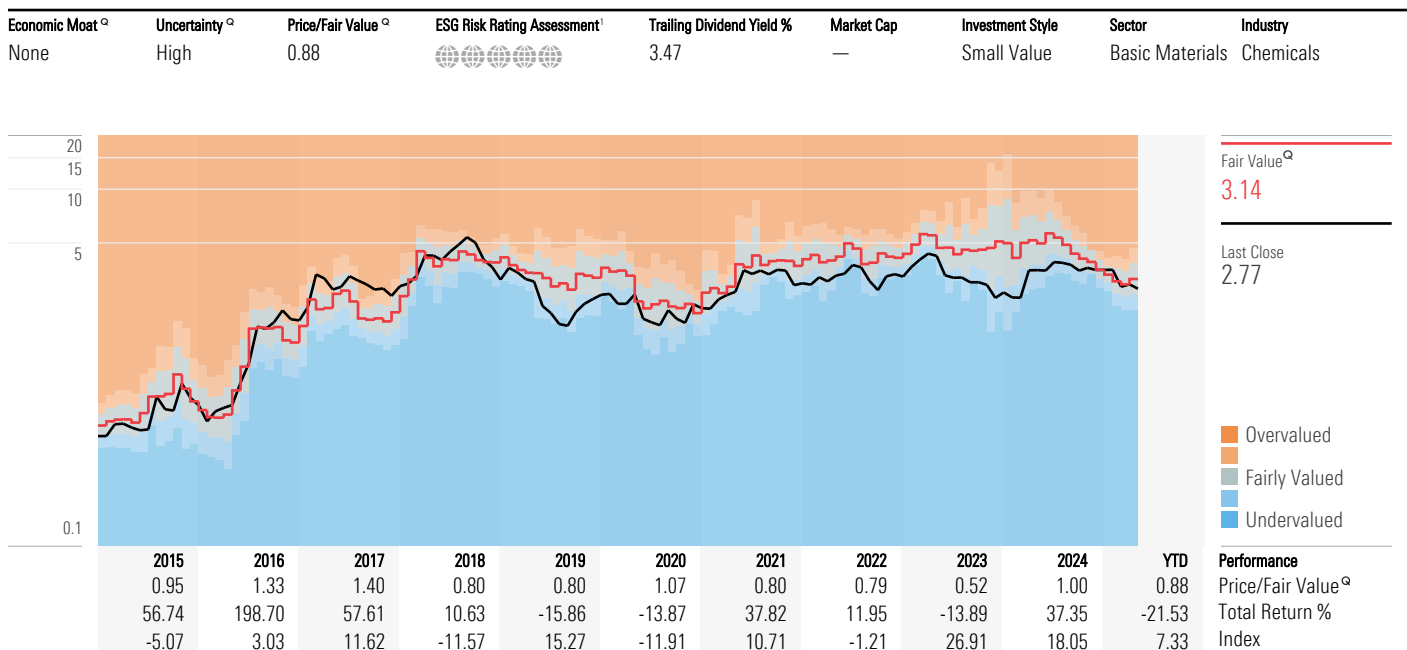


# Ercros SA ECR ★★★

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## 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.

and are likely to generate weaker future cash flows for shareholders. The firm's enterprise value to free cash flow ratio of 170.4, a core component of profitability, sits in the top 10% globally. This suggests limited cash flow is available for reinvestment or return to shareholders, which, despite our favorable price/fair value ratio, is a negative attribute.

In addition to the aforementioned drivers, our model considers momentum as part of its comprehensive analysis. This share class has outperformed the broader universe over the past year. While we believe the stock is undervalued, this outperformance had a negative impact on our valuation estimate.

## Valuation<sup>Q</sup> as of 8 Apr 2025

Ercros SA is assigned a 3-star quantitative star rating, illustrating our stance that this share class is a balanced choice, but prudent investors should consider looking elsewhere. The stock currently trades at a 12% discount to our quantitative fair value estimate of 3.14 EUR per share; however, caution is warranted due to this estimate's high uncertainty rating.

The firm's valuation metrics strengthen our estimated fair value. A company's valuation metrics provide insights into the market's expectations for its future growth and profitability. For example, the firm's book value yield of 127.1% lies in the top 30% compared with peers globally. The market price is low relative to the book (accounting) value of the company's equity, which contributes to our view that shares are undervalued.

On a different note, the company's lack of profitability is potentially concerning. Companies with low profitability are often less resilient in recessions

## Economic Moat<sup>Q</sup> as of 8 Apr 2025

With its quantitative economic moat rating of none, this business is unlikely to consistently out-earn its cost of capital without structural protection from competition. However, its financial health score is strong, suggesting that the company should be well positioned to weather tough times.

