

Tesoro Logistics LP (TLLP)

INCREASE TARGET PRICE

Growth Poised to Accelerate

- Raising Estimates and Target Price: Following TLLP's '2012 Business Plan Update' released on 12/6/2011, we are raising our distribution growth CAGR over the next five years from 8.8% to 12.0%. We reiterate our Outperform rating with a revised target price of \$33 (from \$29). Our DDM assumes a discount rate of 9.0%, distribution CAGR of 12.0% over the first five years and 5.0% over the following five years and a terminal growth rate of 1.5%.
- 2012 Business Plan Update: 1) TLLP plans to invest heavily in its organic growth projects, to the tune of \$100 million by 2013 (up from \$15 million). Management plans to double the volumes from the Bakken supported by demand from its sponsor Tesoro Corp (TSO). 2) Martinez Crude Oil Marine Terminal will be the first asset to be dropped down. We have modeled the dropdown at 10 times estimated EBITA to \$8 million. 3) As a result of these investments management expects to grow EBITDA to \$100 million in 2013. This compares to our previous estimate of \$82.1 million.
- Strong Fundamentals with Visible Growth: TLLP maintains strong financial flexibility and is able to finance its 2012 organic growth and dropdown projects via their revolver. TLLP has \$100 million remaining on its \$150 million revolver (that is expandable to \$300 million). However, we are modeling an equity offering in 3Q12 to be conservative. This provides management with additional dry powder and will improve the trading liquidity of its units. To note, TLLP plans to maintain a distribution coverage ratio of 1.1 times over the long term. Lastly, we suspect that TLLP is evaluating other potential projects in and around the Bakken projects.

Rating OUTPERFORM* Price (05 Dec 11, US\$) 29.01

Target price (US\$) (from 29.00) 33.00¹ 52-week price range 29.01 - 21.34 Market cap. (US\$ m) 885.09

Adjusted EV

[V] = Stock considered volatile (see Disclosure Appendix).

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
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-0.19	0.25	0.49	0.40
0.33	0.41	0.47	0.44
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Financial and valuation metrics				
Year	12/10A	12/11E	12/12E	12/13E
EBITDA (US\$ m)	53	44	74	99
Distribution/unit - DPU (US\$ m)	_	1.05	1.58	1.78
Earnings/unit - EPU (US\$)	1.36	0.95	1.66	2.14
EPU - consensus (US\$)	_	0.95	1.76	1.91
Distributable CF/unit (US\$)	1.51	1.15	1.96	2.32
Distribution coverage (x)	_	1.21	1.27	1.39
P/DCF (x)	_	_	_	_
Adj. current EV/EBITDA (x)	_	18.1	21.8	44.7
Dist./unit - DPU (Next Qtr.,	0.36	Distribution yield	(%)	1.2
Units outstanding (m)	31	GP take (%)		_
Net debt current (US\$ m)	33.4	Net debt/EBITDA	(x)	0.74
6-month ADV (000's)	14,087	Net debt/market of	cap. (%)	_
Free float (%)	_	Institutional owne	rship (%)	_
Source: Company data, Credit Suisse estimates	5.			

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'Target price is for 12 months.



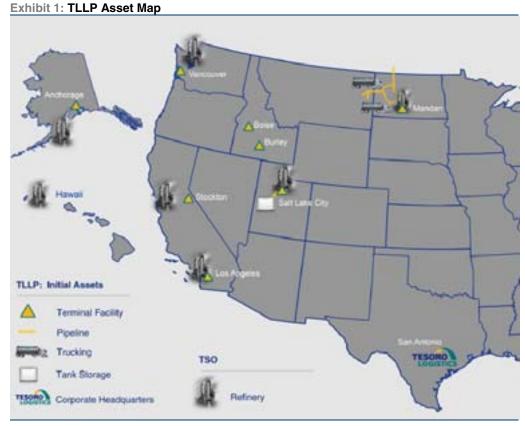
Investment Thesis

TLLP is a fee-based, growth oriented MLP formed by Tesoro Corp to own, operate and acquire crude oil and refined products logistics assets. In other words, TLLP was formed to be Tesoro Corp's vehicle to grow its logistics infrastructure business. Initially, substantially all of TLLP's revenue will be derived from Tesoro, primarily under various long-term, fee-based commercial agreements that include minimum volume commitments. Over the next several years, there is visible growth from, 1) organic projects tied to its strategies in the Bakken shale; 2) multi year inventories of dropdown assets from Tesoro Corp, and the 3) development of third party businesses.

