



**Sagikor Group**

**SJ**

Sagikor Group Jamaica Limited (SJ);

Opening price— \$42.94;

Price to book— 1.61 times;

P/E— 13.74 times

Week to Date: -2.40%

Month to Date: -3.43%

Quarter to Date: -0.77%

Year to Date: 6.34%

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# Featured Stock

Sagikor Group Jamaica (SJ) is a proud member of the Sagikor Financial Corporation, a renowned financial conglomerate known for delivering world-class products and services. SGJ's core business areas encompass 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 dedicated 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 strong financial performance for the first quarter ended March 31, 2025, highlighted by a 14% increase in insurance revenue, which rose to \$14.30 billion, up from \$12.51 billion in the corresponding period of 2024. The Group attributed this growth to robust new business sales across both its long-term and short-term insurance segments.

Insurance service expenses increased by 4%, amounting to \$10.74 billion compared to \$10.34 billion in the prior year. As a result, the insurance service result surged by 153%, reaching \$2.59 billion, up from \$1.02 billion in Q1 2024.

Net interest income grew by 8% to \$6.96 billion (2024: \$6.44 billion), contributing to a 110% increase in net investment income, which climbed to \$10.23 billion from \$4.86 billion. Consequently, the net insurance and investment result for the quarter rose by 84% to \$9.54 billion, compared to \$5.19 billion in the same period last year.

Fees and other revenue totaled \$4.97 billion, reflecting a modest 2% increase over the \$4.86 billion reported in Q1 2024.

On the expense side, other operating expenses amounted to \$8.10 billion, representing a 9% increase from \$7.42 billion in the prior year.

As a result of these developments, profit before taxes for the quarter soared to \$5.34 billion, marking a 201% increase from \$1.78 billion in Q1 2024. Income tax expense rose by 73% to \$1.31 billion (2024: \$754.97 million), leading to a net income of \$4.04 billion, a substantial 295% increase from \$1.02 billion in the previous year.

Net profit attributable to shareholders amounted to \$3.97 billion, up from \$1.00 billion in Q1 2024.

SGJ's management reported in their Q1 2025 report to stakeholders: "Sagikor Group Jamaica will maintain a disciplined approach to managing liquidity and capital while actively pursuing strategic opportunities that drive stakeholder value. Our focus continues to be on improving customer experience while increasing operational efficiency; areas that we can control in an increasingly volatile environment".

SJ (as at Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025) was trading at 1.61 times its book value with a P/E of 13.74 times.