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Ecopetrol S.A. (NYSE:EC)'s 74.60% Future Growth Projected From Analysts

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Ecopetrol S.A. (NYSE:EC) is expected to report earnings of 24.17% per share for next year, according to research firms covering the shares. Analysts are expecting an EPS change of 74.60% for the current year. Wall Street analysts polled by Thomson Reuters have a current recommendation of 3.50 on a consensus basis for the stock. The same analysts see shares reaching \$18.63 within the next year on a consensus basis. One of the staple principles for investing is buy low and sell high. While this may sound obvious, many investors end up doing just the opposite. When dealing with the stock market, investors often have to be careful not to let their irrational side take over when making decisions. Investors may get caught up in the flurry when stocks are skyrocketing. The temptation to get on board and be part of the ride can lead to some ill-planned moves. Focusing on near-term movements might be included in the game plan for some, but for others, this may be distracting from the bigger picture and long-term plan. Stocks that become widely publicized and popular in the media may not be the right addition to the individual investor's portfolio. Conducting the due diligence on any position can help the investor make sure that they are getting in at a good time and price.

RECENT PERFORMANCE

Let's take a look at how the stock has been performing recently. Over the past twelve months, Ecopetrol S.A. (NYSE:EC)'s stock was 36.08%. Over the last week of the month, it was -1.05%, 18.22% over the last quarter, and -18.94% for the past six months.

Over the past 50 days, Ecopetrol S.A. stock's -7.01% off of the high and 24.27% removed from the low. Their 52-Week High and Low are noted here. -22.71% (High), 41.70% (Low).

FUNDAMENTAL ANALYSIS

Earnings Per Share (EPS) is the earnings made by a company divided by their number of shares. EPS enables the earnings of a company to easily be compared to their competitors. The higher the number, the more profit per dollar is being made on investor capital. Ecopetrol S.A.'s EPS for the trailing 12 months is 1.80. Their EPS should be compared to other companies in the Basic Materials sector.

Technical analysts have little regard for the value of a company. They use historic price data to observe stock price patterns to predict the direction of that price going forward. Analysts use common formulas and ratios to accomplish this.

Ecopetrol S.A. (NYSE:EC)'s RSI (Relative Strength Index) is 54.54. RSI is a technical indicator of price momentum, comparing the size of recent gains to the size of recent losses and establishes oversold and overbought positions.

Investing in the stock market will always come with ups and downs. There are so many different factors that can have an impact on the day to day movements of stock prices. Finding the correct investing strategy may take some time. Many investors may have the tendency to become impatient when the portfolio is not performing up to snuff. Sometimes an original plan may be solid, but it needs some time to start to work itself out. Staying on the right track can be much easier said than done. There are always forces leading the investor to question their holdings. Giving up on a strategy too early can result in a lot of second guessing. There may be a time when the plan needs to be modified to adapt with changing market environments, but pulling the cord based on some early trouble may not be the best solution.

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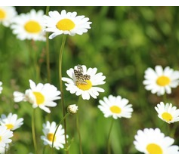
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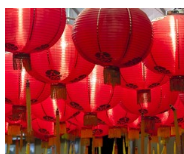
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