Company Description

Tesoro Logistics (TLLP) is a fee-based, growth oriented MLP formed by Tesoro Corp (TSO) to own, operate and acquire crude oil and refined products logistics assets. TLLP's assets consist of a crude oil gathering system in the Bakken Shale/Williston Basin area, eight refined products terminals in the western United States, and a crude oil and refined products storage facility and five related short-haul pipelines in Utah.

Tesoro Corp is the second largest refiner in the US with core area of operations in the midwestern and western United States. It owns and operates seven refineries that serve markets in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Tesoro Corp trades under the symbol TSO and has a market cap that approximates \$3.5 billion. TSO retains a significant ownership in the MLP as it will own about 50% of the limited partner interest and the 2.0% general partner interest and associated incentive distribution rights.



Source: Company data, Credit Suisse estimates



Martinez Crude Oil Terminal Dropdown

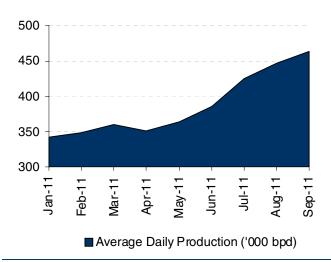
TSO plans to dropdown Martinez Crude Oil Marine Terminal to TLLP in early 2012. The company projects the EBITDA contribution from the dropdown at about \$8 million annually. We model the dropdown at an EBITDA multiple of 10 times, on approximately \$80 million. TLLP expects to finance the entire deal with its available revolver (that is expandable to \$300 million). We have modeled the acquisition as 50/50 debt/equity to be conservative, with cost of debt at 6.0% and an annual maintenance capital expenditure of \$0.5 million. We expect the dropdown to be in the range of \$0.07 - 0.11 or 4.4% - 7.4% accretive to cash flow, depending on the multiple of the dropdown transaction. The terminal's projected volume is 70,000bpd with minimum volume commitments of 65,000bpd. In addition, the terminal has a wharf capacity of 145,000bpd and storage capacity of 425,000 barrels.

Focus on Bakken Shale

TLLP plans to expand its High Plains system to accommodate increasing crude production from the Bakken Shale. Management targets to grow system volumes to over 100,000bpd by 2013. This is supported by expansion at TSO's Mandan refinery (+10,000 bpd) and Anacortes refinery (+30,000bpd).

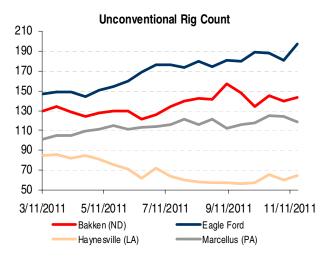
The Bakken Shale play is one of the premier oil plays in North America today. This unconventional play extends from North Dakota and eastern Montana in the United States into the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The Bakken Shale play in North Dakota is currently the most actively drilled oil play in the US. According to the Land Rig Newsletter, the current rig count is 143 (all time high was 157 in September 2011). Oil production was at 463,754 bpd, up from 342,876 bpd in January 2011 and 137,642 bpd in January 2008, according to the North Dakota Industrial Commission (NDIC).

