



America Movil (AMX)

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Key Metrics

Current Price:	\$15	5 Year CAGR Estimate:	11.4%	Market Cap:	\$46.7 B
Fair Value Price:	\$19	5 Year Growth Estimate:	4.0%	Ex-Dividend Date:	7/11/2025 ¹
% Fair Value:	80%	5 Year Valuation Multiple Estimate:	4.7%	Dividend Payment Date:	7/21/2025
Dividend Yield:	3.4%	5 Year Price Target	\$23	Years Of Dividend Growth:	0
Dividend Risk Score:	B	Retirement Suitability Score:	B	Rating:	Hold

Overview & Current Events

America Movil (sometimes stylized as América Móvil) is a Mexican telecommunications company headquartered in Mexico City. The company is the largest wireless telecommunications provider in Latin America based on subscriber count and has the largest market share in Mexico and the third-largest market share in Brazil. America Movil's stock trades on the Mexican Stock Exchange under the ticker AMXL, but United States investors can purchase its stock through American Depositary Receipts which trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker AMX. America Movil trades with a market capitalization of US\$46.7 billion and is majority owned by Carlos Slim and family, the richest man in Mexico and one of the wealthiest individuals in the world.

In mid-February, America Movil reported (2/11/25) financial results for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2024. It added 2.1 million wireless subscribers in the quarter. Brazil, Colombia and Mexico were the main growth contributors. Service revenue grew 7% and EBITDA grew 5% over the prior year's quarter, at constant exchange rates. However, earnings plunged -47.5% due to a steep increase in financing costs, which were related to currency exchange losses. These losses provide a stern reminder of the risk of the stock related to currency exchange rates. Nevertheless, as this headwind is unlikely to recur this year, we expect earnings-per-share of about \$1.45 this year.

Growth on a Per-Share Basis

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2030
EPS	\$0.66	\$0.15	\$0.42	\$0.76	\$1.06	\$0.61	\$2.88	\$1.18	\$1.41	\$0.44	\$1.45	\$1.76
DPS	\$0.32	\$0.29	\$0.33	\$0.33	\$0.37	\$0.35	\$0.40	\$0.44	\$0.53	\$0.51	\$0.51	\$0.61
Shares²	3299	3289	3304	3302	3288	3322	3235	3175	3135	3060	3050	3000

Despite its dominant business position in Mexico, America Movil has exhibited a remarkably volatile performance record, partly due to the inevitable currency fluctuations. The company was also greatly affected by the pandemic in 2020. However, as the pandemic has subsided, we expect 4.0% average annual earnings-per-share growth over the next five years, partly thanks to the rollout of the 5G network of the company. We find it prudent not to assume a higher growth rate due to the high comparison base formed by the high earnings expected this year.

On the other hand, we reiterate that our America Movil projections have significant uncertainty due to (1) potential fluctuations in the Peso-USD exchange rate and (2) the intention of the Mexican Federal Telecommunications Institute to loosen the company's dominant grip on Mexico's telecommunications industry, where it has a market share of approximately 60% and generates nearly one-third of its total revenues.

Valuation Analysis

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Now	2030
Avg. P/E	29.3	---	38.9	22.0	14.1	22.3	5.6	16.2	14.0	39.3	10.3	13.0
Avg. Yld.	1.6%	2.2%	2.1%	2.0%	2.5%	2.6%	2.5%	2.3%	2.7%	2.8%	3.4%	2.6%

¹ Estimated date for semiannual dividend.

² In millions.

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America Movil is trading at a price-to-earnings ratio of 10.3, which is lower than our fair value estimate of 13.0 times earnings. If the stock trades at a price-to-earnings ratio of 13.0 in five years, it will enjoy a 4.7% annualized gain in its returns thanks to the expansion of its valuation level. Dividend investors should also note that America Movil is subject to Mexico's 10% withholding tax on cross-border dividend payments.

