

FEATURED STOCK



JBG

Jamaica Broilers Group Ltd (JBG);
Opening price— \$33.10;
Price to book— 1.62 times;
P/E— 8.96 times

Week to Date: -13.43%



Month to Date: -5.66%



Quarter to Date: 6.79%



Year to Date: 6.79%



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Jamaica Broilers Group Limited (JBG) was founded in 1958 and its headquartered 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.

For the nine months ended January 31 ,2023, Jamaica Broilers Group (JBG) reported total revenues of \$68.51 billion, a 27% increase on the \$54.02 billion reported in 2022. Cost of Sales grew by 23% to \$51.92 billion from \$42.34 billion in 2022. As such, gross profit for the nine months reflected an increase of 42% to close at \$16.59 billion versus \$11.69 billion booked for the corresponding period in 2022. Other income fell 55% from \$846.58 million in 2022 to \$384.09 million in 2023. Distribution costs increased by 17% to close at \$2.17 billion relative to \$1.86 billion recorded for the prior year's comparable period, while administration and other expenses rose by 11% to \$7.99 billion (2022: \$7.22 billion). Operating profit for the period increased by 97%, totaling \$6.82 billion relative to \$3.46 billion for the nine months ended January 2022. JBG reported \$10.13 million for finance income for the period (2022: \$12.67 million). Profit before taxation for the period rose to \$5.55 billion (2022: \$2.66 billion). Tax charges for the nine months totalled \$1.04 billion (2022: \$547.43 million). As such, net profit amounted to \$3.39 billion, a 66% increase compared to the \$2.04 billion booked for the same period in 2022. Net profit attributable to shareholders amounted to \$3.56 billion relative to \$2.05 billion booked for the comparable period in 2022.

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 March 17, 2023) was trading at 1.62 times its book value with a P/E of 8.96 times.





