

Ticker: AMLP

Alerian MLP ETF

Monthly Insights | February 2025

Key Takeaways

- The Alerian MLP ETF (AMLP) rose 2.60% on a total-return basis in February, outperforming the S&P 500.
- AMLP holdings continue to deliver distribution growth to unitholders as they generate free cash flow, and distribution growth is expected to remain a tailwind for this space.
- At the end of February, AMLP's underlying index, the Alerian MLP Infrastructure Index (AMZI), was yielding 6.87% and trading above its three-year average forward EV/EBITDA multiple.

Performance Notes

AMLP rose 2.60% on a total-return basis in February as the bulk of portfolio companies reported fourth quarter results. AMLP raised its distribution by 2.11% sequentially to \$0.97 per share in February, reflecting the strong distribution growth seen among energy infrastructure MLPs. AMLP outperformed the S&P 500, which fell 1.30% on a total-return basis in February. Broader energy, represented by the Energy Select Sector Index (IXE), gained 3.80% on a total-return basis during the month. WTI crude fell 3.82%, while natural gas rebounded noticeably with colder weather and even exceeded \$4 per million British thermal unit (MMBtu) at times in February.

Digging into portfolio performance for the month, all subsectors but one ended the month higher. Liquefaction, which only includes Cheniere Energy Partners (CQP, 5.01% Weight*) was the best performing subsector for February, followed by Pipeline Transportation | Petroleum.

February 2025 Performance				
	Feb-25	QTD	YTD	1 Y
Alerian MLP ETF (AMLP) (NAV)	2.60%	9.95%	9.95%	23.21%
Alerian MLP Infrastructure Index (AMZI)	3.24%	12.39%	12.39%	30.18%
Subsector Total Return:				
Gathering & Processing	2.27%	7.09%	7.09%	28.87%
Natural Gas Transportation	-1.05%	4.06%	4.06%	36.37%
Liquefaction	11.69%	29.02%	29.02%	47.79%
Marketing and Distribution	5.29%	18.37%	18.37%	8.06%
Compression	1.39%	17.16%	17.16%	18.19%
Petroleum Transportation	5.46%	18.87%	18.87%	36.36%
Energy Select Sector Index (IXE)	3.80%	6.29%	6.29%	9.34%
Crude Oil (WTI)	-3.82%	-2.73%	-2.73%	-10.86%

Source: Bloomberg L.P., as of 2/28/2025

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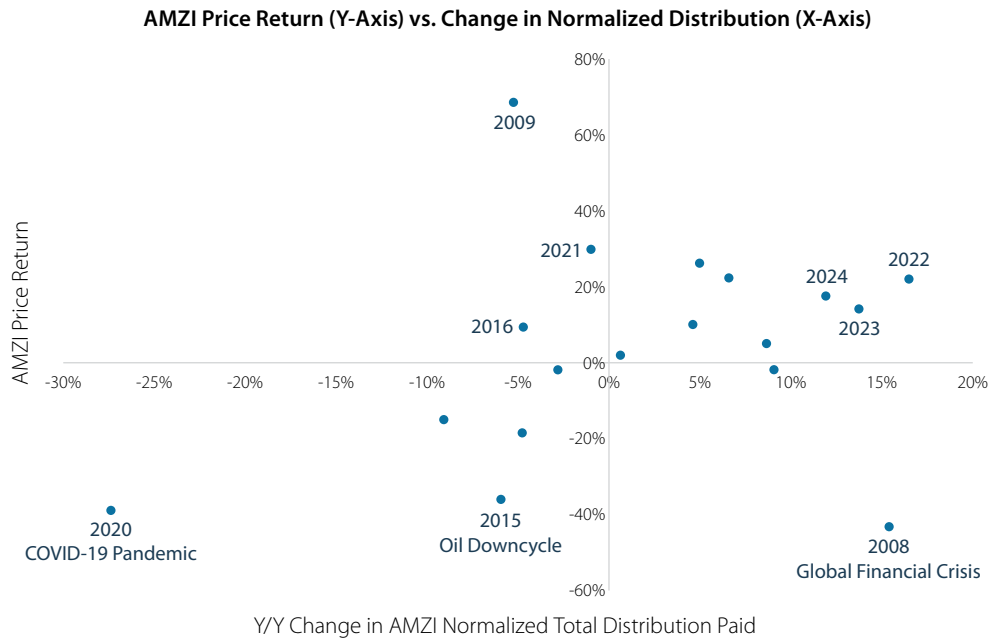
For standardized performance please see page 3.
Index returns are total returns.

