

"3 High Dividend Stocks going Ex-Dividend In February 2017"

Looking for more dividend income in February 2017? Here are 3 high dividend stocks that are going ex-dividend - Arc Logistics Partners (ARCX), MPLX LP (MPLX), and Ocean Yield AS (OYIEF).

ARCX and MPLX are US-based midstream pipeline companies, and OYIEF is a diversified shipowner, based in Norway. All 3 companies operate on long term contracts, and have good dividend coverage.

Profiles:

Arc Logistics Partners: ARCX engages in the terminalling, storage, throughput, and transloading of crude oil and petroleum products. The company's energy logistics assets serves various third-party customers, including oil companies, independent refiners, crude oil and petroleum product marketers, distributors, and various industrial manufacturers. Its energy logistics assets consist of 21 terminals in 12 states located in the East Coast, Gulf Coast, Midwest, Rocky Mountains, and West Coast regions of the US.

MPLX: MPLX LP owns, operates, develops, and acquires midstream energy infrastructure assets. The company engages in gathering, processing, and transportation of natural gas; the gathering, transportation, fractionation, storage, and marketing of natural gas liquids; and the gathering, transportation, and storage of crude oil and refined petroleum products. Company assets include approximately 2,900 miles of crude oil and refined product pipelines across 9 states. It also holds a 100% interest in butane cavern located in Neal, West Virginia with approximately 1,000 thousand barrels of storage capacity. In addition, the company operates crude oil and product pipelines owned by third parties

Ocean Yield AS: OYIEF is a ship owning company with investments within oil-service and industrial shipping. OYIEF IPO'd in July 2013 on the Oslo stock exchange. Its 34-vessel fleet operate on long term, fee-based contracts, which currently average 11.2 years.

You can trade OYIEF interchangeably on the US OTC market or on the Oslo borse.

Dividends: MPLX and ARCX have both declared their next distributions, whereas OYIEF's dates are base upon its Feb. 2016 ex-dividend and pay dates. It's quite a wide range of dividend yields - 5.56% for MPLX, 9.04% for OYIEF, and 11.06% for ARCX.

MPLX has now raised its distribution for 14 straight quarters, and OYIEF has raised its dividend for 12 straight quarters. ARCX has raised its distribution from \$.387 in May 2014, to the present \$.44.

All 3 firms have good dividend coverage factors - MPLX and ARCX use Distributable Cash Flow (DCF), to measure their coverage, and OYIEF uses Adjusted EPS. (We inverted OYIEF's Dividend Payout ratio, in order to calculate its distribution coverage factor.)

You can track the current prices and dividend yield for OYIEF in the Services section of our [High Dividend Stocks By Sectors Tables](#). ARCX and MPLX are in the Basic Materials section.

Company	Ticker	PRICE PER SHARE 1/30/17	Forward Dividend Yield	Most Recent Quarterly Distribution	Next Ex-Dividend Date	Pay Date	Distribution Coverage (ttm)
MPLX LP	MPLX	\$37.40	5.56%	\$0.5200	2/2/17	2/14/17	1.21
Arc Logistics Partners LP	ARCX	\$15.92	11.06%	\$0.4400	2/6/17	2/15/17	1.11
Ocean Yield AS	OYIEF	\$7.85	9.04%	\$0.1775	2/13/2017*	3/3/2017*	1.30

Options: Only MPLX has options available. We've added this March \$39.00 option to our free [Covered Calls Table](#), where you can find more details for this and over 25 other income-producing trades.

The March \$39.00 strike has a \$.50 bid, which allows you to virtually double your dividend on this 2 month trade:

PRICE 10/24/16	DIVIDEND PER SHARE \$ PAID PRIOR TO CALL EXPIRATION	ANNUAL'D DIVIDEND YIELD %	CALL OPTION EXPIRATION MONTH & STRIKE PRICE	CALL BID PREMIUM	ANNUAL'D CALL YIELD	TOTAL ANN'D STATIC YIELD	POTENTIAL ASSIGNED YIELD	ANNUAL'D TOTAL POTENTIAL YIELD	BREAK- EVEN PRICE
\$37.40	\$0.5200	10.57%	3/18/2017 \$39.00	\$0.50	10.17%	20.74%	32.53%	53.27%	\$19.79

