

# JPMorgan Chase & Co.

# Meets high bar

Reiterate Rating: BUY | PO: 188.00 USD | Price: 169.05 USD

## No change to our outlook, reiterate Buy rating

Following an initial strong reaction to better-than-expected 4Q23 results the stock closed relatively unchanged on the day, trading inline with the broader banks group. Although 4Q23 results and mgmt's FY24 guidance met the high bar for a stock trading near all-time highs, the update may not be enough of a catalyst to drive new dollars into the stock. No change to our FY24/25e EPS of \$15/\$15.25 as higher net interest income (NII) is offset by higher expenses/lower fee revenues. Relevant research: US Banks: First read JPM, WFC, BK: Results/guide supportive of move in bank stocks

# Rate-cuts, customer behavior to determine NII trajectory

Mgmt. guidance calls for FY24 NII of \$90bn (\$88bn ex. markets) exceeding our/cons. pre-4Q expectations. This is 7% below the \$97bn annualized NII reported for 4Q23. In addition to a continued catch-up on deposit pricing, NII to be negatively impacted by rate-cuts (guidance assumes six cuts) owing to a modestly asset sensitive balance sheet. Fewer rate-cuts should be a positive. We forecast FY24/25 NII \$90.2bn/\$86.9bn.

# Plowing stronger revenue growth toward investments

Mgmt. guided for FY24e expenses of ~\$90bn compared to ~\$86bn (ex. FDIC special assessment) 4Q23 annualized run-rate. This assumes ~\$1bn of volume-related expense growth (investment banking, markets rebound); continued expansion of the branch footprint (expects to open ~170 new branches FY24); tech investments. While addressing A.I. investments, mgmt. noted that it was pursuing a "well-chosen list of high-impact use cases" with the strategy led by JPM veteran (30yrs) Teresa Heitsenrether. We see impact of AI as evolutionary vs. revolutionary for now, although use cases should grow. Relevant research: US Banks: 2024 Year Ahead: Top ten questions asked (and answered)

# Stock momentum should continue, reiterate Buy rating

While lacking an obvious catalyst, we view JPMorgan-JPM shares as offering an attractive risk/reward given the range of macro-economic outcomes (rates/GDP) facing the banking sector. A fortress balance sheet with a common equity tier 1 (CET1) capital ratio of 15%, best-in-class return on tangible common equity (ROTCE), revenue diversity across businesses/geographies, franchise investments, all topped with solid execution, should lead to superior EPS growth and returns. Reiterate Buy rating and \$188 PO. Relevant research: JPM: 2024 Year Ahead: An elephant with the agility of a tiger

Estimates (Dec) (US\$)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
EPS	15.26	12.59	16.47	15.00	15.25
GAAP EPS	15.32	12.08	16.04	15.00	15.25
EPS Change (YoY)	70.9%	-17.5%	30.8%	-8.9%	1.7%
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			16.76	15.67	15.83
DPS	3.80	4.00	4.10	4.31	4.74
Valuation (Dec)					
P/E	11.1x	13.4x	10.3x	11.3x	11.1x
GAAP P/E	11.0x	14.0x	10.5x	11.3x	11.1x
Dividend Yield	2.2%	2.4%	2.4%	2.5%	2.8%

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#### Stock Data

169.05 USD Price Objective 188 00 USD Date Established 4-Jan-2024 Investment Opinion B-1-7 52-Week Range 123.11 USD -176.31 USD Mrkt Val / Shares Out (mn) 488,725 USD / 2,891.0 Free Float 98.8% Average Daily Value 1625.00 USD BofA Ticker / Exchange IPM / NYS Bloomberg / Reuters JPM US / JPM.N ROF (2023F) 17 2% ESGMeter™ High

