

Sirius XM Holdings (SIRI)

\$5.87 (As of 08/19/20)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$6.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation:

Neutral

(Since: 08/03/20)

Prior Recommendation: Outperform

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

3-Hold

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM:B

Value: C

Growth: B

Momentum: C

Summary

SiriusXM's second-quarter 2020 results reflected weakness in advertising demand and equipment revenues due to coronavirus pandemic. Higher customer service expenses along with increasing transmission costs hurt profitability. Additionally, SiriusXM lost paid promotional subscribers due to a decline in shipments from automakers offering paid promotional subscriptions. Significant competition in the music streaming market dominated by the likes of Spotify and Apple is an overhang. Notably, shares have underperformed the industry on a year-to-date basis. However, the company's strong content portfolio helped in subscriber base expansion. Additionally, expanded podcast efforts fit well with existing advertising-led focus at Pandora and AdsWizz and are expected to improve monetization for the broader podcast platform in the long haul.

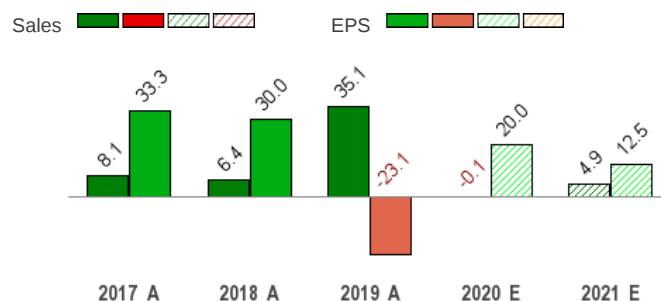
Price, Consensus & Surprise



Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$7.40 - \$4.11
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	21,986,508
Market Cap	\$25.5 B
YTD Price Change	-17.9%
Beta	1.16
Dividend / Div Yld	\$0.05 / 0.9%
Industry	Broadcast Radio and Television
Zacks Industry Rank	Top 48% (120 out of 252)

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)



Last EPS Surprise	0.0%
Last Sales Surprise	-0.4%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	1.4%
Expected Report Date	10/29/2020
Earnings ESP	4.9%
P/E TTM	26.7
P/E F1	25.5
PEG F1	2.8
P/S TTM	3.2

Sales Estimates (millions of \$)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2021	1,959 E	1,999 E	2,023 E	2,092 E	8,175 E
2020	1,952 A	1,874 A	1,927 E	2,005 E	7,790 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	\$0.06 E	\$0.06 E	\$0.07 E	\$0.07 E	\$0.27 E
2020	\$0.07 A	\$0.05 A	\$0.05 E	\$0.06 E	\$0.24 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 08/19/2020. The reports text is as of 08/20/2020.

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:

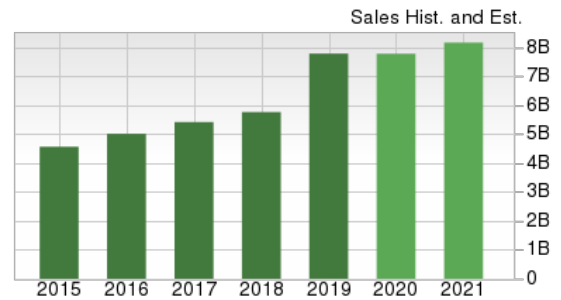
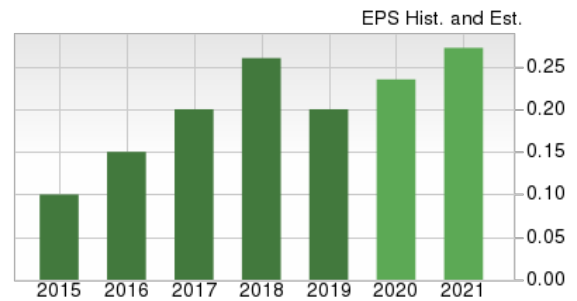
Subscriber Revenues: This segment consists of subscription fees, activation fees and the effects of rebates. The segment generated 78.5% of total revenues in 2019.

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 Jun 30, 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 \$1.77 billion, which increased from \$40 million as of Mar 31, 2020. At quarter-end, Sirius XM's debt-to-adjusted EBITDA ratio was 3. Moreover, total debt-to-capital stands at 107.3%, much higher than industry's 70%.