The \$39 strike is \$1.60 above MPLX's \$37.40 price/share, which gives you ample protection in your shares get assigned/sold away before the ex-dividend date. These are the 3 main income/profit scenarios for this trade:

SHARE PRICE	CALL OPTION PREMIUM	DIVIDENDS Pre- Expiration Date	(A): STATIC INCOME (CALL PREMIUM + DIVIDEND)	POTENTIAL ASSIGNED PRICE GAINS (STRIKE PRICE MINUS SHARE PRICE)	(B): POTENTIAL ASSIGNED PRE- EX- DIVIDEND DATE INCOME: PRICE GAIN + CALL OPTION PREMIUM, BUT NO DIVIDENDS	(C): TOTAL POTENTIAL ASSIGNED INCOME: IF ASSIGNED AFTER EX-DIVIDEND DATES
\$37.40	\$0.50	\$0.52	\$1.02	\$1.60	\$2.10	\$2.62
Nominal Yields:	1.34%	1.39%	2.73%	4.28%	5.61%	7.01%

There's also an attractive put option trade available for MPLX. The March \$35.00 put option has a \$.65 bid, which gives you a \$34.35 breakeven. You can see more details for this and over 25 other put-selling trades in our free Cash Secured Puts Table, which is also updated throughout each trading day.

PRICE 10/24/16	DIVIDEND PER SHARE \$ EX-DATES BEFORE PUT EXPIRATION	ANNUAL'D DIVIDEND YIELD %	PUT OPTION EXPIRATION MONTH & STRIKE PRICE	PUT BID PREMIUM	ANNUAL'D PUT YIELD	100% CASH RESERVE AMOUNT	BREAK- EVEN PRICE	52-WEEK LOW
\$37.40	\$0.5200	10.57%	3/18/2017 \$35.00	\$0.65	14.12%	\$3,500.00	\$34.35	\$16.34

Valuations: ARCX looks the cheapest, on all of the metrics listed below. The P/E comparisons are not exactly apples-to-apples, as OYIEF uses Adjusted EPS and MPLX & ARCX use DCF, but it does give you some idea of relative valuations.

Ticker	PRICE PER SHARE 1/30/17	Adj'd P/E/Price- DCF	Price/ Sales	Price Book	Mkt. Cap	EV/EBITDA
MPLX	\$37.40	15.20	6.03	1.27	\$13.54B	18.29
ARCX	\$15.92	8.12	2.95	0.83	\$404M	10.48
OYIEF	\$7.85	8.82	3.90	1.31	\$1.16B	10.31

Performance: We compared all 3 stocks to the S&P 500, and to the Alerian MLP ETF. MPLX has had the best performance over the past trading month, quarter, and year to date. ARCX came back from the dead over the past year, rising 59%, but is up just 1% in 2017. OYIEF is a more low-profile stock, but has outperformed the market so far in 2017.

Ticker	PRICE PER SHARE 1/30/17	Performance (Month)	Performance (Quarter)	Performance (Year)	Performance (YTD)	52-Week High	52-Week Low
MPLX	\$37.40	13.62%	22.03%	39.04%	10.83%	-2.98%	139.74%
ARCX	\$15.92	2.03%	9.34%	58.87%	1.07%	-8.51%	83.78%
OYIEF	\$7.85	8.28%	1.55%	15.61%	8.28%	-7.43%	8.28%
ALERIAN MLP ETF (AMLX)	\$12.99	3.54%	7.35%	40.56%	4.44%	-1.74%	77.41%
S&P 500	\$2,280.90	1.88%	3.73%	17.56%	1.88%	-0.87%	26.01%

Financials: MPLX has the most conservative Debt/Equity load, whereas ARCX has a stronger Current ratio. OYIEF has been on a major expansion, and has ramped up its leverage, in order to acquire more vessels.

Ticker	Return On Assets	Return on Equity	Current Ratio	Total Debt/Equity	Operating Margin
MPLX	0.72%	1.16%	1.02	0.43	16.78%
ARCX	2.14%	3.75%	1.24	0.66	20.17%
OYIEF	3.00%	9.28%	0.71	1.80	27.59%

Disclosure: Author was long shares of ARCX, MPLX, and OYIEF at the time of this writing.

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