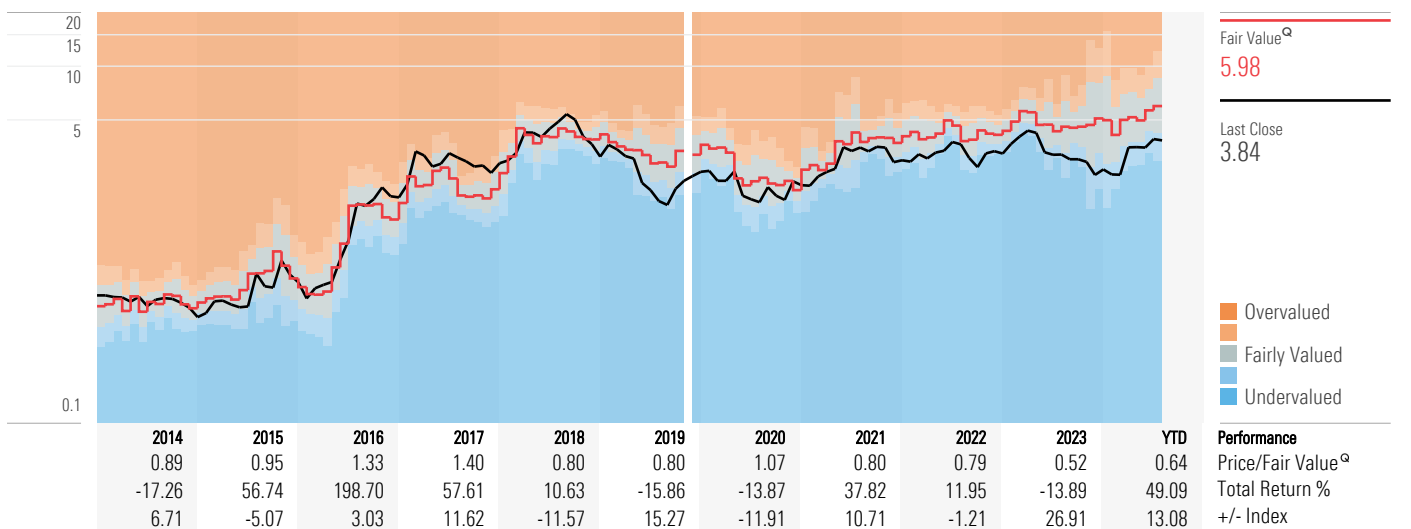


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Economic Moat ^Q	Uncertainty ^Q	Price/Fair Value ^Q	ESG Risk Rating Assessment ¹	Trailing Dividend Yield %	Market Cap	Investment Style	Sector	Industry
None	Very High	0.64	🌐🌐🌐🌐🌐	2.50	—	Small Blend	Basic Materials	Chemicals



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Key Metrics as of 18 Jul 2024

Metrics		Percentile in Sector
Earnings Yield (%)	4.9	78.0
Sales Yield (%)	189.3	86.0
Book Value Yield (%)	103.2	71.0
Return on Assets (%)*	2.9	72.0
Revenue(Mil)*	733.2	76.0
Market Value (Mil)	387.2	70.0
Enterprise Value (Mil)	489.5	71.0
EV/MV Ratio	1.3	76.0
Volatility TTM (%)	38.1	39.0
Drawdown TTM (%)	25.3	29.0
Volume (K)	114.6	43.0

*31 Mar 2024

Business Description

Ercros SA is a chemical manufacturing company operating in basic and plastic chemicals divisions, intermediate chemicals division, and pharmaceuticals division. The company's product portfolio includes Caustic soda, Hydrochloric acid, Sodium chloride, Sodium hypochlorite, Glues and resins, Moulding compounds, Pentaerythritol, Erythromycin, Fosfomycin, Fusidic acid, among others. Its products are supplied to various industries including the chemical industry, construction, wood industry, paints, food industry, pharmaceuticals, electric material, and water treatment. The majority of the revenue is derived from the sale of basic chemicals in the local markets.

