

Ticker: AMLP

# Alerian MLP ETF

Monthly Insights | June 2025

## Key Takeaways

- The Alerian MLP ETF (AMLP) rose 2.09% on a total-return basis in June, as energy stocks and broader equities gained.
- AMLP's underlying index is trading in line with its five-year forward EV/EBITDA average but well below its ten-year average.
- At the end of June, AMLP's underlying index, the Alerian MLP Infrastructure Index (AMZI), was yielding 7.43%, which is in line with its three-year average.

## Performance Notes

AMLP gained 2.09% on a total-return basis in June to close a volatile quarter for equities broadly, amid geopolitical events and tariff headlines. The S&P 500 Index and Energy Select Sector Index (IXE) were up 5.09% and 4.75%, respectively, for the month. US oil prices closed as high as \$75 per barrel (bbl) in mid-June as Israel and the US bombed Iran. However, oil ended the month up only 7% at \$65/bbl as the situation deescalated. US natural gas prices were essentially flat for the month. For the first half of 2025, AMLP is up 5.32% on a total-return basis, outpacing the 6.20% total return for the S&P 500 and flat performance for IXE.

Digging into portfolio performance for June, Petroleum Transportation and Gathering & Processing were the best-performing subsectors of the portfolio. Petroleum Transportation MLP Plains All American (PAA, **12.42% Weight\***) was the best performer, up almost 11% for the month after announcing a major asset sale (see constituent news).

| June 2025 Performance                   |        |         |        |         |
|---|--------|---------|--------|---------|
|   | Jun-25 | QTD     | YTD    | 1 Y     |
| Alerian MLP ETF (AMLP) (NAV)            | 2.09%  | -4.03%  | 5.32%  | 10.32%  |
| Alerian MLP Infrastructure Index (AMZI) | 2.63%  | -4.65%  | 7.01%  | 13.79%  |
| Subsector Total Return:                 |        |         |        |         |
| Compression                             | -3.53% | -8.02%  | 7.61%  | 11.86%  |
| Gathering & Processing                  | 3.66%  | -4.46%  | 3.39%  | 7.01%   |
| Liquefaction                            | -2.30% | -13.92% | 7.10%  | 17.34%  |
| Marketing & Distribution                | -0.60% | -5.80%  | 9.42%  | 4.65%   |
| Natural Gas Transportation              | 2.16%  | -4.12%  | -0.92% | 17.79%  |
| Petroleum Transportation                | 6.02%  | -2.32%  | 17.09% | 21.84%  |
| Energy Select Sector Index (IXE)        | 4.75%  | -8.47%  | 0.66%  | -3.83%  |
| Crude Oil (WTI)                         | 7.11%  | -8.91%  | -9.22% | -20.15% |

Source: Bloomberg L.P., as of 6/30/2025

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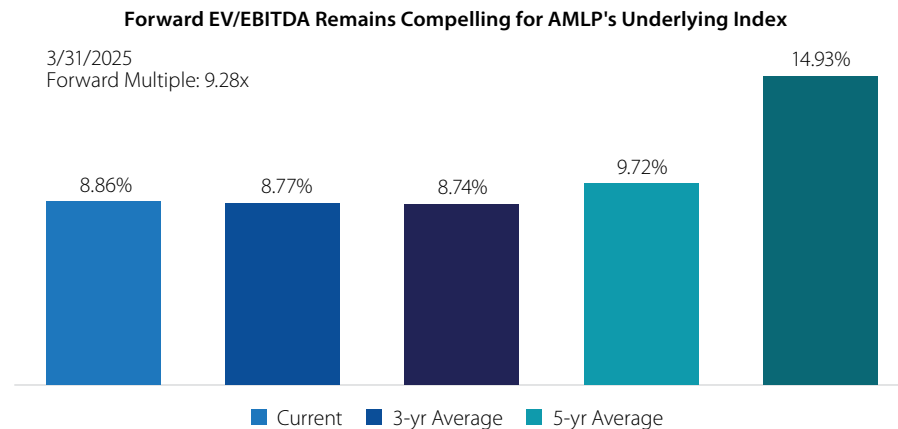
For standardized performance please see page 3.  
Index returns are total returns.

## Outlook

Amid volatility in oil prices and equities, AMLP has been resilient in the first half of 2025, outperforming broader energy and the S&P 500 Index. Midstream MLPs remain defensive within energy given their fee-based business models and healthy yields. Looking to the balance of this year, AMLP holdings are expected to continue delivering on free cash flow generation and growing their distributions. Buybacks will likely augment shareholder returns for select names. If oil prices and equity markets remain volatile, MLPs can remain defensive.

