



CARRERAS LIMITED

CAR

Carreras Limited (CAR),

Opening price— \$8.43

Price to book— 18.97 times;

P/E— 10.88 times

Week to Date: 3.82%



Month to Date: -2.77%



Quarter to Date: 2.93%



Year to Date: -0.94%



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Carreras Limited (CAR) is the leading marketer and distributor of cigarettes and tobacco related products in Jamaica.

Carreras Limited, for the nine months ended December 31, 2022, reported Operating Revenue of \$12.53 billion, a 7% increase relative to \$11.72 billion booked in 2021. This was mainly attributable to the increase in volumes achieved for the quarter when compared to SPLY as well as the impact from the Company's portfolio mix. Gross Operating Profit for the period grew by 3% to total \$5.80 billion relative to the \$5.63 billion in 2021. Total Operating expenses for the period increased 28% to \$2.14 billion compared to the \$1.66 billion reported in 2021. Profit from operation amounted to \$3.66 billion (2021: \$4.08 billion). Profit before income tax closed the period at \$3.68 billion relative to \$4.08 billion in 2021. Consequently, Net Profit year to date fell by 10% to \$2.74 billion relative to \$3.05 billion booked in 2021.

The Company noted, "We have continued the brand investment for the financial year 2022/23 as we seek to revitalize our core brands and maximize on the opportunities presented. Our investment is beginning to add value as evidenced in the level of revenue increases which has been realized, and this is expected to continue throughout the coming years."

CAR (as at Friday May 26, 2023) was trading at 18.97 times its book value with a P/E of 10.88 times. The Company continues to grow and is one of the best dividend paying stocks, with a 9.17% dividend yield in 2022.