

Santander Brasil

Earnings momentum set to accelerate from lows; Upgrade to Neutral

Rating Change: NEUTRAL | PO: 32.00 BRL | Price: 28.47 BRL

Earnings momentum to accelerate from lows

We are upgrading Santander Brasil to Neutral from Underperform. Santander's earnings have contracted for two consecutive years and are down c.40% from '21 levels, reducing ROE to historical lows (11.2% from 21.1%). However, we have confidence that the bank is positioned to deliver strong earnings growth in '24 (+42% from weak comps in '23), outpacing its peers (+10%). The sharp net income rise is expected to be driven by normalization of Market NII in a lower rate environment and from Client NII expansion as loan growth accelerates, partially offset by a higher effective tax rate (following tax credits in '23). Overall, we expect ROE to improve to 15.0%. (Exhibit 1-2).

Santander Brasil leading the growth pack...

While Santander was the first bank to become more selective on growth (Sep '21), it's now leading the acceleration cycle, which should be supportive for Client NII expansion. Moreover, the bank's ALM strategy is set to benefit from the ongoing easing cycle, a major lever to the bank's top line, as it comes from depressed levels in '22 and '23 (losses of R\$4.2bn and R\$3.1bn). We estimate gains of R\$2bn in '24. (Exhibit 3-4)

...backed by improving asset quality trends

Santander Brasil's asset quality showed positive and consistent evolution over the last quarters, suggesting that the selective approach to growth yielded positive results. Consumer NPLs are lowest among peers, the renegotiated book is trending down as a percentage of total portfolio, and Santander has the highest reserve coverage ratio among retail banks. (Exhibit 5-7)

New PO of R\$32/US\$6.4; Upgrade to Neutral

We increase our GGM-derived PO to R\$32/US\$6.4, from R\$29/US\$5.8, reflecting sustainable ROE of 17% (vs. 16% previously) and cost of equity of 14%. SANB's premium valuation at 8.2x '24E P/E (compared to peers at 7.6x) prevents us from becoming more bullish on the name. Furthermore, the stock is already trading at 1.2x '24E P/B, even as ROE is only expected to modestly surpass COE in 2H24.

Estimates(Dec) (BRL)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
EPS	3.44	2.50	3.54	4.22	4.52
GAAP EPS	3.35	2.41	3.45	4.13	4.43
EPS Change (YoY)	-20.6%	-27.3%	41.6%	19.2%	7.1%
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			3.60	4.22	4.84
DPS	1.47	1.65	1.72	2.06	2.21
ADR EPS (BRL)	3.44	2.50	3.54	4.22	4.52
ADR DPS (BRL)	1.47	1.65	1.72	2.06	2.21
Valuation (Dec)					
P/E	8.3x	11.4x	8.0x	6.7x	6.3x
GAAP P/E	8.5x	11.8x	8.3x	6.9x	6.4x
Dividend Yield	5.2%	5.8%	6.1%	7.3%	7.8%

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Equity

Key Changes

(BRL)	Previous	Current
Inv. Opinion	B-3-7	B-2-7
Inv. Rating	UNDERPERFORM	NEUTRAL
Price Obj.	29.00	32.00
2024E Rev (m)	73,326.6	72,016.1
2025E Rev (m)	81,718.3	81,295.0
2026E Rev (m)	88,186.3	88,114.7
2024E EPS	3.72	3.54
2025E EPS	4.17	4.22
2026E EPS	4.53	4.52
2024E DPS	1.81	1.72

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Stock Data

Price (Common / ADR)	28.47 BRL / 5.70 USD
Price Objective	32.00 BRL / 6.40 USD
Date Established	15-Feb-2024 / 15-Feb-2024
Investment Opinion	B-2-7 / B-2-7
52-Week Range	25.27 BRL - 32.48 BRL
Market Value (mn)	106,742 BRL
Free Float	100.0%
Average Daily Value	11.91 USD
Shares Outstanding (mn)	3,749.3 / 3,749.3
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Bloomberg / Reuters	SANB11 BZ / SANB11.SA
ROE (2024E)	15.6%

ALM: Asset & liability management

NII: Net interest income

NPL: Non-performing loan

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Income Statement Data (Dec)

(BRL Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Net Interest Income	51,828	54,191	61,685	67,708	73,647
% change	-6.8%	4.6%	13.8%	9.8%	8.8%
Net Fee Income	19,308	20,112	21,405	22,475	23,599
Securities Gains / (Losses)	(4,239)	(3,103)	2,000	3,200	3,400
Total Operating Income	66,266	62,757	72,016	81,295	88,115
Operating Expenses	(25,366)	(27,325)	(28,584)	(29,622)	(30,830)
% change	4.8%	7.7%	4.6%	3.6%	4.1%
Provisions Expense	(23,931)	(25,200)	(24,888)	(26,724)	(29,161)
% change	72.7%	5.3%	-1.2%	7.4%	9.1%
Operating Pre-Tax Income	17,183	10,050	18,415	24,820	27,995
Operating Net Income to Comm S/Hold.	12,570	9,024	12,925	15,482	16,604
GAAP Net Income	12,570	8,974	12,925	15,482	16,604

