

# Featured Stock

GraceKennedy Limited, founded in Jamaica in 1922, is a prominent Caribbean conglomerate with a strong presence in both the food and financial services sectors. Operating across the Caribbean, North and Central America, the United Kingdom, and Africa, the company manufactures and distributes a wide range of products under the Grace brand and represents various international brands. Its financial services portfolio includes commercial banking, insurance, remittance, investment banking, payment services, and cambio operations, reflecting a robust and integrated business model that caters to both local and international markets.

For the three months ended 31 March 2026, GraceKennedy delivered a solid start to the year, with revenue increasing 7.4% to J\$47.48 billion, driven by growth across its Food, Insurance, and Banking & Investments segments. The Group's international food operations remained a key contributor, benefiting from strong performances in the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada, where increased demand, expanded distribution, and disciplined margin management supported higher revenue and profitability.

Profit before other income rose 33.6% to J\$2.39 billion, while profit from operations increased 22.5% to J\$3.64 billion. The improvement reflects stronger operating execution across the Group, as revenue growth outpaced increases in direct and operating expenses. Profit before taxation advanced 11.8% to J\$3.53 billion, while net profit attributable to stockholders increased 6.1% to J\$2.36 billion, translating into earnings per stock unit of J\$2.39 compared with J\$2.25 in the prior year.

A notable feature of the quarter was the strong contribution from the Insurance and Banking & Investments segments. The Insurance division recorded double-digit growth in both revenue and profit, supported by expanding insurance distribution partnerships across Barbados, The Bahamas, and the Turks and Caicos Islands, as well as strong performances in engineering, motor, and property insurance portfolios. Banking & Investments also delivered a significant improvement in profitability, driven by continued loan portfolio growth at First Global Bank, higher interest income, gains on investment securities, and growth in asset and fund management activities.

Strategically, GK continues to focus on geographic expansion, innovation, digital transformation, and operational efficiency. During the quarter, the Group completed the acquisition of the remaining 50% stake in Dairy Industries Jamaica Limited (DIJL), bringing ownership to 100% and strengthening its position in the dairy category through well-established brands such as Tastee Cheese. Management also highlighted ongoing investments in digital solutions, increasing adoption of the GK One platform, expanded use of artificial intelligence across operations, and initiatives aimed at improving customer experience and operating efficiency.

GK's first-quarter performance highlights the benefits of its diversified business model. Strong international food sales, expanding insurance operations, improving banking profitability, and disciplined execution continue to support earnings growth.

GK (as at Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026) was trading at 0.71 times its book value with a P/E of 9.55 times.



**GK**

GraceKennedy Limited (GK);

Opening price— \$67.83;

Price to book— 0.71 times;

P/E— 9.55 times

**Week to Date: -0.21%**

**Month to Date: -2.61%**

**Quarter to Date: -3.66%**

**Year to Date: -5.14%**

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