
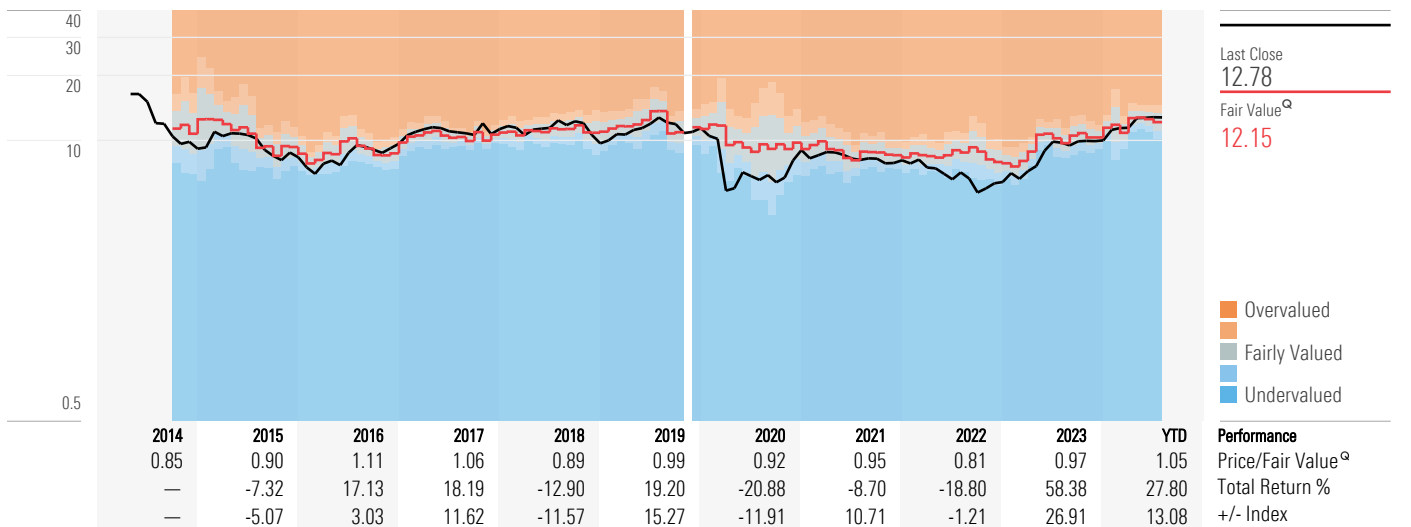


# Applus Services SA APPS ★★★ Q 19 Jul 2024 22:46, UTC

<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	1.05	 3 Jul 2024 05:00, UTC	1.25	—	Small Blend	Industrials	Specialty Business Services



As of 19 Jul 2024 | Index: Morningstar Spain GR EUR. Fair Value data as of 19 Jul 2024 00:00, UTC.

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## Key Metrics as of 18 Jul 2024

Metrics	Value	Percentile in Sector
Earnings Yield (%)	1.6	29.0
Sales Yield (%)	124.1	62.0
Book Value Yield (%)	32.8	31.0
Return on Assets (%)*	0.8	27.0
Revenue(Bil)*	2.2	72.0
Market Value (Bil)	1.8	70.0
Enterprise Value (Bil)	2.7	72.0
EVMV Ratio	1.5	79.0
Volatility TTM (%)	12.4	5.0
Drawdown TTM (%)	2.7	3.0
Volume (K)	505.9	61.0

\*31 Dec 2023

## 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.

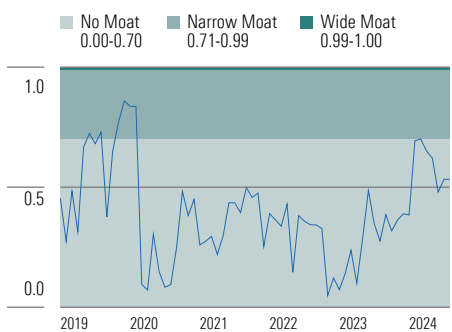
in the equity universe and the 29th percentile in its sector. The annualized trailing 12-month volatility of 12.35% corresponds to the 6th percentile overall and the 5th percentile in the industry.

## Economic Moat <sup>Q</sup> as of 19 Jul 2024

Quantitatively, we do not believe Applus Services has an economic moat. Its moat score of 0.51 corresponds to the 46th percentile in the industrials sector. Furthermore, this rating last differed from its previous rating of Narrow on 05/01/2024, when the company's moat score fell from its maximum of 0.82 (score of 1 indicates greatest economic moat). The company also maintains a quantitative financial health rating of Moderate. Its score sits at the 64th percentile overall and the 65th percentile in the sector.

Examining the company's financials and market statistics, we find these ratings are principally driven by its book value yield and enterprise value-to-market value ratio. The book value yield is 32.83%, sitting at the 31st percentile in the industrials sector. The company's enterprise value-to-market value ratio is 1.53, corresponding to the 79th percentile in the equity coverage universe and the 79th percentile in the sector.

## Economic Moat <sup>Q</sup> History as of 19 Jul 2024



## Valuation <sup>Q</sup> as of 19 Jul 2024

Applus Services achieves a 3-star quantitative star rating based on Morningstar's equity model. This reflects the company's valuation and uncertainty scores under this assessment system.