Valuation ^Q as of 19 Jul 2024

Morningstar maintains a 3-star quantitative star rating for Ercros, derived from the firm's valuation and uncertainty scores.

The company's shares last closed at 3.88, below our quantitative fair value estimate of 5.96. These shares have traded between a 53.2% and 25.53% discount to their fair value estimate over the past year. In Morningstar's equity coverage universe for this methodology, the company's valuation rating lands at the 30th percentile; in the basic materials sector, the firm's score lies at the 56th percentile (meaning the shares are more undervalued than 56% of stocks in the sector).

Furthermore, Ercros maintains a quantitative valuation uncertainty rating of Very High.

The company has held this star rating since the previous rating of 4, which was last assigned on 07/11/2024. The uncertainty rating for Ercros has remained Very High since the previous rating of Extreme, which was last assigned on 03/26/2024.

The key factors behind these ratings are the company's book value yield and drawdown. The book

value yield is 103.21%, and its maximum trailing 12-month maximum drawdown is 49.30%. The book value yield falls at the 71st percentile in the basic materials sector while the drawdown is at the 29th percentile. Over the past year, the company's book value yield has been between 101.38% and 168.88%; its drawdown has ranged between 25.25% and 49.30%.

Economic Moat ^Q as of 19 Jul 2024

Morningstar maintains a quantitative moat rating of None on the company. The firm's quantitative moat score of 0.19 sits at the 21st percentile in the basic materials sector. This is a decrease from 0.23, the maximum of its moat scores over the past year. The quantitative financial health rating for Ercros is Moderate. Its financial health score, termed Distance to Default, sits at the 24th percentile in the universe and 29th percentile in the sector.

The significant drivers of these ratings are the company's book value yield and enterprise value-to-market value ratio. The book value yield for Ercros is 103.21%, and its enterprise value-to-market value ratio is 1.26. They sit at the 73rd and 68th percentile in the global equity universe, respectively.

Fundamentals as of 19 Jul 2024

Ercros reports earnings per share of 0.19. Its return on invested capital is 3.88%. The company maintains a dividend yield of 3.84%, paying out 79.25% of earnings. These values are calculated over a trailing 12-month period.

As of last market close, Ercros has a price-to-earnings ratio of 20.5, falling at the 56th percentile in its sector (where a lower percentile means a lower ratio) and ranging between 4.82 and 20.87 over the past year. The company's price-to-free cash flow

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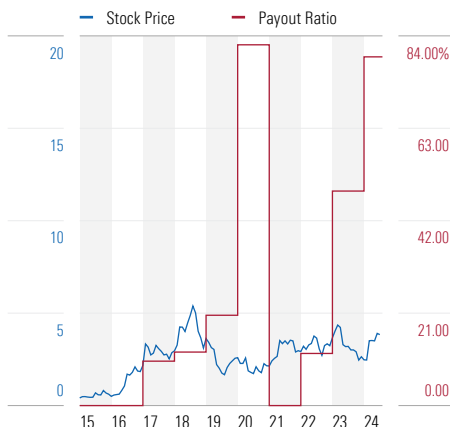
Earnings as of 18 Jul 2024

Earnings	%	Percentile in Sector
Dividend Yield*	3.8	70.0
Payout Ratio*	79.3	77.0
Price to Earnings	20.5	56.0
Price to Cash Flow	8.8	29.0
ROIC**	3.9	67.0

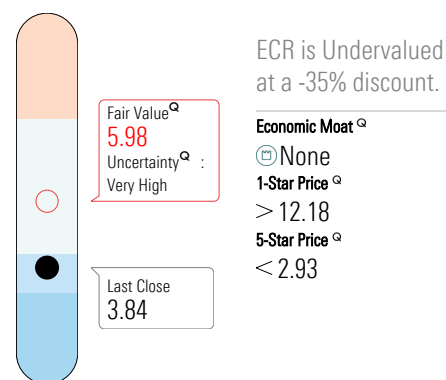
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Dividends as of 19 Jul 2024



Valuation ◊ as of 19 Jul 2024



ratio is 8.79, falling at the 29th percentile in its sector and ranging between 4.19 and 8.94 over the past year.

