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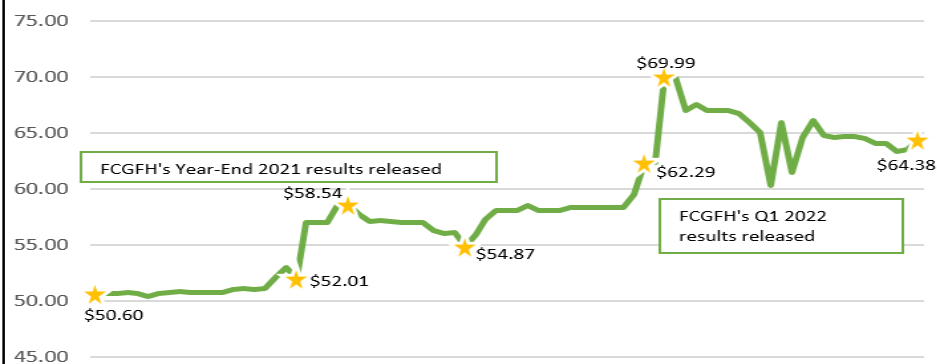
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First Citizens Group Financial Holdings (FCGFH) declares interim dividend of 40 cents per share

FCGFH's Financial Summary	For the Qtr Ended 31-Dec-21	For the Qtr Ended 31-Dec-20	\$ change	% change
Income Statement Extract	TT\$'000	TT\$'000	TT\$'000	
Profit after Tax	181,551	173,851	7,700	↑ 4.4%
Earnings per share	0.71	0.69	0.02	↑ 2.9%
Dividend per share (in \$ per share)	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.36	0.04	↑ 11.1%
Balance Sheet Extract				
Total Assets	46,915,540	47,757,208	(841,668)	↓ -1.8%
Total Liabilities	38,963,076	40,166,713	(1,203,637)	↓ -3.0%
Shareholder's Equity	7,952,464	7,590,495	361,969	↑ 4.8%
Cash Flows Extract				
Net cash from operating activities	1,134,238	1,958,018	(823,780)	↓ -42.1%
Net cash used in investing activities	(936,040)	(194,151)	(741,889)	↓ -382.1%
Net cash used in financing activities	(117,637)	(403,010)	285,373	↑ 70.8%
Cash and cash equivalents	3,957,253	3,318,689	638,564	↑ 19.2%
Metrics				
Book Value Per Share	31.64	30.20	1.44	↑ 4.8%
Market Price	62.29	43.03	19.26	↑ 44.8%
Market to Book Ratio	1.97	1.42	0.54	↑ 38%

Note: Green arrows indicate growth while red indicate contractions

FCGFH's YTD Price Movement



Quarterly Update



Valuation	
Current Price	TT\$64.38
Trailing P/E Multiple	24.20x
Market to Book Value	2.03x
JMMB Target Price	TT\$57.04
Dividend Yield	2.33%

For the quarter ended December 31st, 2021, First Citizens Group Financial Holdings (FCGFH) recorded a 4.4% increase in profit after tax to \$181.6 million from \$173.9 million in the corresponding prior period. However, Net Interest Income (NII) fell by 5.2%, driven by a fall in loans to customers (↓2.3%) and loan notes (↓49.3%) respectively. Nevertheless, the increase in profit after tax was driven by an increase in other income (↑24.8%) and impairment gains. This translates into a basic EPS of \$0.71 at the end of the period. At the price of \$64.38, FCGFH's trailing P/E is 24.2 times, which is above the sector's average of around 23 times.

For the period, total assets fell by 1.8% to \$46.9 billion from \$47.8 billion in the corresponding prior period. Given FCGFH's financial performance over the year, an interim dividend of 40 cents per share was declared, payable on March 4th, 2022.

Outlook:

In December 2021, JMMB's Research Department recommended an **UNDERPERFORM** (2.5%-4.9% of your portfolio) rating on FCGFH with a price target of \$50.35. The price of FCGFH at that date was \$56.00, which was above our fair value range. Since that rating, FCGFH's share price rose to a high of \$69.99 in January 2022, then closing at \$64.38 as at February 7th, 2022.

In March 2021, Scotiabank Guyana announced that they have reached an agreement with FCGFH, formerly First Citizens Bank Limited, to acquire Scotiabank's banking operations in Guyana. This agreement is subject to regulatory approval.

We maintain our rating on FCGFH at **UNDERPERFORM** (2.5%-4.9% of your portfolio) with a revised target price of \$57.04 (11.4% below the current price). The increase in the target price is based on an expected increase in earnings for the Group for the year ending 2022. The EPS forecast for year ended September 2022 is \$2.89.