

Quarter: 31/03/2025

Annual Earnings: 31/12/2024

RATING:



Initiated Coverage 13/03/2024

We recommend **Buying AHLI**, as its attractive dividend yield at current price levels makes it a compelling pick for income-focused investors. This assessment is grounded in our analysis of four critical factors influencing common stock performance: (1) relative valuation, (2) earnings strength, (3) financial stability, and (4) price movement.

Target Price

JD 1.05

Previous Rating



06/04/2025

52- Week Price Range

JD 0.98- JD 0.99

Market Capitalization

JD 198.7 M

Dividend Yield

8.08%

Last Dividend

JD 0.08 / share

Founded: 1955

Shares Outstanding: 200.6 M

Employees: 1,368

Volume(3m): 172.746 K

Ex-DIV Date: Apr 03, 25

P/BV: 0.61x

Forward P/E: 8.26x

Volatility(annual): 13.2%

Public Float: 96.9 M

Sector: Banking

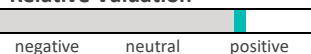
Jordan Ahli Bank ("AHLI" or the "Bank") a publicly listed financial institution established in 1955 and headquartered in Amman, Jordan, offers a wide range of banking and non-banking services tailored to diverse market segments. With operations spanning Jordan, Palestine, and Cyprus, the Bank's fully owned subsidiaries provide financial leasing, brokerage, small business financing, and FinTech solutions.

During 2024, the Bank launched Jordan's first locally issued USD 50 million **Sustainability Bond** in collaboration with the International Finance Corporation (IFC). This bond marks a major step toward the Bank's commitment to sustainable and responsible finance, funding projects that deliver both environmental and social benefits. Additionally, the Bank completed the issuance of its USD 120 million AT1 bond.

Recommendation Summary

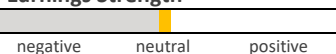
UFICO's **BUY** recommendation on AHLI is based on a systematic analysis of four key characteristics mentioned above, and driven by its strong dividend yield, undervaluation on a P/BV basis, and solid net interest income growth. While profitability remains modest, the Bank's strong capital position and careful credit provisioning offer downside protection. The stock presents a compelling opportunity for **income-focused investors**, particularly at current price levels. Market participants are urged to carefully monitor forthcoming quarterly results for additional insights to make well-informed decisions.

Relative Valuation



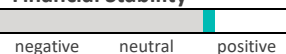
AHLI's stock seems to be fairly valued with respect to its P/E ratio and undervalued in terms of its P/BV. AHLI's dividend yield **exceeded** the banking industry's average.

Earnings Strength



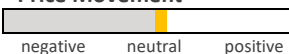
During Q1 2025, AHLI's earnings strength was moderate, with a solid 11.1% increase in net interest income, supported by a healthy NIM. However, a 2.5% decline in net income and relatively modest ROE and ROA reflect stable but unspectacular profitability.

Financial Stability



Overall, the Bank demonstrates strength in CAR and credit provisioning, but the lower CASA ratio and moderately high efficiency ratio indicate areas that could be optimized to enhance profitability and operational efficiency.

Price Movement



The stock is rated a **HOLD** based on its current 14-week RSI and its 200-Day Moving Average.

Major Risks & Rewards

- **Dividend Income:** AHLI has a track record of consistently distributing dividends, making it an attractive option for income-focused investors.
- **Regulatory Oversight:** AHLI operates under regulatory oversight, enhancing investor confidence in the stability and integrity of its operations within the financial system.
- **Diversification:** Including AHLI's stock in a diversified portfolio can mitigate risk and potentially enhance overall performance.
- **Corporate Governance:** The Bank has a strong corporate governance structure, promoting the principles of fairness and transparency within the governance framework based on responsibility and accountability. This gives the Bank the ability to develop and execute a long term, sustainable strategy that can deliver great value to all its stakeholders.
- **Credit Quality Risks** AHLI faces potential challenges regarding credit quality, stemming from the risk of borrowers defaulting on loans or failing to meet credit obligations. Economic downturns and changes in market conditions could increase these risks.
- **Regulatory Risks:** AHLI faces risks associated with changes in banking regulations and compliance requirements, influencing its operations and financial performance.
- **Interest Rate Risk:** fluctuations in interest rates can impact the profitability of AHLI and its stock price.
- **AT1 Bond Coupon Payments:** Elevated funding cost fixed at 8.5% for the first five years of the bond, given the declining interest rates, can pressure net interest margins and profitability, particularly if the Bank cannot generate adequate returns on the raised funds.

