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Featured Stock: GK

GraceKennedy Limited (GK): Opening price - \$55.54 Price to book - 1.01 times; P/E - 10.58 times

GraceKennedy Limited (GK) is this week's stock pick, and is the parent company of a Group of subsidiaries operating within the financial and food services industries. The Group's operations involve food processing and distribution, banking and finance, insurance and remittance services.

GraceKennedy Limited (GK) recorded revenue of \$56.53 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2020 (2019: \$51.49 billion), a year over year increase of 10%. The biggest contributor to the group's overall revenue for the six month period came from the 'Food Trading' segment which contributed a total of \$44.94 billion (2019: \$41.03 billion), an increase of 10% relative to the prior year's corresponding period. Direct and operating expenses amounted to \$52.96 billion relative to \$49.64 billion booked in 2019, indicating a 6% growth. GK's gross profit for the six months amounted to \$3.07 billion relative to \$1.65 billion booked for the comparative period in 2019 Interest income from non-financial services rose 6% to total \$223.46 million compared to \$211.41 million reported in the prior year's corresponding period. Share of results of associated companies totalled \$286.93 million (2019: \$368.26 million) and other income amounted to \$1.50 billion (2019: \$1.19 billion) as of June 2020. Consequently, net profit increased by 34% to \$3.05 billion from \$2.27 billion booked for the corresponding period of 2019 Net Profits attributable to shareholders amounted to \$2.75 billion compared to \$2.01 billion in the previous year's corresponding period.

According to the Group, "The outlook for the remainder of 2020 is unclear, and we anticipate that the second half of the year could see reduced consumer spending as a result of diminished disposable income. Despite this, GraceKennedy Limited remains both proactive and responsive in dealing with the challenges of the COVID-19 virus and its impact on our lines of business, the countries in which we operate, and our employers and consumers. Our efforts continue to be directed towards achieving our strategic objectives by focusing on digital channels and ease of doine business."

GK (as at Friday September 4, 2020) was trading at 1.01 times its book value with a P/E of 10.58 times.

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