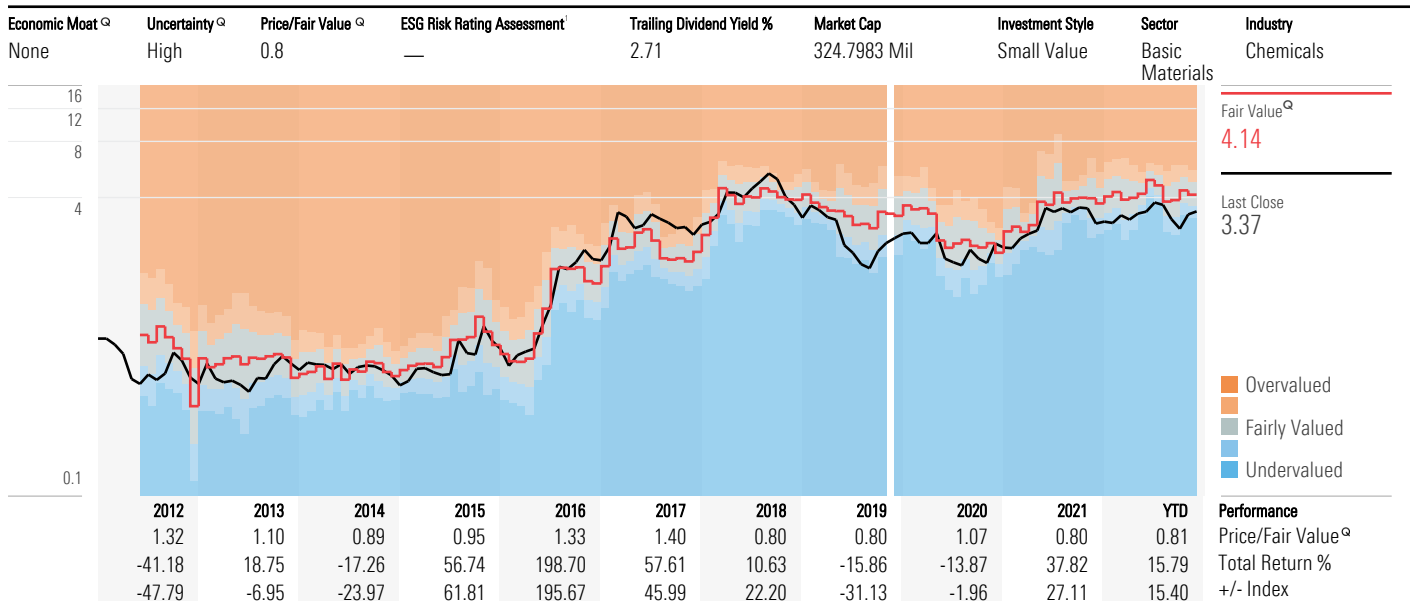


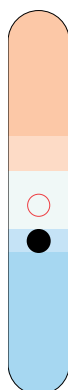
Ercros SA ECR ★★★★★

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Valuation as of 25 Nov 2022



Fair Value^Q
4.14
Uncertainty^Q:
High

Last Close
3.37

ECR is Under Valued at a 19% discount.

Economic Moat^Q

None

Financial Health^Q

Moderate

1-Star Price^Q

> 5.58

5-Star Price^Q

< 3.08

Financials as of 25 Nov 2022 (Fiscal Year End 31 Dec 2019)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	YTD	Fiscal
Revenue (Mil)	640	625	604	618	603	681	672	670	569	800	551	Revenue (Mil)
Operating Income (Mil)	2.94	9.64	0.18	16.85	41.45	45.33	44.75	31.18	19.27	57.13	59.45	Operating Income (Mil)
Operating Margin (%)	0.46	1.54	0.03	2.73	6.88	6.65	6.66	4.66	3.39	7.14	10.8	Operating Margin (%)
Net Income (Mil)	-12.13	-3.75	-6.29	7.24	45.17	44.58	44.59	31.04	6.26	43.30	46.29	Net Income (Mil)
Diluted Earnings/Share	-0.12	-0.04	-0.06	0.06	0.40	0.40	0.41	0.29	0.06	0.43	0.46	Diluted Earnings/Share
Operating Cash Flow (Mil)	19.17	23.86	9.82	14.00	37.70	43.81	48.21	59.43	74.59	60.32	33.07	Operating Cash Flow (Mil)
Capital Spending (Mil)	-16.06	-4.35	-6.19	-9.15	-18.71	-42.84	-42.11	-37.10	-34.11	-34.24	-24.83	Capital Spending (Mil)
Free Cash Flow (Mil)	3.11	19.51	3.63	4.85	18.99	0.97	6.10	22.33	40.49	26.09	8.25	Free Cash Flow (Mil)
Avg Shares Outstand(Mil)	101	104	110	114	114	112	109	106	103	101	101	Avg Shares Outstand(Mil)
Dividend Per Share	—	—	—	—	—	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.05	—	0.09	Dividend Per Share

Valuation as of 25 Nov 2022

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Current	Calendar
Price/Fair Value ^Q	1.32	1.10	0.89	0.95	1.33	1.40	0.80	0.80	1.07	0.80	0.81	Price/Fair Value ^Q
Price/Sales	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.12	0.34	0.48	0.49	0.39	0.38	0.46	0.35	Price/Sales
Price/Earnings	—	—	6.56	—	7.33	6.27	7.13	10.74	12.47	13.50	4.91	Price/Earnings
Price/Cash Flow	2.12	11.91	0.84	3.43	4.84	14.20	—	9.95	3.15	4.23	5.36	Price/Cash Flow
Price/Book	0.23	0.30	0.25	0.40	1.08	1.37	1.27	0.96	0.77	0.98	0.93	Price/Book

Operating Performance as of 25 Nov 2022 (Fiscal Year End 31 Dec 2019)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Q3	Fiscal (%)
Return on Assets	-2.0	-0.64	-1.16	1.4	8.43	7.69	7.44	4.92	1.0	6.66	4.11	Return on Assets
Return on Equity	-6.73	-2.17	-3.7	4.21	22.82	19.08	17.25	10.99	2.17	14.06	8.35	Return on Equity
Rtn on Invested Capital	-0.88	0.83	-0.18	3.74	14.86	13.13	12.45	8.0	2.37	10.72	6.1	Rtn on Invested Capital

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, Erythromy-

cin, 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.

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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.

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*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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High – the interquartile range for possible fair values is less than 35% but greater than 15%

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