

Phillips 66 Partners(PSXP)

\$42.89 (As of 05/11/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$46.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:

Neutral

(Since: 10/30/19)

Prior Recommendation: Underperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

4-Sell

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:D

Value: F

Growth: C

Momentum: F

Summary

Phillips 66 Partners is least exposed to fluctuations in commodity prices since it generates stable fee-based revenues under long-term contracts from diverse midstream energy assets across various areas of the United States. Notably, it reported strong first-quarter earnings, supported by higher pipeline volumes of refined petroleum products and Natural gas liquids. Moreover, Phillips 66 Partners continues to gain on rising terminal throughput volumes of refined petroleum products. Notably, its 900,000 barrels per day Gray Oak pipeline reached full service on Apr 1, which will boost profits. However, declining crude transportation volumes affecting profits is a serious concern. Moreover, a rising debt load over the years reflects balance sheet weakness, which can restrict financial flexibility. As such, the stock warrants a cautious stance.

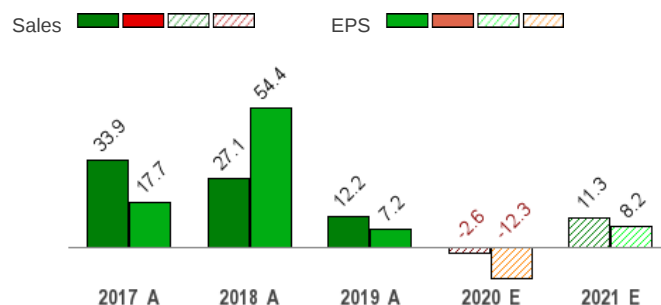
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$65.23 - \$19.00
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	656,636
Market Cap	\$9.8 B
YTD Price Change	-30.4%
Beta	1.35
Dividend / Div Yld	\$3.50 / 8.2%
Industry	Oil and Gas - Refining and Marketing - Master Limited Partnerships
Zacks Industry Rank	Top 48% (122 out of 253)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	1.1%
Last Sales Surprise	-1.3%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	-8.4%
Expected Report Date	07/24/2020
Earnings ESP	-1.6%
P/E TTM	10.6
P/E F1	11.4
PEG F1	2.9
P/S TTM	5.9

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	444 E	466 E	486 E	496 E	1,806 E
2020	404 A	390 E	409 E	423 E	1,623 E
2019	423 A	401 A	423 A	432 A	1,667 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	\$0.94 E	\$1.04 E	\$1.11 E	\$1.13 E	\$4.07 E
2020	\$0.93 A	\$0.87 E	\$0.95 E	\$1.00 E	\$3.76 E
2019	\$0.92 A	\$1.15 A	\$0.92 A	\$1.06 A	\$4.29 A

*Quarterly figures may not add up to annual.

The data in the charts and tables, including the Zacks Consensus EPS and Sales estimates, is as of 05/11/2020. The reports text is as of 05/12/2020.