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(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Net Interest Income	52.741	67.144	88,535	85.694	82,871
% chanae	-4.1%	27.3%	31.9%	-3.2%	-3.3%
Net Fee Income	NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA
Securities Gains / (Losses)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total Operating Income	125,054	134,276	162,020	160,845	162,566
Operating Expenses	(70,793)	(76,140)	(85,208)	(88,478)	(91,171)
% change	7.0%	7.6%	11.9%	3.8%	3.0%
Provisions Expense	9,256	(6,389)	(9,543)	(11,641)	(11,179)
% change	-153.0%	NA	49.4%	22.0%	-4.0%
Operating Pre-Tax Income	63,517	51,747	67,269	60,726	60,217
Operating Net Income to Comm S/Hold.	46,182	37,387	48,472	43,308	42,738
GAAP Net Income	47,782	38,982	49,955	44,644	44,270
Balance Sheet Data (Dec)					
US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Total Assets	3,743,567	3.665.743	3,973,866	4,031,350	4,109,393
Average Interest Earning Assets	3,215,351	3,349,466	3,322,871	3,428,353	3,500,184
Total Gross Customer Loans	1,077,714	1,135,647	1,321,482	1,355,391	1,411,784
% change	6.4%	5.4%	16.4%	2.6%	4.2%
Total Customer Deposits	2,462,303	2,340,179	2,370,754	2,364,329	2,388,936
% change	14.8%	-5.0%	1.3%	-0.3%	1.0%
Tangible Equity	210,591	214,552	240,893	265,260	286,988
Common Shareholders' Equity	259,289	264,928	293,647	317,926	339,566
Key Metrics (Dec)					
US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025
Net Interest Margin	1.64%	2.00%	2.66%	2.50%	2.37%
Effective Tax Rate	24.4%	24.3%	25.3%	26.0%	26.0%
Loan / Deposit Ratio	43.8%	48.5%	55.7%	57.3%	59.1%
Tangible Common Equity / Assets	5.6%	5.9%	6.1%	6.6%	7.0%
ROA	1.2%	1.0%	1.3%	1.1%	1.1%
ROE	18.4%	14.8%	17.2%	14.1%	13.0%
RoTE	22.4%	17.6%	21.3%	17.1%	15.5%
	24.9%	31.8%	24.9%	28.7%	31.1%
Dividend Payout Ratio			52.6%	55.0%	56.1%

2021A

57.8%

207.61%

1.50%

0.7%

2022A

50.0%

0.6%

1.72%

289.97%

2023E

45.4%

0.6%

296.38%

1.76%

2024E

46.7%

302.43%

1.98%

0.7%

2025E

49.0%

0.6%

1.99%

306.55%

## **Company Sector**

Banks-Multinational/Universal

#### **Company Description**

J.P. Morgan Chase (JPM) is one of the leading global financial services firms and one of the largest banking institutions in the US, with nearly \$4 trillion in assets. The company as it is today formed through the merger of retail bank Chase Manhattan and investment bank JP Morgan. The firm has many operating divisions including investment and corporate banking, asset and wealth management, retail financial services, commercial banking, credit cards, and financial transaction services.

#### **Investment Rationale**

We view JPM as best of breed when it comes to earnings diversification combined with strong execution. JPM's commitment toward digital (such as launch of the UK retail bank, investment in Brazilian bank C6, Blockchain platform Onyx, JPM Coin, dozens of Fintech acquisitions) combined with the talent to navigate a rapidly changing banking landscape sets the bank apart from peers, in our opinion.

Stock Data	
Average Daily Volume	9,956,234

#### **Quarterly Earnings Estimates**

	2022	2023
Q1	2.76A	4.27A
Q2	2.91A	4.06A
Q3	3.36A	4.51A
Q4	3.56A	3.63E

(US\$ Millions)

