

LyondellBasell (LYB)

\$42.76 (Stock Price as of 11/19/2025)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **\$52.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months

Zacks Recommendation: Underperform

(Since: 11/03/25)

Prior Recommendation: Neutral

Short Term: 1-3 Months

Zacks Rank: (1-5)

4-Sell

Zacks Style Scores:

VGM: B

Value: A

Growth: D

Momentum: A

Summary

Earnings estimates for LyondellBasell for the third quarter have been stable over the past month. It is leveraging the favorable North American natural gas environment with strategic expansions, including new advanced production facilities on the U.S. Gulf Coast that utilize proprietary technology. The company enhanced its position through the acquisition of A. Schulman, boosting its presence in advanced polymer solutions and a joint venture with Sasol in Louisiana, aligning with its growth strategy. It also generates strong cash flows and returns capital to shareholders. However, challenges such as maintenance turnaround costs might impact margins. The underlying demand in automotive is expected to remain challenged in the United States and Europe in the third quarter. The company's high debt level is another concern.

Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	\$85.25 - \$41.58
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	5,500,841
Market Cap	\$13.8 B
YTD Price Change	-42.4%
Beta	0.87
Dividend / Div Yld	\$5.48 / 12.8%
Industry	Chemical - Diversified
Zacks Industry Rank	Bottom 7% (225 out of 243)

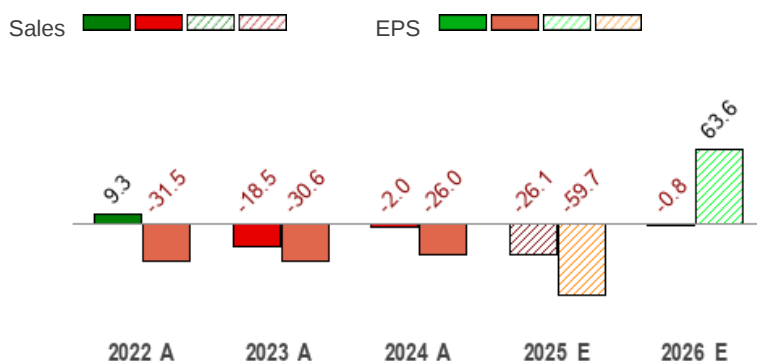
Last EPS Surprise	26.3%
Last Sales Surprise	3.1%
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	5.8%
Expected Report Date	01/30/2026
Earnings ESP	-6.3%

P/E TTM	15.8
P/E F1	16.6
PEG F1	-0.9
P/S TTM	0.4

Price, Consensus & Surprise⁽¹⁾



Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)⁽¹⁾



Sales Estimates (millions of \$)⁽¹⁾

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2026	7,251 E	7,277 E	6,957 E	6,796 E	29,539 E
2025	7,677 A	7,658 A	7,727 A	7,125 E	29,782 E
2024	9,925 A	10,558 A	10,322 A	9,497 A	40,302 A

EPS Estimates⁽¹⁾

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2026	0.72 E	1.23 E	1.27 E	1.04 E	4.22 E
2025	0.33 A	0.62 A	1.01 A	0.59 E	2.58 E
2024	1.53 A	2.24 A	1.88 A	0.75 A	6.40 A

*Quarterly figures may not add up to annual.

(1) The data in the charts and tables, including the Zacks Consensus EPS and sales estimates, is as of 11/19/2025.

(2) The report's text and the price target are as of 10/08/2025.

Overview

Based in Houston, TX, LyondellBasell Industries N.V. is among the leading plastics, chemical and refining companies globally with operations across 18 countries. The company's products are used across various industries including electronics, automotive parts, packaging, construction materials and biofuels.

LyondellBasell, which emerged from Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2010, is among the leading global producers of olefins and polyethylene. It is the world's second-largest producer of polypropylene. It generated revenues of roughly \$40.3 billion in 2024.

LyondellBasell operates through six segments, Olefins & Polyolefins – Americas; Olefins & Polyolefins - Europe, Asia, International; Intermediates and Derivatives; Advanced Polymer Solutions; Refining; and Technology. The Olefins & Polyolefins – Americas (29% of 2024 sales) division makes and markets olefins, including ethylene and ethylene co-products, polyolefins and Catalloy and polybutene.