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Peers Group Comparison

Ticker	Peer Name	Price	Mkt Cap*	EPS	P/E	P/BV	Yield	ROE	NIM	Credit/Deposits
		8/5/2025	8/5/2025	(TTM)	(Forward)	(MRQ)	(TTM)	(TTM)	(TTM)	(MRQ)
AHLI	Jordan Ahli Bank	JD 0.99	198,648	JD 0.030	8.26x	0.61x	8.08%	7.32%	2.91%	75.32%
JCBK	Jordan Commercial Bank	JD 0.95	114,000	JD 0.005	51.77x	0.65x	6.32%	1.27%	3.29%	73.03%
AJIB	Arab Jordan Investment Bank	JD 1.27	190,500	JD 0.030	10.59x	0.89x	7.87%	8.23%	2.32%	47.36%
INVB	Invest Bank	JD 1.56	195,000	JD 0.059	6.60x	0.78x	6.41%	11.88%	2.65%	87.71%
CABK	Cairo Amman Bank	JD 1.09	218,000	JD 0.037	7.42x	0.45x	5.50%	6.15%	3.19%	89.69%
ABCO	Arab Banking Corporation	JD 0.69	75,900	JD 0.028	6.11x	0.45x	-	7.49%	2.48%	84.77%
Peer Group Weighted Average					14.23x	0.67x	6.53%	7.48%	2.80%	76.18%
Sector Weighted Average (excluding AHLI)					7.33x	0.70x	6.82%	10.67%	3.06%	70.21%
Sector Median					7.63x	0.67x	6.41%	9.74%	2.88%	69.84%

* In JD thousands

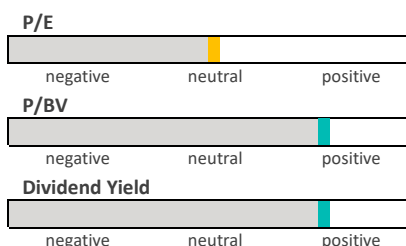
Past Performance

	2021	2022	2023	2024	1Q24	1Q25
Net Interest Margin (NIM)	2.96%	2.96%	2.99%	2.83%	2.82%	2.91%
Dividend/Share (DPS)-JD	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	-	-
Earnings/Share (EPS)- JD	0.071	0.084	0.093	0.089	0.031	0.030
Return on Equity (ROE)	4.4%	5.1%	5.6%	5.3%	7.50%	7.32%

Relative Valuation is POSITIVE

Last Price	Market Cap	EPS	P/E	BV/Share	P/BV	DPS	Div. Yield
8/5/2025	8/5/2025	(TTM)	(Forward)	(MRQ)	(MRQ)	(2024)	8/5/2025
JD 0.99	JD 198,648.5	JD 0.03	8.26x	JD 1.61	0.61x	JD 0.08	8.08%

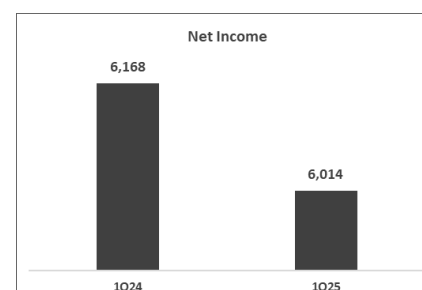
- **P/E vs Industry:** suggests that the stock is undervalued with respect to its peers, but overvalued when compared to the banking sector average and median.
- **P/BV vs. Industry:** suggests that AHLI is trading slightly below both the peer group and sector averages. This indicates it might be undervalued in terms of book value, which could be attractive to value investors.
- **Dividend Yield:** AHLI offers a relatively high dividend yield compared to both peers and the sector, making it attractive to income-focused investors.