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Financials (Fiscal Year End 31 Dec 2019)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	03/2024	Fiscal
Revenue (Mil)	603.67	618.27	602.54	685.97	671.94	—	—	—	—	—	671.71	Revenue (Mil)
Operating Income (Mil)	0.18	16.85	41.27	48.22	43.21	—	—	—	—	—	-5.05	Operating Income (Mil)
Operating Margin (%)	0.03	2.73	6.85	7.03	6.43	—	—	—	—	—	1.53	Operating Margin (%)
Net Income (Mil)	-6.29	7.24	45.16	44.58	44.88	—	—	—	—	—	17.91	Net Income (Mil)
Diluted Earnings/Share	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.19	Diluted Earnings/Share
Operating Cash Flow (Mil)	28.05	14.00	38.95	43.81	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Operating Cash Flow (Mil)
Capital Spending (Mil)	6.19	9.15	18.71	42.84	42.11	—	—	—	—	—	—	Capital Spending (Mil)
Free Cash Flow (Mil)	-0.60	15.80	25.91	2.95	2.41	—	—	—	—	—	—	Free Cash Flow (Mil)
Avg Shares Outstand(Mil)	112.28	114.09	114.09	109.86	106.28	—	—	—	—	—	104.92	Avg Shares Outstand(Mil)

Valuation as of 19 Jul 2024

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Current	Calendar
Price/Fair Value ◊	0.89	0.95	1.33	1.40	0.80	0.80	1.07	0.80	0.79	0.52	0.64	Price/Fair Value ◊
Price/Sales	0.07	0.11	0.37	0.47	0.51	0.40	0.39	0.46	0.32	0.32	0.53	Price/Sales
Price/Earnings	9.69	—	7.35	6.27	7.47	10.79	12.27	13.50	4.84	9.14	20.28	Price/Earnings
Price/Cash Flow	2.39	6.75	5.24	6.74	—	10.21	3.27	4.23	5.15	3.43	6.58	Price/Cash Flow
Price/Book	0.24	0.40	1.08	1.42	1.28	0.97	0.77	0.98	0.90	0.69	0.96	Price/Book

Operating Performance (Fiscal Year End 31 Dec 2019)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	03/2024	Fiscal (%)
Return on Assets	-1.16	1.40	8.43	7.69	7.44	4.92	1.00	6.66	8.65	3.86	2.87	Return on Assets
Return on Equity	-3.70	4.21	22.82	19.08	17.25	10.99	2.17	14.06	18.20	7.62	4.91	Return on Equity
Rtn on Invested Capital	-0.18	3.75	14.86	13.13	12.45	8.00	2.37	10.72	13.92	6.32	3.88	Rtn on Invested Capital

Dividends as of 19 Jul 2024

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Current	Calendar (%)
Dividend Per Share	—	—	—	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.05	—	0.09	0.15	0.10	Dividend Per Share
Trailing Dividend Yield	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.40	1.61	2.34	2.32	0.00	2.62	5.68	2.50	Trailing Dividend Yield
Buyback Yield	—	—	—	0.81	3.52	3.67	4.01	1.20	3.13	7.68	3.17	Buyback Yield

Appendix

Economic Moat [®]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	0.14	0.08	0.10	0.10	0.17	0.16	0.12	—	—	—	—	—
2023	0.04	0.06	0.09	0.16	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.14	0.07
2022	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.10	0.05	0.22	0.15	0.19	0.06	0.06	0.03	0.07
2021	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02
2020	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04
2019	0.06	0.08	0.05	0.16	0.20	0.14	0.05	0.08	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.03

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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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