The Quantitative Fair Value estimate is 12.27, in-line with the previous closing price of 12.80. The stock has been trading between a 9.2% discount and 5.51% premium to its quantitative fair value over the past year. The stock's current valuation rating sits at the 94th percentile in the coverage universe and 90th percentile in the industrials sector (higher percentile indicates more undervalued). The quantitative uncertainty rating for Applus Services is High.


Our quantitative star rating remains unchanged over the past year; the uncertainty rating last differed on 07/09/2024, when it was Medium. The main drivers of the company's valuation and uncertainty are its earnings yield and volatility. The earnings yield of 1.57% falls at the 43rd percentile

## Fundamentals as of 19 Jul 2024

The earnings per share for Applus Services is 0.16. The company earns a return on invested capital of 2.71%, falling at the 28th percentile in the industrials sector. The firm maintains a dividend yield of 1.25%. We calculate the above figures over a trailing 12-month period.

Examining valuation further, we find Applus Services holds a price-to-earnings ratio of 64, a figure greater than 91% of its sector peers. The company's price-to-free cash flow ratio is 6.8, greater

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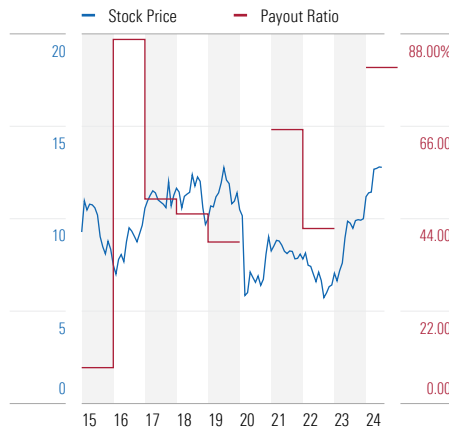
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## Earnings as of 18 Jul 2024

Earnings	%	Percentile in Sector
Dividend Yield*	1.3	25.0
Payout Ratio*	80.0	87.0
Price to Earnings	64.0	91.0
Price to Cash Flow	6.8	20.0
ROIC**	2.7	28.0

\*28 Jun 2024  
\*\*31 Dec 2023

## Dividends as of 19 Jul 2024



## Valuation <sup>Q</sup> as of 19 Jul 2024

APPS is trading within a range we consider fairly valued..

**Economic Moat** <sup>Q</sup>

- None
- 1-Star Price <sup>Q</sup> > 14.63
- 5-Star Price <sup>Q</sup> < 10.09

than 20% of its sector peers. These values are calculated using the stock's price at last market close.

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## Financials (Fiscal Year End 31 Dec 2024)

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	12/2023	Fiscal
1.62	1.70	1.59	1.58	1.68	1.78	1.56	1.78	2.05	2.06	2.06	Revenue (Bil)
0.10	0.11	0.09	0.09	0.11	0.14	0.06	0.12	0.14	0.15	0.15	Operating Income (Bil)
6.10	6.55	5.42	5.60	6.64	7.76	3.55	6.61	6.66	7.39	7.39	Operating Margin (%)
0.02	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.06	-0.16	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.02	Net Income (Bil)
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.16	Diluted Earnings/Share
0.12	0.16	0.17	0.14	0.16	0.25	0.28	0.19	0.25	0.32	0.32	Operating Cash Flow (Bil)
0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.08	Capital Spending (Bil)
0.06	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.13	0.16	0.12	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17	Free Cash Flow (Bil)
0.13	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.13	Avg Shares Outstand(Bil)

## Valuation as of 19 Jul 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	1.05	Price/Fair Value <sup>Q</sup>
3.45	0.64	0.77	0.92	0.84	0.94	0.79	0.70	0.48	0.66	0.81	Price/Sales
—	24.34	41.59	79.96	32.74	33.04	—	44.92	22.12	23.26	63.90	Price/Earnings
57.34	7.99	9.81	13.38	9.15	7.82	6.86	5.52	3.87	5.50	6.73	Price/Cash Flow
2.02	1.76	2.07	2.40	1.87	2.17	2.18	1.95	1.48	2.30	3.05	Price/Book

## Operating Performance (Fiscal Year End 31 Dec 2024)

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	12/2023	Fiscal (%)
1.19	1.91	0.97	1.78	2.06	2.67	-7.31	1.44	2.05	0.83	0.83	Return on Assets
5.39	6.38	3.21	5.25	5.50	7.26	-23.25	5.36	7.94	3.52	3.52	Return on Equity
3.06	3.44	2.09	3.42	3.73	4.63	-9.62	2.88	4.00	2.71	2.71	Rtn on Invested Capital

## Dividends as of 19 Jul 2024

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Current	Calendar (%)
—	0.03	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.15	—	0.15	0.15	0.16	—	Dividend Per Share
0.00	0.30	1.35	1.15	1.34	1.32	0.00	1.86	2.34	1.60	1.25	Trailing Dividend Yield
—	0.03	0.00	—	—	0.00	—	—	—	3.66	2.19	Buyback Yield

# Appendix

**Economic Moat** <sup>®</sup>History as of 19 Jul 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	0.62	0.48	0.53	—	—	—	—	—
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*

★★ – 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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