Safety, Quality, Competitive Advantage, & Recession Resiliency

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2030
Payout	48.5%	193%	78.6%	43.4%	34.9%	57.4%	13.9%	37.3%	37.6%	116%	35.2%	34.3%

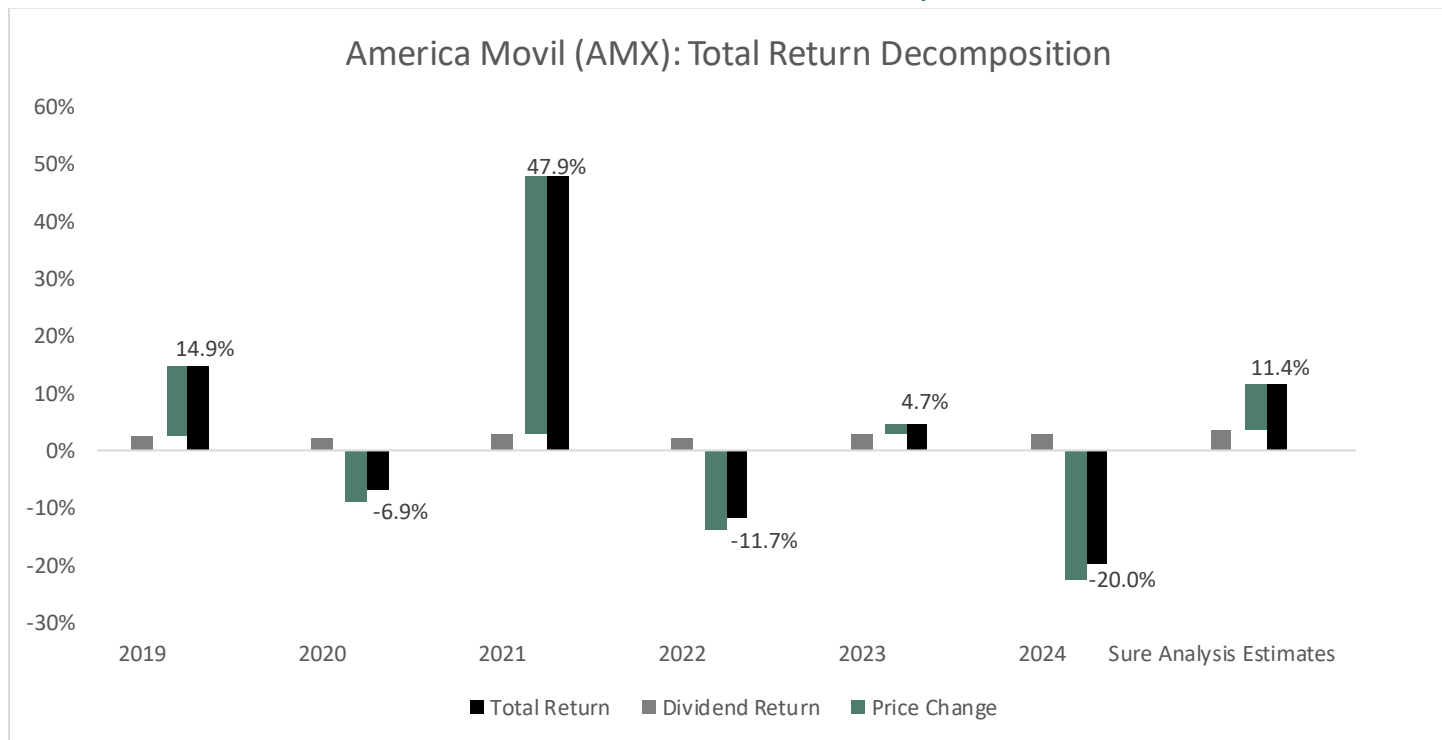
America Movil benefits from being the largest telecommunications company in its operating geography. In addition, America Movil is rated A3 by Moody's, A- by S&P, and A- by Fitch. While the company carries a significant amount of debt, just like almost all the companies in this sector, its net debt is \$49.8 billion, which is 107% of the market capitalization of the stock, and hence it is manageable.

