Apollo Global Management, Inc. (APO)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	$120	**5 Year CAGR Estimate:**	19.9%	**Market Cap:**	$69 B
Fair Value Price:	$148	**5 Year Growth Estimate:**	14.0%	**Ex-Dividend Date:**	05/16/26[1]
% Fair Value:	81%	**5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:**	4.3%	**Dividend Payment Date:**	05/28/26
Dividend Yield:	1.7%	**5 Year Price Target**	$285	**Years Of Dividend Growth:**	3
Dividend Risk Score:	C	**Sector:**	Financials	**Rating:**	Hold

Overview & Current Events

Apollo Global is an alternative asset manager that was founded in 1990 and went public in 2011. The company takes investment capital and puts it to work wherever it sees opportunity, including in credit, private equity, and buyouts of companies. Assets under management have grown by more than five times in the past decade and sit at $900+ billion today. Apollo has just over 5,000 employees and the stock trades with a market capitalization of $69 billion.

Apollo posted fourth quarter and full-year earnings on February 9th, 2026, and results were much better than expected on both the top and bottom lines. Adjusted earnings-per-share came to $2.47, which was 43 cents ahead of expectations. Revenue – which is notoriously volatile and subject to huge swings – was nearly doubled year-over-year to $9.86 billion. That was ahead of expectations for just $1.20 billion.

Quarterly fee-related earnings were a new record once again, this time coming in at $690 million, capping a record year of $2.5 billion in FRE. The company noted strength in organic growth and increased alternative investment income. Spread-related earnings were also a record for the fourth quarter and full-year.

Total AUM was $938 billion, benefiting from $42 billion in inflows in the fourth quarter, and a staggering $228 billion for the year. Origination volume was $97 billion, up from $75 billion in the previous quarter. Capital deployment grew from $99 billion to $113 billion. Dry powder ended the quarter at $73 billion, down slightly from Q3. Total expenses were $8.16 billion, up from $7.07 billion in Q3 and from $3.69 billion in the year-ago period.

We start 2026 with an estimate of earnings-per-share of $9.25, which would be a record, if achieved.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
EPS	$2.36	$3.57	($0.30)	$2.71	$0.44	$4.56	$5.21	$6.74	$7.43	$8.38	***$9.25***	***$17.81***
DPS	$1.25	$1.85	$1.93	$2.02	$2.31	$2.10	$1.60	$1.69	$1.82	$1.99	***$2.04***	***$2.60***
Shares[2]	185	195	200	200	228	249	570	568	566	579	***585***	***615***

Apollo's volatile earnings-per-share history is to be expected. Due to the complexity and variability of Apollo's investment strategy, returns are very lumpy. We see earnings growth from here at 14% annually despite the fact that this year's earnings should be another record.

Apollo continues to grow its assets under management, which then allows it to grow its investment portfolio. This will be the primary source of returns moving forward as Apollo has more capital to enter into new investments. When Apollo enters and exits its stakes in these investments is critical for earnings, but these events cannot be forecast ahead of time, and thus results in volatility in earnings. For this reason, Apollo shares are not for the risk-averse investor. Apollo's dry powder is measured in tens of billions of dollars, so we see this as a tailwind for growth when this money is deployed, particularly if deployments are made at favorable prices. The company has been deploying its capital quite swiftly, but it's seeing massive inflows all the time, so dry powder remains high.

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[1] Estimated date

[2] Share count in millions

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Apollo's dividend is important, currently yielding 1.7%. This yield is lower than it has been for substantially all the time the company has been public, so on this measure, the stock appears quite overvalued. Apollo's dividend is also irregular in that the company distributes what it can based upon earnings. The payout has seen a very wide range in the past several years due to this, and the dividend is therefore also difficult to forecast. Apollo's dividend is variable and based upon earnings, so cuts aren't unusual. However, we note the annualized yield is low based upon the company's history.

Valuation Analysis

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Now	2031
Avg. P/E	7.2	7.6	---	12.3	---	13.0	12.2	13.8	22.2	17.3	***13.0***	***16.0***
Avg. Yld.	7.4%	6.8%	6.0%	5.8%	5.1%	3.5%	2.5%	1.8%	1.1%	1.4%	***1.7%***	***0.9%***

Apollo's valuation is currently very low. We see fair value at 16 times earnings, implying a decent tailwind from valuation expansion if this were to come to fruition. We note the stock has been declining for months despite strengthening fundamental conditions. We see the yield declining from where it is today, but we reiterate that Apollo's variable dividend makes it challenging to forecast.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2031
Payout	53%	52%	-643%	75%	525%	46%	31%	25%	24%	24%	***22%***	***15%***

