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Jamaica Broilers Group Ltd (JBG);

Opening price— \$31.98;

Price to book— 1.51 times;

P/E— 8.94 times

Week to Date:	0.09%	
Month to Date:	0.00%	
Quarter to Date:	-8.65%	
Year to Date:	3.16%	

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 year ended April 30, 2023 reported a 23% increase in Revenue totaling \$91.37 billion compared to \$74.39 billion in the corresponding period last year. Revenue for the fourth quarter had a 12% increase to close at \$22.85 billion compared to \$20.37 billion for the comparable quarter of 2022. Cost of Sales amounted to \$67.96 billion (2022: 56.23 billion), this represents an increase of 21% year over year. Consequently, gross profit increased by 29% to \$23.41 billion compared to \$18.16 billion for the year ended April 30, 2022. The company booked gross profit of \$6.82 billion for the fourth quarter versus \$6.47 billion reported for the similar quarter of 2022. Administration and other expenses for the year ended April 30, 2023 amounted to \$12.39 billion, a 10% increase relative to \$11.30 billion reported in 2022. Operating Profit for the year amounted to \$8.78 billion, a 77% increase relative to \$4.96 billion reported in 2022. Operating Profit for the fourth quarter amounted to 1.96 billion (2022: \$1.50 billion). Finance Costs totalled \$1.85 billion, a 70% increase from the corresponding period last year. (2022: \$1.09 billion). Profit before taxation for the year, amounted to \$6.75 billion, a 51% increase relative to \$4.46 billion reported in 2022. Profit before taxation for the fourth quarter amounted to 1.20 billion (2022: \$1.80 billion). Taxation for the year had a 35% increase to reach \$1.37 billion (2022: \$1.02 billion). Net Profit from continuing operations for the year end amounted to \$5.38 billion, a 56% increase from the \$3.44 billion reported in 2022. For the fourth quarter, Net Profit from continuing operations was \$873.79 million (2022: \$1.33 billion). Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders amounted to \$4.45 billion, 42% greater than the \$3.13 billion reported a year earlier.

According to Jamaica Information Service (JIS), "Best Dressed Chicken's \$200-Million hatchery upgrade is a boost for poultry sector. The almost \$200-million expansion of Best Dressed Chicken's Cumberland Hatchery in Portmore is being hailed by Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Hon. Parnell Charles Jr., as a major boost for the agriculture sector. The expansion increases the hatchery's capacity by 70%, allowing the company to better meet the demands of the local market and, particularly, small poultry farmers, by ensuring a steady supply of baby chicks. Group President and Chief Executive Officer of the Jamaica Broilers Group, Christopher Levy, said that the upgrade is an investment in the small farmers of the country, who represent 30 per cent of the production of poultry meat in Jamaica."

JBG (as at Friday September 1, 2023) was trading at 1.51 times its book value with a P/E of 8.94 times.

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