

# Featured Stock



## NCBFG

NCB Financial Group Limited (NCBFG);

Opening price— \$51.94;

Price to book— 0.66 times;

P/E— 7.90 times

**Week to Date:** 0.01%

**Month to Date:** 0.24%

**Quarter to Date:** 20.19%

**Year to Date:** 33.63%

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NCB Financial Group Limited (NCBFG) was incorporated in April 2016 as the financial holding company of National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited (NCBJ). Today NCBFG is Jamaica's largest financial-services group and provides a full range of banking, wealth-management, insurance and offshore-banking services through its subsidiaries.

NCB Financial Group Limited (NCBFG) delivered a resilient performance for the six months ended 31 March 2026, supported by its diversified financial services model despite market volatility, unrealised fair value losses, and post-hurricane disruptions.

Net operating income totalled J\$63.4 billion, down 18% from J\$77.3 billion, mainly due to the non-recurrence of the prior-year disposal gain from the Netherlands insurance brokerage business and unrealised fair value losses in the Group's equities portfolio. However, excluding the prior-year gain, management noted that net profit would have increased by J\$3.3 billion or 46%, highlighting the strength of the Group's underlying core operations.

Core banking fundamentals remained sound, with net interest income rising 6% to J\$41.1 billion, supported by lower wholesale funding costs, an improved funding mix, and higher income from investment securities. Customer deposits also grew 5% to J\$844.0 billion, reinforcing liquidity, while credit impairment losses declined 17% to J\$3.9 billion, reflecting improved portfolio quality and disciplined risk management.

The insurance segment provided a major earnings offset, with insurance service results increasing 58% to J\$15.1 billion, supported by reinsurance recoveries and improved performance in the Life, Health and Pensions segment. Net insurance finance expenses also declined sharply by 75%, further strengthening profitability and underscoring the effectiveness of the Group's risk management framework.

On the cost side, operating expenses fell 6% to J\$48.9 billion, reflecting lower operational losses and continued cost optimisation. As a result, NCBFG reported net profit of J\$10.3 billion, while net profit attributable to stockholders totalled J\$7.2 billion, with earnings per share of J\$2.96. Although lower year-on-year due to the absence of the prior-year disposal gain, second-quarter attributable profit rose 84% quarter-on-quarter, signalling improving earnings momentum.

Strategically, NCBFG continues to focus on asset quality, liquidity optimisation, and sustainable earnings growth. Loans and advances declined modestly by 3% to J\$604.5 billion as management prioritised portfolio quality, while non-performing loans fell 4% and the NPL ratio improved to 4.17%. At the same time, investment securities increased 7% to J\$1.29 trillion, supporting earnings stability and balance sheet strength.

Overall, NCBFG's first-half performance reflects a business successfully navigating short-term market volatility while preserving long-term strategic momentum. Strong insurance profitability, resilient banking fundamentals, disciplined expense management, and prudent balance sheet deployment position the Group well for sustained earnings recovery.

NCBFG (as at Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026) was trading at 0.66 times its book value with a P/E of 7.90 times.