Total Non-Interest Inc / Operating Inc

Loan Loss Reserves / NPLs

Loan Loss Reserves / Total Loans

NPLs plus Foreclosed Real Estate / Loans

**Exhibit 1: JPM Variance Table**New vs. old EPS estimates, assumptions

		Actual	Estimate	Variana	New	Old	\/ariana	New	Old	Naviana
KEY FORECAST VARIABLES:	3Q23	4Q23	4Q23E	Varianc e	2024E	2024E	Varianc e	2025E	2025E	Varianc e
EOP Loans	1,310,059	1,323,706	1,321,482	0.17%	1,357,809	1,355,391	0.18%	1,418,807	1,411,784	
Average Loans	1,306,322	1,315,439	1,315,770		1,331,992	1,331,286	0.05%	1,388,308	1,383,587	
Average Earning Assets	3,331,728	3,408,395	3,399,220		3,465,437	3,428,353	1.08%	3,520,620	3,500,184	
Net Interest Margin (%)	2.72	2.81	2.68		2.60	2.50	10bp	2.47	2.37	10bp
Net Interest Income (FTE)	22,856.0	24,177.0	22,965.3	5.28%	90,222.1	85,694.2	5.28%	86,870.2	82,871.7	4 82%
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Loan Loss Provision	ŕ	2,762.0	2,985.3		10,376.6	11,041.5		,	11,178.8	
Noninterest Revenues	18,560.0	16,611.0	17,117.6		71,877.5	75,151.1	-4.36%	75,072.3	79,695.0	
Tot. Revenue	41,416	40,788	40,083	1.76%	162,100	160,845	0.78%	161,943	162,567	-0.38%
Total Expenses	21,757.0	21,604.0	22,521.8	-4.08%	90,410.6	88,477.6	2.18%	91,904.2	91,170.9	0.80%
Pre-Tax Income (FTE)	18,275.0	16,422.0	14,575.8	12 6706	61,312.5	60,726.3	0.97%	60,304.6	60,217.1	0.150%
FTE Tax Rate (%)	25.0	26.2	24.2	2pp	26.9	26.0	1pp	26.9	26.0	1pp
Net Income	13,701.2	12,120.8	11,041.3		44,844.0	44,964.1	-0.27%	44,069.1	44,590.6	
Available For Common	13,235.2	11.683.8	10,593.5		43,305.0	43,308.0	-3mn	42,334.0	42,737.7	
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Op. EARNINGS PER SHARE (F.D.)	\$4.51 \$4.33	\$4.00 \$3.04	\$3.63 \$2.85	10% 7%	\$15.00 \$15.00	\$15.00 \$15.00	0% 0%	\$15.25 \$15.25	\$15.25	0% 0%
GAAP EPS (F.D.)	\$4.33	\$3.04	\$2.85	/%	\$15.00	\$15.00	0%	\$15.25	\$15.25	0%
Book Value Per Share	\$100.30	\$104.45	\$102.04	\$2.41	\$114.63	\$112.44	\$2.20	\$122.58	\$122.25	\$0.33
Tangible Book Value Per Share	\$82.04	\$86.07	\$83.71	\$2.36	\$95.96	\$93.81	\$2.15	\$103.25	\$103.32	
Dividends Per Share	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$0.00	\$4.31	\$4.31	\$0.00	\$4.74	\$4.74	\$0.00
Average Fully-Diluted Shares	2,932.1	2.919.1	2,918.5	1mn	2,887.4	2,886.9	1mn	2,776.7	2,802.6	
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CAPITAL RATIOS:	7.44	7.75	7.20	26hn	0.10	7.00	20hn	8.32	8.26	Fhn
EOP Common Equity/Assets (%)	7.44 6.17	7.75 6.48	7.39 6.15	36bp 33bp	8.18 6.95	7.89 6.67	30bp 28bp	7.10		5bp
Tang. Common Equity/Assets (%) Tangible Common Equity/RWA (%)	14.02	6.48 14.78	14.11	67bp	16.03	15.43	280p 60bp	16.52	7.08 16.54	2bp -3bp
rangible common Equity/NVVA (70)	14.02	14.70	14.11	ОЛОР	10.05	15.45	ОООР	10.32	10.54	-30p
PROFITABILITY RATIOS:										
Return On Assets (%)	1.31	0.90	0.84		1.10	1.08	2bp	1.06	1.05	1bp
Return On Common Equity (%)	17.67	11.95	11.31	64bp	13.83	14.10	-27bp	12.86	13.00	-14bp
Return On Tangible Common Equity (%)	21.69	14.57	13.99	58bp	16.83	17.23	-40bp	15.48	15.65	-16bp
Operating Expenses/Revenues (%)	52.53	52.97	56.19	-322bp	55.77	55.01	77bp	56.75	56.08	67bp
BALANCE SHEET ITEMS:										
EOP Total Deposits	2,379,526	2,400,688	2,370,754		2,388,635	2,364,329	1.03%	2,398,313	2,388,936	
AVG Total Deposits	2,355,741	2,372,101	2,375,140		2,395,745	2,370,153	1.08%	2,393,474	2,376,632	
EOP Total Assets	3,898,333	3,875,393	3,973,866		3,959,313	4,031,350		4,019,110	4,109,393	
EOP Equity	317,371	327,878	321,051		351,433	345,330		361,631	366,970	
EOP Preferred Equity	27,404	27,404	27,404		27,404	27,404	0.00%	27,404		0.00%
EOP Common Equity EOP Tangible Common Equity	289,967 237,191	300,474 247,611	293,647 240,893		324,029 271,254	317,926 265,260	1.92% 2.26%	334,227 281,540	339,566 286,988	
EOF Taligible Continion Equity	237,191	247,011	240,093	2.79%	2/1,234	203,200	2.20%	201,340	200,900	-1.90%
CREDIT QUALITY INDICATORS:										
Net Charge-Offs	1,497	2,164		25.49%	8,068	7,589		9,666		2.27%
% Average Loans	0.45	0.65	0.52	13bp	0.61	0.57	4bp	0.70	0.68	1bp
Nonperforming Assets	8,131	7,597		-10.54%	8,318	9,348	-11.02%	8,501		-7.44%
% EOP Loans + OREO	0.62	0.57	0.64		0.61	0.69	-8bp	0.60	0.65	
Nonperforming Loans	7,520	6,917		-11.98%	7,823		-11.98%	8,070		-11.98%
% EOP Loans (excl. OREO)	0.57	0.52	0.59		0.58	0.66	-8bp	0.57	0.65	-8bp
Loan Loss Reserve % EOP Loans	22,161 1.69	22,894 1.73	23,291 1.76		24,763 1.82	26,880 1.98	-7.87% -16bp	24,330 1.71	28,105 1.99	-13.43% -28bp
% Nonperforming Loans	294.69	330.98	290.38	3460bp	316.54	3UZ.43	1411bp	301.50	200.55	-505bp

