

## **FEATURED STOCK**



**Jamaica Broilers Group Ltd** (JBG); **Opening price**—**\$36.99;** Price to book — 1.36 times: P/E-7.68 times Week to Date: -0.03% Month to Date: -1.71% **Ouarter to Date: 3.89%** Year to Date: 8.31%

Our weekly pick features a stock currently held in the Mayberry Managed Equity Portfolio (MMEP). For more information on the MMEP, please contact your investJamaica Broilers Group Limited (JBG), founded in 1958 and headquartered in St. Catherine, Jamaica, is a leading agricultural enterprise. The company's principal activities include the production and distribution of poultry products, animal feeds, and agricultural items. JBG operates as a fully integrated poultry business and has diversified into feed milling and cattle rearing. Additionally, they develop and market various valueadded products for both local consumption and export.

Jamaica Broilers Group Limited (JBG) reported an increase in revenue for the six months ended October 28, 2024, totaling \$47.00 billion compared to \$46.77 billion in the same period last year. Cost of sales rose by 1% to \$35.80 billion (2023: \$35.29 billion), resulting in a 2% decrease in gross profit to \$11.20 billion from \$11.48 billion. Other gains fell by 41% to \$152.14 million (2023: \$259.67 million), while distribution costs slightly decreased by 1% to \$1.50 billion (2023: \$1.51 billion). Administration and other expenses increased by 1% to \$5.80 billion (2023: \$5.76 billion). Consequently, operating profit declined by 9% to \$4.05 billion (2023: \$4.46 billion). Finance costs increased by 2% to \$1.40 billion (2023: \$1.37 billion). Profit before taxation dropped by 14% to \$2.73 billion (2023: \$3.16 billion) and after a 17% increase in taxation to \$519.02 million (2023: \$625.70 million), net profit decreased by 13% to \$2.21 billion (2023: \$2.53 billion).

Management also noted that "Jamaica Operations reported a segment result of \$3.3 billion which was \$394 million or 11% below last year's segment result. Total revenue for our Jamaica Operations showed a decrease of 1% from the prior year six-month period. The reduction was mainly driven by the impact of the passage of Hurricane Beryl. Our US Operations reported a segment result of \$2.4 billion which was \$185 million, 8% above last year's segment result. This increase was driven by increased volumes of poultry meat. Total revenue for the US Operations also increased by 8% over the prior year six-month period."

JBG (as at Friday December 13, 2024) was trading at 1.36 times its book value with a P/ E of 7.68 times.



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