

Sirius XM Holdings (SIRI)

\$6.25 (As of 06/03/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$7.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:

Neutral

(Since: 04/03/19)

Prior Recommendation: Underperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

2-Buy

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:B

Value: C

Growth: B

Momentum: F

Summary

SiriusXM's subscriber base expansion is expected to continue owing to a strong content portfolio. Additionally, strength in traditional audio advertising, backed by video programmatic and engagement-based video as well as the expansion of off-platform efforts and fee generated on the AdsWizz platform is expected to drive Pandora's ad revenues. Moreover, availability of its content on Amazon Echo, Alexa and Google assistant is expected to expand subscriber base further. However, higher royalty expenses along with increasing music licensing costs is an overhang. Further, the company is facing significant competition in the music streaming market, which is currently dominated by the likes of Spotify and Apple. Notably, shares have underperformed the industry on a year-to-date basis.

Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$7.40 - \$4.11
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	38,393,040
Market Cap	\$27.4 B
YTD Price Change	-12.6%
Beta	1.20
Dividend / Div Yld	\$0.05 / 0.9%
Industry	Broadcast Radio and Television
Zacks Industry Rank	Bottom 45% (139 out of 253)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	40.0%
Last Sales Surprise	2.6%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	0.0%
Expected Report Date	08/04/2020
Earnings ESP	0.0%
P/E TTM	27.2
P/E F1	27.2
PEG F1	2.9
P/S TTM	3.4

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	1,889 E	1,893 E	1,942 E	2,020 E	7,977 E
2020	1,952 A	1,873 E	1,900 E	1,957 E	7,698 E
2019	1,744 A	1,977 A	2,011 A	2,062 A	7,794 A

EPS Estimates

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	\$0.05 E	\$0.06 E	\$0.06 E	\$0.07 E	\$0.25 E
2020	\$0.07 A	\$0.05 E	\$0.06 E	\$0.06 E	\$0.23 E
2019	\$0.03 A	\$0.06 A	\$0.05 A	\$0.05 A	\$0.20 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 06/03/2020. The reports text is as of 06/04/2020.

Overview

Headquartered in New York, Sirius XM Holdings Inc. was founded in 1990. The radio broadcasting company creates and broadcasts a variety of content such as commercial-free music, premier sports and live events, news and comedy and exclusive talk and entertainment shows. Sirius XM provides radio services to users in the United States and Canada.

On Feb 1, 2019, Sirius XM completed the acquisition of Pandora, making it the world's largest audio entertainment company.

Notably, the company's services are primarily distributed through its app and website, automakers, and other connected devices like Amazon Echo, Fire TV products and Apple TV.

Sirius XM reported revenues of \$7.79 billion in 2019. Pandora reported revenues of \$1.61 billion.

The company has four revenue generating segments:

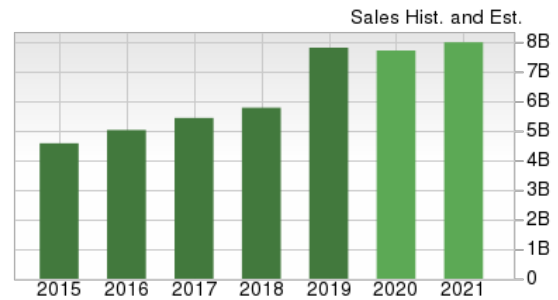
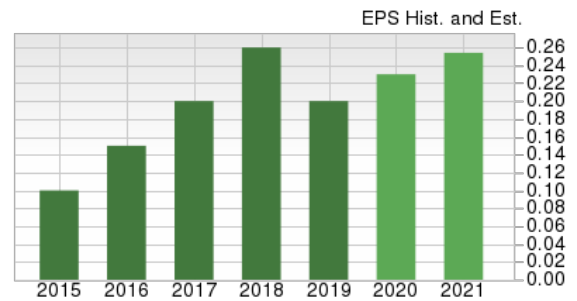
Subscriber Revenues: This segment consists of subscription fees, activation fees and the effects of rebates. The segment generated 78.5% of total revenues in 2019.

Advertising Revenues: This segment includes the sale of advertisements on the company's non-music channels, net of agency fees and accounted for 17.1% of total revenues in 2019.

Equipment Revenues: This segment includes revenues and royalties from the sale of Sirius and XM radios, components and accessories, accounting for 2.2% of total revenues in 2019.

