



JAMT

Jamaica Teas Limited (JAMT);

Opening price— \$2.25;

Price to book— 1.53 times;

P/E— 22.21 times

Week to Date: 4.43%

Month to Date: 1.75%

Quarter to Date: -0.08%

Year to Date: -0.08%

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Featured Stock

Jamaica Teas Limited (JAMT) is a prominent manufacturer and distributor based in Jamaica. Established in 1967, the company has grown significantly over the years, expanding its product range and market presence. JAMT produces and distributes a variety of teas under the well-known Tetley and Caribbean Dreams brands, along with other consumer products. The company operates through four main segments: Manufacturing, Retailing, Real Estate, and Investments.

Jamaica Teas Limited (JAMT) reported a 9% increase in operating revenues for the first quarter ended December 31, 2024, totalling \$913.53 million compared to \$840.03 million in the corresponding period last year. The cost of sales rose by 6% year over year, amounting to \$727.01 million (2023: \$683.74 million). Consequently, the gross profit saw a 19% increase, reaching \$186.52 million compared to \$156.29 million for the same quarter in 2023.

Other income surged by 356%, closing at \$1.62 million (2023: \$355,585), while sales and marketing costs decreased by 24%, from \$20.66 million in 2023 to \$15.78 million for the three months. As a result, administrative expenses for the first quarter amounted to \$108.97 million, a 4% increase relative to \$104.60 million reported in 2023.

Finance costs for the three months totalled \$14.48 million, marking a 21% decrease from \$18.43 million reported in 2023. Profit before taxation increased by 17%, totalling \$79.25 million compared to \$67.88 million in the corresponding period last year. Taxation for the first quarter ended December 31, 2024, amounted to \$14.16 million, an 11% decrease from \$15.84 million reported in 2023.

Net profit for the three months increased by 25%, reaching \$65.09 million (2023: \$52.05 million). Profit attributable to shareholders for the three months amounted to \$52.80 million, an 11% increase from the \$47.40 million reported in 2023.

JAMT's management noted, "The Jamaican economy is heavily dependent on tourism for foreign exchange and employment and its impacts on the wider economy with its linkages to locally produced goods and services. To this end, the continued rebound in visitor arrivals in recent months is encouraging. The recent decreases in interest rates locally will also improve the prospects for our Group."

JAMT (as at Friday February 21st, 2025) was trading at 1.53 times its book value with a P/E of 22.21 times.