

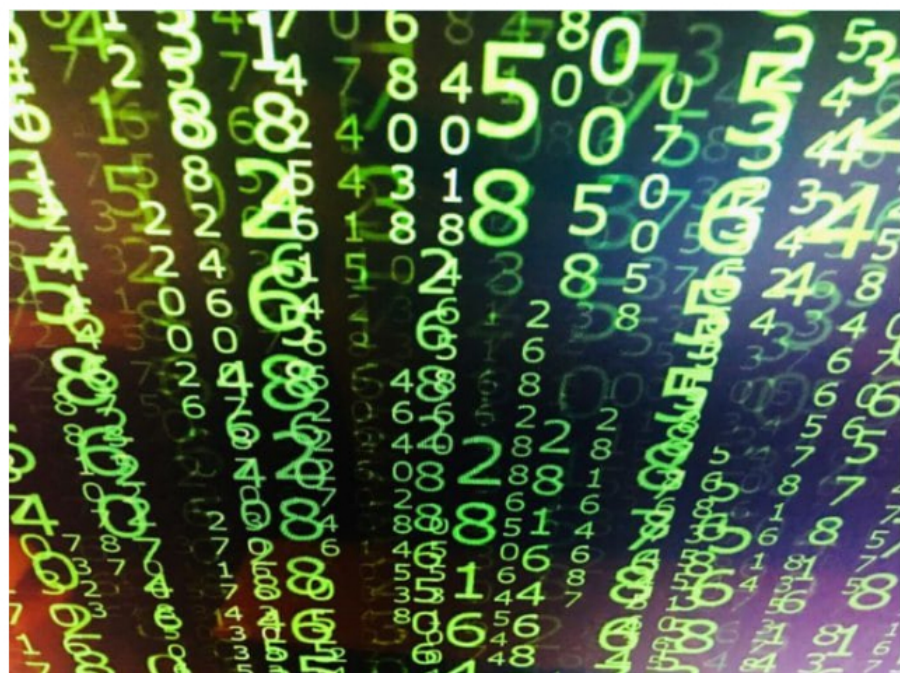
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At the last check on Thursday, **Ecopetrol** S.A.'s (NYSE:EC) stock was down -\$0.38, moving down -3.49 percent to \$10.64. The average number of shares traded per day over the past five days has been 935,663 shares. 2 times new highs have been achieved over the past 5 days, with a \$0.45 gain in that time frame. In the last twenty days, the average volume was 1,111,346, while in the previous 50 days, it was 1,311,176.

Since last month, EC stock rose 2.23%. Shares of the company fell to \$9.77 on 09/01/22, the lowest level in the past month. A 52-week high of \$18.47 was reached on 04/18/22 after having rallying from a 52-week low of \$9.31. Since the beginning of this year, EC's stock price has dropped by -8.29% or -\$2.20, and marked a new high 24 times. However, the stock has declined by -42.41% since its 52-week high.

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Valuation Metrics

Right now, **Ecopetrol** S.A. (EC) has a P/E ratio of about 3.66. The stock's beta is 1.60. Besides these, the trailing price-to-sales (P/S) ratio of 0.72, the price-to-book (PB) ratio of 1.39, and the price-to-cash flow ratio of 8.12 may also be considered.

The latest dividend of \$0.7970 per share was paid out, which is -42.2% less than last year's \$1.3790. On Friday June 17 2022, a \$0.5820 dividend decrease was announced.

Financial Health

In the three months ended December 30, **Ecopetrol** S.A.'s quick ratio stood at 1.20, while its current ratio was 1.50, showing that the company is able to pay off its debt. According to company report, the long-term debt-to-equity ratio for the quarter ending December 30 was 1.26, and the total debt-to-equity ratio was 1.40. On the profitability front, the trailing twelve-month gross margin is 43.20% percent. In the year ended December 30, operating margins totaled 37.00%. Based on annual data, EC earned \$47.19 billion in gross profit and brought in \$119.45 billion in revenue.

A company's management is another factor that investors consider when determining the profitability of an investment. In the past year, return on investment (ROI) was 13.20%. Return on equity (ROE) for the past 12 months was 39.60%.

In **Ecopetrol** S.A.'s quarter-end financial report for December 30, it reported total debt of \$463.83 million against cash and short-term investments of \$1.61 billion. According to the earnings report, the company had a higher net income in the recent quarter than it did in the previous quarter. EC's revenue rose 45.34% during the quarter, while net income inched up to \$23.42 billion. While analysts expected **Ecopetrol** S.A. to report \$0.57 quarterly earnings, the actual figure was \$0.76 per share, beating the consensus estimate by 33.30%. During the quarter, the company generated \$6.44 billion in EBITDA. The liabilities of **Ecopetrol** S.A. were 50.46 billion at the end of its most recent quarter ended December 30.

Technical Picture

This quick technical analysis looks at **Ecopetrol** S.A.'s (EC) price momentum. With a historical volatility rate of 42.37%, the RSI 9-day stood at 50.24% on 14 September.

With respect to its five-day moving average, the current **Ecopetrol** S.A. price is up by +4.44% percent or \$0.45. At present, EC shares trade +2.44% above its 20-day simple moving average and -38.18% percent below its 100-day simple moving average. However, the stock is currently trading approximately +8.14% above its SMA50 and -16.38% below its SMA200.

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Stochastic Coefficient K was 66.66% and Stochastic Coefficient D was 69.66%, while ATR was 0.43. Given the Stochastic reading of 57.68% for the 14-day period, the RSI (14) reading has been calculated as 49.87%. As of today, the MACD Oscillator reading stands at 0.21, while the 14-day reading stands at 0.21.

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Analyst Ratings

Ecopetrol S.A. downgraded its rating on **Ecopetrol** S.A. (NYSE: EC) to an Equal-weight in a note to investors on March 02, 2022. The analysts firm previously had an Overweight rating on the stock. **Ecopetrol** S.A. (EC) has been rated Overweight by analysts. According to 0 brokerage firms, EC is a sell, and 8 firms recommend it is a Hold. There are 0 analysts who say the stock is underweight. A total of 0 analysts rate **Ecopetrol** S.A. stock as buy, with 4 recommending it as overweight.

With a median target price of \$61620.22, the current consensus forecast for the stock is \$51319.92 – \$77311.80. Based on these forecasts, analysts predict **Ecopetrol** S.A. (EC) will achieve an average price target of \$63812.82.

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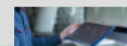


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