Other revenues: This segment offers ancillary services, such as Backseat TV, data and weather services. The segment generated 2.1% of total revenues in 2019.

Sirius XM faces significant competition from Apple and Spotify in the U.S. market. Both these companies dominate the streaming space as they together command the highest market share. Additionally, key initiatives taken by both Apple and Spotify to gain competitive advantage may hurt Sirius XM's user base expansion levels.



Reasons To Buy:

- ▲ The acquisition of Pandora helped Sirius XM become the world's largest audio entertainment company, as it significantly expanded the latter's listener base. The combined entity has more than 100 million listeners in North America, of which 40 million are expected to be self-paying subscribers and the rest "trailers and ad-based listeners." Sirius XM expects cost synergies from the acquisition to be more than \$75 million/year. The combination of Sirius XM's subscription-based model and Pandora's ad-based model along with diversified content offerings and the ability to cross sell content across both the platforms is expected to attract users, advertisers and content creators to Sirius XM's platform. Additionally, Sirius XM is also looking to create unique audio packages to boost user engagement levels. The company is also looking to bank on its strength from in-vehicles services and Pandora's out-of-the-vehicle market to boost subscriber growth.
- ▲ Sirius XM's healthy relationships with automakers is expected to boost the adoption of its service. The company inked a long-term agreement with Toyota Motors to extend the deal till 2028, starting with 2020 Toyota models. Notably, the extended partnership was primarily due to increased demand for Sirius XM services from Toyota's dealers and customers. Sirius XM also benefits from the increasing adoption of its 360L platform with General Motors. Moreover, the company extended connected vehicle agreements with Nissan and Infiniti till 2022. Earlier, Sirius XM extended agreements with original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) like Audi, Mazda, Land Rover, Mercedes-Benz, Jaguar and Volvo to install its services in their vehicles by 2020.
- ▲ Sirius XM, which has strong relationships with automobile OEMs, is looking to provide real-time vehicle services to its users. The company in partnership with Visa introduced an in-vehicle payment solution that allows car users to easily make and manage purchases such as paying for coffee, parking and movie tickets among others. Users can "activate and authenticate" payments with their Visa accounts by using biometric authentication like touchscreen commands and voice. Earlier, with the acquisition of automatic labs, Sirius XM introduced an aftermarket solution to enable smart services at a few dealership locations. Notably, the dealers will offer car buyers three years of free crash alert as well as free premium services like roadside assistance for six months. With Sirius XM-enabled radio vehicles increasing on the road, we believe the adoption of its other connected services may also increase owing to agreements with OEMs. At the end of the first quarter, about 119 million vehicles on road were equipped with Sirius XM-enabled radios, up 11% year over year and representing approximately 45% of all the cars in the country currently.
- ▲ Sirius XM will continue to use smart speakers to penetrate into home. The company's plan to bring additional content and features to Amazon Echo is positive in this regard. Earlier, Sirius XM had partnered with Amazon to provide free access to a few of its subscription packages for existing Echo holders. The company is also looking to partner with other big players in the smart speaker market to expand its reach and user engagement.
- ▲ Sirius XM continues to bolster its content offerings by adding content from all spheres including music, politics, news and sports to its platform. The company added 100 ad free music channels to its platform in first-quarter 2019. The channels are available only to Sirius XM's All Access, Premier subscribers and trail users. Additionally, Sirius XM is creating original content in talk, sports and music in addition to its content to make it available for Pandora users to cross-promote content on both platforms. The addition of channels and strong collection of sports content is expected to help the company boost its subscription revenues.

Pandora acquisition, growing subscriber base, partnership strength and solid content portfolio are key factors contributing to Sirius XM's growth.

Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ Sirius faces intense competition in the streaming space from the likes of Apple and Spotify, which is expected to hurt the top line in the near term. Apple continues to bolster its presence in the music streaming space backed by acquisitions of Shazam and Asaii. Moreover, the company's recent push into the AR market differentiates its music service offerings and AR initiatives. Spotify, the dominant name in the market, is also ramping up its efforts to expand its subscriber base on the back of partnerships with Samsung and Google.
- ▼ High royalty costs are hurting the company's bottom line. Expenses related to revenue share and royalties rose 64.3% year over year in 2019 compared with 15% growth in 2018. Moreover, growing music licensing costs are a headwind.
- ▼ Moreover, higher subscriber acquisition costs are expected to keep margins under pressure in the near term due to increasing OEM installations and higher OEM hardware subsidy rates. Sirius XM plans to continue to offer subsidies and other incentives to induce auto OEMs to include its technology in their vehicles. Notably, Sirius XM is significantly dependent on the auto industry, as sale and lease of vehicles with satellite radios are an important source of subscription revenues. Hence, slowdown in new car and used car sales is a concern.
- ▼ Sirius XM has a highly leveraged balance sheet, which adds to the risk of investing in the company. As of Mar 31, 2020, the company had total debt of \$8.34 billion, which remained flat sequentially. However, this compares unfavourably with the company's cash, cash equivalents and current marketable investment securities balance of \$40 million, which declined from \$106 million as of Dec 31, 2019. At quarter-end, Sirius XM's debt-to-adjusted EBITDA ratio was 3.1. Moreover, total debt-to-capital stands at 109.8%, much higher than industry's 69.9%.

Moreover, Sirius XM's cash flow generation ability has suffered in recent times. Free cash flow, which indicates the company's ability to invest in its existing businesses, and pursue acquisitions and repurchases declined to \$348 million in first-quarter 2020 from \$408 million in the previous quarter.

Increasing competition in the streaming space, high royalty costs and leveraged balance sheet are major concerns.

Last Earnings Report

Sirius XM Holdings Q1 Earnings Top, Revenues Rise Y/Y

Sirius XM Holdings reported first-quarter 2020 earnings of 7 cents per share that beat the Zacks Consensus Estimate by 40% and increased 133% year over year.

Total revenues on a reported basis jumped 11.9% year over year to \$1.95 billion and beat the Zacks Consensus Estimate by 2.5%. On a pro-forma basis, revenues increased 5.1% year over year.

The top line was driven by increasing subscriber and advertisement revenues. Subscriber revenues (81.2% of total revenues) grew 8.7% from the year-ago quarter to \$1.58 billion. Advertisement revenues (14.6%) increased 36.4% year over year to \$285 million.

Equipment revenues (2.1% of total revenues) remained flat year over year at \$41 million. Other revenues (2.1% of total revenues) increased 13.9% from the year-ago quarter to \$41 million.

SiriusXM Standalone Details

Sirius XM segment pro-forma revenues were \$1.58 billion, up 6% year over year. The increase was driven by 1.7% growth in subscriber base and 3.2% in ARPU, which was \$13.95.

Self-pay subscribers increased 3.4% year over year to 30.047 million. The company added 69K net self-pay subscribers in the reported quarter.

However, Sirius XM lost 143K net subscribers. The company lost paid promotional subscribers due to a decline in shipments from automakers offering paid promotional subscriptions.

Total subscribers were 34.766 million as of Mar 31, 2020, better than 34.171 million as of Mar 31, 2019.

Sirius XM traffic users grew 10% year over year to 9.706 million and Canada subscribers increased 1% to 2.687 million.

Additionally, average self-pay monthly churn rate was 1.8% in the first quarter, which remained flat year over year.

Subscriber revenues rose 6.4% year over year to \$1.45 billion. Other revenues improved 13.2% year over year to \$43 million. Moreover, Equipment revenues remained flat year over year at \$41 million.

However, advertising revenues were \$44 million, down 4.3% year over year.

Pandora Details

Pandora's pro-forma revenues increased 11% year over year to \$369 million owing to 4.3% growth in advertising revenues, which totaled \$241 million. This was partially offset by 4.5% decline in subscriber revenues, which came in at \$128 million.

Ad revenues were driven by strong first-quarter monetization of \$67.54 per thousand hours, up 7.9% year over year.

Management stated that strength in traditional audio advertising, backed by video programmatic and engagement-based video as well as the expansion of off-platform efforts and fees generated on the AdsWizz platform, drove ad revenues.

Moreover, ARPU increased 2.2% year over year to \$6.85.

Meanwhile, monthly active users (MAUs) were 60.926 million at the end of the reported quarter, down from 66.035 million in the year-ago quarter. Ad-supported listener hours declined 8.5% year over year to 3.13 billion.

Pandora added 55K self-pay subscribers and exited the first quarter with nearly 6.215 million self-pay subscribers. However, it lost 685K paid promotional subscribers over the year.

Operating Details

In the first quarter, total operating expenses increased 5.2% year over year to \$1.48 billion.

Revenue share and royalty costs grew 15.9% year over year to \$570 million. Satellite and transmission costs increased 29% year over year to \$40 million.

