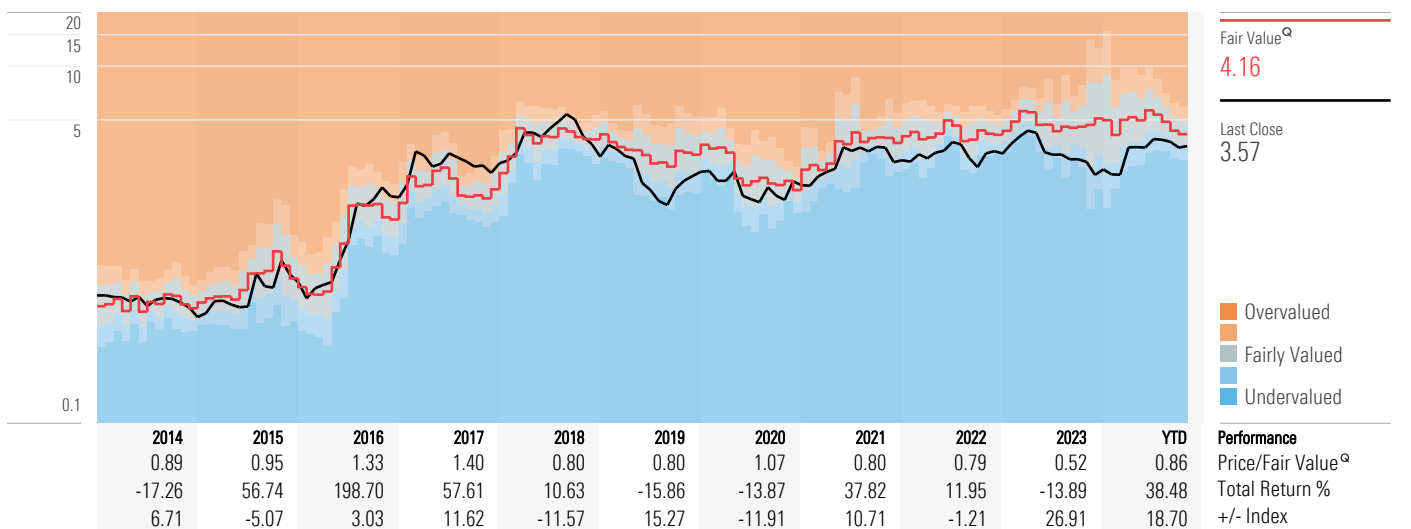


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<b>Economic Moat</b> <sup>Q</sup>	<b>Uncertainty</b> <sup>Q</sup>	<b>Price/Fair Value</b> <sup>Q</sup>	<b>ESG Risk Rating Assessment</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>Trailing Dividend Yield %</b>	<b>Market Cap</b>	<b>Investment Style</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Industry</b>
None	High	0.86	🌐🌐🌐🌐🌐	2.70	—	Small Value	Basic Materials	Chemicals



As of 04 Oct 2024 | Index: Morningstar Spain GR EUR. Fair Value data as of 7 Oct 2024 00:00, UTC.

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## Key Metrics as of 4 Oct 2024

Metrics		Percentile in Sector
Earnings Yield (%)	3.9	75.0
Sales Yield (%)	197.0	86.0
Book Value Yield (%)	109.2	73.0
Return on Assets (%)*	1.8	67.0
Revenue(Mil)*	700.2	76.0
Market Value (Mil)	357.1	69.0
Enterprise Value (Mil)	485.0	70.0
EV/MV Ratio	1.4	80.0
Volatility TTM (%)	36.4	35.0
Drawdown TTM (%)	17.1	11.0
Volume (K)	108.6	42.0

\*30 Jun 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 <sup>Q</sup> as of 5 Oct 2024

Ercros 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 4.11, above the previous closing price of 3.56. The stock has been trading between a 53.2% and 13.36% discount to its quantitative fair value over the past year. The stock's current valuation rating sits at the 71st percentile in the coverage universe and 85th percentile in the basic materials sector.

The quantitative uncertainty rating for Ercros is Very High.

Our quantitative star rating last differed from the current rating on 09/02/2024; the uncertainty rating last differed on 10/03/2024. The previous ratings were 4 and High, respectively.

The main drivers of the company's valuation and uncertainty are its EV-MV ratio and volatility. The enterprise value-to-market value ratio of 1.36 falls at the 73rd percentile in the equity universe and the 80th percentile in its sector. The annualized

trailing 12-month volatility of 36.38% corresponds to the 55th percentile overall and the 35th percentile in the industry.

## Economic Moat <sup>Q</sup> as of 7 Oct 2024

Quantitatively, we do not believe Ercros has an economic moat. Its moat score of 0.13 corresponds to the 12th percentile in the basic materials sector. Furthermore, this rating has not changed over the past year, while the company's moat score fell from its maximum of 0.26 in this period (score of 1 indicates greatest economic moat).

