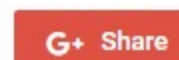




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Trading Watch: Checking the Numbers on Shares of Ecopetrol S.A. (EC)

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Let's check in on some recent stock price information on shares of **Ecopetrol S.A. (EC)**. At the time of writing, shares had most recently hit 20.49. The stock opened at 20.34, and since the beginning of the session, it has topped out with a high of 20.59 and dropped to a low of 20.17. Traders may be interested in the technical signals for the stock. Focusing on the 50-day moving average vs price signal, the reading is seen at Buy. This indicator is used to watch price changes. After a recent spot-check, the signal strength is Weak, and the signal direction is Weakening.

Investors may be trying to decide if it is the right time to enter the equity market. Stocks have been performing well of late, and investors may be eager to catch the next potential move higher. When looking to put money into the stock market, investors might be working hard to create a strategy and choose specific stocks to add to the portfolio. Building a strategy can be tough, but sticking to a strategy can be even tougher. Sticking to the game plan when markets are in flux can greatly improve the investor's chances of succeeding in the market.

Looking at the 9 day relative strength reading on shares of Ecopetrol S.A. (EC), we can see that the value is currently 64.31%. This technical momentum indicator compares the size of recent gains to recent losses helping to identify possible overbought and oversold conditions. The 9 day historical volatility reading is currently 49.56%. This measures the average deviation from the average price spanning the past 9 days.

Investors are usually on the lookout for the next great stock pick. Finding the next big winner may take a lot of perseverance and dedication. Making sense of all the information available may be a tall task. Many successful investors will approach the equity markets from various angles. This may include keeping a close eye on fundamental and technical data. This may also include following professional analyst opinions. The current analyst rating on shares of Ecopetrol S.A. (EC) is 2. This is using a scale where a 5 would indicate a Strong Buy, a 4 would equal a Moderate Buy, 3 a hold, 2 a moderate sell, and a rating of 1 would indicate a Strong Sell.

Focusing on opinion signals for shares of Ecopetrol S.A. (EC) we see that the long-term opinion is currently 33% Buy. This is the signal based on the average of where the price is sitting in relation to the standard interpretation of longer term studies. Going further, the current medium-term opinion signal is 50% Buy, and the short-term reading is presently 80% Buy. Investors that religiously follow the markets may be trying to figure when the next major downturn will occur. When times are good and stocks are on the rise, it can be easy to forget that market corrections are normal. Investors may want to be ready to swoop in and grab some solid stocks once the market takes a turn. Being prepared for a correction can help soften the blow and provide optimism for the next bounce back. Following investment trends and trying to develop new strategies may seem like a never-ending task. Investors will sometimes be forced to make the decision of whether to cut and run, or hold on for better days. Staying on top of company news, earnings, and technicals, may put the individual investor in a good position when the tough portfolio decisions need to be made.

When dealing with the volatility and unpredictability of the stock market, investors may have to learn how to deal with their emotions. There are many factors that can have a big impact on the portfolio. Maintaining discipline can be one of the most important factors. From time to time, investors will be overcome by fear during a large market selloff. On the other side, investors may become extremely excited

during a widespread market move to the upside. When these situations occur, investors tend to make better decisions if they are able to keep emotions out of play and stick to the original plan. Buying and selling at the wrong time can lead to portfolio underperformance, and it may damage investor confidence in the future.

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