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## TESORO LOGISTICS LP

# Raising Price Target to \$30

Off to good start with bump in first full quarter post IPO, next potential catalyst analyst day. We raise our price from \$28 to \$30 to reflect solid 3Q results, sooner-than-expected distribution bump, and improving growth visibility. Our \$30 PT is based on a 12-month distribution run rate of \$1.58 (previously \$1.48) and target yield of 5.25% (previously 5.3%). Double-digit distribution growth visibility (we expect 12.7% in 2012) is supported by organic projects, including the emerging Bakken Shale and drop down opportunities. The next potential catalyst is TLLP's 12/5 analyst day, were management will provide guidance on 2012 expansion capex and likely its dropdown expectations.

**3Q** results above estimates, distribution bump sooner-than-expected. EBITDA was \$17.7mm vs. our \$14.2mm estimate and \$14.3mm consensus. Distributable cash flow was \$17.2mm vs. our \$12.6mm estimate. Upside to our estimates was driven by higher-than-expected crude gathering and terminalling volumes, lower-than-expected maintenance capex, and a gain from product sale under terminal loss allowance. TLLP posted its first distribution bump sooner than we forecasted. The Partnership increased its quarterly distribution 3.7% QoQ to \$0.35 per unit (\$1.40 annualized). Distribution coverage was a healthy 1.58x in 3Q. In addition, management slightly increased its quarterly EBITDA run rate by \$0.5mm to \$15.5mm.

**Organic projects on track, awaiting first dropdown.** Though the current expansion capex budget is relatively small at \$29mm (\$20.5mm net of \$8.5mm reimbursements from parent), it is comprised of a diverse set of highly accretive midstream projects with an aggregate EBITDA multiple less than 2x. Expected incremental EBITDA of \$11.5mm translates to 19% YoY growth. Additional growth should come from dropdown (we assume \$50mm in 2012). Given TLLP's low leverage (less than 1x), we expect current organic projects and the first dropdown will be debt financed.

TLLP: Quarterly and Annual EPS (USD)

|        | 2010   |       | 2011  |        |       | 2012  |       | Chan | ge y/y |
|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|--------|
| FY Dec | Actual | Old   | New   | Cons   | Old   | New   | Cons  | 2011 | 2012   |
| Q1     | N/A    | 0.32A | 0.00A | -0.19A | 0.38E | 0.40E | 0.38E | N/A  | 40%    |
| Q2     | N/A    | 0.25A | 0.25A | 0.25A  | 0.41E | 0.41E | 0.41E | N/A  | 64%    |
| Q3     | N/A    | 0.37E | 0.49A | 0.37E  | 0.48E | 0.49E | 0.44E | N/A  | 0%     |
| Q4     | N/A    | 0.37E | 0.40E | 0.38E  | 0.46E | 0.47E | 0.44E | N/A  | 17%    |
| Year   | N/A    | 0.99E | 1.14E | 0.92E  | 1.72E | 1.77E | 1.65E | N/A  | 55%    |
| P/E    | N/A    |       | 23.6  |        |       | 15.2  |       |      |        |

Source: Barclays Capital

Consensus numbers are from Thomson Reuters

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| Stock Rating | 1-OVERWEIGHT |
|--------------|--------------|
|              | Unchanged    |

Sector View 2-NEUTRAL Unchanged

Price Target USD 30.00

raised 7% from USD 28.00

| Price (08-Nov-2011)          | USD 26.85 |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Potential Upside/Downside    | +12%      |
| Tickers                      | TLLP      |
| Market Cap (USD mn)          | 804       |
| Shares Outstanding (mn)      | 30.20     |
| Free Float (%)               | 82.67     |
| 52 Wk Avg Daily Volume (mn)  | 0.2       |
| Dividend Yield (%)           | 0.0       |
| Return on Equity TTM (%)     | N/A       |
| Current BVPS (USD)           | 6.52      |
| Source: FactSet Fundamentals |           |

Price Performance Exchange-NYSE 52 Week range USD 27.43-21.07



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## Tesoro Logistics LP U.S. MLPs

| Income statement (\$mn)    | 2010A | 2011E  | 2012E  | 2013E  | CAGR |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| EBITDA                     | na    | 54     | 69     | 88     | NA   |
| EBIT                       | na    | 30     | 60     | 76     | NA   |
| Pre-tax income             | na    | 36     | 56     | 70     | NA   |
| Netincome                  | na    | 36     | 56     | 70     | NA   |
| Reported EPS               | na    | \$1.14 | \$1.77 | \$2.04 | NA   |
| Diluted shares (m)         | na    | 31     | 31     | 33     | NA   |
| Cash Distribution per Unit | na    | \$1.38 | \$1.55 | \$1.72 | NA   |

