revenue (Mil)	1,581	1,619	1,701	1,586	1,583	1,676	1,778	1,558	1,777	—	987	Revenue (Mil)
Operating Income (Mil)	97	99	111	86	97	112	143	68	126	—	69	Operating Income (Mil)
Operating Margin (%)	6.16	6.09	6.55	5.42	6.12	6.66	8.02	4.35	7.07	—	7.03	Operating Margin (%)
Net Income (Mil)	-170	24	38	20	36	41	56	-158	32	—	22	Net Income (Mil)
Diluted Earnings/Share	-0.28	0.20	0.30	0.15	0.27	0.29	0.39	-1.11	0.23	—	0.16	Diluted Earnings/Share
Operating Cash Flow (Mil)	155	123	160	169	137	159	248	282	188	—	95	Operating Cash Flow (Mil)
Capital Spending (Mil)	-52	-48	-51	-54	-59	-51	-71	-56	-63	—	-24	Capital Spending (Mil)
Free Cash Flow (Mil)	103	75	109	116	78	108	178	227	125	—	71	Free Cash Flow (Mil)
Avg Shares Outstand(Mil)	604	123	130	130	133	143	143	143	143	—	143	Avg Shares Outstand(Mil)
Dividend Per Share	—	—	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.15	—	—	0.15	0.15	Dividend Per Share

## Valuation as of 27 Jan 2023

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Current	Calendar
Price/Fair Value <sup>Q</sup>	—	0.85	0.90	1.11	1.06	0.89	0.99	0.92	0.95	0.81	0.92	Price/Fair Value <sup>Q</sup>
Price/Sales	—	0.74	0.64	0.77	0.92	0.84	0.94	0.78	0.70	0.48	0.53	Price/Sales
Price/Earnings	—	14.38	24.42	40.74	80.08	32.64	33.10	—	44.92	22.96	25.25	Price/Earnings
Price/Cash Flow	—	8.36	8.60	7.58	9.10	8.78	8.14	5.12	4.78	4.12	4.53	Price/Cash Flow
Price/Book	—	2.01	1.75	2.07	2.64	1.87	2.17	2.17	1.95	1.48	1.63	Price/Book

## Operating Performance as of 27 Jan 2023 (Fiscal Year End 31 Dec 2022)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Q3	Fiscal (%)
Return on Assets	0.22	1.19	1.91	0.97	1.78	2.06	2.67	-7.31	1.44	—	—	Return on Assets
Return on Equity	1.42	5.39	6.38	3.21	5.25	5.5	7.26	-23.25	5.36	—	—	Return on Equity
Rtn on Invested Capital	0.31	3.04	3.41	2.08	3.4	3.72	4.61	-9.59	2.87	—	—	Rtn on Invested Capital

## Business Description

Applus Services SA is a Spain-based company that provides testing, inspection and certification services. The company operates through four divisions. The energy and industry division, which accounts for the majority of revenue, is primarily engaged in industrial and environmental inspection,

technical assistance, technical staffing, and others. The automotive division conducts statutory vehicle inspection services for safety and emissions. The IDIADA division provides vehicle proving ground, engineering, design and other services. The laboratories division conducts product testing and certification services for laboratories. Europe, North

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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*

★★ – 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.

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

*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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