

FEATURED STOCK



JBG

Jamaica Broilers Group Ltd (JBG); Opening price— \$28.85; Price to book— 1.64 times; P/E— 11.05 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. Jamaica Broilers Group Limited (JBG) was founded in 1958 and is headquartered in St. Catherine, Jamaica. The Company's principal activities include the production and distribution of poultry products, animal feeds and agricultural items. JBG is a fully integrated poultry operation and has diversified into a feed milling and cattle rearing, along with the development and marketing of other value–added products for both local consumption and export.

For the year ended April 30, 2022, Jamaica Broilers Group (JBG) reported total revenues of \$75.72 billion, a 33% increase on the \$56.95 billion reported in 2021. Revenue for the fourth quarter closed at \$20.58 billion (2021: \$15.63 billion). Cost of Sales grew by 36% to \$57.70 billion from \$42.33 billion in 2021. As such, gross profit for the year ended reflected an increase of 23% to close at \$18.02 billion versus \$14.62 billion booked for the corresponding period in 2021.Other income decreased 43% from \$847.83 million in 2021 to \$480.12 million in 2022. Distribution costs increased by 12% to close at \$2.29 billion relative to \$2.04 billion recorded for the prior year's comparable period, while administration and other expenses rose by 23% to \$11.56 billion (2021: \$9.43 billion).Tax charges for the year ended totalled \$1 billion (2021: \$806.76 million). As such, net profit amounted to \$3.08 billion, a 28% increase compared to the \$2.40 billion booked for the same period in 2021. Net profit for the quarter amounted to \$1.04 billion versus \$534.79 million in 2021. Net profit attributable to shareholders amounted to \$3.13 billion (2021: \$2.34 billion). While, for the quarter, net profit attributable to shareholders closed at \$1.08 billion (2021: \$539.44 million).

Management noted, "The year end performance would have been better had it not been for the excessive bleeding of the poultry producer's Haiti operation. Hence Jamaica Broilers wrapped up downsizing activities in Haiti as part of a restructuring programme."

JBG (as at Friday July 15, 2022) was trading at 1.64 times its book value with a P/E of 11.05 times.



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