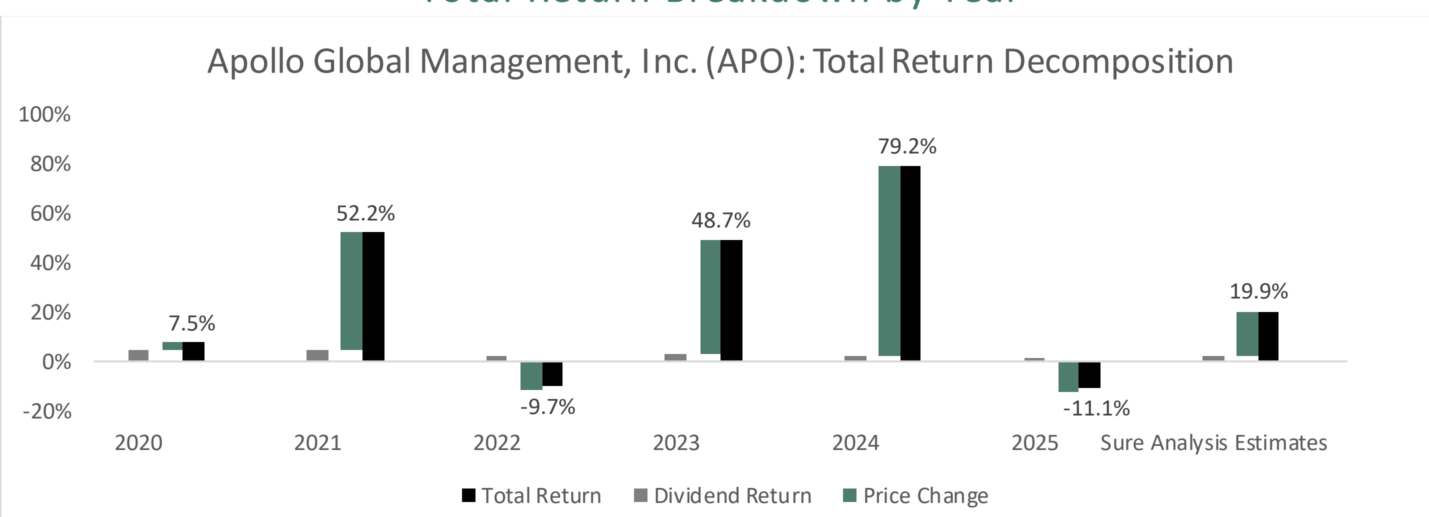
Apollo's dividend policy is to pay out most of the company's earnings to shareholders but note that the company's irregular dividend policy means any particular year may have a very high or very low payout ratio. Volatility in the payout isn't ideal for income investors, so some caution is warranted.

Apollo held up extremely well during the 2020 recession, and we see it as well positioned coming out of it and into a recovery. Its competitive advantage is in its world-class leadership team that has years of experience in successful investment management, and its ability to continue to raise capital.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

We forecast total annual returns of 19.9% in the years to come, consisting of the 1.7% yield, 14% earnings growth and a decent tailwind from the valuation. Apollo is certainly not for the risk-averse investor, and we see growth as driving modest potential returns. The dividend yield is quite low based upon the company's historical yields, and shares earn a hold rating. The yield is okay, but growth is high and the valuation is quite favorable.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Revenue	2,074	2,772	1,093	2,932	2,354	5,952	10,968	32,644	26,114	32,102
Gross Profit	1,224	1,736	518	1,671	1,265	5,173	10,041	31,617	23,506	32,102
Gross Margin	59.0%	62.6%	47.4%	57.0%	53.8%	87.0%	91.5%	96.9%	90.0%	100%
SG&A Exp.	247	258	266	330	354	477	1,698	2,567	1,170	---
D&A Exp.	19	18	15	16	19	27	594	803	1,075	---
Operating Profit	977	1,479	252	1,340	911	1,976	(5,879)	6,146	8,299	7,069
Op. Margin	13.7%	16.1%	47.1%	53.3%	23.0%	45.7%	33.2%	-53.6%	31.8%	22.0%
Net Profit	403	629	(10)	843	157	1,838	(3,213)	5,047	4,577	5,401
Net Margin	19.4%	22.7%	-0.9%	28.8%	6.7%	30.9%	-29.3%	15.5%	17.5%	16.8%
Free Cash Flow	593	851	800	1,043	(1,676)	1064	3789	6,322	3,253	---
Income Tax	91	326	86	(129)	87	594	(1,069)	-923	1,062	1,276

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Assets	5,630	6,991	5,992	8,542	23,669	30,502	259,333	313,488	377,895	460,949
Cash & Equivalents	855	844	659	1,602	2,449	1,380	9,452	15,928	16,166	20,591
Goodwill & Int. Ass.	112	108	108	115	141	117	4,322	4,329	4,327	5,920
Total Liabilities	3,762	4,093	3,540	5,504	18,156	18,537	252,104	288,243	346,915	418,434
Accounts Payable	57	69	71	94	120	2,847	2,975	3,338	3,616	---
Long-Term Debt	2,139	2,364	2,216	3,501	14,288	13,688	6,522	8,092	10,588	13,364
Shareholder's Equity	835	1,199	822	1,298	875	3,235	397	12,646	15,855	21,943
LTD/E Ratio	2.56	1.62	1.61	1.89	10.00	3.61	16.43	0.58	0.61	0.57

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Return on Assets	7.9%	10.0%	-0.2%	11.6%	1.0%	6.8%	-2.2%	1.8%	1.3%	1.3%
Return on Equity	54.3%	61.9%	-1.0%	79.5%	14.4%	89.5%	-176%	24.8%	16.3%	14.7%
ROIC	11.2%	13.6%	-0.2%	15.0%	1.2%	8.0%	-16.3%	18.3%	12.2%	11.1%
Shares Out.	185	195	200	200	228	237	585	589	604	594
Revenue/Share	11.27	14.39	5.47	14.04	10.35	25.16	18.76	55.44	43.24	54.04
FCF/Share	3.23	4.42	4.00	5.00	(7.37)	4.50	6.48	10.74	5.39	---

Note: All figures in millions of U.S. Dollars unless per share or indicated otherwise.