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# Insights Into **Ecopetrol** S.A. (EC) Exposure By Institutions

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## After Hours

It may be riskier to trade before market opening and after market closing than during regular market hours. Since issuers often announce critical financial information outside regular trading hours. Extended-hours trading may result in wider spreads for particular securities due to lower liquidity and higher volatility. After-hours trades for **Ecopetrol** S.A. (EC) shows that investor sentiment remained broken, with the stock's consolidated last price falling by  $-\$0.03$ , or  $-0.27\%$ , to  $\$11$ . Volume reached 17,408 shares, with price reaching a high of  $\$11$  and a low of  $\$10.6$ . Most recently, Yahoo Finance reported about the stock as it publicized that **Moody's affirms **Ecopetrol's** investment grade ratings and outlook and downgrades its BCA.**

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## Stocks Info

**Ecopetrol** S.A. is listed on the NYSE in the Energy sector while operating in the Oil & Gas Integrated industry. At the end of the last regular session, the stock closed at **\$10.81** and fluctuated between **\$10.97** as its day high and **\$10.73** as its day low. The current market capitalization of **Ecopetrol** S.A. is **\$21.40B**. A total of **1.26** million shares were traded on the day, compared to an average of **1.64M** shares.

## Dividend

The reasons why investors prefer dividend-paying companies are that dividends generate immediate cash flow and indicate that the company will perform well in the future. **Ecopetrol** S.A. pays an annual dividend of **\$2.26**, resulting in a dividend yield of **20.89%**, and it has a price to earnings (P/E) ratio of **3.59**. EC's most recent ex-dividend date was **06/28/2022** when it declared a **\$0.7985018** quarterly dividend that was paid in cash on **07/08/2022**. Previously, the company paid the dividend on **04/28/2022** with an ex-dividend date of **04/19/2022**. The dividend was **\$1.459135** per share in cash.

Despite rarely being accurate, price targets can exert some form of influence at times, and are often regarded as valuable by markets. According to analysts who have offered **12-month** price targets for EC in the last 3 months, the mean price target is **\$63,696.15** with high estimates of **\$77,311.80** and low estimates of **\$51,319.92**. In terms of 52-week highs and lows, EC has a high of **\$18.47** and a low of **\$9.31**.

As of this writing, EC has an earnings estimate of **\$1.42** per share for the current quarter. EPS was calculated based on a consensus of **2** estimates, with a high estimate of **\$1.54** per share and a lower estimate of **\$1.3**. The company reported an EPS of **\$0.48** in the last quarter which was **-18.64%** lower than expectations.



ended at \$0.10 in the last quarter, which was 10% higher than expectations of \$0.59.

## Balance Sheet Annually/Quarterly

As well as showing the assets and liabilities of the company, the balance sheet also shows the amount invested in equity by investors. Investors can analyze a company's future prospects by calculating its financial ratios based on this information.

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## Analysts Opinion

After-hours and pre-market trading may carry slightly higher risks than regular market hours. As issuers often announce important financial information outside regular trading hours, extended-hours trading may result in wider spreads for a particular security. That is because extended-hours trading may result in lower liquidity and higher volatility. Currently, 12 analysts are providing their opinions on the stock. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being Sell and 5 being Buy, the average analyst rating for EC is Hold with a score of 3.67. A total of 4 analysts rated the stock as Buy while 0 rated it as Overweight while 8 rated it as Hold. Among the other participants, 0 thought the stock was Underweight and 0 thought it should be Sold.

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