



Stifel Financial Corp Sells 844 Shares of Ecopetrol SA (EC)

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Stifel Financial Corp lessened its stake in shares of Ecopetrol SA (NYSE:EC) by 0.8% in the fourth quarter, according to its most recent filing with the SEC. The fund owned 110,772 shares of the oil and gas company's stock after selling 844 shares during the period. Stifel Financial Corp's holdings in Ecopetrol were worth \$1,759,000 at the end of the most recent reporting period.

Other large investors also recently made changes to their positions in the company. BlackRock Inc. lifted its position in shares of Ecopetrol by 12.7% during the 3rd quarter. BlackRock Inc. now owns 1,325,332 shares of the oil and gas company's stock valued at \$35,691,000 after acquiring an additional 149,455 shares during the last quarter. Macquarie Group Ltd. acquired a new stake in shares of Ecopetrol during the 3rd quarter valued at \$1,160,000. Fisher Asset Management LLC lifted its position in shares of Ecopetrol by 33.9% during the 4th quarter. Fisher Asset Management LLC now owns 2,329,686 shares of the oil and gas company's stock valued at \$36,995,000 after acquiring an additional 589,439 shares during the last quarter. Comerica Bank lifted its position in shares of Ecopetrol by 1.2% during the 4th quarter. Comerica Bank now owns 120,025 shares of the oil and gas company's stock valued at \$2,164,000 after acquiring an additional 1,367 shares during the last quarter. Finally, Jane Street Group LLC lifted its position in shares of Ecopetrol by 284.1% during the 3rd quarter. Jane Street Group LLC now owns 23,010 shares of the oil and gas company's stock valued at \$625,000 after acquiring an additional 35,510 shares during the last quarter. Institutional investors own 3.05% of the company's stock.

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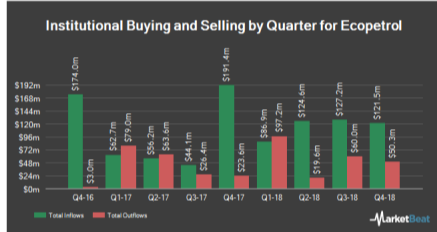
A number of brokerages have recently commented on EC. Santander upgraded Ecopetrol from an "underperform" rating to a "hold" rating in a research report on Wednesday, March 6th. UBS Group upgraded Ecopetrol from a "sell" rating to a "neutral" rating in a research report on Wednesday, December 12th. **Zacks Investment Research** upgraded Ecopetrol from a "strong sell" rating to a "hold" rating in a research report on Friday, February 15th. **ValuEngine** upgraded Ecopetrol from a "sell" rating to a "hold" rating in a research report on Monday, February 4th. Finally, Citigroup set a \$21.00 price objective on Ecopetrol and gave the company a "hold" rating in a research report on Monday, December 17th. Seven investment analysts have rated the stock with a hold rating. Ecopetrol has an average rating of "Hold" and a consensus target price of \$25.00.

EC opened at \$21.44 on Monday. The firm has a market capitalization of \$44.08 billion, a PE ratio of 19.67, a price-to-earnings-growth ratio of 0.67 and a beta of 1.57. Ecopetrol SA has a 12-month low of \$15.25 and a 12-month high of \$27.96. The company has a quick ratio of 1.09, a current ratio of 1.33 and a debt-to-equity ratio of 0.58.

Ecopetrol Profile

Ecopetrol SA operates as an integrated oil and gas company. It operates through three segments: Exploration and Production; Refining, Petrochemical, and Biofuels; and Transport and Logistics. The company produces crude oil and gas; and engages in the extraction, collection, treatment, storage and pumping or compression of hydrocarbons.

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