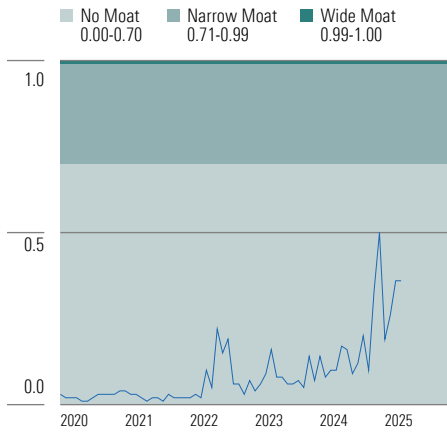
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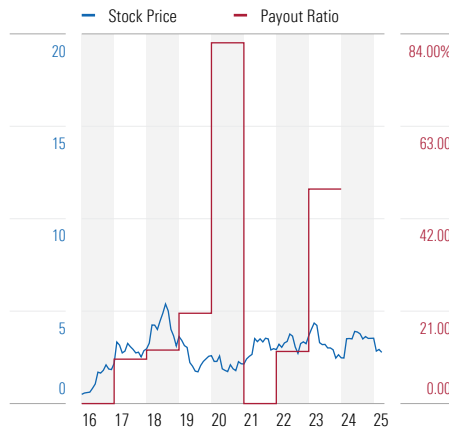
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<b>Economic Moat</b> ◊	<b>Uncertainty</b> ◊	<b>Price/Fair Value</b> ◊	<b>ESG Risk Rating Assessment</b> †	<b>Trailing Dividend Yield %</b>	<b>Market Cap</b>	<b>Investment Style</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Industry</b>
None	High	0.88	🌐🌐🌐🌐🌐	3.47	—	Small Value	Basic Materials	Chemicals

## Economic Moat ◊ History as of 5 Apr 2025



## Dividends as of 8 Apr 2025



## Valuation ◊ as of 8 Apr 2025

**Fair Value** ◊: 3.14

**Uncertainty** ◊: High

**Last Close**: 2.77

**Undervalued (11% Discount)**

**Economic Moat** ◊: None

**1-Star Price** ◊: > 4.68

**5-Star Price** ◊: < 2.11

## Financials (Fiscal Year End 31 Dec 2019)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	12/2024	Fiscal
Revenue (Mil)	618.27	602.54	685.97	671.94	—	—	—	—	—	—	667.42	Revenue (Mil)
Operating Income (Mil)	16.85	41.27	48.22	43.21	—	—	—	—	—	—	-2.83	Operating Income (Mil)
Operating Margin (%)	2.73	6.85	7.03	6.43	—	—	—	—	—	—	-0.42	Operating Margin (%)
Net Income (Mil)	7.24	45.16	44.58	44.88	—	—	—	—	—	—	-11.66	Net Income (Mil)
Diluted Earnings/Share	0.06	0.40	0.40	0.41	—	—	—	—	—	—	-0.13	Diluted Earnings/Share
Operating Cash Flow (Mil)	14.00	38.95	43.81	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Operating Cash Flow (Mil)
Capital Spending (Mil)	9.15	18.71	42.84	42.11	—	—	—	—	—	—	13.56	Capital Spending (Mil)
Free Cash Flow (Mil)	15.80	25.91	2.95	2.41	—	—	—	—	—	—	-4.04	Free Cash Flow (Mil)
Avg Shares Outstand(Mil)	114.09	114.09	109.86	106.28	—	—	—	—	—	—	104.92	Avg Shares Outstand(Mil)

## Valuation as of 8 Apr 2025

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Current	Calendar
Price/Fair Value ◊	0.95	1.33	1.40	0.80	0.80	1.07	0.80	0.79	0.52	1.00	0.88	Price/Fair Value ◊
Price/Sales	0.11	0.37	0.47	0.51	0.40	0.39	0.46	0.32	0.32	0.50	0.38	Price/Sales
Price/Earnings	—	7.35	6.27	7.47	10.79	12.27	13.50	4.84	9.14	23.36	—	Price/Earnings
Price/Cash Flow	6.75	5.24	6.74	—	10.21	3.27	4.23	5.15	3.43	7.62	26.62	Price/Cash Flow
Price/Book	0.40	1.08	1.42	1.28	0.97	0.77	0.98	0.90	0.69	0.91	0.74	Price/Book

## Operating Performance (Fiscal Year End 31 Dec 2019)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	12/2024	Fiscal (%)
Return on Assets	1.40	8.43	7.69	7.44	—	—	—	—	—	—	-1.69	Return on Assets
Return on Equity	4.21	22.82	19.08	17.25	—	—	—	—	—	—	-3.31	Return on Equity
Rtn on Invested Capital	3.75	14.86	13.13	12.45	—	—	—	—	—	—	-1.27	Rtn on Invested Capital

## Dividends as of 8 Apr 2025

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Current	Calendar (%)
Dividend Per Share	—	—	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.05	—	0.09	0.15	0.10	0.10	Dividend Per Share
Trailing Dividend Yield	0.00	0.00	1.40	1.61	2.34	2.32	0.00	2.62	5.68	2.72	3.47	Trailing Dividend Yield
Buyback Yield	—	—	0.81	3.52	3.67	4.01	1.20	3.13	7.68	3.45	0.00	Buyback Yield

# Appendix

**Economic Moat** <sup>®</sup>History as of 5 Apr 2025 (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
2025	0.19	0.26	0.36	0.36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2024	0.14	0.08	0.10	0.10	0.17	0.16	0.09	0.12	0.20	0.10	0.33	0.50
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

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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)*

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★★★★ – the stock is somewhat undervalued.

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

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

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

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