Exhibit 2: Production Growth in North Dakota



Source: North Dakota Industrial Commission (NDIC), Credit Suisse estimates

Exhibit 3: Bakken Drilling Activity Remains Strong



Source: Land Rig Newsletter, Credit Suisse

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Exhibit 4: TLLP Changes to Model

	4Q11E	2011E	2012E	2013E	2014E	2015E	4Q11E	2011E	2012E	2013E	2014E	2015E
Crude oil gathering	7.0	14.0	29.9	32.7	33.4	34.2	8.0	15.8	32.4	44.1	48.2	49.0
Terminalling, transportation and storage	9.3	31.5	42.0	44.7	46.6	48.7	8.6	33.5	41.6	48.0	51.1	51.9
Acquisitions	0.0	0.0	4.7	10.9	17.2	23.4	0.0	0.0	6.0	12.7	18.9	25.2
Recurring EBITDA	14.8	40.0	70.5	82.1	90.8	99.8	15.1	44.2	73.8	98.6	111.9	119.6
Operating and maintenance	10.0	36.6	44.9	48.6	51.2	54.1	9.6	33.9	46.9	59.4	65.3	67.5
Depreciation and amortization	2.3	8.6	14.4	16.4	18.4	20.4	2.3	8.4	14.4	16.4	18.4	20.4
General and administrative	1.8	6.9	9.0	11.6	14.3	16.9	1.8	7.2	9.5	12.3	15.0	17.6
EBIT (operating income recurring)	12.5	31.4	56.1	65.7	72.4	79.4	12.8	35.8	59.4	82.1	93.5	99.2
Interest expense (income), net	(0.4)	(1.3)	(3.8)	(6.6)	(8.3)	(10.1)	(0.5)	(1.5)	(6.4)	(10.0)	(12.4)	(13.8)
Net income (recurring)	12.1	30.1	52.3	59.1	64.1	69.3	12.4	34.3	53.1	72.1	81.1	85.4
Non-recurring Items	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reported Net Income	12.1	30.9	52.3	59.1	64.1	69.3	12.4	35.1	53.1	72.1	81.1	85.4
EPU	0.4	0.8	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.1	0.4	0.9	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.3
EBITDA - Recurring	14.8	40.0	70.5	82.1	90.8	99.8	15.1	44.2	73.8	98.6	111.9	119.6
Average Units Outstanding	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.5	31.2	32.3	32.3	32.3
Distributable Cash Flow (DCF)												
Netincome	12.1	24.7	52.3	59.1	64.1	69.3	12.4	28.8	53.0	72.1	81.1	85.4
(+) Interest expense, net	0.4	1.3	3.8	6.6	8.3	10.1	0.5	1.5	6.4	10.0	12.4	13.8
(+) Depreciation and amortization	2.3	8.6	14.4	16.4	18.4	20.4	2.3	8.4	14.4	16.4	18.4	20.4
EBITDA	14.8	34.6	70.5	82.1	90.8	99.8	15.1	38.7	73.8	98.6	111.9	119.6
(-) Cash interest paid	0.4	0.8	3.8	6.6	8.3	10.1	0.5	0.8	6.4	10.0	12.4	13.8
(-) Maintenance capital expenditure	1.1	2.6	5.9	6.9	7.6	8.4	1.1	1.8	3.7	4.9	5.6	6.0
(-) Other	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Avaliable Cash	13.3	30.8	60.8	68.6	74.9	81.3	13.6	35.7	63.8	83.6	94.0	99.8
Cash paid to the general partner	0.2	0.6	1.0	1.8	3.3	4.9	0.2	0.7	1.2	2.7	5.0	10.3
GP portion of surplus cash flow Distributable cash flow to LP	0.0 13.1	0.0 30.1	0.7 59.1	3.1 63.8	3.8 67.8	4.8 71.6	0.0 13.3	0.1 34.9	1.4 61.2	5.9 75.0	7.7 81.2	9.6 79.9
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DCF per LP unit	\$0.43	\$0.99	\$1.94	\$2.09	\$2.22	\$2.35	\$0.44	\$1.15	\$1.96	\$2.32	\$2.51	\$2.47
Cash Distribution Declared Per Unit	\$0.36	\$1.04	\$1.53	\$1.69	\$1.85	\$2.00	\$0.36	\$1.05	\$1.58	\$1.78	\$1.98	\$2.18
Total declared cash distributions	11.1	32.5	47.7	53.4	59.8	65.8	11.3	32.7	50.3	60.1	68.8	80.5
Cash flow surplus / (deficitl) (Total DCF - Total declared dists)	2.2	2.2	13.1	15.3	15.1	15.6	2.3	6.9	13.4	23.6	25.1	19.3
Distribution Coverage (Total DCF/Total Distribution Declared)	1.20x	1.07x	1.28x	1.29x	1.25x	1.24x	1.20x	1.21x	1.27x	1.39x	1.37x	1.24x