Customer service & billing costs improved 4.4% to \$118 million. Programming & content costs were \$118 million, up 11.3% while Cost of Equipment declined 33.3% year over year to \$4 million.

Engineering, design and development expenses increased 31.5% from the year-ago quarter to \$71 million. Sales and marketing expenses jumped 23% to \$225 million.

However, subscriber acquisition costs declined 8.3% year over year to \$99 million.

Adjusted EBITDA grew 12.7% year over year to \$639 million, driven primarily by revenue growth across the business and reductions in subscriber acquisition costs, general and administrative costs and customer service and billing costs.

Quarter Ending 03/2020

Report Date	Apr 28, 2020
Sales Surprise	2.63%
EPS Surprise	40.00%
Quarterly EPS	0.07
Annual EPS (TTM)	0.23

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow

As of Mar 31, 2020, cash and cash equivalents were \$40 million compared with \$106 million as of Dec 31, 2019.

Long-term debt as of Mar 31, 2020 was \$7.847 billion compared with \$7.842 billion as of Dec 31, 2019.

At quarter-end, Sirius XM's debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio was 3.1. The company had \$1.75 billion available under its revolving credit facility.

Cash flow from operating activities in first-quarter 2020 was \$416 million compared with \$532 million in fourth-quarter 2019. Free cash flow was \$348 million in the first quarter compared with \$408 million in the previous quarter.

Guidance Withdrawal For 2020

The company withdrew its full-year 2020 guidance for self-pay net subscriber additions, revenue, adjusted EBITDA and free cash flow.

The company plans to release revised guidance at a future date when more data is available on the effects of the COVID-19 crisis on its business.

Recent News

On May 14, SiriusXM announced the launch of Court TV on channel 793 through the SiriusXM app on smartphones and other connected devices. Court TV anchors will also make guest appearances on various SiriusXM news and entertainment shows starting May 15.

On May 11, SiriusXM announced that SiriusXM with 360L — SiriusXM's newest and most advanced audio entertainment platform — will make its debut in ten 2021 model year Audi vehicles in the coming months.

On May 6, SiriusXM announced the launch of The Calm Channel in collaboration with Calm, the leading meditation and mindfulness app. The new channel features soothing music, tranquil soundscapes and mindfulness meditations and is available on channel 68, as well as any time on demand on the SiriusXM app, as part of SiriusXM's Stream Free offer through May 31.

On Apr 21, SiriusXM announced comprehensive coverage of the 2020 NFL Draft, airing the live announcements of every selection with in-depth analysis on the SiriusXM NFL Radio channel, as well as additional NFL Draft-focused programming on SiriusXM's college sports and fantasy sports channels.

The company's board of directors declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.01331 per share of common stock, to be paid out in cash on May 29, 2020 to stockholders of record at the close of business on May 8.

On Apr 6, SiriusXM's Kids Place Live division announced the launch of Tunetopia, a daily series of exclusive performances featuring kid musicians, award-winning artists from Kids Place Live, and music educators from around the country during the free streaming period.

On Mar 31, SiriusXM announced free access to full Sirius XM premier streaming service in North America through May 15, featuring 300+ channels of news and information, entertainment, escape, and companionship across ad-free music channels, channels of live news, faith-based content, comedy, sports talk and politics among others amid coronavirus lockdown.

On Mar 11, SiriusXM announced that it will air every Fia Formula One World Championship Race on SiriusXM radios and the SiriusXM app, starting with Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix 2020.

Valuation

Sirius XM shares are down 12.6% in the year-to-date period while up 18.6% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry are up 2.7% while stocks in the Zacks Consumer Discretionary sector are down 9.8% in the year-to-date period. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry is up 5.4% while the sector is down 1.4% over the same period.

The S&P 500 index is down 4.4% in the year-to-date period while up 10.5% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at trailing 12-month EV/EBITDA of 1.71X, which compares to 22.44X for the Zacks sub-industry, 10.29X for the Zacks sector and 11.56X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 19.11X and as low as 12.29X, with a 5-year median of 16.78X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$7 price target reflects 27.32X forward 12-month earnings.

