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ECOPETROL (NYSE:EC) & KOSMOS ENERGY (NYSE:KOS) HEAD TO HEAD COMPARISON

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Ecopetrol (NYSE:EC – Get Free Report) and Kosmos Energy (NYSE:KOS – Get Free Report) are both oils/energy companies, but which is the better investment? We will contrast the two businesses based on the strength of their analyst recommendations, earnings, profitability, institutional ownership, dividends, valuation and risk.

ANALYST RATINGS

This is a breakdown of recent ratings for **Ecopetrol** and Kosmos Energy, as reported by MarketBeat.

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	Sell Ratings	Hold Ratings	Buy Ratings	Strong Buy Ratings	Rating Score
Ecopetrol	0	4	0	0	2.00
Kosmos Energy	0	1	4	0	2.80

Ecopetrol presently has a consensus price target of \$12.60, suggesting a potential upside of 6.87%. Kosmos Energy has a consensus price target of \$9.24, suggesting a potential upside of 22.55%. Given Kosmos Energy's stronger consensus rating and higher possible upside, analysts plainly believe Kosmos Energy is more favorable than **Ecopetrol**.

PROFITABILITY

This table compares **Ecopetrol** and Kosmos Energy's net margins, return on equity and return on assets.

	Net Margins	Return on Equity	Return on Assets
Ecopetrol	16.74%	10.34%	3.80%
Kosmos Energy	12.72%	35.41%	6.44%

INSTITUTIONAL & INSIDER OWNERSHIP

1.3% of **Ecopetrol** shares are held by institutional investors. Comparatively, 91.2% of Kosmos Energy shares are held by institutional investors. 1.8% of Kosmos Energy shares are held by insiders. Strong institutional ownership is an indication that hedge funds, large money managers and endowments believe a company is poised for long-term

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EARNINGS & VALUATION

This table compares **Ecopetrol** and Kosmos Energy's top-line revenue, earnings per share and valuation.

	Gross Revenue	Price/Sales Ratio	Net Income	Earnings Per Share	Price/Earnings Ratio
Ecopetrol	\$165,991.91 billion	0.00	\$34.77 billion	\$2.78	4.24
Kosmos Energy	\$1.63 billion	2.12	\$226.55 million	\$0.45	16.76

Ecopetrol has higher revenue and earnings than Kosmos Energy. **Ecopetrol** is trading at a lower price-to-earnings ratio than Kosmos Energy, indicating that it is currently the more affordable of the two stocks.

DIVIDENDS

Ecopetrol pays an annual dividend of \$2.03 per share and has a dividend yield of 17.2%. Kosmos Energy pays an annual dividend of \$0.18 per share and has a dividend yield of 2.4%. **Ecopetrol** pays out 73.0% of its earnings in the form of a dividend. Kosmos Energy pays out 40.2% of its earnings in the form of a dividend. Both companies have healthy payout ratios and should be able to cover their dividend payments with earnings for the next several years.

RISK & VOLATILITY

Ecopetrol has a beta of 1.47, suggesting that its stock price is 47% more volatile than the S&P 500. Comparatively, Kosmos Energy has a beta of 2.78, suggesting that its stock price is 178% more volatile than the S&P 500.

SUMMARY

Kosmos Energy beats **Ecopetrol** on 11 of the 16 factors compared between the two stocks.

ABOUT **ECOPETROL**

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Ecopetrol S.A. operates as an integrated energy company. The company operates through four segments: Exploration and Production; Transport and Logistics; Refining, Petrochemical and Biofuels; and

Electric Power Transmission and Toll Roads Concessions. It engages in the exploration and production of oil and gas; transportation of crude oil, motor fuels, fuel oil, and other refined products, including diesel, jet, and biofuels; processing and refining crude oil; distribution of natural gas and LPG; sale of refined and petrochemical products; supplying of electric power transmission services; design, development, construction, operation, and maintenance of road and energy infrastructure projects; and supplying of information technology and telecommunications services. As of December 31, 2022, the company had approximately 9,127 kilometers of crude oil and multi-purpose pipelines. It also produces and commercializes polypropylene resins and compounds, and masterbatches; and offers industrial service sales to customers and specialized management services. It has operations in Colombia, the United States, Asia, Central America and the Caribbean, Europe, and South America. The company was formerly known as Empresa Colombiana de Petr leos and changed its name to **Ecopetrol** S.A. in June 2003. **Ecopetrol** S.A. was incorporated in 1948 and is headquartered in Bogot ,

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