The Olefins & Polyolefins - Europe, Asia, International (EAI) unit (27%) is engaged in the production and distribution of olefins, including ethylene and ethylene co-products, polyolefins, polypropylene compounds and Catalloy and polybutene.

The Intermediates and Derivatives segment (26%) manufactures propylene oxide and its co-products and derivatives, acetyls, including methanol, ethanol, ethylene oxide and its derivatives as well as oxygenated fuels (oxyfuels).

The Advanced Polymer Solutions segment (9%) manufactures and markets Compounding & Solutions and Advanced Polymers.

The Refining segment (21%) refines heavy, high-sulfur crude oil and different types of other crude oils as well as sources available on the U.S. Gulf Coast. The company's Houston refinery in Texas has been designed to refine heavy, high-sulfur crude oil.

LyondellBasell's Technology segment (2%) develops and licenses chemical and polyolefin process technologies and also makes and distributes polyolefin catalysts.



Reasons To Buy:

- ▲ LyondellBasell is capitalizing on the favorable North American natural gas environment by advancing its expansion projects to maximize the benefits of U.S. natural gas liquids (NGLs). The firm completed the construction of its new high-density polyethylene (HDPE) plant on the U.S. Gulf Coast, which utilizes its proprietary Hyperzone PE technology and boasts an annual capacity of 1.1 billion pounds. The Hyperzone HDPE plant is expected to generate approximately \$170 million in annual EBITDA. In March 2023, LyondellBasell successfully commenced operations at its large-scale propylene oxide and tertiary butyl alcohol (PO/TBA) plant on the U.S. Gulf Coast. This facility has an annual capacity of 470,000 metric tons of PO and 1 million metric tons of TBA and its derivatives, with an anticipated annual EBITDA of around \$450 million. The PO/TBA plant will allow LyondellBasell to boost production and sales by about 50% of the asset's capacity. High cash generation from the plant will offset capital expenses incurred during its construction.
- ▲ In 2018, the company purchased A. Schulman in a deal worth \$2.25 billion. This move creates a premier global provider of advanced polymer solutions with extensive geographic reach, leading technologies, and a diverse product portfolio. A. Schulman is a leading supplier of high-performance plastic compounds, composites and powders. The buyout doubles the size of LyondellBasell's existing compounding business. It provides a platform for growth with reach into additional high-growth markets such as packaging and consumer products, electronics and appliances, building and construction and agriculture. LyondellBasell expects to capture more than \$200 million in annual run-rate cost synergies from the acquisition.
- ▲ LyondellBasell, in late 2020, closed the Louisiana-based Integrated Polyethylene Joint Venture (JV) transaction with global integrated chemicals and energy company Sasol. The 50/50 JV includes a 0.9 million-ton low-density, 1.5 million-ton ethane cracker and linear-low density polyethylene plants along with related infrastructure near Lake Charles, LA. The JV aligns with LyondellBasell's strategy of investing in high-quality assets in growing markets. The formation of this JV is also part of LyondellBasell's initiative to expand core businesses while positioning the company to gain from improving economic conditions. The JV is expected to generate nearly \$330 million of annual EBITDA.
- ▲ The company remains dedicated to enhancing shareholder value by capitalizing on robust cash flows. It generated \$3.8 billion in cash from operating activities in 2024 and achieved roughly 90% cash conversion during the year, above its long-term goal of 80%. During the year, it returned \$1.9 billion to shareholders through dividends and share buybacks. The company has raised its quarterly dividend by roughly 2% to \$1.37 per share, marking the 15th straight year of annual dividend growth. It returned \$536 million to its shareholders through dividends and share buybacks during the second quarter of 2025. LyondellBasell is taking significant actions to boost cash flows through its Cash Improvement Plan, which is expected to generate at least \$1.1 billion in cash improvements over 2025 and 2026, supporting returns to shareholders.

