



## Should You Invest in Alaris Royalty Corp. for the 7.4% Yield?

### Description

By looking at the five-year price chart, we can see that **Alaris Royalty Corp.** (TSX:AD) has been a laggard. The stock has declined nearly 10% but an investment would still have had positive total returns of ~17%, or an annualized rate of return of ~3.3%, which is just keeping pace with inflation thanks to its large dividend.

Alaris stock popped ~7.5% on Wednesday with three times the recent average volume and on no particular news from the company, which may indicate the shares were too cheap to be ignored.

Despite the sudden price appreciation, Alaris still offers a rich yield of 7.4%.

### What does Alaris do?

Alaris offers capital to private businesses that want to maintain the ownership in their companies but can't get the capital they need from traditional means. In return, Alaris gets monthly cash distributions from them.

Because Alaris only has ~16 revenue streams, its team monitors the health of the businesses closely every monthly. In the long run, the company aims to have no single stream contributing to more than 10% of its revenue, which implies the company continues to look for more diversification.



## Recent developments

Early this month, it was announced that Sequel, which contributes 15% of Alaris's revenue stream, expects to redeem all of its Alaris units for ~\$121 million by the end of September. This would imply a ~29% rate of return for Alaris, which many fund managers would love to have achieved.

The redemption would essentially reduce Alaris's debt to zero with \$10 million of excess cash. Until the redemption actually closes, Alaris will continue to receive a monthly distribution from Sequel.

## Going forward

Investors would like to see that Alaris will put the expected proceeds to good use, such as redeploying the capital to replace the revenue stream that will be lost from the redemption.

Steve King, the president and CEO of Alaris, was optimistic in the recent press release: "We expect the Sequel revenue to be replaced accretively with new partnerships that are currently in process and exclusive to Alaris. We do not expect any reduction in our revenue expectations for the year but will have a stronger balance sheet with the excess cash that will remain from the Sequel proceeds."

## Alaris's dividend

Since Alaris invests in preferred shares, its distributions are paid in priority to equity. Additionally, if the underlying private businesses do well and increase their revenues, Alaris will get more distributions as well. The distribution amount is adjusted annually.

Alaris pays out a monthly eligible dividend, which is currently attractive at 7.4%. Management forecasts the payout ratio to be ~90%. And if all goes well, we may even see a dividend increase by year end.

## Investor takeaway

Seeing the stock's five-year price action, Alaris may be too volatile for retirees. However, if investors can oversee the volatility for its high yield, which seems sustainable, maybe a small position is warranted.

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