The company also maintains a quantitative financial health rating of Moderate. Its score sits at the 25th percentile overall and the 31st 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 annualized trailing 12-month volatility. The book value yield is 109.18%, sitting at the 73rd percentile in the basic materials sector. The company's annualized trailing 12-month volatility is 36.38%, corresponding to the 55th percentile in the equity coverage universe and the 35th percentile in the sector.

## Fundamentals as of 5 Oct 2024

Ercros reports earnings per share of 0.14. Its return on invested capital is 3.22%. The company maintains a dividend yield of 2.75%, paying out 0% 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 25.57, falling at the 62nd percentile in its sector (where a lower percentile means a lower ratio) and ranging between 6.91 and 27.91 over the past year. The company's price-to-free cash flow ratio is 10.06, falling at the 34th percentile in its

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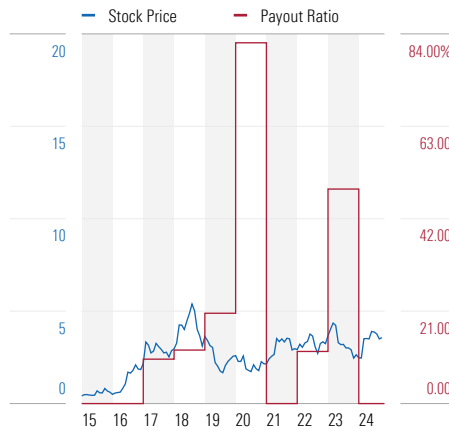
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## Earnings as of 4 Oct 2024

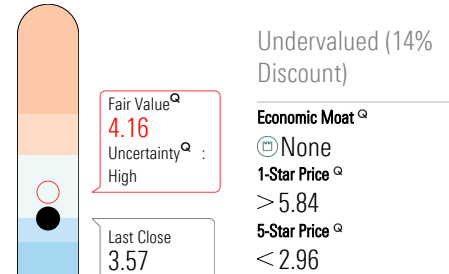
Earnings	%	■ Percentile in Sector
Dividend Yield*	2.8	58.0
Payout Ratio*	0.0	5.0
Price to Earnings	25.6	62.0
Price to Cash Flow	10.1	34.0
ROIC**	3.2	69.0

\*30 Sep 2024  
\*\*30 Jun 2024

## Dividends as of 4 Oct 2024



## Valuation <sup>Q</sup> as of 7 Oct 2024



sector and ranging between 4.19 and 10.98 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	06/2024	Fiscal
603.67	618.27	602.54	685.97	671.94	—	—	—	—	—	—	638.28	Revenue (Mil)
0.18	16.85	41.27	48.22	43.21	—	—	—	—	—	—	-7.98	Operating Income (Mil)
0.03	2.73	6.85	7.03	6.43	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.53	Operating Margin (%)
-6.29	7.24	45.16	44.58	44.88	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.44	Net Income (Mil)
-0.06	0.06	0.40	0.40	0.41	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.14	Diluted Earnings/Share
28.05	14.00	38.95	43.81	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Operating Cash Flow (Mil)
6.19	9.15	18.71	42.84	42.11	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.96	Capital Spending (Mil)
-0.60	15.80	25.91	2.95	2.41	—	—	—	—	—	—	32.20	Free Cash Flow (Mil)
112.28	114.09	114.09	109.86	106.28	—	—	—	—	—	—	104.92	Avg Shares Outstand(Mil)

## Valuation as of 4 Oct 2024

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Current	Calendar
0.89	0.95	1.33	1.40	0.80	0.80	1.07	0.80	0.79	0.52	0.86	0.86	Price/Fair Value <sup>Q</sup>
0.07	0.11	0.37	0.47	0.51	0.40	0.39	0.46	0.32	0.32	0.51	0.51	Price/Sales
9.69	—	7.35	6.27	7.47	10.79	12.27	13.50	4.84	9.14	25.57	25.57	Price/Earnings
2.39	6.75	5.24	6.74	—	10.21	3.27	4.23	5.15	3.43	7.68	7.68	Price/Cash Flow
0.24	0.40	1.08	1.42	1.28	0.97	0.77	0.98	0.90	0.69	0.92	0.92	Price/Book

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

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	06/2024	Fiscal (%)
-1.16	1.40	8.43	7.69	7.44	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.75	Return on Assets
-3.70	4.21	22.82	19.08	17.25	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.52	Return on Equity
-0.18	3.75	14.86	13.13	12.45	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.22	Rtn on Invested Capital

## Dividends as of 4 Oct 2024

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Current	Calendar (%)
—	—	—	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.05	—	0.09	0.15	0.10	0.10	Dividend Per Share
0.00	0.00	0.00	1.40	1.61	2.34	2.32	0.00	2.62	5.68	2.70	2.70	Trailing Dividend Yield
—	—	—	0.81	3.52	3.67	4.01	1.20	3.13	7.68	3.42	3.42	Buyback Yield

# Appendix

**Economic Moat** <sup>®</sup>History as of 7 Oct 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	0.09	0.12	0.20	0.10	—	—
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)*

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★★★ – 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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