However, investors should be aware of the greatest risk of America Movil, namely its exposure to the exchange rate of the Peso vs. USD. Currencies of weak economies tend to depreciate vs. the dollar in the long run. This has proved to be the case for the Peso, as it has depreciated by -36% over the last decade. This is a strong headwind, which can significantly reduce the long-term returns of the stock even if the company exhibits great business performance.

Final Thoughts & Recommendation

America Movil has a dominant position in its business. The stock could offer an 11.4% average annual return over the next five years thanks to 4.0% growth of earnings-per-share, its 3.4% dividend and a potential 4.7% annualized expansion of the valuation level. We maintain our hold rating, as we need a higher expected return to upgrade the stock to "buy" due to its volatile business performance and its currency risk.

Total Return Breakdown by Year



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Income Statement Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Revenue	56,444	52,293	54,044	54,056	52,316	47,690	42,198	41,977	46,059	47,721
Gross Profit	29,902	26,288	27,788	27,563	27,817	25,628	25,376	25,547	28,196	29,539
Gross Margin	53.0%	50.3%	51.4%	51.0%	53.2%	53.7%	60.1%	42.1%	61.2%	61.9%
SG&A Exp.	12,717	12,229	12,729	11,829	11,217	9,949	8,920	8,920	9,765	10,240
D&A Exp.	7,940	7,963	8,473	8,107	8,253	7,703	8,021	7,885	8,567	---
Operating Profit	8,931	5,876	5,298	7,266	8,042	7,755	8,435	8,493	9,863	10,288
Op. Margin	15.8%	11.2%	9.8%	13.4%	15.4%	16.3%	20.0%	20.2%	21.4%	21.6%
Net Profit	2,214	464	1,551	2,737	3,518	2,197	9,669	3,786	4,296	1,554
Net Margin	3.9%	0.9%	2.9%	5.1%	6.7%	4.6%	22.9%	9.0%	9.3%	3.3%
Free Cash Flow	768	4,330	4,287	5,025	4,281	7,094	4,938	3,352	5,179	---
Income Tax	1,211	611	1,319	2,420	2,650	768	1,388	2,289	1,950	1,638

Balance Sheet Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Assets	74,574	73,077	75,500	72,722	80,888	81,678	82,449	82,997	92,113	87,433
Cash & Equivalents	2,598	1,120	1,233	1,102	1,043	1,805	1,890	1,729	1,566	---
Acc. Receivable	7,049	8,504	9,888	11,066	10,876	10,523	10,375	7,938	12,264	11,992
Inventories	2,046	1,778	1,972	2,051	2,170	1,527	1,182	1,231	1,135	1,150
Goodwill & Int.	15,062	14,711	14,986	13,621	14,682	13,898	13,672	13,850	15,757	14,680
Total Liabilities	65,322	60,004	62,259	60,211	68,907	65,840	60,088	60,540	67,280	66,298
Accounts Payable	6,120	6,405	5,409	6,025	5,986	3,734	12,496	10,707	9,029	7,535
Long-Term Debt	39,291	34,139	35,451	32,509	32,961	31,583	27,556	26,190	29,484	27,513
Total Equity	6,458	10,077	9,864	9,973	9,394	12,590	22,361	19,174	24,834	21,135
LTD/E Ratio	6.08	3.39	3.59	3.26	3.51	2.51	1.23	1.37	1.19	1.30

Profitability & Per Share Metrics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Return on Assets	2.7%	0.6%	2.1%	3.7%	4.6%	2.7%	11.8%	4.6%	4.9%	1.7%
Return on Equity	23.4%	5.6%	15.6%	27.6%	36.3%	20.0%	55.3%	19.8%	18.2%	6.8%
ROIC	4.2%	1.0%	3.2%	5.8%	7.8%	4.8%	19.9%	10.5%	8.3%	3.0%
Shares Out.	3299	3289	3304	3302	3288	3322	3235	3200	3123	3050
Revenue/Share	16.88	15.92	16.40	16.37	15.85	14.39	13.05	13.13	14.75	15.65
FCF/Share	0.23	1.32	1.30	1.52	1.30	2.14	1.50	1.05	1.64	---

Note: All figures in millions of U.S. Dollars unless per share or indicated otherwise.

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