LyondellBasell's HDPE project should boost capacity and add to its earnings. The PO/TBA plant will also increase production. The buyout of A. Schulman will also create significant synergies.

Reasons To Sell:

- ▼ LyondellBasell is expected to face considerable maintenance turnaround expenses that could pressure its profit margins. Lower volumes driven by a turnaround at a German cracker and operational challenges at a French cracker led to a decline in olefins results by about \$70 million in the fourth quarter of 2024. The planned maintenance at Channelview assets and the outage at the Lake Charles joint venture also significantly impacted its results in first-quarter 2025. The company will conduct a planned turnaround of La Porte acetyls assets during the third quarter, which is expected to impact the Intermediates and Derivatives segment. To align production with global demand and planned maintenance activities, LyondellBasell expects to operate its North American olefins and polyolefins (O&P) assets at 85% capacity, European O&P facilities at 75% and Intermediates & Derivatives (I&D) assets at 80% in the third quarter. Turnarounds are likely to impact production volumes and margins.
- ▼ The Advanced Polymer Solutions segment remains hamstrung by lower demand in the automotive sector due to lower production globally. Demand is expected to be affected by elevated inventory levels across the industry over the near term. The automotive market also remains susceptible to U.S. trade disruptions driven by changes in trade policies. Revenues from the segment fell around 3% year over year in the second quarter. The underlying demand in automotive is expected to remain challenged in the United States and Europe in the third quarter.
- ▼ The company's high debt level is another concern, limiting its financial flexibility. Its long-term debt increased around 6% sequentially to around \$11.2 billion at the end of the second quarter of 2025. Its time-interest-earned ratio at the end of second-quarter 2025 was 1.3, deteriorating from 3.4 at the end of first-quarter 2025. The company's total debt-to-total capital ratio was 49.8 as of June 30, 2025, higher than 47.9 as of March 31, 2025, and 42.8 for its industry. As such, it has a higher default risk.

Costs associated with maintenance might hurt margins. Weaker automotive demand, tariff-related disruptions and high debt levels are other concerns.

Last Earnings Report

LyondellBasell's Earnings Lag Estimates, Revenues Beat in Q2

LyondellBasell recorded a second-quarter 2025 profit of \$115 million or 34 cents per share, reflecting a decrease of 87.5% from \$924 million or \$2.82 per share reported a year ago.

The company posted adjusted earnings of 62 cents, down 71.8% from the year-ago quarter figure of \$2.20. Adjusted earnings missed the Zacks Consensus Estimate of 87 cents.

The company's net sales in the second quarter were roughly \$7.66 billion, which beat the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$7.41 billion. Net sales fell around 11.7% from \$8.68 billion in the prior-year quarter.

Segment Highlights

In the reported quarter, the Olefins & Polyolefins — Americas segment's revenues declined 18.8% amounting to around \$2.38 billion, lagging the consensus estimate of \$2.73 billion.

Similarly, Olefins & Polyolefins — Europe, Asia, the international segment revenues declined 4.8% year over year to \$2.7 billion. It topped the consensus estimate of \$2.6 billion.

In the Intermediates and Derivatives segment sales were \$2.28 billion, a decline of 18.6% year over year, missing the consensus estimate of \$2.32 billion.

The Advanced Polymer Solutions revenues were \$917 million, representing a decline of 3.3% year over year, missing the consensus estimate of \$926 million.

The Technology segment's revenues were \$137 million, marking a decline of 13.8%, and lagging the consensus estimate of \$145 million.

Financials

LyondellBasell generated \$351 million in cash from its operating activities in the reported quarter. The company continued its balanced capital allocation strategy by spending \$539 million on capital spending and distributing \$536 million to shareholders via dividends and share buybacks. By the end of the quarter, LyondellBasell had \$1.7 billion in cash and cash equivalents, along with \$6.4 billion in total available liquidity.

Outlook

In the third quarter, LyondellBasell anticipates an improvement in North American integrated polyethylene margins, driven by the completion of scheduled maintenance in April and higher prices supported by strong domestic demand and increased export activity. In Europe, steady seasonal demand and favorable feedstock costs are expected to persist, while ongoing capacity reductions across the region are expected to help balance supply and demand. However, oxyfuels margins are projected to remain weak throughout the summer. The company continues to closely monitor potential risks and opportunities related to shifting tariffs and global trade patterns.