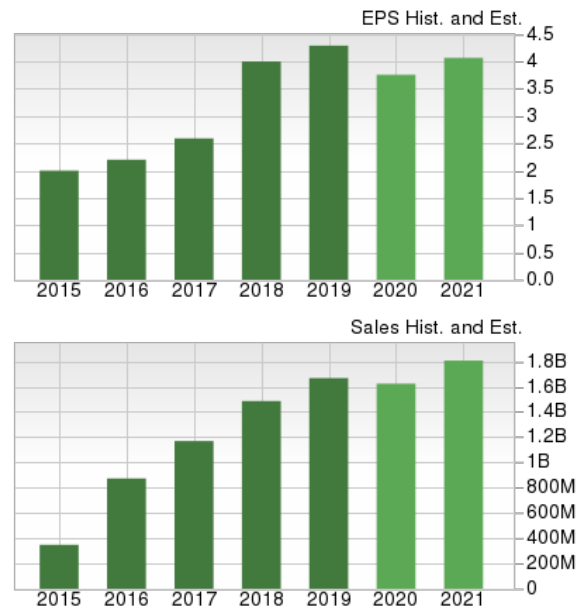
Overview

Phillips 66 Partners – headquartered in Houston, TX – is a master limited partnership (MLP), being involved in operating and developing midstream energy infrastructures. The MLP was created by Phillips 66 Partners GP LLC and Phillips 66 Company in 2013. Phillips 66 Partners GP LLC is the general partner of the partnership. Notably, both the general partners and Phillips 66 Company are the wholly owned affiliates of Phillips 66 – a leading refining player in the global market. The midstream assets, being operated by the partnership, include terminals and pipelines for transporting oil, natural gas liquid and refined petroleum products. The partnership, founded on 2013, generates stable fee-based revenues from the midstream infrastructures that are located across the Gulf Coast, Central, Western and Atlantic areas of the United States.

Importantly, a significant part of the partnership's stable fee-based revenues is being generated from long-term midstream contracts with Phillips 66. The midstream services that are being provided to Phillips 66 include pipeline transportation, processing, fractionation and storage of commodities. The contracts also provide safe guards with commitments for minimum volume. If the company fails to commit with minimum transportation volumes, the partnership will get deficiency payments.

Moreover, from fourth-quarter 2013 to fourth-quarter 2018, Phillips 66 Partners has raised its quarterly cash distributions by 30% at a compound annual growth rate. The partnership also raised distributions for the December quarter of 2019, marking the 25th straight quarter of a dividend raise since its initial public offering in 2013. The partnership is likely to continue to increase cash distributions since it has a solid backlog of organic growth projects.

Phillips 66 Partners primarily conducts operations through Pipelines, Terminals and Storage, processing activities. In the last reported quarter, Pipelines were responsible for the partnership's 43.3% revenues. Meanwhile, Terminals and Storage, processing businesses were responsible for 16.2% and 40.5% of revenues, respectively.



Reasons To Buy:

- ▲ Phillips 66 Partners is least exposed to fluctuations in commodity prices since it generates stable fee-based revenues under long-term contracts from diverse midstream energy assets across the Gulf Coast, Central, Western and Atlantic areas of the United States. Thus, by providing transportation services to third parties and Phillips 66, the partnership's cashflows are highly stable and predictable.
- ▲ From fourth-quarter 2013 to fourth-quarter 2018, Phillips 66 Partners has raised its quarterly cash distributions by 30% at a compound annual growth rate. The partnership also raised distributions for the December quarter of 2019, marking the 25th straight quarter of a dividend raise since its initial public offering in 2013. Despite the current market volatility it kept the distribution in-line with fourth quarter level. The partnership is likely to continue to increase cash distributions once the market fundamentals improve since it has a solid backlog of organic growth projects.
- ▲ Phillips 66 Partners has completed its Lake Charles isomerization unit project and brought online the massive Gray Oak Pipeline in April. In 2020, the partnership plans to bring online two more organic projects, comprising Sweeny to Pasadena products expansion and Clemens Caverns expansion.

The partnership generates stable fee-based revenues under long-term contracts.

Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ As compared to only \$430 million in total debt as of 2014-end, the partnership's debt load is recorded at \$3,516 million as of Mar 31, 2020, reflecting a massive surge over the years. At the first-quarter end, the partnership recorded cash and cash equivalents of \$92 million, down from \$286 million at the end of fourth-quarter 2019. Rising debt loads and declining cash balance reflect weakness in the balance sheet.
- ▼ The partnership will defer the Liberty Pipeline project and postpone FID on the ACE Pipeline project. It expects second-quarter adjusted EBITDA to be lower than the first-quarter reported level of \$321 million due to reduced domestic production and refinery utilization. Notably, the potential earnings growth from Gray Oak will likely be offset by lower quarterly throughput.
- ▼ Lower pipeline throughput volumes of crude oil have been hurting the partnership's bottom line. Notably, the partnership reported pipeline throughput volumes of crude oil in the March quarter of 460 thousand barrel daily, suggesting a year-over-year decline.

Rising debt level can affect the partnership's financial flexibility.

Last Earnings Report

Phillips 66 Partners Beats Q1 Earnings on Higher Refined Throughput

Phillips 66 Partners reported first-quarter 2020 earnings per unit of 93 cents, which beat the Zacks Consensus Estimate by a penny. Moreover, earnings increased from the year-ago figure of 92 cents.

