

Featured Stock



SJ

Sagikor Group Jamaica Limited (SJ);

Opening price— \$41.50;

Price to book— 1.58 times;

P/E— 14.85 times

Week to Date: 1.33%

Month to Date: 1.32%

Quarter to Date: 2.77%

Year to Date: 2.77%

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Sagikor Group Jamaica (SGJ) is a member of the Sagikor Financial Corporation, a financial conglomerate renowned for delivering world-class products and services. SGJ's core business areas include banking, investments, life and health insurance, pensions, and real estate services. The Group operates a diversified business model with segments spanning Individual Insurance, Employee Benefits, and Banking (Commercial and Investments). Sagikor Group Jamaica is committed to providing comprehensive financial solutions designed to meet both short-term and long-term needs, ensuring the financial well-being of its clients.

Sagikor Group Jamaica Limited (SJ) reported a 15% increase in insurance revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, totalling \$39.63 billion compared to \$34.38 billion in the corresponding period last year. Insurance service expenses amounted to \$31.94 billion, up 20% from \$26.72 billion in 2023. Consequently, the insurance service result decreased by 10% to \$4.59 billion, down from \$5.11 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2023.

Net Insurance Finance Expense surged by 40474%, closing at \$6.82 billion compared to \$16.81 million in 2023. Meanwhile, net investment income for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, amounted to \$20.94 billion, a 35% increase from \$15.46 billion reported in 2023. As a result, the Net Insurance and Investment Result for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, amounted to \$18.71 billion, a 9% decrease from \$20.55 billion reported in 2023.

Other operating expenses totalled \$22.71 billion, an 18% increase from \$19.17 billion in the corresponding period last year. Fees and other revenue increased by 12%, from \$12.55 billion in 2023 to \$14.11 billion in the period under review. Consequently, profit before taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, amounted to \$9.28 billion, a 29% decrease from \$13.11 billion reported in 2023.

Income taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, decreased by 10% to \$2.61 billion, down from \$2.89 billion in 2023. As such, net income for the nine months amounted to \$6.68 billion, a 35% decrease from the \$10.22 billion reported in 2023.

SJ's management noted, "The Group continues to deliver on strong insurance sales evidenced by ongoing growth in insurance revenues. The Commercial Banking segment continues to show profitable expansion in its loan and card payment portfolios with improved year-over-year results in net interest margins and fee revenue. The Investment Banking segment has seen improvement in its interest margins despite the challenges posed by current market conditions."

SJ (as at Friday February 7th, 2025) was trading at 1.58 times its book value with a P/E of 14.85 times.