Despite strong performance coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic, MLPs have not become expensive based on forward EV/EBITDA. The space has not really seen multiple expansion as shown in the chart below. AMZI's current EV/EBITDA multiple based on 2026 consensus estimates is in line with its three-year and five-year averages. AMZI is currently trading 0.4x lower than it was at the end of March 2025, before April's sell off. For more historical context, the current multiple is almost a turn below the ten-year average and well below the high watermark from 2013. With continued execution, ideally, MLPs will start to re-rate to a higher forward EV/EBITDA multiple.

\* Weight in AMLP as of 6/30/2025



Source: VettaFi, Bloomberg, as of 6/30/2025

## Constituent News

- Plains All American (**PAA, 12.42% Weight\***) is selling its Canadian natural gas liquids business to Keyera (KEY CN, not in AMLP) for \$5.15 billion CAD (\$3.75 billion USD). Expected to close in 1Q26, the transaction will make PAA a midstream oil pure play, while reducing commodity price exposure and enhancing the company's free cash flow profile.
- Energy Transfer (**ET, 11.91% Weight\***) announced an incremental 20-year, 1 million ton per annum (MTPA) liquefied natural gas (LNG) sales agreement with Chevron (CVX, not in AMLP) for its Lake Charles LNG facility, bringing Chevron's total commitment to 3 MTPA.
- AMLP's underlying index had its quarterly rebalancing in June. No constituents were added or removed.

## Valuation Update

- AMLP's underlying index, AMZI, finished June with a forward EV/EBITDA multiple of 8.86x based on 2026 consensus EBITDA estimates –slightly above its three-year average of 8.77x.
- AMZI is currently yielding 7.43%, which is right in line with its three-year average of 7.44%.

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|                         | AMZI Current Valuations |            |        |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------|--------|
|                         | Current                 | 3 Year Avg | Delta  |
| Price/Cash Flow (TTM)   | 7.74x                   | 6.24x      | 23.94% |
| Enterprise Value/EBITDA | 8.86x                   | 8.77x      | 1.05%  |
| Yield                   | 7.43%                   | 7.44%      | -0.13% |
| AMLP 30-Day SEC Yield   | 0.05%                   |            |        |

Source: Bloomberg L.P. and VettaFi, as of 6/30/2025  
**Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

## Alerian MLP ETF (AMLP) Performance

| Total Returns                         | Cumulative<br>as of 6/30/2025 |        |       |                 | Annualized<br>as of 6/30/2025 |        |        |       |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-----------------|
|                                       | 1 M                           | 3 M    | YTD   | SI <sup>1</sup> | 1 Y                           | 3 Y    | 5 Y    | 10 Y  | SI <sup>1</sup> |
| NAV (Net Asset Value)                 | 2.09%                         | -4.03% | 5.32% | 103.41%         | 10.32%                        | 21.49% | 24.67% | 3.84% | 4.90%           |
| Market Price                          | 2.18%                         | -4.12% | 5.38% | 103.46%         | 10.16%                        | 21.48% | 24.71% | 3.84% | 4.90%           |
| Alerian MLP Infrastructure Index - TR | 2.63%                         | -4.65% | 7.01% | 186.81%         | 13.79%                        | 26.17% | 28.11% | 5.21% | 7.35%           |
| Alerian MLP Index - TR                | 2.56%                         | -4.91% | 7.06% | 181.98%         | 13.16%                        | 26.11% | 27.96% | 5.60% | 7.23%           |

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<sup>1</sup> Fund inception date: 8/24/2010

Total Operating Expenses: **0.85%**

## Top 10 Holdings

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| PLAINS ALL AMER PIPELINE LP  | 12.42% |
| WESTERN MIDSTREAM PARTNERS L | 12.11% |
| MPLX LP                      | 12.03% |
| ENERGY TRANSFER LP           | 11.91% |
| ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS PARTNERS | 11.76% |
| SUNOCO LP                    | 11.47% |
| HESS MIDSTREAM LP - CLASS A  | 10.02% |
| CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS LP  | 4.49%  |
| GENESIS ENERGY L.P.          | 3.66%  |
| USA COMPRESSION PARTNERS LP  | 3.46%  |

As of 6/30/2025, subject to change

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*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.*

*Alerian MLP Infrastructure Index (AMZI): a composite 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.*

*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).*

*Price/Cash Flow (P/CF) Trailing Twelve Month (TTM) Ratio: represents the weighted average of the price/cash flow ratios (generated over the trailing twelve months) 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 Index: widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap US equities. The index includes 500 leading companies and covers approximately 80% of available market capitalization.*

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