Revenues of \$404 million fell from \$423 million in the year-ago quarter and missed the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$409 million.

The strong earnings were supported by higher throughput volumes of refined petroleum products, and increased pipeline volumes of refined petroleum products and NGLs. Moreover, decreased cost and expenses aided the bottom line. This was partially offset by lower average pipeline revenues and crude oil transportation volumes.

Its 900,000 barrels per day Gray Oak pipeline reached full service on Apr 1. The pipeline transports crude oil from the Permian and Eagle Ford to Texas Gulf Coast destinations. Phillips 66 Partners has a 42.25% ownership in the pipeline.

Operating Information

The partnership provides services through Pipelines, Terminals and Storage, as well as Processing & Other activities.

Pipeline: In first-quarter 2020, the partnership generated revenues of \$111 million, up from \$109 million in the prior-year period. The uptick was due to higher pipeline volumes of refined petroleum products and NGLs, which rose to 866 thousand barrels per day (Mbpd) from 768 Mbpd in first-quarter 2019. However, pipeline volumes for crude oil declined to 941 Mbpd from the year-ago figure of 959 Mbpd. Moreover, average pipeline revenues of 67 cents per barrel decreased from 70 cents in the year-ago quarter.

Terminals: The partnership generated \$43 million revenues, up from \$40 million in the year-ago quarter. The upside was backed by higher throughput volumes of refined petroleum products of 748 Mbpd than the year-ago level of 736 Mbpd. Average terminaling revenue per barrel was 39 cents in the quarter, up from 36 cents a year ago. This was partially offset by lower crude oil terminal throughput.

Storage, Processing & Other activities: Through these activities, the partnership generated revenues of \$113 million, down from \$153 million in the year-ago quarter.

Costs & Expenses Decline

In the March quarter of 2020, the partnership reported operating and maintenance expenses of \$88 million, down from \$139 million in the year-ago period. Moreover, general and administrative expenses decreased \$1 million from the prior-year level to \$17 million in the quarter. Total costs and expenses declined to \$177 million in first-quarter 2020 from the year-ago period's \$224 million.

Balance Sheet & Capex

As of Mar 31, 2020, the partnership recorded cash and cash equivalents of \$92 million, down from \$286 million at the end of fourth-quarter 2019. Total debt at the end of the quarter under review was \$3,516 million, in line with the fourth-quarter level. Notably, it has \$747 million available under the revolving credit facility.

Capital expenditure in the first quarter totaled \$211 million, of which \$196 and \$15 million were directed toward growth and maintenance, respectively.

Strategic Update & Outlook

Phillips 66 Partners has various ongoing projects that are backed by long-term volume commitments and are expected to deliver typical midstream returns.

The Sweeny to Pasadena capacity expansion project — which is expected to start within second-quarter 2020 — will add 80,000 BPD of pipeline capacity, thereby providing additional naphtha transportation capacity from the Sweeny fractionators. Moreover, at the Pasadena Terminal, product storage capacity will rise by 300,000 barrels.

The Clemens Caverns storage capacity expansion from 9 million barrels to 16.5 million barrels is expected to be completed in fourth-quarter 2020. The C2G Pipeline is a 16-inch ethane pipeline that will connect Clemens Caverns to petrochemical facilities in Gregory, TX, near Corpus Christi. The unit is likely to commence operations by mid-2021.

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For full-year 2020, the partnership expects capital expenditure to be \$863 million, of which \$731 million will be used for growth purposes and \$132 million for maintenance.

Quarter Ending 03/2020

Report Date	May 01, 2020
Sales Surprise	-1.26%
EPS Surprise	1.09%
Quarterly EPS	0.93
Annual EPS (TTM)	4.06

Valuation

Units of Phillips 66 Partners are down 30.4% in the year-to-date period and 12.2% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry and the Zacks Oil-Energy sector are down 48.8% and 38.6%, in the year-to-date period, respectively. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and sector are down 49% and 40.7%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is down 9.1% in the year-to-date period, but up 4% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 5.80X forward 12-month sales, which compares to 0.60X for the Zacks sub-industry, 0.71X for the Zacks sector and 3.30X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 15.24X and as low as 3.01X, with a 5-year median of 4.89X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$46 price target reflects 6.22X F12M sales.