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

Last Earnings Report

Sirius XM Holdings Q2 Earnings In Line, Revenues Fall

Sirius XM Holdings reported second-quarter 2020 earnings of 5 cents per share that matched the Zacks Consensus Estimate but declined 16.7% year over year.

Total revenues on a reported basis declined 5.2% year over year to \$1.87 billion attributed to lower advertisement revenues, partially offset by growth in subscriber revenues. The figure missed the Zacks Consensus Estimate by 0.4%. On a pro-forma basis, revenues declined 5.2% year over year.

Subscriber revenues (84.2% of total revenues) rose 2.7% from the year-ago quarter to \$1.57 billion. Meanwhile, advertisement revenues (12.6%) declined 34.1% year over year to \$236 million.

Equipment revenues (1.3% of total revenues) decreased 39% year over year to \$25 million. Other revenues (1.9% of total revenues) decreased 14.6% from the year-ago quarter to \$35 million.

SiriusXM Standalone Details

Sirius XM segment pro-forma revenues were \$1.54 billion, up 0.1% year over year. While subscriber base declined 0.6%, the company witnessed growth of 0.9% in ARPU, which was \$13.96.

Self-pay subscribers increased 3.3% year over year to 30.3 million. The company added 264K net self-pay subscribers in the reported quarter.

However, Sirius XM lost 516K net subscribers. The company lost paid promotional subscribers due to a decline in shipments from automakers offering paid promotional subscriptions.

Total subscribers were 34.3 million as of Jun 30, 2020, less than 34.345 million as of Jun 30, 2019.

Sirius XM traffic users grew 3% year over year to 9.414 million. However, Canada subscribers decreased 4% to 2.607 million.

Additionally, average self-pay monthly churn rate was 1.6% in the second quarter, down 1% year over year.

Subscriber revenues rose 3.6% year over year to \$1.45 billion. However, advertising revenues were \$25 million, down 51.9% year over year. Moreover, Equipment revenues declined 39% year over year to \$25 million. Other revenues declined 14% year over year to \$37 million.

Pandora Details

Pandora's pro-forma revenues decreased 23.8% year over year to \$336 million owing to 31% decline in advertising revenues, which totaled \$211 million. Subscriber revenues declined 7.4% year over year to \$125 million.

Weakness in ad revenues was due to decrease in second-quarter monetization to \$55.23 per thousand hours, down 31.1% year over year.

Management stated that numerous categories of advertisers cancelled or paused orders during the second quarter in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

However, ARPU increased 2.6% year over year to \$6.7.

Monthly active users (MAUs) were 59.6 million at the end of the reported quarter, down from 64.9 million in the year-ago quarter. Ad-supported listener hours declined 5.7% year over year to 3.29 billion.

Pandora added 41K self-pay subscribers and exited the second quarter with nearly 6.256 million self-pay subscribers. However, it lost 655K paid promotional subscribers over the year.

Operating Details

In the second quarter, total operating expenses decreased 5.1% year over year to \$1.45 billion.

Revenue share and royalty costs declined 2.2% year over year to \$587 million. Programming & content costs were \$110 million, down 5.2%. Cost of equipment declined 33.3% year over year to \$4 million.

Customer service & billing costs increased 1.7% to \$122 million. Satellite and transmission costs increased 7.5% year over year to \$43 million.

Subscriber acquisition costs declined 53.8% year over year to \$48 million. Engineering, design and development expenses decreased 17.6% from the year-ago quarter to \$61 million. Sales and marketing expenses declined 6.5% to \$217 million. General and administrative costs declined 0.8% to \$119 million.

Adjusted EBITDA declined 0.5% year over year to \$615 million, primarily due to decline in revenues across the business and reductions in subscriber acquisition costs, sales and marketing expenses and general and administrative costs.

Balance Sheet & Cash Flow

As of Jun 30, 2020, prior to the redemption of the \$500 million aggregate principal amount of outstanding 4.625% Notes and the \$1.0 billion aggregate principal amount of outstanding 5.375% Notes on Jul 9, 2020, cash and cash equivalents were \$1.77 billion compared with \$40 million as of Mar 31, 2020.