FY Quarter Ending **12/31/2024**

Earnings Reporting Date	Oct 31, 2025
Sales Surprise	3.11%
EPS Surprise	26.25%
Quarterly EPS	1.01
Annual EPS (TTM)	2.71

Recent News

LyondellBasell Expands Suzhou Technical Center With New Lab Line

LyondellBasell said, on **Sep 10, 2025**, that it has strengthened its support for the Advanced Polymer Solutions business with the commissioning of a new laboratory extrusion line and an upgraded processing workshop at its Suzhou Technical Center. The investment will enhance compounding capabilities for polypropylene compounds and engineered plastics. The new facility will also help in the high-precision development of complex formulations.

The Suzhou Technical Center features state-of-the-art extruders, advanced product analysis and performance testing abilities. Innovation will be focused on lightweight plastic body panels, flame-retardant technologies, sustainable materials, specialty resins and color-material-finish solutions. The expansion reaffirms the company's commitment to aligning growth with market megatrends through increased R&D investment in the region.

Valuation

LyondellBasell's shares are down 47.9% over the trailing 12-month period. Over the past year, the Zacks Chemical - Diversified industry and the Zacks Basic Materials sector are down 28.8% and up 9.5%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is up 18.7% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 8.59X trailing 12-month enterprise value-to EBITDA (EV/EBITDA) ratio, which compares to 10.22X for the Zacks sub-industry, 14.39X for the Zacks sector and 18.68X for the S&P 500 index.

Over the past five years, the stock has traded as high as 14.53X and as low as 3.82X, with a 5-year median of 7.64X.

Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in line with the market. Our \$52 price target reflects 13.54X forward 12-month earnings per share.

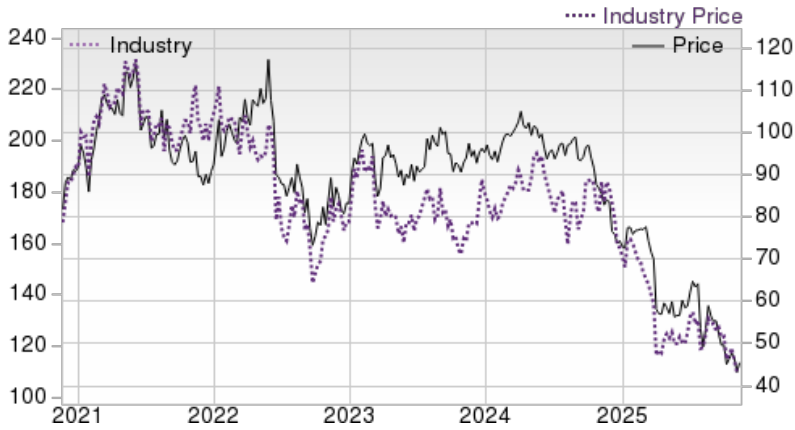
The table below shows summary valuation data for LYB:

Valuation Multiples - LYB					
		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
EV/EBITDA TTM	Current	8.59	10.22	14.39	18.68
	5-Year High	14.53	12.86	14.77	22.58
	5-Year Low	3.82	5.57	5.81	13.96
	5-Year Median	7.64	9.77	11.02	18.1
P/E F 12M	Current	12.79	18.85	17	23.65
	5-Year High	14.89	19.94	17	23.65
	5-Year Low	4.77	8.76	7.98	15.72
	5-Year Median	9.76	14.53	12.77	21.2
P/B TTM	Current	1.33	1.54	2.89	8.84
	5-Year High	4.58	3.14	4.26	9.19
	5-Year Low	1.3	1.41	2.2	6.62
	5-Year Median	2.37	2.02	3.05	8.01

As of 10/07/2025

Source: Zacks Investment Research

Industry Analysis⁽¹⁾ Zacks Industry Rank: Bottom 7% (225 out of 243)