Outlook

Energy infrastructure MLPs continue to execute well in providing distribution growth for unitholders as they generate free cash flow. Seven names in AMLP increased their payouts sequentially, and 89.08% of AMLP by weighting have grown their distributions within the last year. Distribution growth is expected to remain a tailwind for MLPs. The chart below plots the year-over-year change in normalized total distributions for AMLP's underlying index, AMZI, against the index's price return for each year from 2007 to 2024. While past performance does not guarantee future results, AMZI's price return tends to be near flat or positive if distributions are growing (upper right quadrant). Conversely, distribution cuts tend to weigh on performance (lower left quadrant). An AMLP holding has not cut its distribution since July 2021.

Beyond the tailwinds from distribution growth, MLPs are well positioned for the current macro environment. Oil markets have remained volatile, but midstream MLPs are relatively insulated from commodity price moves thanks to fee-based business models. Midstream MLPs are benefitting from moderate energy production growth in the US, while capitalizing on growth opportunities related to natural gas and natural gas liquids. Companies are generally expecting moderate EBITDA growth in 2025, and the outlook for midstream MLPs remains constructive.

*Weight in AMLP as of 2/28/2025



Source: VettaFi, as of 2/18/2025

Constituent News

- **MPLX (MPLX, 13.20% Weight*)** reported earnings for the fourth quarter of 2024 ahead of Wall Street estimates and repurchased \$100 million of its common equity during the quarter. Additionally, MPLX announced a joint venture with ONEOK (OKE, not in AMLP) to build a natural gas liquids (NGL) export terminal by the Houston Ship Channel as well as a pipeline connecting the export terminal to OKE's nearby production complex.
- **Energy Transfer (ET, 11.96% Weight*)** entered a long-term agreement with CloudBurst Data Centers to provide up to 450,000 MMBtu per day of natural gas to its AI-focused data center development in central Texas.
- **Sunoco (SUN, 11.60% Weight*)** reported earnings in line with Wall Street estimates and reaffirmed plans to grow its distribution by at least 5% in 2025 with quarterly increases.

Valuation Update

- AMLP's underlying index, AMZI, finished February with a forward EV/EBITDA multiple of 9.28x based on 2026 consensus EBITDA estimates – above its three-year average of 8.79x
- AMZI is currently yielding 6.87%, which is below its three-year average of 7.42%.

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	AMZI Current Valuations		
	Current	3 Year Avg	Delta
Price/Cash Flow (TTM)	8.28x	6.05x	36.88%
Enterprise Value/EBITDA	9.28x	8.79x	5.57%
Yield	6.87%	7.42%	-7.48%
AMLP 30-Day SEC Yield	-0.10%		

Source: Bloomberg L.P. and VettaFi, as of 2/28/2025
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Alerian MLP ETF (AMLP) Performance