\$ in millions, except for per unit data Coverage Ratio = Total DCF/Total Cash Dist

Source: Partnership data, Credit Suisse estimates



Exhibit 5: TLLP Abbreviated Financial Statements

Tesoro Logistics, L.P. (NYSE: TLLP)
Abbreviated Financial Statements

Credit Suisse - Master Limited Partnerships and Natural Gas

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(\$ millions, except per unit data)	TLLP Predecessor Pro Forma Pro Forma												
	2008	2009	2010	2010	1Q11	2Q11	3Q11	4Q11E	2011E	2012E	2013E	2014E	2015E
Crude oil gathering	4	(0)	(1)	28	1	5	7	8	16	32	44	48	49
% of Total	-47%	1%	5%	53%	-19%	55%	42%	53%	36%	44%	45%	43%	41%
Terminalling, transportation and storage % of Total	(10) <i>125%</i>	(11) <i>82%</i>	(10) <i>78%</i>	28 54%	(3) <i>89%</i>	6 59%	11 <i>6</i> 5%	9 <i>57</i> %	33 76%	42 56%	48 49%	51 46%	52 43%
Acquisitions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	13	19	25
% of Total EBITDA - Recurring	0% (8)	<i>0</i> % (13)	0% (13)	<i>0</i> % 53	0% (4)	<i>0</i> % 10	0% 18	<i>0</i> % 15	0% 44	8% 74	13% 99	17% 112	21% 120
y/y change (%)		. ,	` '							67%	33%	14%	7%
EPU Average Units Outstanding	\$0.00 -	\$0.00 -	\$0.00 -	\$1.36 30.5	(\$0.19) 30.5	\$0.25 30.5	\$0.49 30.5	\$0.40 30.5	\$0.95 30.5	\$1.66 31.2	\$2.14 32.3	\$2.35 32.3	\$2.32 32.3
Distributable Cash Flow (DCF)													
Net income				42	(6)	7	15	12	29	53	72	81	85
(+) Interest expense, net (+) Depreciation and amortization				2 8	0 2	0 2	1 2	0 2	2 8	6 14	10 16	12 18	14 20
EBITDA (-) Cash interest paid				53	(4) 0	10 0	18 0	15 0	39	74 6	99 10	112 12	120 14
(-) Maintenance capital expenditure				2	0	0	0	1	2	4	5	6	6
(-) Other Distributable Cash Flow				3 46	(4)	9	(0) 17	0 14	0 36	0 64	84	94	0 100
DCF per LP unit				\$1.51	(\$0.13)	\$0.29	\$0.55	\$0.44	\$1.15	\$1.96	\$2.32	\$2.51	\$2.47
Cash Distribution Declared Per Unit % yr/yr growth						\$0.34	\$0.35	\$0.36	\$1.05 NA	\$1.58 16.7%	\$1.78 12.7%	\$1.98 11.3%	\$2.18 10.1%
Total declared cash distributions Cash flow surplus / (deficitl) (Total DCF - Total declared dists)						11 (2)	11 6	11 2	33 7	50 13	60 24	69 25	81 19
Distribution Coverage (Total DCF/Total Distribution Declared)						0.85x	1.58x	1.20x	1.21 x	1.27x	1.39x	1.37x	1.24x
% of Total Cash Distribution General Partner Limited Partners			i			2% 98%	2% 98%	2% 98%	2% 98%	2% 98%	5% 95%	7% 93%	13% 87%
Capital Expenditures & Acquisitions													
Growth Capex Maintenance Capex	10 8	6 3	0 2	0 2	0	1 0	2 0	3 1	6 2	60 4	40 5	0 6	0 6
Acquisitions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	50	50	50
Total Capital Expenditures & Acquisitions	19	9	2	2	1	1	3	4	8	144	95	56	56
Financing and Credit Metrics Equity Issuances (\$ Millions)				0	0	294	0	0	294	40	0	0	0
Net Debt Issuances (\$ Millions) - includes credit facility				0	0	50	0	(0)	50	84	64	23	27
Total Debt (\$ Millions)			- 1	50	0	50	50	50	50	134	198	221	248
Net Debt-to-TTM EBITDA Interest Expense, Net (\$ Millions)	i		i	0.9x 2	0.0x 0	1.2x 0	0.9x 1	0.8x 0	0.7x 2	1.6x 6	1.9x 10	1.9x 12	2.1) 14
EBITDA-to-Interest Expense				21.9x	NA	20.8x	29.5x	31.5x	28.6x	11.6x	9.9x	9.1x	8.7
Maintenance Capex As % of EBITDA	i		i	3%	-3%	3%	2%	7%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Abbreviated Balance Sheet Cash and Equivalents	0	0	0	3	0	10	18	17	17	13	9	6	3
Current Assets	0	3	4	3	4	19	30	29	29	29	29	27	25
Property Plant and Equipment, Net Other Assets	139	138 0	132	132 2	135 (0)	134 2	134 2	135 2	135 2	345 2	473 2	560 2	646 2
Total Assets	142	141	136	137	139	155	165	166	166	375	504	589	672
Current Liabilities	0	5	5	0	5	7	9	9	9	12	15	16	17
Credit facility	0	0	0	50	50	50	50	50	50	54	93	91	93
Long term debt, less current portion & Credit Facility Other Liabilities	0	0 1	0 2	0 50	0 1	0 50	0 50	0 50	0 50	80 54	105 93	130 91	155 93
Total Liabilities	9	5	7	50	6	57	59	59	59	146	213	237	265
Partners Capital	133	136	129	87	132	98	106	108	108	229	290	352	407
Total Liabilities & Partners Capital	142	141	136	137	139	155	165	166	166	375	504	589	672

