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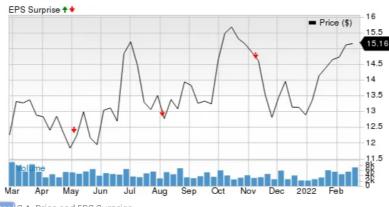


Investors are always looking for stocks that are poised to beat at earnings season and Ecopetrol S.A. EC, may be one such company. The firm has earnings coming up pretty soon, and events are shaping up quite nicely for their report.

That is because Ecopetrol is seeing favorable earnings estimate revision activity as of late, which is generally a precursor to an earnings beat. After all, analysts raising estimates right before earnings — with the most up-to-date information possible — is a pretty good indicator of some favorable trends underneath the surface for EC in this report.

In fact, the Most Accurate Estimate for the current quarter is currently higher than the broader Zacks Consensus Estimate of 59 cents per share. This suggests that analysts have very recently bumped up their estimates for EC, giving the stock a Zacks Earnings ESP of +0.86% heading into earnings season.

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A positive reading for the Zacks Earnings ESP has proven to be very powerful in producing both positive surprises, and outperforming the market. Our recent 10-year backtest shows that stocks that have a positive Earnings ESP and a Zacks Rank #3 (Hold) or better show a positive surprise nearly 70% of the time, and have returned over 28% on average in annual returns (see more Top Earnings ESP stocks here).

Given that EC has a Zacks Rank #3 and an ESP in positive territory, investors might want to consider this stock ahead of earnings. You can see the complete list of today's Zacks #1 (Strong Buy) Rank stocks here.

Clearly, recent earnings estimate revisions suggest that good things are ahead for Ecopetrol, and that a beat might be in the cards for the upcoming report.

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King Charles' '4-word response' to Harry's request to meet during UK visit

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Prince Harry is set to return to the UK solo next week and it's claimed that he has reached out to his father King Charles with an 'olive branch' request to meet up. While it's already been confirmed that Meghan Markle won't be accompanying her husband for his visit, it's believed the King had a simple 'four-word response' to his son's offer.

The Duke of Sussex, 39, will be in London to attend a special event celebrating the Invictus Games on Wednesday 8 May for its 10th anniversary ceremony, which is taking place at St Paul's Cathedral. Harry's wife, Meghan, 42, will be staying in the US, especially due to the fact it is the couple's eldest child, Prince Archie's fifth birthday two days before.

While experts thinks a catchup between estranged brothers Williams and Harry is off the cards, it's reported that the Duke of Sussex will make time to see his father, King Charles III, 75, who is also currently receiving treatment for an unnamed cancer.



Prince Harry has reportedly extended an olive branch to his father King Charles -Credit:Getty Images

According to The Mirror, no senior royals will attend the landmark anniversary event with Harry, but the Duke has reportedly reached out to his father asking him to meet whilst he is in the country. Sources have told the publication that when Prince Harry contacted his father and asked for a visit, King Charles had a simple 'four-word response' to the request, that he would definitely do so "if he is able".

The source said: "Harry has kept in regular contact with his father on several occasions and made no secret of his desire to see him when he can. He has been especially concerned about him and hopes the King will be well and able to see him as planned."



The Duke of Sussex, 39, will be in London for the Invictus Games' 10th anniversary ceremony - Credit:Getty Images

Harry and Meghan's relationship with the Royals has remained strained since they stepped down from Royal duties in March 2020. The couple relocated to California and have only returned to the UK on a handful of occasions, such as Queen Elizabeth II's funeral in September 2022.

Harry and Charles last reunited earlier this year when the monarch publicly announced his cancer diagnosis. Harry jetted to the UK to see his dad in person following the news.

It comes as King Charles' candidly shared his "shock" at being diagnosed with cancer during a recent visit to the University College Hospital Macmillan Cancer Centre in London. There, he met with fellow patients and staff, learning about the latest treatments and the vital care provided by the center.





The much-loved monarch recently returned to public duties -Credit:Ray Tang/REX/Shutterstock

Since early February, King Charles has been undergoing treatment for an unspecified type of cancer, and just last Friday, the Palace confirmed his return to public engagements, signalling his positive response to nearly three months of outpatient cancer care.

Harry's upcoming stay in London will be brief, with sources close to the Royal Family saying that the meeting between Harry and the King, if it happens, will be short due to the King's packed schedule. The monarch is scheduled to appear at a weekly audience with the Prime Minister and also attend the first Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

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Have a go hero dishes out life lesson after 'old man attacked in Keighley'

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CCTV footage of an old man being attacked - claiming to have happened in Keighley - has gone viral online with more than a million views.

The 1.22 minute clip was shared on X, formerly Twitter, showing what appears to be an old man being attacked by a younger man on a narrow path. Another member of the public then steps in to stop any more harm coming to the old man.

The X user who posted the viral clip, @dave24144975, entitled the video 'Karma. An elderly man attacked in Keighley/Yorkshire...' The time stamp on the video says the attack took place at 9.10am on Thursday, April 30.

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The video appears to show an elderly man and woman passing a younger man on the street. Then the younger man turns around and attacks the old man, taking him to the ground.

Another younger man then appears in the video and attacks the younger man, warding him away from the elderly couple. At one point the old man's saviour pulls off the aggressor's shoes.

The aggressor then gets off the ground and uses one of his shoes to plonk the other younger man on the head. The man then turns around and knocks the aggressor back to the ground.

West Yorkshire Police was asked for a comment.

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BBC Gardeners' World star Carol Klein announces shock health diagnosis and major surgery

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Carol Klein announced she had been diagnosed with cancer - Credit: Carol Klein Instagram

Gardeners' World star Carol Klein has revealed she has been diagnosed with breast cancer. The popular TV presenter explained to fans that she had undergone a double mastectomy following the diagnosis.

She paid tribute to the doctors and nurses that have looked after her as she announced the sad news to fans. OIn a video on Instagram, Carol said: "Hello everyone, isn't it marvelous to see the sun out at last! I just wanted to get in touch with you and keep you up to date with what has been