Top Peers ⁽¹⁾

Company (Ticker)	Rec	Rank
Air Products and Chemicals (APD)	Neutral	3
BASF SE (BASFY)	Neutral	3
Dow Inc. (DOW)	Neutral	3
Huntsman Corporation (HUN)	Neutral	3
Stepan Company (SCL)	Neutral	3
Exxon Mobil Corporation (XOM)	Neutral	3
Eastman Chemical Company (EMN)	Underperform	5
Westlake Corporation (WLK)	Underperform	4

Industry Comparison⁽¹⁾ Industry: Chemical - Diversified

	LYB	X Industry	S&P 500	APD	EMN	WLK
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Underperform	-	-	Neutral	Underperform	Underperform
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	4	-	-	3	5	4
VGM Score	B	-	-	D	D	C
Market Cap	13.76 B	2.36 B	37.00 B	56.36 B	6.55 B	7.38 B
# of Analysts	4	3	22	7	6	6
Dividend Yield	12.82%	1.90%	1.54%	2.83%	5.78%	3.69%
Value Score	A	-	-	C	B	B
Cash/Price	0.12	0.16	0.04	0.03	0.07	0.26
EV/EBITDA	6.25	5.90	14.10	53.42	6.07	4.14
PEG Ratio	-0.88	2.64	2.17	2.49	6.12	NA
Price/Book (P/B)	1.30	1.00	3.23	3.25	1.12	0.74
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	3.82	5.60	14.54	13.28	4.59	4.13
P/E (F1)	16.59	15.11	19.43	19.53	10.40	NA
Price/Sales (P/S)	0.42	0.57	2.96	4.68	0.73	0.64
Earnings Yield	5.78%	6.19%	5.12%	5.12%	9.61%	-1.81%
Debt/Equity	1.00	0.55	0.57	0.98	0.82	0.39
Cash Flow (\$/share)	11.19	3.19	8.99	19.07	12.50	13.91
Growth Score	D	-	-	C	F	D
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	-21.70%	-11.94%	8.17%	9.33%	-1.75%	-16.95%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-59.69%	-10.14%	8.30%	7.81%	-30.04%	NA
Curr. Cash Flow Growth	-17.05%	0.55%	7.00%	0.55%	14.20%	-17.22%
Hist. Cash Flow Growth (3-5 yrs)	-5.14%	-1.87%	7.32%	6.86%	-2.07%	9.56%
Current Ratio	1.57	1.96	1.18	1.38	1.76	1.99
Debt/Capital	50.34%	35.67%	38.16%	49.41%	45.02%	28.21%
Net Margin	-3.70%	0.48%	12.75%	-3.28%	7.75%	-8.34%
Return on Equity	7.50%	5.94%	17.04%	15.18%	12.89%	-0.78%
Sales/Assets	0.93	0.74	0.53	0.30	0.60	0.56
Proj. Sales Growth (F1/F0)	-26.10%	0.00%	5.49%	4.40%	-5.80%	-6.00%
Momentum Score	A	-	-	D	B	B
Daily Price Chg	-2.24%	-0.46%	0.38%	0.43%	-0.12%	-1.96%
1 Week Price Chg	5.30%	0.50%	-3.05%	-0.15%	-1.63%	-3.68%
4 Week Price Chg	-5.40%	-5.11%	-0.85%	0.04%	-6.14%	-23.69%
12 Week Price Chg	-24.02%	-11.05%	2.48%	-14.03%	-16.55%	-33.20%
52 Week Price Chg	-48.16%	-26.11%	12.25%	-22.75%	-43.34%	-55.05%
20 Day Average Volume	5,500,841	198,273	2,928,402	1,397,263	3,542,841	1,377,391
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.07%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	5.78%	0.00%	0.38%	0.55%	-5.32%	-195.26%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-17.58%	-6.38%	0.57%	0.60%	-10.33%	-1,266.73%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-23.44%	-2.46%	-0.10%	-2.46%	-24.73%	-293.65%

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Value Score	A
Growth Score	D
Momentum Score	A
VGM Score	B

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