**Source:** BofA Global Research, Company filings

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# Price objective basis & risk

## JPMorgan Chase & Co. (JPM)

Our \$188 PO is based on a 50%/50% weighting between our 2024e EPS and 2024e TBV. We assign 12.9x/1.9x multiples, respectively, in-line with/above 5Y pre-pandemic average (11.8x/1.7x, respectively) due to the bank's best-in-class revenue generation and better EPS defensibility.

Downside risks to our price objective are macro risks, such as slower-than-expected rate increases, additional regulatory requirements, and scrutiny of the financials industry. Upside risks are better-than-expected credit quality (i.e., lower loan losses) and better interest rate defensibility

# **Analyst Certification**

I, Ebrahim H. Poonawala, hereby certify that the views expressed in this research report accurately reflect my personal views about the subject securities and issuers. I also certify that no part of my compensation was, is, or will be, directly or indirectly, related to the specific recommendations or view expressed in this research report.

#### North America - Banks Coverage Cluster

Investment rating	Company	Bof A Ticker	Bloomberg symbol	Analyst
BUY				
	Ares Capital Corporation	ARCC	ARCC US	Derek Hewett
	Ares Commercial Real Estate Corporation	ACRE	ACRE US	Derek Hewett
	Bank of Montreal	ВМО	BMO US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Bank of Montreal	YBMO	BMO CN	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Barings BDC Inc	BBDC	BBDC US	Derek Hewett
	Blackstone Mortgage Trust Inc	BXMT	BXMT US	Derek Hewett
	Blue Owl Capital Corporation	OBDC	OBDC US	Derek Hewett
	Carlyle Secured Lending Inc	CGBD	CGBD US	Derek Hewett
	Citigroup Inc.	С	C US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Compass Diversified Holdings	CODI	CODIUS	Derek Hewett
	Crescent Capital BDC	CCAP	CCAP US	Derek Hewett
	Cullen/Frost Bankers Inc	CFR	CFR US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	East West Bancorp, Incorporated	EWBC	EWBC US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Fifth Third Bank	FITB	FITB US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	First Bancorp Puerto Rico	FBP	FBP US	Brandon Berman
	First Horizon Corporation	FHN	FHN US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	FNB Corporation of Pennsylvania	FNB	FNB US	Brandon Berman
	Goldman Sachs	GS	GS US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	JPM	JPM US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	KeyCorp	KEY	KEY US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	M&T Bank	MTB	MTB US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Morgan Stanley	MS	MS US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	New Mountain Finance Corporation	NMFC	NMFC US	Derek Hewett
	New York Community Bancorp	NYCB	NYCB US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Northern Trust Corporation	NTRS	NTRS US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Royal Bank of Canada	RY	RY US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Royal Bank of Canada	YRY	RY CN	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Safehold, Inc	SAFE	SAFE US	Derek Hewett
	Sixth Street Specialty Lending, Inc	TSLX	TSLX US	Derek Hewett
	Starwood Property Trust	STWD	STWD US	Derek Hewett
	Synovus Financial Corp.	SNV	SNV US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation	BK	BK US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Truist Financial	TFC	TFC US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	U.S. Bancorp	USB	USB US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Webster Financial Corp.	WBS	WBS US	Brandon Berman
	Wells Fargo & Company	WFC	WFC US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Western Alliance Bancorp	WAL	WAL US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
NEUTRAL				
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Investment rating	Company	Bof A Ticker	Bloomberg symbol	Analyst
	Ally Financial	ALLY	ALLY US	Brandon Berman
	Annaly Capital Management	NLY	NLY US	Derek Hewett
	Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance	ARI	ARI US	Derek Hewett
	Associated Banc-Corp	ASB	ASB US	Brandon Berman
	Bain Capital Specialty Finance, Inc.	BCSF	BCSF US	Derek Hewett
	Bank of Nova Scotia	YBNS	BNS CN	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Bank of Nova Scotia	BNS	BNS US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Blackstone Secured Lending Fund	BXSL	BXSL US	Derek Hewett
	BrightSpire Capital Inc.	BRSP	BRSP US	Derek Hewett
	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	CM	CM US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	YCM	CM CN	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Citizens Financial Group	CFG	CFG US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Comerica Incorporated	CMA	CMA US	Brandon Berman
	Commerce Bancshares Inc.	CBSH	CBSH US	Brandon Berman
	Goldman Sachs BDC, Inc.	GSBD	GSBD US	Derek Hewett
	Golub Capital BDC, Inc.	GBDC	GBDC US	Derek Hewett
	Huntington Bancshares Inc.	HBAN	HBAN US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Ladder Capital Corp	LADR	LADR US	Derek Hewett
	PennyMac Mortgage Investment Trust	PMT	PMT US	Derek Hewett
	Popular Inc	BPOP	BPOP US	Brandon Berman
	Regions Financial	RF	RF US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	PNC	PNC US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Toronto-Dominion Bank	TD	TD US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Toronto-Dominion Bank	YTD	TD CN	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	TPG RE Finance Trust, Inc.	TRTX	TRTX US	Derek Hewett
UNDERPERFORM				
	Bank of Hawaii Corp.	ВОН	BOH US	Brandon Berman
	First Hawaiian Inc.	FHB	FHB US	Brandon Berman
	Guild Holdings Company	GHLD	GHLD US	Derek Hewett
	Invesco Mortgage Capital, Inc.	IVR	IVR US	Derek Hewett
	loanDepot Inc	LDI	LDIUS	Derek Hewett
	MidCap Financial Investment Co	MFIC	MFIC US	Derek Hewett
	Prosperity Bancshares Inc	PB	PB US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	State Street Corporation	STT	STT US	Ebrahim H. Poonawala
	Texas Capital Bancshares Inc.	TCBI	TCBIUS	Brandon Berman
	Zions Bancorp	ZION	ZION US	Brandon Berman
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# **Q**method <sup>su</sup> Measures Definitions