Balance Sheet Data (Dec)

(BRL Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Total Assets	1,048,518	1,153,196	1,243,570	1,325,423	1,403,684
Average Interest Earning Assets	847,461	937,465	1,029,484	1,130,304	1,221,986
Total Gross Customer Loans	489,687	516,618	558,187	612,357	671,892
% change	5.8%	5.5%	8.0%	9.7%	9.7%
Total Customer Deposits	420,929	475,702	528,518	569,555	604,319
% change	4.3%	13.0%	11.1%	7.8%	6.1%
Tangible Equity	80,806	85,197	91,660	99,401	107,703
Common Shareholders' Equity	82,062	86,084	92,547	100,288	108,590

Key Metrics (Dec)

(BRL Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Net Interest Margin	6.12%	6.07%	6.29%	6.29%	6.63%
Effective Tax Rate	13.5%	NM	15.4%	23.3%	26.3%
Loan / Deposit Ratio	116.3%	108.6%	105.6%	107.5%	111.2%
Tangible Common Equity / Assets	7.7%	7.4%	7.4%	7.5%	7.7%
ROA	1.3%	0.9%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%
ROE	16.0%	11.7%	15.6%	17.2%	17.8%
RoTE	16.3%	11.9%	15.8%	17.4%	18.0%
Dividend Payout Ratio	42.9%	66.1%	48.7%	48.9%	49.0%
Efficiency Ratio (Cost / Income Ratio)	36.0%	41.5%	40.8%	37.9%	36.4%

Quality of Earnings (Dec)

(BRL Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Total Non-Interest Inc / Operating Inc	21.8%	13.6%	14.3%	16.7%	16.4%
NPLs plus Foreclosed Real Estate / Loans	3.1%	3.1%	2.7%	2.5%	2.5%
Loan Loss Reserves / NPLs	230.15%	222.46%	226.87%	235.82%	226.28%
Loan Loss Reserves / Total Loans	7.04%	6.85%	6.08%	5.84%	5.61%

Company Sector

Banks-Multinational/Universal

Company Description

SANB is the fifth largest commercial bank in Brazil, or third largest private sector bank, and the largest foreign-owned bank in terms of assets. Its business model consists of two segments: i) commercial banking and ii) global wholesale banking.

Investment Rationale

We have a Neutral rating on Santander Brasil. The bank is well positioned to deliver strong earnings growth in '24. While Santander was the first bank to become more selective on growth (Sep/'21), it's now the bank leading the growth acceleration cycle, which should be supportive for Client NII expansion. We also expect a sharp rebound on Market NII results. A/Q is under control, with NPLs are around 3.0%, renegotiated book as a % of total trending down and a comfortable coverage ratio of 222%.

Stock Data

Average Daily Volume	2,082,157
Shares / ADR	1.00

Quarterly Earnings Estimates

	2023	2024
Q1	0.57A	0.76E
Q2	0.62A	0.82E
Q3	0.73A	0.95E
Q4	0.59A	1.01E

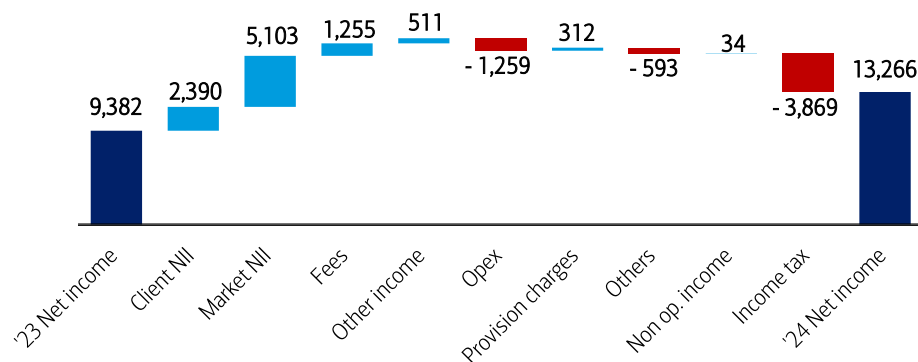
Key Changes

(BRL)	Previous	Current
Inv. Opinion	B-3-7	B-2-7
Inv. Rating	UNDERPERFORM	NEUTRAL
Price Obj.	US\$5.80	US\$6.40
2024E EPS	3.72	3.54
2025E EPS	4.17	4.22
2026E EPS	4.53	4.52
2024E DPS	1.81	1.72

