

Barrow Hanley Mewhinney & Strauss LLC Sells 29,911 Shares of Ecopetrol SA (EC)

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Barrow Hanley Mewhinney & Strauss LLC reduced its stake in shares of Ecopetrol SA (NYSE:EC) by 0.6% in the 4th quarter, according to the company in its most recent filing with the Securities & Exchange Commission. The fund owned 5,275,121 shares of the oil and gas company's stock after selling 29,911 shares during the period. Barrow Hanley Mewhinney & Strauss LLC owned 0.26% of Ecopetrol worth \$83,769,000 at the end of the most recent quarter.

A number of other large investors also recently made changes to their positions in the stock. Acadian Asset Management LLC raised its holdings in Ecopetrol by 28.6% during the 4th quarter. Acadian Asset Management LLC now owns 14,015,881 shares of the oil and gas company's stock valued at \$222,574,000 after acquiring an additional 3,113,191 shares during the period. Renaissance Technologies LLC grew its position in Ecopetrol by 6.1% in the third quarter. Renaissance Technologies LLC now owns 7,582,524 shares of the oil and gas company's stock worth \$204,197,000 after acquiring an additional 432,624 shares in the last quarter. Fisher Asset Management LLC grew its position in Ecopetrol by 33.9% in the fourth quarter. Fisher Asset Management LLC now owns 2,329,686 shares of the oil and gas company's stock worth \$36,995,000 after acquiring an additional 589,439 shares in the last quarter. APG Asset Management N.V. grew its position in Ecopetrol by 20.6% in the fourth quarter. APG Asset Management N.V. now owns 1,856,300 shares of the oil and gas company's stock worth \$25,787,000 after acquiring an additional 317,200 shares in the last quarter. Finally, BlackRock Inc. grew its position in Ecopetrol by 12.7% in the third quarter. BlackRock Inc. now owns 1,325,332 shares of the oil and gas company's stock worth \$35,691,000 after acquiring an additional 149,455 shares in the last quarter. 3.05% of the stock is owned by institutional investors and hedge funds.

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EC has been the subject of several analyst reports. **Zacks Investment Research** upgraded shares of Ecopetrol from a "strong sell" rating to a "hold" rating in a research report on Friday, February 15th. Citigroup set a \$21.00 price objective on shares of Ecopetrol and gave the company a "hold" rating in a research note on Monday, December 17th. **ValueEngine** raised shares of Ecopetrol from a "sell" rating to a "hold" rating in a research note on Tuesday, January 15th. UBS Group raised shares of Ecopetrol from a "sell" rating to a "neutral" rating in a research note on Wednesday, December 12th. Finally, Santander raised shares of Ecopetrol from an "underperform" rating to a "hold" rating in a research note on Wednesday, March 6th. Seven analysts have rated the stock with a hold rating, Ecopetrol presently has an average rating of "Hold" and a consensus price target of \$25.00.

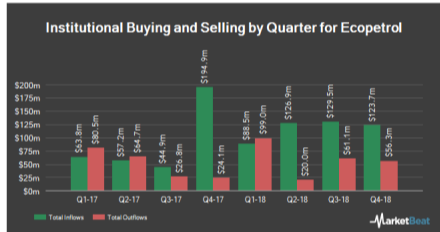
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EC opened at \$21.83 on Thursday. The company has a market capitalization of \$44.90 billion, a price-to-earnings ratio of 20.03, a price-to-earnings-growth ratio of 0.69 and a beta of 1.57. Ecopetrol SA has a 1-year low of \$15.25 and a 1-year high of \$27.96. The company has a debt-to-equity ratio of 0.58, a quick ratio of 1.09 and a current ratio of 1.33.

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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