Numerator

**Business Performance** 

Return On Capital Employed	NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) $\times$ (1 - Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization	Total Assets — Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill Amortization
Return On Equity	Net Income	Shareholders' Equity
Operating Margin	Operating Profit	Sales
Earnings Growth	Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual	N/A
Free Cash Flow	Cash Flow From Operations — Total Capex	N/A
Quality of Earnings	Numerator	Denominator
Cash Realization Ratio	Cash Flow From Operations	Net Income
Asset Replacement Ratio	Capex	Depreciation
Tax Rate	Tax Charge	Pre-Tax Income
Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio	Net Debt = Total Debt - Cash & Equivalents	Total Equity
Interest Cover	EBIT	Interest Expense
Valuation Toolkit	Numerator	Denominator
Price / Earnings Ratio	Current Share Price	Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified)
Price / Book Value	Current Share Price	Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares
Dividend Yield	Annualised Declared Cash Dividend	Current Share Price
Free Cash Flow Yield	Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex	Market Cap = Current Share Price × Current Basic Shares
Enterprise Value / Sales	EV = Current Share Price × Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt + Other LT Liabilities	Sales
EV/EBITDA	Enterprise Value	Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

Denominator



Valuation Toolkit Numerator Denominator

Method SM is the set of BofA Global Research standard measures that serve to maintain global consistency under three broad headings. Business Performance, Quality of Earnings, and validations. The key features of iQmethod are: A consistently structured, detailed, and transparent methodology. Guidelines to maximize the effectiveness of the comparative valuation process, and to identify some common pitfalls.

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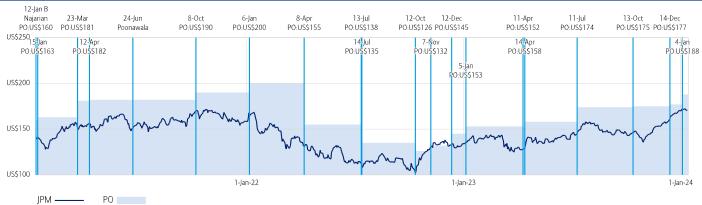
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#### JP Morgan Chase (JPM) Price Chart



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#### Equity Investment Rating Distribution: Banks Group (as of 31 Dec 2023)

Coverage Universe	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships R1	Count	Percent
Buy	100	49.75%	Buy	84	84.00%
Hold	54	26.87%	Hold	41	75.93%
Sell	47	23.38%	Sell	35	74.47%

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Puv.	> 100%	< 700/ <sub>2</sub>

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nderperform	N/A	≥ 20%

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