

Ecopetrol Downgraded to BB by Fitch After Colombia Sovereign Cut



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Story Highlights

- **Ecopetrol** is Colombia's dominant integrated energy company with major roles in oil, gas, refining, power transmission, and regional infrastructure operations.
- On December 22, 2025, Fitch cut **Ecopetrol**'s global rating to BB with Stable Outlook, but kept its standalone credit profile at investment grade bbb-.
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An update from **Ecopetrol** SA (**EC** +1.94% ▲) is now available.

On December 22, 2025, **Ecopetrol** S.A. reported that Fitch Ratings downgraded the company's global credit rating from BB+ to BB with a Stable Outlook, mirroring the cut to Colombia's sovereign rating made on December 16 and underscoring the tight linkage between the state-controlled oil major and the country's credit profile. Despite the downgrade at the global level, Fitch kept **Ecopetrol**'s Standalone Credit Profile at 'bbb-' within investment

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grade, recognizing its strategic importance as Colombia's dominant hydrocarbon producer, which may help reassure investors and other stakeholders about the underlying strength of its operations even as the sovereign-driven rating action could influence its future funding costs and market perception.

The most recent analyst rating on [EC](#) +1.94% ▲ stock is a Hold with a \$8.70 price target. To see the full list of analyst forecasts on [Ecopetrol](#) SA stock, see the [EC Stock Forecast page](#).

Spark's Take on EC Stock

According to Spark, TipRanks' [AI Analyst](#), EC is a Outperform.

[Ecopetrol](#)'s overall stock score is driven by strong technical indicators and attractive valuation, despite financial challenges and high leverage. The positive sentiment from the earnings call further supports the stock's potential, although caution is advised due to overbought technical signals.

To see Spark's full report on EC stock, [click here](#).

More about [Ecopetrol](#) SA

[Ecopetrol](#) S.A. is Colombia's largest company and a leading integrated energy group in the Americas, employing more than 19,000 people. It accounts for over 60% of Colombia's hydrocarbon production and operates most of the country's transportation, logistics, and refining systems, while holding strong positions in petrochemicals and gas distribution. Following its acquisition of a majority stake in ISA, [Ecopetrol](#) is also active in power transmission, real-time systems management, and infrastructure concessions in Colombia and across several Latin American countries, and it has exploration and production operations in key basins in the United States, Brazil, and Mexico.

Average Trading Volume: 2,125,169

Technical Sentiment Signal: Buy

Current Market Cap: \$19.09B

For an in-depth examination of EC stock, go to [TipRanks' Overview page](#).

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Morningstar’s Chief U.S. Market Strategist Dave Sekera recently highlighted four stocks he still favors going into the new year. Each name reflects a different angle: from long-term growth to defensive value. Here is a quick look at the companies Sekera believes still offer opportunities in 2026, including biotech, software, finance, and energy.

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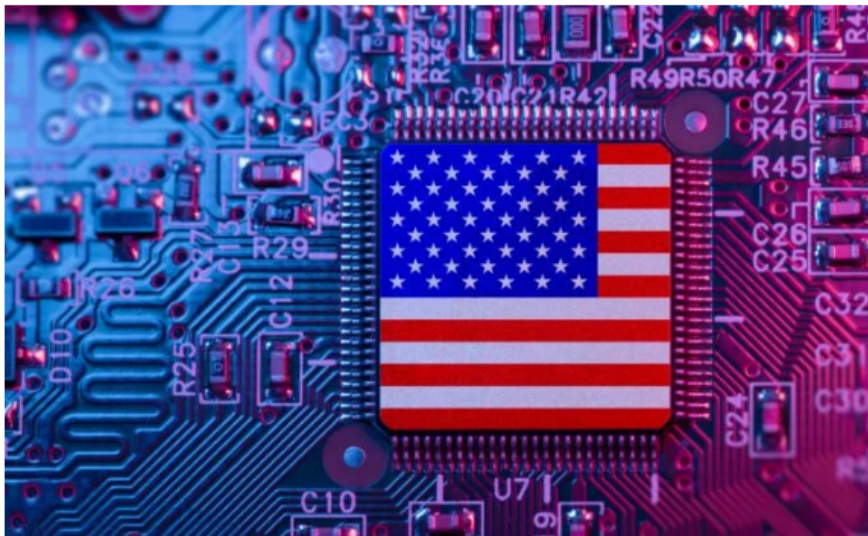
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U.S. President Donald Trump postponed plans to impose tariffs on Chinese semiconductor imports until June 2027.



The U.S. government recently announced a delay on chip tariffs for Chinese [imports](#), now set to take effect in June 2027. For major chipmakers like Nvidia [NVDA +3.01% ▲](#), AMD [AMD -0.02% ▼](#), and Broadcom [AVGO +2.30% ▲](#), this pause reduces near-term risks, eases supply chain pressures, and preserves demand from China-linked customers.

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