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LyondellBasell (LYB)

$47.64 (Stock Price as of 01/08/2026)

Price Target (6-12 Months): **$48.00**

Long Term: 6-12 Months	**Zacks Recommendation:** (Since: 12/02/25) Prior Recommendation: Underperform	**Neutral**
Short Term: 1-3 Months	**Zacks Rank:** (1-5)	**3-Hold**
	Zacks Style Scores:	VGM: C
	Value: A | Growth: F | Momentum: F	

Summary

Earnings estimates for LyondellBasell for the fourth quarter have been going down 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, maintenance turnaround costs might impact margins. The underlying demand in automotive is expected to remain challenged in the United States and Europe in the fourth quarter. The company's high debt level is another concern.

Price, Consensus & Surprise(1)

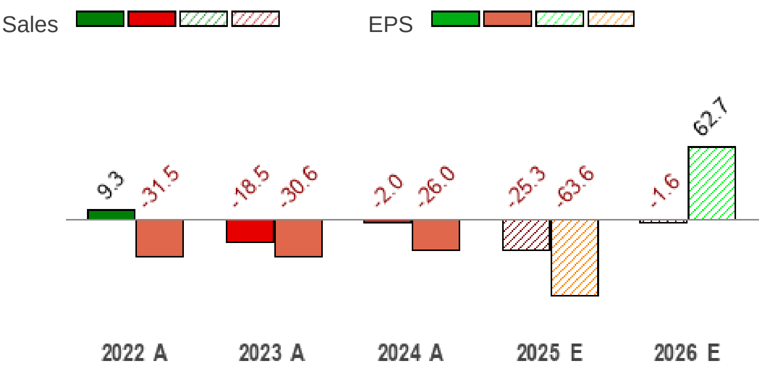
Data Overview

52 Week High-Low	**$79.39 - $41.58**
20 Day Average Volume (sh)	**4,702,638**
Market Cap	**$14.5 B**
YTD Price Change	**3.7%**
Beta	**0.70**
Dividend / Div Yld	**$5.48 / 12.2%**
Industry	**Chemical - Diversified**
Zacks Industry Rank	**Bottom 6% (230 out of 244)**

Last EPS Surprise	**26.3%**
Last Sales Surprise	**3.1%**
EPS F1 Est- 4 week change	**-5.2%**
Expected Report Date	**01/30/2026**
Earnings ESP	**-107.8%**

P/E TTM	**16.6**
P/E F1	**20.5**
PEG F1	**-0.9**
P/S TTM	**0.4**

Sales and EPS Growth Rates (Y/Y %)(1)



Sales Estimates (millions of $)(1)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual*
2026	7,655 E	7,774 E	7,810 E	7,351 E	29,624 E
2025	7,677 A	7,658 A	7,727 A	7,013 E	30,120 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	0.70 E	1.12 E	1.12 E	0.75 E	3.79 E
2025	0.33 A	0.62 A	1.01 A	0.34 E	2.33 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 01/08/2026.
(2) The report's text and the price target are as of 12/11/2025.

Overview

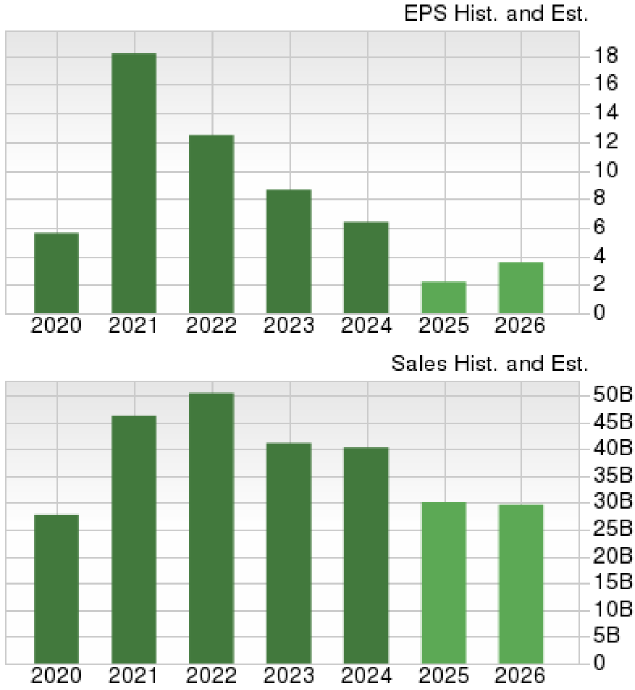
Based in Houston, TX, LyondellBasell Industries N.V. is among the leading plastics, chemical and refining companies globally with operations across 18 countries. The company's products are used across various industries including electronics, automotive parts, packaging, construction materials and biofuels.

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).



As of 01/08/2026

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.

As of 01/08/2026

Reasons To Buy:

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.

- 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 $443 million to its shareholders through dividends and share buybacks during the third 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.