Quarter Ending 06/2020

Report Date	Jul 30, 2020
Sales Surprise	-0.42%
EPS Surprise	0.00%
Quarterly EPS	0.05
Annual EPS (TTM)	0.22

Long-term debt remained the same quarter over quarter at \$7.847 billion as of Jun 30, 2020.

At quarter-end, Sirius XM's debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio was 3.0. The company had \$1.75 billion available under its revolving credit facility.

Cash flow from operating activities in second-quarter 2020 was \$519 million compared with \$416 million in first-quarter 2020. Free cash flow was \$503 million in the second quarter compared with \$348 million in the previous quarter.

Guidance for 2020

Revenues, on a pro-forma basis, are expected to be approximately \$7.7 billion for the year. Adjusted EBITDA is expected to be \$2.4 billion.

The company anticipates to add almost 500K Sirius XM self-pay net subscribers.

Free cash flow is expected to be around \$1.6 billion.

Recent News

On Aug 18, SiriusXM announced that Bell, a leading manufacturer of helicopters and a pioneer in the advancement of aviation technology, will become the first helicopter OEM to provide customers a three-month subscription to SiriusXM's satellite-delivered aviation weather, information, and audio programming services with the purchase of a new rotor wing aircraft.

On Jul 16, SiriusXM announced that SiriusXM with 360L will be available to BMW customers for the first time in most 2021 BMW model year vehicles starting with July production.

On Jul 14, SiriusXM board of directors declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.01331 per share of common stock, to be paid out in cash on Aug 31, 2020 to stockholders of record at the close of business on Aug 7, 2020.

On Jul 13, SiriusXM announced that the company has entered into an agreement with The E.W. Scripps Company to acquire Stitcher, a pioneer in podcast production, distribution, and ad sales. Per the terms of the asset purchase agreement, at the closing, SiriusXM will make a cash payment of \$265 million to Scripps. The transaction will advance and deepen SiriusXM's position in podcasting.

On Jun 26, SiriusXM announced that SiriusXM with 360L — SiriusXM's newest and most advanced audio entertainment platform — will make its debut in Ford vehicles in 2021 F-150.

On Jun 17, SiriusXM announced the acquisition of Simplecast, a leading podcast management platform that enables podcasters to publish, manage, and measure their content.

On Jun 8, SiriusXM provided an update on the impact of coronavirus outbreak on its business in an 8K filing. The company currently expects to report positive net new self-pay subscribers for the second quarter ending Jun 30, 2020. However, Sirius XM believes the pandemic and its related economic impact will hurt subscriber, advertising and equipment revenues as well as the sale of satellite radios, components and accessories.

On Jun 8, SiriusXM announced expansion of existing broadcast partnership with Fox Corporation. As part of the new agreement, all FOX News Podcasts original programming is now available to Pandora's more than 60 million monthly users across all tiers of the service.

On Jun 8, SiriusXM announced that its subsidiary, Sirius XM Radio Inc., priced an offering of \$1.5 billion of 4.125% Senior Notes due 2030, representing an increase of \$500 million in aggregate principal amount in the offering size of the notes. The sale of the notes is expected to be consummated on or about Jun 11, 2020, subject to customary closing conditions.

Valuation

Sirius XM shares are down 17.9% in the year-to-date period and 4.7% over the trailing 12-month period. Stocks in the Zacks sub-industry are up 11.3% while stocks in the Zacks Consumer Discretionary sector are down 4.4% in the year-to-date period. Over the past year, the Zacks sub-industry and sector are up 20.5% and 5.5%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is up 4.7% in the year-to-date period and 15.6% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at trailing 12-month EV/EBITDA of 14.88X, which compares to 21.74X for the Zacks sub-industry, 11.19X for the Zacks sector and 12.76X 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 16.66X. Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in-line with the market. Our \$6.2 price target reflects 23.85X 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	14.88	21.74	11.19	12.76
	5-Year High	19.11	32.68	17.84	12.85
	5-Year Low	12.29	17.58	8.34	8.25
	5-Year Median	16.66	22.69	12.23	10.91
P/E F12M	Current	22.71	29.48	33.9	22.78
	5-Year High	34.28	34.48	33.9	22.78
	5-Year Low	17.17	20.53	16.13	15.25
	5-Year Median	25.71	25.89	19.86	17.58
P/S F12M	Current	3.18	8.15	2.4	3.7
	5-Year High	5.83	12.24	2.95	3.7
	5-Year Low	2.35	6.12	1.68	2.53
	5-Year Median	4.13	9.41	2.5	3.05