Main operating trends

Exhibit 1: The path for R\$13.3bn net income in '24 (R\$mn)

'24 net income growth is mainly supported by Market NII expansion; income tax is the main detractor

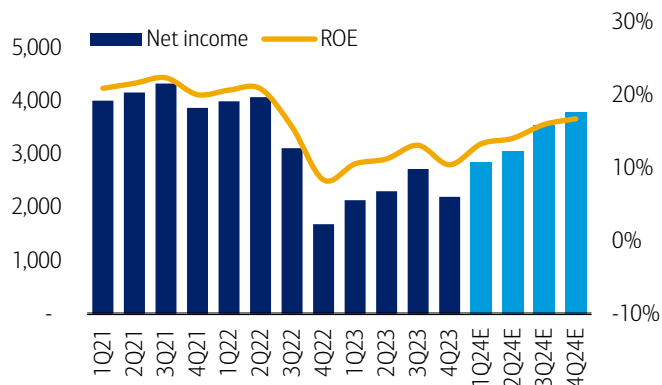


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Exhibit 2: Santander Brasil net income (R\$mn) and ROE

We expect a gradual net income recovery throughout '24

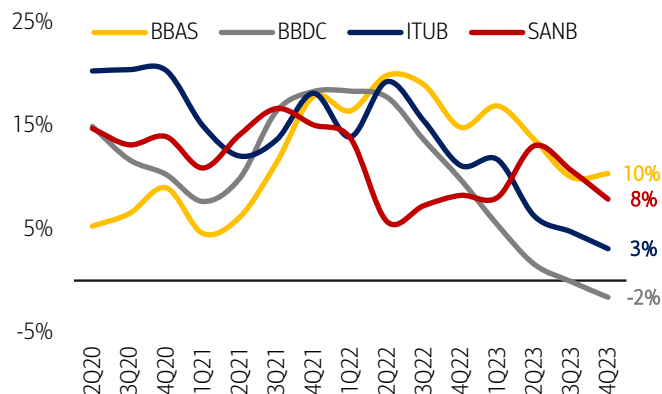


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Exhibit 3: Expanded loan book (YoY growth)

Santander Brasil growth lagged in '22, but outpaced private peers in '23

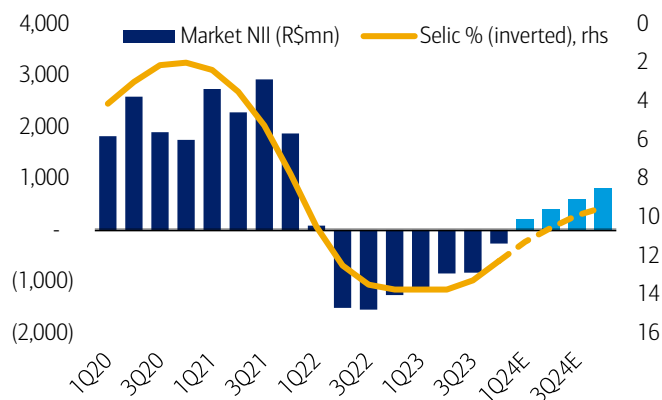


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Exhibit 4: Santander Market NII and Selic (inverted)

Market NII is recovering with lower Selic; we expect it to breakeven in 1Q24

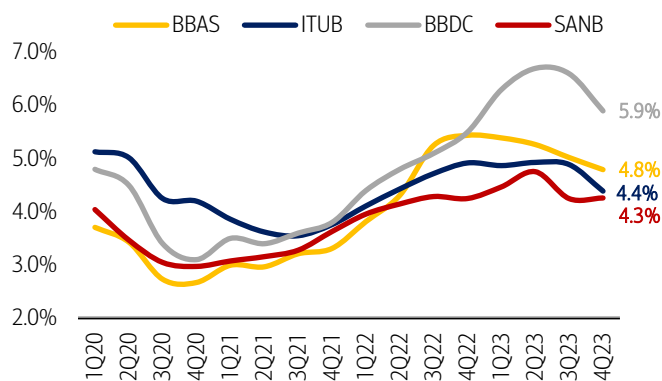


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Exhibit 5: Individuals book NPL over 90 days

