

## **FEATURED STOCK**



CAR Carreras Limited (CAR),

Closing price— \$9.65 Price to book— 0.43 times; P/E— 11.50 times



Our weekly pick features a stock currently held in the Mayberry Managed Equity Portfolio (MMEP). For more information on the MMEP, please contact your investment advisor today. This week's stock pick is Carreras Limited (CAR). CAR's principal activities include the marketing and distributing of cigarettes and tobacco related products in Jamaica.

Carreras Limited (CAR) for the twelve months ended March 31, 2022 reported revenue increase of 13% from \$13.97 billion in 2021, to close the period at \$15.75 billion. For the third quarter, the Company posted a 6% increase in revenues to close at \$4.03 billion relative to \$3.81 billion for the same guarter of 2021. CAR for the twelve months ended March 31, 2022 gross operating profit increase 11% from \$6.81 billion in 2021, to close the period at \$7.58 billion. For the third quarter, the Company posted a 3% increase in gross operating profit to close at \$1.94 billion relative to \$1.88 million for the same guarter of 2021. Other operating income for the year ended March 31, 2022 contracted by 16% moving from \$219.39 million in 2021 to \$183.91 million in 2022. For the guarter, other operating income closed at \$72.93 million (2021: \$174.65 million). Administrative, distribution and marketing expenses grew by 13% to total \$2.24 billion (2021: \$1.99 billion). Taxation charge amounted to \$1.36 billion (2021: \$1.22 billion) resulting in a net profit of \$4.07 billion for the twelve months ended March 31, 2022, 9% up from US\$3.74 billion booked for the corresponding period last year. Profit attributable to shareholders amounted \$4.07 billion (2021: \$3.74 billion). Total comprehensive income for the year ended March 31, 2022 amounted to \$4.11 billion (2021: \$3.73 billion).

Management noted, "Carreras Limited (CAR) has advised that at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 2, 2022, the Directors declared an interim dividend of \$0.23 per stock unit to be paid out of accumulated profits on July 5, 2022, to Stockholders as shown on the Register of Members as of June 17, 2022. The ex-dividend date is June 16, 2022."

CAR (as at Friday June 3, 2022) was trading at 0.43 times its book value with a P/E of 11.50 times.



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