Reasons To Sell:

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

- LyondellBasell is expected to face considerable maintenance turnaround expenses that could pressure its profit margins. The planned maintenance at Channelview assets and the outage at the Lake Charles joint venture significantly impacted its results in first-quarter 2025. The company conducted a planned turnaround of La Porte acetyls assets during the third quarter, which impacted the Intermediates and Derivatives segment. In the fourth quarter, LyondellBasell anticipates reduced operating rates and year-end seasonality to impact results across most of its businesses. It will idle one of its PO/SM units in Channelview and one of its crackers in Germany in the fourth quarter. To align production with global demand and planned maintenance activities, LyondellBasell expects to operate its North American olefins and polyolefins (O&P) assets at 80% capacity, European O&P facilities at 60% and Intermediates & Derivatives (I&D) assets at 75% in the fourth 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 third quarter. The underlying demand in automotive is expected to remain challenged in the United States and Europe in the fourth quarter.

- The company's high debt level is another concern, limiting its financial flexibility. Its long-term debt was around $10.6 billion at the end of the third quarter of 2025. Its time-interest-earned ratio at the end of third-quarter 2025 was negative 2.2, deteriorating from 1.3 at the end of second-quarter 2025. The company's total debt-to-total capital ratio was 52.8 as of Sept. 30, 2025, higher than 49.8 as of June 30, 2025, and 44.7 for its industry. As such, it has a higher default risk.

Last Earnings Report

LyondellBasell's Earnings and Revenues Beat Estimates in Q3

FY Quarter Ending	12/31/2025
Earnings Reporting Date	Oct 31, 2025
Sales Surprise	3.11%
EPS Surprise	26.25%
Quarterly EPS	1.01
Annual EPS (TTM)	2.71

LyondellBasell recorded a loss of $890 million or $2.77 per share. This compares unfavorably with a profit of $573 million or $1.75 per share reported a year ago.

Barring one-time items, LyondellBasell posted adjusted earnings of $1.01 per share, down from the year-ago quarter's figure of $1.91. It topped the Zacks Consensus Estimate of 80 cents.

The company's net sales in the reported quarter were $7,727 million, which beat the Zacks Consensus Estimate of $7,493.9 million. Net sales fell around 10% from $8,604 million in the prior-year quarter.

LyondellBasell saw improved profitability in the Olefins & Polyolefins — Americas segment, backed by higher olefins margins and increased sales volumes. Sales volumes were supported by higher domestic demand for polyethylene.

Segment Highlights

In the reported quarter, the Olefins & Polyolefins — Americas segment's revenues declined around 13% year over year to $2,606 million. The figure beat the consensus estimate of $2,531 million.

Similarly, Olefins & Polyolefins — Europe, Asia, the international segment revenues declined 8% year over year to $2,587 million. It topped the consensus estimate of $2,293 million.

In the Intermediates and Derivatives segment sales were $2,343 million, a decline of roughly 13% year over year, beating the consensus estimate of $2,325 million.

The Advanced Polymer Solutions revenues were $870 million, representing a decline of around 3% year over year, missing the consensus estimate of $891 million.

The Technology segment's revenues were $115 million, marking a decline of roughly 21%, and lagging the consensus estimate of $137 million.

Financials

LyondellBasell generated $983 million in cash from its operating activities in the reported quarter. The company continued its balanced capital allocation strategy by spending $406 million on capital expenditures and distributing $443 million to shareholders via dividends and share buybacks.

At the end of the quarter, LyondellBasell had $1.8 billion in cash and cash equivalents, along with $6.5 billion in total available liquidity.

Outlook

In the fourth quarter, LyondellBasell anticipates reduced operating rates and year-end seasonality to impact results across most of its businesses. Increased natural gas and feedstock costs are expected to put pressure on integrated polyolefins margins in North America. LyondellBasell also sees soft industrial and consumer demand to persist in Europe. While Industry downtime aided oxyfuels margins during October, seasonally higher costs for feedstocks and reduced octane values are expected to pressure margins for the balance of the fourth quarter. Cost reduction initiatives are also forecast to offset some of the pricing pressures in Advanced Polymer Solutions.

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 40.6% over the trailing 12-month period. Over the past year, the Zacks Chemical - Diversified industry and the Zacks Basic Materials sector are down 34.1% and up 15.2%, respectively.

The S&P 500 index is up 15.3% in the past year.

The stock is currently trading at 9.64X trailing 12-month enterprise value-to EBITDA (EV/EBITDA) ratio, which compares to 10.75X for the Zacks sub-industry, 14.27X for the Zacks sector and 18.63X 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 7.63X.

Our Neutral recommendation indicates that the stock will perform in line with the market. Our $48 price target reflects 12.94X forward 12-month earnings per share.