The table below shows summary valuation data for PSXP.

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Top 48% (122 out of 253)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Calumet Specialty Products Partners LP (CLMT)	Neutral	3
Delek US Holdings Inc (DK)	Neutral	4
Marathon Petroleum Corporation (MPC)	Neutral	3
PBF Energy Inc (PBF)	Neutral	3
UGI Corporation (UGI)	Neutral	3
Valero Energy Corporation (VLO)	Neutral	3
Chevron Corporation (CVX)	Underperform	3
HollyFrontier Corporation (HFC)	Underperform	5

Industry Comparison Industry: Oil And Gas - Refining And Marketing - Master Limited Partnerships

	PSXP	X Industry	S&P 500	MPC	PBF	VLO
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	4	-	-	3	3	3
VGM Score	D	-	-	D	A	D
Market Cap	9.79 B	676.40 M	19.55 B	21.26 B	1.29 B	26.73 B
# of Analysts	4	2	14	9	13	9
Dividend Yield	8.16%	13.39%	2.13%	7.09%	0.00%	5.98%
Value Score	F	-	-	D	A	C
Cash/Price	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.08	0.64	0.06
EV/EBITDA	13.67	8.05	11.85	6.43	2.55	5.78
PEG Ratio	2.91	0.38	2.60	NA	NA	NA
Price/Book (P/B)	4.65	1.08	2.71	0.68	0.36	1.36
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	9.36	3.54	10.71	3.06	2.31	5.81
P/E (F1)	11.63	8.28	19.55	NA	NA	NA
Price/Sales (P/S)	5.90	0.26	2.01	0.18	0.05	0.25
Earnings Yield	8.77%	6.10%	4.85%	-6.42%	-45.49%	-2.61%
Debt/Equity	1.83	2.51	0.76	1.02	0.64	0.54
Cash Flow (\$/share)	4.58	3.03	7.01	10.70	4.65	11.28
Growth Score	C	-	-	C	A	C
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	23.13%	7.98%	10.82%	7.22%	-11.97%	-4.81%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-12.41%	5.76%	-9.99%	-142.49%	-643.24%	-130.04%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	14.24%	-9.04%	5.83%	13.40%	-27.27%	-11.67%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	45.15%	0.35%	8.52%	12.38%	-2.24%	-2.48%
Current Ratio	1.05	1.02	1.27	1.16	1.52	1.31
Debt/Capital	57.42%	73.55%	44.41%	51.24%	39.06%	34.94%
Net Margin	54.94%	1.31%	10.59%	-5.48%	1.30%	0.41%
Return on Equity	45.19%	9.86%	16.36%	7.88%	3.17%	10.51%
Sales/Assets	0.24	1.13	0.55	1.27	2.72	2.07
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-3.31%	-3.31%	-2.41%	-27.39%	-33.22%	-33.69%
Momentum Score	F	-	-	F	F	F
Daily Price Chg	-2.79%	-2.41%	-0.95%	-1.00%	1.13%	-0.53%
1 Week Price Chg	6.16%	-1.77%	3.23%	12.96%	10.61%	12.19%
4 Week Price Chg	13.44%	21.29%	4.49%	29.10%	41.08%	31.93%
12 Week Price Chg	-28.94%	-44.23%	-20.09%	-43.94%	-63.02%	-20.66%
52 Week Price Chg	-12.29%	-48.71%	-7.00%	-35.53%	-62.05%	-19.46%
20 Day Average Volume	656,636	561,676	2,530,553	10,783,411	4,661,048	5,359,565
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.05%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	-8.41%	-25.21%	-6.07%	-232.75%	-96.47%	-154.59%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-12.92%	-72.30%	-15.69%	-131.10%	-209.75%	-118.62%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-12.81%	-11.51%	-12.45%	-1,165.79%	-379.97%	-621.97%

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Value Score	F
Growth Score	C
Momentum Score	F
VGM Score	D

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