Earning Strength is NEUTRAL

1Q25 Results	Net Interest Income	Net Income	NIM	ROE	ROA
(TTM)	JD 25.7 M (+11.05%)	JD 6.0 M (-2.5%)	2.91%	7.32%	0.68%

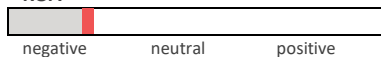
- **Return on Equity** indicates moderate profitability for shareholders, but is significantly below the banking sector average.
- **Return on Assets** falling below the industry average of approximately 1%, indicates inefficiencies in how the Bank utilizes its assets to generate profits.
- **Net Interest Margin (NIM)** is generally considered on the favourable side. It suggests that the Bank is effectively managing its interest-bearing assets and liabilities, resulting in a positive spread between what it earns and what it pays in interest.



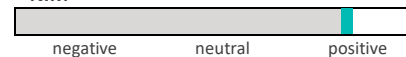
ROE



ROA



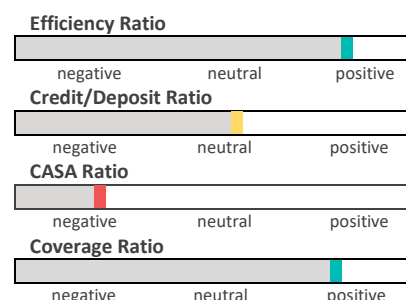
NIM



Operations Indicators is POSITIVE

1Q25 Results	Efficiency	Credit/Deposit	CASA	Coverage	CAR	Leverage
(MRQ)	42.04%	75.32%	NA	94.98%	18.09%	10.65%

- **Efficiency Ratio** demonstrates optimal operational efficiency, as an efficiency ratio of 50% or lower is considered ideal.
- **Credit/Deposit Ratio:** indicates a relatively balanced approach to lending, suggesting moderate risk appetite but also indicating potential for further growth through higher loan deployment.
- **CASA Ratio** is not available for Q1 2025, but AHLI recorded a CASA of 31.60% at the end of 2024, which represents the portion of low-cost and stable funds compared to the Bank's total deposits base. This suggests that a relatively smaller proportion of the Bank's



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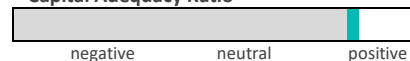
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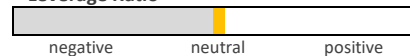
deposits are in the form of current and savings accounts. Typically, a CASA ratio above 45-50% is viewed favorably for banks.

- **Coverage Ratio** indicates an acceptable buffer against potential credit losses suggesting strong provisioning and effective risk management. This figure represents the provisions set aside as a percentage of stage 3 loans, which is considered conservative.
- **Capital Adequacy Ratio:** a CAR of 18.09%, demonstrating a strong capital cushion that aligns with the regulatory requirements set forth by the Central Bank of Jordan.
- **Leverage Ratio** indicates that AHLI operates with an acceptable level of risk. This ratio is in line with the sector average. A higher leverage ratio implies a lower level of financial risk.

Capital Adequacy Ratio



Leverage Ratio



Price Movement is **NEUTRAL**

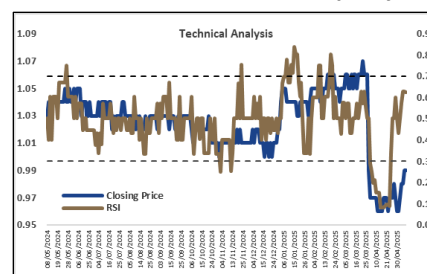
Annual Volatility: +/- 13.2% 14-Weeks RSI: 40.767 200-Day MA: 1.02

- **Volatility** suggests moderate to high fluctuations in the price of the stock, indicating a considerable level of risk, making it a suitable stock for conservative, income-oriented investors.
- **14-Weeks RSI:** observed over a 14-week period, signals weak momentum, approaching oversold territory, but not yet at levels that suggest an imminent reversal. Traditionally, an RSI exceeding 70 signifies overbought conditions, while a value below 30 suggests oversold conditions.
- **200-Day Moving Averages:** The stock is currently trading slightly below its 200-Day MA, which indicates a **Hold/Sell** signal.