| Balance Sheet and Cash flow (\$m) |    |     |     |     | CAGR |
|-----------------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Cash                              | na | 13  | 4   | 5   | NA   |
| Net PP&E                          | na | 142 | 155 | 226 | NA   |
| Debt                              | na | 52  | 97  | 122 | NA   |
| Operating cash flow               | na | 35  | 65  | 81  | NA   |
| Distributable cash flow           | na | 49  | 60  | 74  | NA   |

| Valuation and leverage metrics |    |       |       | A     | Average |
|--------------------------------|----|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| Distribution coverage ratio %  | na | 132.2 | 123.9 | 126.9 | 127.7   |
| EV /EBITDA (x)                 | na | 14.8  | 11.4  | 9.0   | 11.7    |
| EV/EBITDA less MC, GP (x)      | na | 16.0  | 12.6  | 10.1  | 12.9    |
| Price/DCF(x)                   | na | 15.2  | 12.5  | 11.0  | 12.9    |
| EBITDA/interest expense (x)    | na | 32.5  | 15.7  | 13.7  | 20.6    |
| Debt/EBITDA (x)                | na | 1.0   | 1.4   | 1.4   | 1.3     |

| Operating metrics (volumes in 00 | 00 bpd) |       |       | ,     | Average |
|----------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| Crude oil pipeline volumes       | na      | 57.5  | 59.5  | 60.7  | 59.2    |
| Trucking volume                  | na      | 23.2  | 23.8  | 24.5  | 23.9    |
| Terminal volumes                 | na      | 133.3 | 139.8 | 141.1 | 138.1   |
| Short-haul pipeline volumes      | na      | 66.0  | 69.5  | 72.0  | 69.2    |
| Storage capacity (000 bbls)      | na      | 878.0 | 878.0 | 886.0 | 880.7   |

| Stock Rating        | 1-OVERWEIGHT |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Sector View         | 2-NEUTRAL    |
| Price (08-Nov-2011) | \$26.85      |
| Price Target        | \$30         |
| Ticker              | TLLP         |
|                     |              |

#### Investment case

TLLP is a high-growth, relatively low-risk crude oil/refined products pipeline MLP with an attractive mid-teens total return value proposition. Growth supported by organic projects, including the emerging Bakken Shale, and asset drop downs. Stability supported by long-term volume commitments from parent.

## Upside case

Could see upside from asset dropdown or third party acquisition over next 12 months, which could drive higher growth rate, increasing forward distribution estimate to \$1.60 and lowering target yield to 4.85%

## Downside case

\$22

\$33

Weakening macro conditions or failure to generate expected returns on current growth projects could increase equity risk premium, increasing target yield to 6.5% and lowering forward distribution estimate to \$1.40.

#### Upside/downside scenarios



## Source: FactSet

#### Cash Distribution per Unit



Note: FY end Dec.

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Source: Company data, Barclays Capital

## High-return organic projects should drive double-digit distribution growth

TLLP has 7 projects totalling \$29mm gross or \$20.5mm net (parent will reimburse TTLP \$8.5mm for Connolly gathering and Salt Lake City/Burley ethanol blending projects) and expected to generate incremental EBITDA of \$11.5mm, translating to a 1.8x multiple. Of the 7 projects, 3 are in the emerging Bakken. The \$6mm High Plains expansion will add pumping, tankage and truck unloading capacity related to TSO's 10,000 bpd Mandan, ND refinery expansion. Expected EBITDA is \$5mm and in-service date is 2Q12. The \$1.5mm Rangeland interconnect project will connect TLLP's High Plains pipeline system to Rangeland's North Dakota terminal and pipeline. Expected EBITDA is \$1.5mm and in-service date is 2Q12. The \$4mm Connolly gathering project will build a new gathering expected to transport 1,500 bpd of crude. TSO will reimburse TLLP the \$4mm cost. The project is EBITDA neutral, as it replaces trucked barrels with piped barrels. However, Connolly provides TLLP with a new gathering hub for future expansions. Expected in-service date is 1Q12. The remaining projects are terminal expansions in Los Angeles and Stockton, CA and ethanol blending in Burley, ID (Salt Lake completed in 2Q11) with expected in-service dates from 1Q12 to 4Q12.

Figure 1: TLLP Expansion Capex (\$ in million, net)

| Project  | Capex | EBITDA | multiple | Expected completion |  |
|--|-------|--------|----------|---------------------|--|
| Salt Lake/Burley ethanol blending (a)  | 0.0   | 1.0    | n/a      | 2Q11/2Q12           |  |
| Connolly gathering (a)   | 0.0   | 0.0    | n/a      | 1Q12                |  |
| Los Angeles terminal permit expansion  | 0.0   | 1.0    | n/a      | 1Q12                |  |
| High Plains Pipeline   | 6.0   | 5.0    | 1.2x     | 2Q12                |  |
| Rangeland interconnect   | 1.5   | 1.5    | 1.0x     | 2Q12                |  |
| Los Angeles terminal transmix  | 3.0   | 0.5    | 6.0x     | 3Q12                |  |
| Stockton terminal  | 10.0  | 2.5    | 4.0x     | 4Q12                |  |
| Total  | 20.5  | 11.5   | 1.8x     |                     |  |
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(a) TSO is reimbursing TLLP  $4.5 \, \text{mm}$  for ethanol and  $4 \, \text{mm}$  for Connolly projects

Source: Company filings

## No update on first dropdown but we expect color at Dec analyst day

TLLP is in discussions with TSO regarding the first asset dropdown. However, no further color such as size or type of asset was provided during the 11/8 earnings conference call. We believe TLLP will provide more detail on its dropdown schedule at the 12/5 analyst day in New York. We forecast TLLP to do a \$50mm dropdown in 1Q12.

