

# Ecopetrol S.A. (NYSE:EC) Given Consensus Rating of "Reduce" by Analysts

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## KEY POINTS

- Consensus "Reduce": Five analysts covering Ecopetrol give a consensus rating of Reduce (one sell, four hold) with an average 12-month price target of \$10.35.
- Shares opened at \$13.86 with a market cap of \$28.48 billion and a P/E of 11.64; the 52-week range is \$7.80-\$14.07 and the 50/200-day averages are \$12.20 and \$10.42.
- Coverage is mixed—Bradesco labeled it "underperform" (\$12 target) and Goldman set an \$8.70 target while Wall Street Zen upgraded to "buy"—and several institutional investors made only modest increases to their holdings recently.
- MarketBeat previews top five stocks to own in April.

Ecopetrol S.A. (NYSE:EC - [Get Free Report](#)) has received a consensus rating of "Reduce" from the five research firms that are presently covering the stock, [Marketbeat.com](#) reports. One investment analyst has rated the stock with a sell rating and four have issued a hold rating on the company. The average twelve-month price objective among brokers that have issued a report on the stock in the last year is \$10.35.

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EC has been the subject of a number of recent analyst reports. Bradesco Corretora set a \$12.00 price target on Ecopetrol and gave the company an "underperform" rating in a research report on Wednesday, February 4th. HSBC upgraded Ecopetrol to a "hold" rating in a report on Thursday. The Goldman Sachs Group reissued a "neutral" rating and issued a \$8.70 target price on shares of Ecopetrol in a research report on Monday, December 1st. [Wall Street Zen](#) upgraded shares of Ecopetrol from a "hold" rating to a "buy" rating in a research report on Saturday. Finally, [Weiss Ratinos](#) raised shares of



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Several hedge funds and other institutional investors have recently modified their holdings of the company. Y Intercept Hong Kong Ltd raised its holdings in **Ecopetrol** by 0.4% during the third quarter. Y Intercept Hong Kong Ltd now owns 253,797 shares of the oil and gas company's stock valued at \$2,337,000 after buying an additional 1,100 shares in the last quarter. Patriot Financial Group Insurance Agency LLC boosted its stake in shares of **Ecopetrol** by 7.1% during the 3rd quarter. Patriot Financial Group Insurance Agency LLC now owns 21,180 shares of the oil and gas company's stock worth \$195,000 after acquiring an additional 1,400 shares in the last quarter. ORG Partners LLC boosted its stake in shares of **Ecopetrol** by 301.3% during the 4th quarter. ORG Partners LLC now owns 2,568 shares of the oil and gas company's stock worth \$26,000 after acquiring an additional 1,928 shares in the last quarter. St. Louis Financial Planners Asset Management LLC increased its holdings in shares of **Ecopetrol** by 11.3% during the 3rd quarter. St. Louis Financial Planners Asset Management LLC now owns 19,494 shares of the oil and gas company's stock valued at \$180,000 after acquiring an additional 1,986 shares during the last quarter. Finally, Ping Capital Management Inc. increased its holdings in shares of **Ecopetrol** by 5.1% during the 4th quarter. Ping Capital Management Inc. now owns 41,000 shares of the oil and gas company's stock valued at \$411,000 after acquiring an additional 2,000 shares during the last quarter.

## **Ecopetrol** Price Performance

Shares of **NYSE:EC** opened at \$13.86 on Friday. The stock has a market cap of \$28.48 billion, a P/E ratio of 11.64 and a beta of 0.64. The firm's 50-day simple moving average is \$12.20 and its 200 day simple moving average is \$10.42. **Ecopetrol** has a fifty-two week low of \$7.80 and a fifty-two week high of \$14.07. The company has a quick ratio of 1.30, a current ratio of 1.55 and a debt-to-equity ratio of 0.91.

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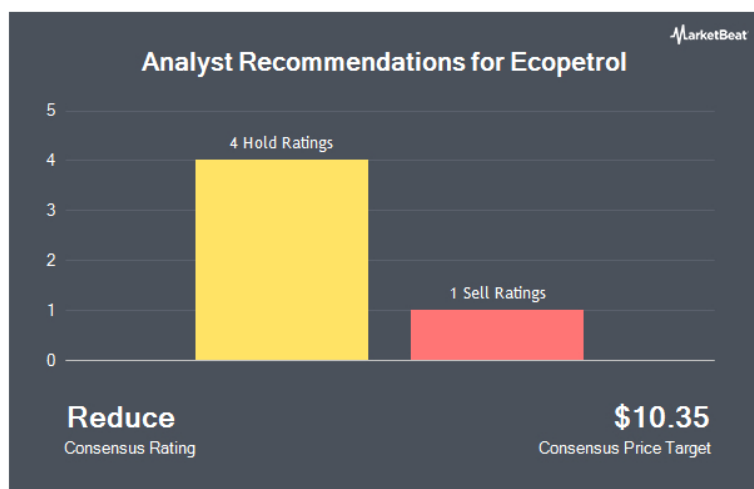
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and natural gas, refining of petroleum products, transportation and storage via pipeline networks, and the marketing and sale of fuels and petrochemical feedstocks. [Ecopetrol](#) serves domestic demand in Colombia and maintains a portfolio of international investments and partnerships across the Americas.

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