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Jamaica Broilers Group Ltd (JBG); Opening price - \$33.50; Price to book— 1.30 times; P/E- 6.59 times



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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.

Jamaica Broilers Group Limited (JBG) for the year ended April 27, 2024, reported a 2% increase in Revenue totaling \$92.96 billion compared to \$91.37 billion in the corresponding period last year. Cost of sales amounted to \$69.17 billion (2023: \$67.96 billion), this represents an increase of 2% year over year. Consequently, gross profit increased by 2% to \$23.79 billion compared to \$23.41 billion for the year ended April 29, 2023. Other gains jumped 498% to close at \$2.62 billion (2023: \$438.51 million), while distribution costs increased by 3% from \$2.67 billion in 2023 to \$2.75 billion in the period under review. Administration and other expenses for the year amounted to \$12.94 billion, a 4% increase relative to \$12.39 billion reported in 2023. Operating profit for the year amounted to \$10.68 billion, a 22% increase relative to \$8.78 billion reported in 2023. Profit before taxation for the year amounted to \$8.05 billion, a 19% increase relative to \$6.75 billion reported in 2023. Net profit from continuing operations for the year end amounted to \$6.10 billion, a 13% increase from the \$5.38 billion reported in 2023. For the year, net profit attributable to shareholders amounted to \$6.10 billion (2023: \$4.45 billion).

According to The Gleaner, "After selling its hatchery located in the American midwest for US\$23 million, poultry company Jamaica Broilers Group, JBG, is considering additional investments in the same line of business, just at a different location on the east coast of the United States. JBG President and CEO Christopher Levy says the sale is geared towards a more efficient, vertically integrated operation. Jamaica Broilers still owns another hatchery in Pennsylvania and may either expand it or buy another one."

JBG (as at Friday August 23, 2024) was trading at 1.30 times its book value with a P/E of 6.59 times.



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