On the technical chart, key support lies at JD 0.95, a level that has historically attracted buying interest, while stronger support is around JD 0.92, representing a longer-term floor. On the upside, resistance is seen at JD 1.02, in line with the 200-day MA, followed by JD 1.05, which would need to be broken for a bullish confirmation. The psychological level of JD 1.00 remains a pivotal short-term battleground for sentiment and directional bias.

Given its attractive dividend yield and low volatility, AHLI is well-positioned as a defensive holding. We recommend a Buy rating, particularly for income-focused investors, with accumulation on dips toward JD 0.95–JD 0.96 and a short-term technical target of JD 1.05. A confirmed breakout above JD 1.02 would strengthen the bullish case, while downside risk should be monitored below JD 0.92. Overall, the stock offers compelling income value with low price risk, despite muted momentum.

Stock Price Down 3.9 % over the past year



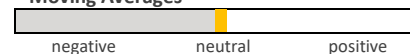
Volatility



14-Weeks RSI



Moving Averages



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1	2	3	4	5	Buy	Satisfactory
1	2	3	4	5	Hold	Average
1	2	3	4	5	Sell	Unsatisfactory
1	2	3	4	5	Strong Sell	Significantly Unsatisfactory

Relative Valuation: Relative valuation is a weighted combination of factors that measure a company's current stock price valuation vs industry. These include the company's price-to-earnings vs. industry, and its price-to-book vs. industry. UFICO also measures the rank of a company's dividend yield among dividend payers on the Amman Stock Exchange. A stock may stay undervalued or overvalued for a long period of time. For this reason, it is important to combine dividend yield rank factor with shorter-term predictive factors such as earnings momentum or price momentum to identify more imminent valuation adjustments. In addition, UFICO also measures a company's dividend payments growth over the past 10 years and the degree its dividend payments are covered by earnings.

Earnings Strength: Over 20 years of research have shown that the change in the growth of earnings per share is an important factor that drives stock price performance. UFICO measures earnings momentum to get an early indication of changing earnings patterns. Earnings strength is a weighted combination of factors that measure a company's earnings growth performance. These include the company's 5-year average earnings growth rate, its 1-year earnings growth rate vs its 5-year average earnings growth rate, its 1-year earnings growth rate vs. industry, its relative strength of ROE, and its y-o-y profit margin growth rate.

Financial Stability: Financial stability is a weighted combination of factors that measure a company's ability to pay its debts in the short and long terms. UFICO looks for a company's capital structure where its total liabilities do not exceed 40% of its equity. For a company's solvency strength, we look for an interest coverage of at least 3x, indicating a company's ability to cover its interest payments through its operating income, and a debt coverage of at least 200%, indicating a company's ability to cover its loans and interest payments through its operating income. For liquidity strength, we look for a company's current ratio of at least 1.25x, indicating current liabilities are sufficiently covered by current assets. Companies in the banking sector are analyzed using assets/equity ratio, loans/deposits ratio, loans/assets ratio, and level of bad loans. For assets/equity ratio, we look for a ratio below 10x, indicating adequate reliance on debt to fund the bank's operations. For loans/deposits ratio, we look for a ratio below 125%, indicating high liquidity and low exposure risk to cover unexpected funding requirements. For loans/asset ratio, we look for a ratio below 110%, indicating high liquidity and low exposure risk to defaults. For the level of bad loans, we look for a ratio below 5.00%, indicating lower provisions are required and, hence, increases bank profitability.

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