



HONBUN

Honey Bun (1982) Limited (HONBUN)

Opening price— \$6.33

Price to book— 2.42 times

P/E— 12.04 times

Week to Date:	-5.80%	▼
Month to Date:	-5.10%	▼
Quarter to Date:	-5.24%	▼
Year to Date:	-20.78%	▼

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Honey Bun is the fastest growing wholesale bakery in Jamaica, specializing in producing individually packaged pastries and baked snacks. Honey Bun produces several variations of over a dozen products resulting in a range of over 40 SKUs from 4 brands: Honey Bun, Shorty, Pickney Crackaz and Buccaneer Jamaican Rum Cakes.

Honey Bun (1982) Limited for the six months ended March 31, 2023 period reported revenues of \$1.69 billion, 23% up from the \$1.37 billion reported a year ago. The Company had a 19% increase in cost of sales to close at \$962.65 million (2022: \$810.69 million). Despite this, gross profit went up 30% or \$170.26 million year-to-date to \$732.99 million relative to \$562.73 million reported in the prior corresponding period. HONBUN documented other losses for the six months ended March 31, 2023 totalling \$2.64 million relative to gains of \$1.11 million for the similar period in 2022. Profit before operating expenses for the six months amounted to \$730.35 million (2022: \$563.84 million). Administrative expenses rose 26% to \$323.10 million (2022: \$255.96 million) for the six months, while selling, distribution and promotional expenses rose by 19% to \$235.93 million (2022: \$197.60 million). Total expenses for the six months amounted to \$559.03 million, 23% above the \$453.57 million recorded for the same period of 2022. Despite the increase in expenses there was a 55% increase in profit from operations, which moved from \$110.27 million in 2022 to \$171.32 million for the period under review. Finance income for the six-month period totalled \$7.34 million (2022: \$1.81 million). The six months finance costs amounted to \$3.51 million (2022: \$641,796). Profit before taxation closed the period at \$175.16 million versus the \$111.79 million booked in the same period last year. Taxation for the six months amounted to \$44.10 million (2022: \$25.01 million), thus resulting in net profit of \$131.06 million (2022: \$86.78 million).

Management noted, “The company’s margins increased for the six-month period as a result of new operating processes and staff incentives that have increased overall productivity.”

HONBUN (as at Friday June 30, 2023) was trading at 2.42 times its book value with a P/E of 12.04 times.