As of 08/19/2020

Industry Analysis Zacks Industry Rank: Top 48% (120 out of 252)



Top Peers

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Apple Inc. (AAPL)	Outperform	1
TEGNA Inc. (TGNA)	Outperform	2
AMC Networks Inc. (AMCX)	Neutral	3
Amazon.com, Inc. (AMZN)	Neutral	3
Alphabet Inc. (GOOGL)	Neutral	3
Netflix, Inc. (NFLX)	Neutral	3
Nexstar Media Group, Inc (NXST)	Neutral	3
Fox Corporation (FOXA)	Underperform	5

Industry Comparison Industry: Broadcast Radio And Television				Industry Peers		
	SIRI	X Industry	S&P 500	AAPL	AMZN	GOOGL
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Outperform	Neutral	Neutral
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	3	-	-	1	3	3
VGM Score	B	-	-	F	A	B
Market Cap	25.48 B	482.94 M	23.61 B	1,978.89 B	1,633.14 B	1,050.59 B
# of Analysts	6	2	14	12	14	12
Dividend Yield	0.91%	0.00%	1.65%	0.71%	0.00%	0.00%
Value Score	C	-	-	F	C	C
Cash/Price	0.07	0.30	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.12
EV/EBITDA	15.58	4.94	13.36	25.29	42.68	18.37
PEG Ratio	2.77	0.66	2.99	3.36	3.38	2.11
Price/Book (P/B)	NA	1.07	3.16	27.38	22.15	5.07
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	18.83	3.69	12.71	30.33	48.63	22.24
P/E (F1)	25.52	10.52	21.82	35.81	101.90	34.53
Price/Sales (P/S)	3.23	0.66	2.47	7.23	5.08	6.33
Earnings Yield	3.92%	0.99%	4.37%	2.79%	0.98%	2.90%
Debt/Equity	-12.38	1.32	0.76	1.30	0.45	0.07
Cash Flow (\$/share)	0.31	1.76	6.94	15.26	67.05	69.45
Growth Score	B	-	-	D	A	B
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	18.18%	16.93%	10.44%	10.40%	97.34%	22.11%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	17.50%	-28.55%	-5.97%	8.69%	39.06%	-9.00%
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	-6.44%	-3.98%	5.22%	-3.74%	31.33%	12.62%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	12.75%	12.95%	8.52%	7.40%	49.26%	19.91%
Current Ratio	0.55	1.83	1.33	1.47	1.18	3.41
Debt/Capital	NA%	58.44%	44.50%	56.54%	31.00%	6.63%
Net Margin	12.98%	-2.79%	10.13%	21.33%	4.10%	18.99%
Return on Equity	-141.29%	0.89%	14.67%	70.66%	20.47%	15.62%
Sales/Assets	0.69	0.41	0.51	0.83	1.42	0.61
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-0.48%	0.00%	-1.54%	4.67%	31.31%	7.51%
Momentum Score	C	-	-	F	A	B
Daily Price Chg	-1.34%	0.00%	-0.38%	0.13%	-1.57%	-0.72%
1 Week Price Chg	0.00%	3.74%	1.09%	3.42%	-0.61%	0.42%
4 Week Price Chg	-1.18%	0.00%	2.23%	18.95%	5.18%	-1.29%
12 Week Price Chg	1.56%	1.56%	6.91%	45.49%	35.27%	8.75%
52 Week Price Chg	-4.71%	-21.63%	2.28%	117.66%	78.80%	29.63%
20 Day Average Volume	21,986,508	286,761	1,899,976	44,315,356	4,293,150	1,605,835
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	1.44%	1.44%	1.70%	4.68%	58.32%	6.37%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	2.17%	0.00%	3.08%	5.02%	62.03%	7.88%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-6.09%	0.00%	0.83%	-2.19%	48.06%	7.83%

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Growth Score	B
Momentum Score	C
VGM Score	B

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