## Applied Materials (Thu, May 02, 2024)



## Tech commentaries:

The Applied Materials stock price gained 2.02\% on the last trading day (Thursday, 2nd May 2024), rising from $\$ 193.99$ to $\$ 197.91$. During the last trading day the stock fluctuated $\mathbf{2 . 6 9 \%}$ from a day low at $\$ 193.28$ to a day high of $\$ 198.48$. The price has risen in 6 of the last 10 days and is up by $1.85 \%$ over the past 2 weeks. Volume fell on the last day by -2 million shares and in total, 3 million shares were bought and sold for approximately $\$ 686.70$ million. You should take into consideration that falling volume on higher prices causes divergence and may be an early warning about possible changes over the next couple of days.

The stock lies in the middle of a wide and weak rising trend in the short term and a further rise within the trend is signaled. Given the current short-term trend, the stock is expected to rise $8.44 \%$ during the next 3 months and, with a $90 \%$ probability hold a price between $\$ 200.98$ and $\$ 235.47$ at the end of this 3-month period.

Volume fell during the last trading day despite gaining prices. This causes a divergence between volume and price and it may be an early warning. The stock should be watched closely. Some negative signals were issued as well, and these may have some influence on the near short-term development. The Applied Materials stock holds sell signals from both short and long-term Moving Averages giving a more negative forecast for the stock. Also, there is a general sell signal from the relation between the two signals where the long-term average is above the short-term average. On corrections up, there will be some resistance from the lines at $\$ 198.96$ and $\$ 203.27$. A break-up above any of these levels will issue buy signals. A sell signal was issued from a pivot top point on Thursday, April 11, 2024, and so far it has fallen $-7.08 \%$. Further fall is indicated until a new bottom pivot has been found. Furthermore, there is currently a sell signal from the 3 month Moving Average Convergence Divergence (MACD).

Applied Materials finds support from accumulated volume at $\$ 189.14$ and this level may hold a buying opportunity as an upwards reaction can be expected when the support is being tested. On the upside the stock meets some resistance just above today's level from accumulated volume at $\$ 198.65$, $\$ 199.57$ and $\$ 210.25$.

This stock has average movements during the day and with good trading volume, the risk is considered to be medium. During the last day, the stock moved $\$ 5.19$ between high and low, or $\mathbf{2 . 6 9 \%}$. For the last week, the stock has had daily average volatility of $3.15 \%$.

The Applied Materials stock holds several negative signals and despite the positive trend, we believe Applied Materials will perform weakly in the next couple of days or weeks. Therefore, we hold a negative evaluation of this stock.

Risk: Medium
Evaluation: Sell Candidate

