Colombia Fast Facts
Occidental

Occidental’s Chipirón Field operations, Llanos Norte Basin, Colombia
Four Decades
Occidental has been an active investor in Colombia for over 40 years, with operations in the Llanos Norte Basin and working interests in the Middle Magdalena Basin. We are one of the largest independent oil producers in the country, and are proud to partner with Ecopetrol.

1.4 Billion Barrels
Occidental operates the giant Caño Limón Field in the Llanos Norte Basin, which has produced more than 1.4 billion barrels of oil over three decades of continuous operations. The 1983 field discovery by Occidental enabled Colombia to regain its status as a net oil exporter.

800% Production Boost
Since 2006, Occidental and Ecopetrol have used enhanced oil recovery to boost production by 800 percent in the Middle Magdalena Basin’s La Cira-Infantas, Colombia’s oldest oil field.

Decades of Growth
Occidental has agreements to develop Blocks 39 and 52 in the Llanos Norte Basin and has farmed into an additional four blocks in the Putumayo Basin. These six new blocks are near areas where we have operational experience and increase our acreage in Colombia to approximately 2 million gross acres.

Environmental Leadership
Occidental’s operations at the Chipirón Field in the Llanos Norte Basin use a rail system and reclaimed land to protect an ecologically sensitive watershed. The project was recognized by the Asociación Colombiana de Ingenieros de Petróleos for innovation and environmental leadership.

Thermal Innovation
In collaboration with Ecopetrol, Occidental is using thermal recovery technology in the Teca-Cocorná Field in the Middle Magdalena Basin to extract heavy crude.

Advanced Drilling
Our proprietary Oxy Drilling Dynamics technology is helping drive down costs in Colombia by reducing drilling days, preventing tool failures and improving precision landing.

Partner of Choice®
Occidental is committed to providing safe, healthy and secure workplaces; protecting the environment; maintaining high ethical standards; upholding and promoting human rights; and respecting cultural norms and values, everywhere we operate.

Local Hiring
Occidental places a priority on the hiring and career development of local residents. Approximately 97 percent of our employees in Colombia, including nearly two thirds of managers, are Colombian nationals.

Creating Small Businesses
Occidental-funded El Alcaraván Foundation supports a microfinance program that provides small businesses with development tools and financial assistance. The program has distributed millions of dollars in microloans, benefiting thousands of entrepreneurs from low-income areas in Arauca.

Chocolate Factory
Through El Alcaraván Foundation, Occidental supports a chocolate factory that helps train and educate Llanos Norte Basin residents in chocolate production, marketing and sales.

Human Rights Commitment
Occidental actively promotes respect for human rights among our employees, contractors and neighboring communities through training and awareness activities. All employees and security contractors undergo training on human rights. The Colombian government has honored Occidental as a “Reintegration Ally” for its commitment to human rights and the protection of children.

Top Safety Performance
Occidental conducts business in a manner that protects the health and safety of people and the environment at our facilities. Our consistently strong safety performance reflects our employees’ dedication to creating and maintaining safe work environments.