Total Returns	Cumulative as of 2/28/2025				Annualized as of 12/31/2024				
	1 M	3 M	YTD	SI ¹	1 Y	3 Y	5 Y	10 Y	SI ¹
NAV (Net Asset Value)	2.60%	3.30%	9.95%	112.37%	22.61%	23.03%	11.88%	2.47%	4.69%
Market Price	2.60%	3.16%	9.96%	112.29%	22.61%	23.03%	11.89%	2.44%	4.69%
Alerian MLP Infrastructure Index - TR	3.24%	4.25%	12.39%	201.21%	26.70%	27.24%	14.75%	3.28%	7.11%
Alerian MLP Index - TR	3.43%	4.44%	12.53%	196.38%	24.41%	27.27%	15.56%	3.67%	6.98%

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¹ Fund inception date: 8/24/2010

Total Operating Expenses: **0.85%**

Top 10 Holdings

Plains All American Pipeline LP	13.43%
MPLX LP	13.21%
Enterprise Products Partners LP	12.30%
Western Midstream Partners, LP	12.11%
Energy Transfer LP	11.97%
Sunoco	11.59%
Hess Midstream LP	7.91%
Cheniere Energy Partners LP	5.01%
USA Compression	3.49%
Global Partners LP	2.72%

As of 2/28/2025, subject to change

Daily holdings are available at www.alpsfunds.com.

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A portion of the benefits you are expected to derive from the Fund's investment in MLPs depends largely on the MLPs being treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes. As a partnership, an MLP has no federal income tax liability at the entity level. Therefore, treatment of one or more MLPs as a corporation for federal income tax purposes could affect the Fund's ability to meet its investment objective and would reduce the amount of cash available to pay or distribute to you. Legislative, judicial, or administrative changes and differing interpretations, possibly on a retroactive basis, could negatively impact the value of an investment in MLPs and therefore the value of your investment in the Fund.

The Fund invests primarily in a particular sector and could experience greater volatility than a fund investing in a broader range of industries.

Investments in the energy infrastructure sector are subject to: reduced volumes of natural gas or other energy commodities available for transporting, processing or storing; changes in the regulatory environment; extreme weather and; rising interest rates which could result in a higher cost of capital and drive investors into other investment opportunities.

The Fund employs a "passive management" - or indexing - investment approach and seeks investment results that correspond (before fees and expenses) generally to the performance of its underlying index. Unlike many investment companies, the Fund is not "actively" managed. Therefore, it would not necessarily sell or buy a security unless that security is removed from or added to the underlying index, respectively.

30-Day SEC Yield: reflects the dividends and interest earned during the period, after the deduction of the Fund's expenses, including current or deferred income tax expense (if any).

Alerian MLP Index (AMZ): the leading gauge of energy infrastructure MLPs. The capped, float-adjusted, capitalization-weighted index constituents earn the majority of their cash flow from midstream activities involving energy commodities.

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Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index: A broad-based benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The index includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, fixed-rate agency MBS, ABS and CMBS (agency and non-agency).

Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Bond Index: Measures the USD-denominated, high yield, fixed-rate corporate bond market. One may not invest directly in an index.

Debt-to-EBITDA Ratio: compares a company's total obligations to the actual cash the company brings in from its operations. It reveals how capable the firm is of paying its debt and other liabilities if taxes and the expenses from depreciation and amortization are deferred.

Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA): a measure of a company's overall financial performance.

Enterprise Multiple (EV/EBITDA): a ratio used to determine the value of a company by considering the company's debt. The enterprise multiple is the enterprise value (EV) (market capitalization + total debt – cash and cash equivalents) divided by EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization).

FTSE NAREIT Real Estate 50 Index: Consists of the largest 50 eligible real estate investment trusts (REITs) within the FTSE NAREIT Composite Index when ranked by full equity market capitalization.

Price/Cash Flow (P/CF) Ratio: represents the weighted average of the price/cash flow ratios of the stocks in a portfolio. Price/cash flow represents the amount an investor is willing to pay for a dollar generated from a particular company's operations.

S&P 500 Utilities Sector Index: A capitalization-weighted index designed to replicate performance of the Utilities Sector of the S&P 500.

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MLPs represented by the Alerian MLP Infrastructure Index (AMZI).

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