The table below shows summary valuation data for SIRI

Valuation Multiples - SIRI					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
EV/EBITDA TTM	Current	15.71	22.44	10.29	11.56
	5-Year High	19.11	32.68	17.65	12.86
	5-Year Low	12.29	17.58	8.26	8.26
	5-Year Median	16.78	22.86	12.24	10.81
P/E F12M	Current	26.02	29.31	32.21	22.56
	5-Year High	34.28	34.48	32.21	22.56
	5-Year Low	17.17	20.53	16.21	15.23
	5-Year Median	25.85	25.72	19.91	17.49
P/S F12M	Current	3.5	6.13	2.23	3.51
	5-Year High	5.83	13.45	3.19	3.51
	5-Year Low	2.35	6.13	1.67	2.53
	5-Year Median	4.23	9.52	2.52	3.02

As of 06/03/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 45% (139 out of 253)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Apple Inc. (AAPL)	Neutral	2
AMC Networks Inc. (AMCX)	Neutral	4
Amazon.com, Inc. (AMZN)	Neutral	3
Fox Corporation (FOXA)	Neutral	3
Alphabet Inc. (GOOGL)	Neutral	3
Netflix, Inc. (NFLX)	Neutral	2
Nexstar Media Group, Inc (NXST)	Neutral	4
TEGNA Inc. (TGNA)	Neutral	3

Industry Comparison Industry: Broadcast Radio And Television				Industry Peers		
	SIRI	X Industry	S&P 500	AAPL	AMZN	GOOGL
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	2	-	-	2	3	3
VGM Score	B	-	-	B	D	C
Market Cap	27.37 B	568.56 M	22.50 B	1,409.18 B	1,236.17 B	982.46 B
# of Analysts	6	2	14	12	14	12
Dividend Yield	0.85%	0.00%	1.88%	1.01%	0.00%	0.00%
Value Score	C	-	-	B	F	C
Cash/Price	0.00	0.24	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.12
EV/EBITDA	17.36	5.67	12.98	17.94	32.39	17.13
PEG Ratio	2.94	0.69	3.05	2.48	5.25	2.16
Price/Book (P/B)	NA	0.96	3.11	17.97	18.94	4.83
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	20.05	2.81	12.18	21.31	36.97	20.72
P/E (F1)	27.17	7.63	22.19	26.44	125.91	34.71
Price/Sales (P/S)	3.42	0.67	2.40	5.26	4.17	5.89
Earnings Yield	3.68%	-0.83%	4.31%	3.78%	0.79%	2.88%
Debt/Equity	-11.10	1.39	0.76	1.14	0.36	0.08
Cash Flow (\$/share)	0.31	1.76	7.01	15.26	67.05	69.45
Growth Score	B	-	-	B	C	C
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	20.24%	15.85%	10.87%	9.79%	102.38%	23.83%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	15.00%	-41.38%	-10.74%	3.41%	-14.45%	-15.64%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	-6.44%	-0.84%	5.48%	-3.74%	31.33%	12.62%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	12.75%	13.08%	8.55%	7.40%	49.26%	19.91%
Current Ratio	0.28	1.73	1.29	1.50	1.08	3.66
Debt/Capital	NA%	58.90%	44.75%	53.18%	26.42%	7.07%
Net Margin	13.06%	5.14%	10.59%	21.35%	3.56%	20.71%
Return on Equity	-153.53%	7.67%	16.29%	64.49%	17.83%	17.43%
Sales/Assets	0.72	0.41	0.55	0.81	1.42	0.62
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-1.23%	0.00%	-2.65%	0.79%	23.85%	4.64%
Momentum Score	F	-	-	B	C	B
Daily Price Chg	4.51%	2.72%	2.42%	0.55%	0.24%	-0.21%
1 Week Price Chg	9.71%	3.03%	4.60%	-0.30%	0.23%	1.44%
4 Week Price Chg	10.42%	6.38%	13.40%	8.15%	5.41%	6.97%
12 Week Price Chg	3.31%	-1.81%	12.78%	18.04%	36.11%	18.86%
52 Week Price Chg	18.60%	-22.09%	0.89%	78.11%	42.56%	37.78%
20 Day Average Volume	38,393,040	88,653	2,528,787	30,193,988	3,488,007	1,626,379
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.09%	0.14%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	0.00%	0.00%	-0.14%	-0.08%	0.14%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-9.21%	-48.48%	-16.00%	-9.44%	-28.38%	-23.73%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	0.00%	0.00%	-0.02%	0.33%	-0.55%	0.00%

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Growth Score	B
Momentum Score	F
VGM Score	B

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