## Balance sheet update

At the end of 3Q, TLLP had \$100mm of availability on its \$150mm revolver. Debt/EBITDA was below 1x. Given its low leverage, TLLP will likely not raise equity for its current slate of organic projects and its first dropdown, assuming the drop is below \$100mm.

Figure 2: Potential asset dropdowns

| Asset                      | Location           | Description   |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Refined products terminals | Martinez, CA       | 38,000 bpd  |
| Refined products terminals | Nikiski, AK        | 211,000 barrels storage capacity & 2,6000 bpd truck rack      |
| Refined products terminals | Anacortes, WA      | 1,700 bpd   |
| Marine terminals           | Long Beach, CA     | 104,200 bpd crude/refined products                            |
| Marine terminals           | Martinez, CA       | 61,000 bpd crude and 425,000 barrels storage                  |
| Marine terminals           | Martinez, CA       | product wharf with limited volumes currently                  |
| Marine terminals           | Nikiski, AK        | 74,000 bpd crude/refined products and 930,000 barrels storage |
| Marine terminals           | Anacortes, WA      | 54,000 bpd crude/refined products and 1.4MM barrels storage   |
| Pipelines                  | Nikiski, AK        | 31,000 bpd volume serving TSO AK refinery                     |
| Pipelines                  | Los Angeles,<br>CA | 9 lines with 45,000 bpd volume serving TSO LA refinery        |

Source: Company filings

#### 3Q Review

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Figure 3: TLLP Operating Metrics

|   | 2Q11    | 3Q119   | % change |
|---|---------|---------|----------|
| Crude oil pipeline volumes (bpd)        | 55,717  | 59,530  | 6.8%     |
| Crude oil pipeline tariff (per barrel)  | \$1.24  | \$1.35  | 8.9%     |
| Crude oil trucking volumes (bpd)        | 23,212  | 23,879  | 2.9%     |
| Crude oil trucking revenue (per barrel) | \$2.86  | \$2.90  | 1.4%     |
| Terminalling volumes (bpd)              | 134,579 | 144,997 | 7.7%     |
| Terminalling revenue (per barrel)       | \$0.76  | \$0.78  | 2.6%     |
| Storage capacity reserved (barrels)     | 878,000 | 878,000 | 0.0%     |
| Storage fee (per month)                 | \$0.50  | \$0.51  | 2.0%     |
| Short-haul pipeline volumes (bpd)       | 71,395  | 69,658  | -2.4%    |
| Short-haul pipeline tariff (per barrel) | \$0.25  | \$0.25  | 2.0%     |

Source: Company filings

3Q11 marked TLLP's first full quarter results as an MLP (IPO in April). As such, YoY comps are not helpful. That being said, we will review 3Q11 results vs. 2Q11 (from April 26). Overall pipeline, trucking and terminal volumes increased QoQ. Crude oil pipeline volumes grew 6.8% due to improved weather conditions in North Dakota (2Q had flooding). Trucking volumes increased 2.9%. Crude pipeline tariff increased 8.9% YoY to \$1.35 largely due to a 7% increase in the tariff rate beginning July 1. Trucking fees increased 1.4% due to

an inflation adjustor. Terminal volumes increased 7.7% due to higher seasonal demand and higher utilization. Terminal fees per barrel increased 2.6% partially due to inflation adjustor. Storage capacity and short-haul pipeline fees increased 2% also due to inflation adjustments. Short-haul pipe volumes declined 2.4%.

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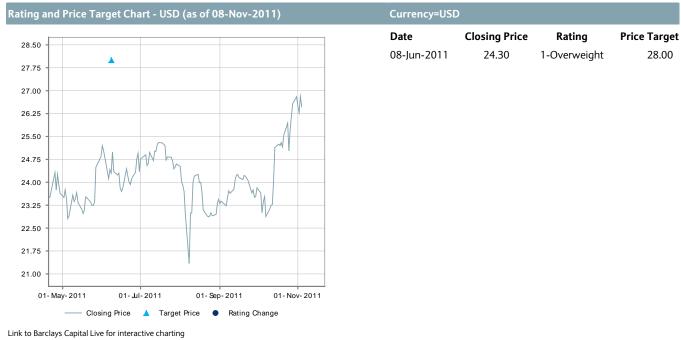
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1-OVERWEIGHT

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Sector View

2-NEUTRAL



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