# JBS Dual listing: Repricing outweighed voting power

#### LatAm Meatpackers

#### Main takeaways:

(i) JBS announced this morning (May 23) that the dual listing structure (NYSE with primary shares and B3 with BDRs) was approved at the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM). (ii) Only minority shareholders voted at the AGM, with BNDESPar abstaining (as widely expected) and without the participation of the controlling shareholders (J&F Investimentos – a vehicle owned by the Batista family). (iii) Our understanding is that active funds may increase their positions temporarily, focusing on valuation repricing, and gradually divest their positions to pocket gains, considering that fundamentals are softening. (iv) JBS is currently trading at 5.8x EV/EBITDA 25E (vs. 7.5x on a global average). The company is positioned for a rerating of its valuation, which would reduce the gap in trading vs. peers. Therefore, we maintain our BUY rating, with a 12M Target Price of R\$54.50, implying an upside of +29.0%. We emphasize that our valuation is attributed both to (a) our DCF model and to (b) the value gain we see from the multiple repricing.

#### What happened?

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We share the view expressed by **Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS)** – which we had already pointed out previously – as we believe that the **dual class share structure (Class B with 10x more voting power** than Class A in the primary shares to be listed on the NYSE) may cause **discomfort among some investors**, who have a greater interest in aligning the board of directors with the interests of the minority position. Although ISS raised these issues, we believe that **approval of the structure at the EGM was already likely** (albeit with a narrower margin), since minority shareholders will be attentive to the **trend of rising share prices in the short term**, given the reduction in the **difference between JBS's EV/EBITDA and its peers**, and not necessarily to issues related to voting power, which imply a longer time frame.

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#### Company

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Price: R\$ 42.25 (23-May-2025) Target Price 12M: R\$ 54.50



## Our take on JBS

Our understanding is that **active funds may increase their positions temporarily**, focused on the valuation repricing, and **gradually divest their positions to pocket gains**, considering that the **fundamentals are softening** (margin compression in the main business units in 25E). Passive funds, on the other hand, should fuel continued interest in the shares, especially if they are nominated for **inclusion in the indices** (Russell 1000 and, in the future, the S&P 500).

JBS is currently trading at **5.8x EV/EBITDA 25E**. So, the **multiple remains below the levels practiced vs. peers**, such as Tyson Foods (8.4x) and Pilgrim's Pride-PPC itself (6.6x). In Europe, food and beverage companies listed in Frankfurt and London trade at an average of 7.2x, while Asian peers trade at 6.8x. JBS' convergence to the **global average of 7.5x** would imply a potential appreciation of **almost +30% in share prices**, even if the convergence is not perfect and maintains a **gap of +0.5x vs. peers** — which we model as our **base scenario**.

By combining a (i) dual-class share structure (A and B shares, as mentioned above); (ii) access to global capital (passive funds and listing on indices such as the Russell 1000 and S&P 500); (iii) and an immediate extraordinary dividend (R\$1.00/share), the company is positioned for a **rerating of valuation**, which would **reduce the trading gap vs. peers**. Thus, we maintain our **BUY rating**, with a **12M Target Price** of **R\$54.50**, implying an **upside** of **+29.0%**. We emphasize that our **valuation is attributed** both to (a) our DCF model and to (b) the value gain we see from the multiple repricing.

# **Appendix: JBS**

## Figure 1. JBS – Income Statement in R\$ Millions (Genial Est. 25-28)

Income Statement	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E
Net Revenue	462.176	480.512	489.647	496.992
(-) COGS	(397.695)	(417.643)	(421.665)	(427.990)
Gross Profit	64.480	62.869	67.982	69.002
(-) Expenses	(27.830)	(28.392)	(29.035)	(29.470)
Adjusted EBITDA	36.650	34.477	38.948	39.532
(-) D&A	(12.710)	(13.214)	(13.465)	(13.667)
EBIT	24.016	21.339	25.558	25.942
(+/-) Financial Result	(8.282)	(7.513)	(2.429)	(2.465)
(-) Taxes	(3.934)	(3.457)	(5.782)	(5.869)
Net income	11.801	10.370	17.347	17.781
Profitability				
Net margin (%)	2,6%	2,2%	3,5%	3,6%

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(+/-) ∆ WK	(1.323)	(499)	(346)	(501)
(-) Capex	(9.244)	(9.610)	(9.793)	(9.940)
FCFF	22.226	20.988	23.102	23.299

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