*Note: GP portion of surplus cash flow refers to the excess cash flow, above distributions paid, to which the general partner would be entitled if excess cash flow were fully distributed. Similarly, GP portion of cash flow deficit refers to the portion of the shortfall that the GP would share in the event that distributions were paid only out of DCF.

Source: Partnership reports, Credit Suisse estimates

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Companies Mentioned (Price as of 05 Dec 11)
Tesoro Corp. (TSO, \$24.83, NEUTRAL [V], TP \$35.00)
Tesoro Logistics LP (TLLP, \$29.01, OUTPERFORM [V], TP \$33.00)

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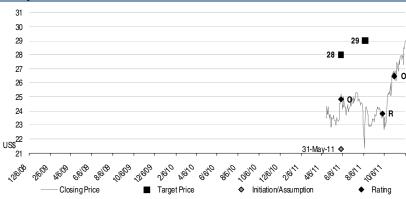
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3-Year Price, Target Price and Rating Change History Chart for TLLP

TLLP	Closing Price	Target Price		Initiation/
Date	(US\$)	(US\$)	Rating	Assumption
5/31/11	24.84	28	0	X
8/10/11	22.99	29		
9/30/11	23.8		R	
11/4/11	26.47		0	



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Method: We derived our \$33 price target through a three-stage distribution discount model (DDM). Our assumptions include a discount rate of 12.0%, distribution compounded annual growth rate of 8.0% over the next five years and 5.0% over the following five years and a terminal growth rate of 1.5%.

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