




JBG

Jamaica Broilers Group Ltd (JBG);

Opening price— \$29.06;

Price to book— 1.51 times;

P/E— 8.07 times

Week to Date: -2.96% 

Month to Date: -7.12% 

Quarter to Date: -6.25% 

Year to Date: -6.25% 

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Jamaica Broilers Group Limited (JBG) was founded in 1958 and its headquarters is located 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 feed milling and cattle rearing, along with the development and marketing of other value-added products for both local consumption and export.

JBG reported total revenue of \$45.84 billion for the six months ended October 29, 2022 (2021: \$35.08 billion), a 31% increase year over year. Cost of sales increased 25% to \$34.75 billion (2021: \$27.81 billion). As such, gross profit increased 53% to \$11.10 billion (2021: \$7.27 billion). Distribution costs increased 18% to \$1.44 billion for the period (2021: \$1.21 billion), while administration and other expenses increased 22% to \$5.48 billion (2021: \$4.50 billion). Other income amounted to \$265.08 million (2021: \$162.71 million), 63% more year over year. Operating profit increased 159% to \$4.45 billion (2021: \$1.71 billion). Finance income declined 74% to \$4.48 million (2021: \$17.32 million) while finance costs increased 41% to \$756.49 million (2021: \$535.81 million). Profit before taxation increased 209% to \$3.69 billion (2021: \$1.20 billion). Taxes payable for the period increased 168% to \$671.25 million (2021: \$250.45 million). As such, net profit increased 119% to \$1.91 billion (2021: \$871.50 million). Net profit attributable to shareholders amounted to \$2.07 billion (2021: \$882.14 million), 135% more year over year.

Management advised that they have ceased all operations in Haiti and are not trying to recover anything in the country, because it's just not tenable for people to be operating there. They further advised that "to be able to transact business and collect money in the country, it's a recipe for disaster, and we are not putting people's lives at risk".

JBG (as at Friday February 3, 2023) was trading at 1.51 times its book value with a P/E of 8.07 times.