







LUMBER

Lumber Depot Limited (LUMBER)

Opening price— \$2.50

Price to book— 2.83 times

P/E— 11.49 times

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| Week to Date: | 9.65% |  |
| Month to Date: | -0.40% |  |
| Quarter to Date: | -0.79% |  |
| Year to Date: | -0.79% |  |

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Lumber Depot Limited is a full service, hardware and building materials company that has been in operation in the Jamaican building supplies sector since 1998. Lumber Depot Limited carries an extensive inventory of construction materials, hardware, plumbing and electrical fixtures. The site includes purpose-built warehousing, loading bays, retail space and office facilities.

Lumber Depot Limited (LUMBER) for the six months ended October 31, 2023, reported a 1% increase in Revenue totalling \$782.06 million compared to \$776.75 million in the corresponding period last year. Revenue for the second quarter had a 3% decrease to close at \$364.61 million compared to \$376.87 million for the comparable quarter of 2022. Cost of Sales amounted to \$616.76 million (2022: \$624.53 million), this represents a decrease of 1% year over year. Consequently, gross profit increased by 9% to \$165.30 million compared to \$152.22 million in 2022. The company booked gross profit of \$76.32 million for the second quarter versus \$70.49 million reported for the similar quarter of 2022. Administrative & Other Expenses increased by 4% from \$78.69 million in 2022 to \$81.59 million in the period under review. Profit before taxation for the six months had a 11% increase to reach \$86.73 million (2022: \$78.20 million). There were no taxes recorded for the period. As such, profit attributable to members, being total comprehensive income for the six months amounted to \$86.73 million, a 11% increase from the \$78.20 million reported in 2022. For the second quarter, Profit attributable to members, being total comprehensive income was \$34.17 million (2022: \$29.87 million).

Management noted, “During the First Half, we improved our facility in Papine through investments in our buildings, yard space, financial control systems and operating equipment.”

LUMBER (as at Friday February 23, 2024) was trading at 2.83 times its book value with a P/E of 11.49 times.