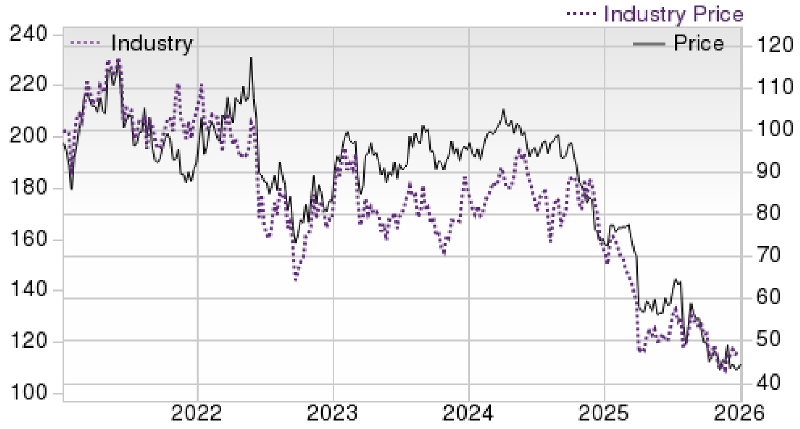
The table below shows summary valuation data for LYB:

Valuation Multiples - LYB

		Stock	Sub-Industry	Sector	S&P 500
EV/EBITDA TTM	Current	9.64	10.75	14.27	18.63
	5-Year High	14.53	12.79	14.7	22.41
	5-Year Low	3.82	5.56	5.75	13.87
	5-Year Median	7.63	9.88	10.87	17.96
P/E F 12M	Current	12.18	18.82	15.15	23.44
	5-Year High	14.89	19.93	16.68	23.78
	5-Year Low	4.77	8.82	8.03	15.73
	5-Year Median	9.77	14.6	12.87	21.21
P/B TTM	Current	1.37	1.3	3.39	8.51
	5-Year High	4.58	3.12	4.25	9.16
	5-Year Low	1.28	1.26	2.18	6.6
	5-Year Median	2.35	2.01	3.03	8.05

As of 12/10/2025 *Source: Zacks Investment Research*

Industry Analysis[1] **Zacks Industry Rank:** Bottom 6% (230 out of 244)



Top Peers [1]

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

Industry Comparison[1] Industry: Chemical - Diversified

	LYB	X Industry	S&P 500	APD	EMN	WLK
				Industry Peers		
Zacks Recommendation (Long Term)	Neutral	-	-	Neutral	Underperform	Underperform
Zacks Rank (Short Term)	3	-	-	3	5	5
VGM Score	C	-	-	D	D	F
Market Cap	14.46 B	2.70 B	40.07 B	58.29 B	7.56 B	9.55 B
# of Analysts	4	2.5	22	7	6	5
Dividend Yield	12.20%	1.67%	1.38%	2.73%	5.07%	2.85%
Value Score	A	-	-	C	B	D
Cash/Price	0.13	0.16	0.04	0.03	0.07	0.22
EV/EBITDA	6.44	6.44	14.89	54.86	6.63	5.13
PEG Ratio	-0.87	2.58	2.04	2.58	6.38	21.28
Price/Book (P/B)	1.36	1.16	3.41	3.36	1.29	0.96
Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)	4.01	6.66	15.44	13.73	5.30	5.35
P/E (F1)	20.09	15.89	18.58	20.22	10.84	54.05
Price/Sales (P/S)	0.44	0.63	3.06	4.84	0.84	0.83
Earnings Yield	7.99%	6.11%	5.38%	4.95%	9.22%	1.85%
Debt/Equity	1.00	0.55	0.57	0.98	0.82	0.39
Cash Flow ($/share)	11.19	3.39	8.98	19.07	12.50	13.91
Growth Score	F	-	-	C	F	D
Hist. EPS Growth (3-5 yrs)	-21.70%	-10.37%	8.24%	9.33%	-1.75%	-16.95%
Proj. EPS Growth (F1/F0)	-63.59%	20.68%	9.21%	7.65%	-31.05%	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%	7.49%	6.86%	-2.07%	9.56%
Current Ratio	1.57	1.99	1.19	1.38	1.76	1.99
Debt/Capital	50.34%	35.66%	38.14%	49.41%	45.02%	28.21%
Net Margin	-3.70%	0.48%	12.77%	-3.28%	7.75%	-8.34%
Return on Equity	7.50%	5.89%	17.03%	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)	-25.30%	1.83%	5.29%	4.30%	-6.00%	-7.00%
Momentum Score	F	-	-	F	D	D
Daily Price Chg	-2.79%	-0.52%	-0.34%	1.36%	-3.03%	-3.82%
1 Week Price Chg	2.64%	0.58%	1.10%	1.23%	1.29%	0.54%
4 Week Price Chg	-0.71%	1.98%	0.50%	10.63%	1.99%	2.39%
12 Week Price Chg	-3.96%	2.38%	3.75%	1.73%	9.20%	-3.70%
52 Week Price Chg	-38.51%	-11.18%	16.94%	-8.20%	-24.87%	-32.63%
20 Day Average Volume	4,702,638	178,056	2,431,070	1,569,239	1,372,454	1,325,660
(F1) EPS Est 1 week change	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
(F1) EPS Est 4 week change	-5.24%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-1.93%	-15.99%
(F1) EPS Est 12 week change	-14.95%	-9.73%	0.44%	0.22%	-12.40%	-47.35%
(Q1) EPS Est Mthly Chg	-6.22%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-2.57%	-69.23%

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Zacks Recommendation

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Value Score	A
Growth Score	F
Momentum Score	F
VGM Score	C

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