Santander Brasil with the lowest NPL among peers

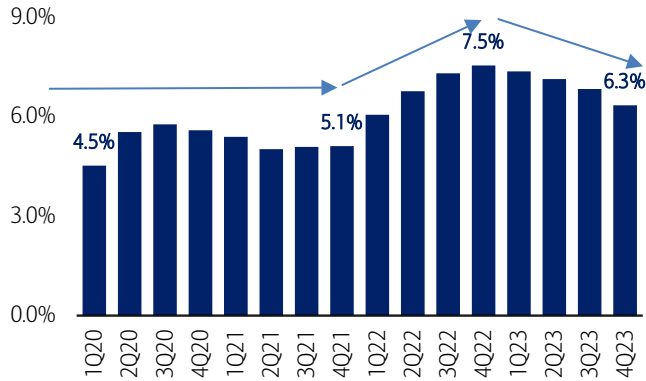


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Exhibit 6: Renegotiated portfolio as % of total book

Renegotiated levels are gradually returning to normalized levels

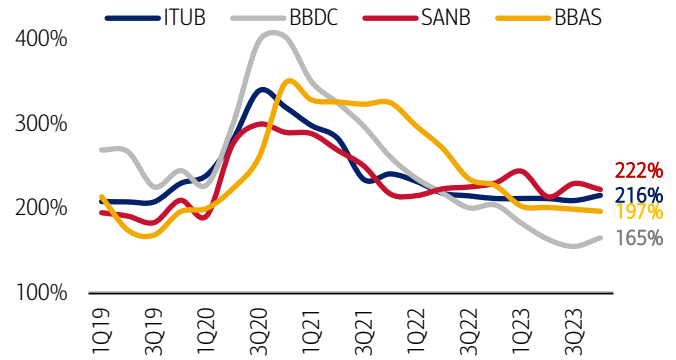


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Exhibit 7: Coverage ratio on NPL over 90 days

Santander Brasil with the highest coverage among peers



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Revised earnings estimates

Exhibit 8: Santander Brasil – new vs. old estimates

New net income estimates are slightly lower in '24, but remained relatively unchanged in '25 and '26

	2023	2024E			2025E			2026E			% YoY		
R\$mnn	Actual	Old	New	Change	Old	New	Change	Old	New	Change	24/23	25/24	26/25
NII with clients	57,295	60,621	59,685	-2%	65,741	64,508	-2%	70,984	70,247	-1%	4%	8%	9%
NII with market	(3,103)	1,700	2,000	18%	2,900	3,200	10%	3,450	3,400	-1%	nmf	60%	6%
NII	54,191	62,321	61,685	-1%	68,641	67,708	-1%	74,434	73,647	-1%	14%	10%	9%
Fee income	20,112	21,012	21,405	2%	21,852	22,475	3%	22,726	23,599	4%	6%	5%	5%
Insurance	597	699	559	-20%	727	582	-20%	742	593	-20%	-6%	4%	2%
Other income	(11,966)	(10,624)	(11,422)	8%	(9,421)	(9,258)	-2%	(9,635)	(9,514)	-1%	-5%	-19%	3%
Non-interest expense	27,325	29,024	28,584	-2%	30,618	29,622	-3%	32,086	30,830	-4%	5%	4%	4%
Provision charges	25,200	24,998	24,888	0%	26,840	26,724	0%	28,392	29,161	3%	-1%	7%	9%
Goodwill amortization	(358)	(341)	(340)	0%	(341)	(340)	0%	(341)	(340)	0%	-5%	0%	0%
EBT	10,050	19,045	18,415	-3%	24,001	24,820	3%	27,449	27,995	2%	83%	35%	13%
NI - reported	8,974	13,590	12,925	-5%	15,286	15,482	1%	16,646	16,604	0%	44%	20%	7%
NI - non-GAAP	9,332	13,930	13,266	-5%	15,626	15,822	1%	16,986	16,945	0%	42%	19%	7%
EPU - reported	2.39	3.62	3.45	-5%	4.08	4.13	1%	4.44	4.43	0%	44%	20%	7%
EPU - non-GAAP	2.49	3.72	3.54	-5%	4.17	4.22	1%	4.53	4.52	0%	42%	19%	7%
Gross loans	516,618	564,027	558,187	-1%	609,731	612,357	0%	659,568	671,892	2%	8%	10%	10%
Total assets	1,153,196	1,271,184	1,243,570	-2%	1,354,755	1,325,423	-2%	1,435,171	1,403,684	-2%	8%	7%	6%
Deposits	475,702	524,708	528,518	1%	565,443	569,555	1%	600,070	604,319	1%	11%	8%	6%
Equity	86,084	93,346	92,547	-1%	100,989	100,288	-1%	109,312	108,590	-1%	8%	8%	8%
ROAE - reported	10.7%	15.1%	14.5%	-60bp	15.7%	16.1%	30bp	15.8%	15.9%	10bp	370bp	160bp	-20bp
ROAE - non-GAAP	11.2%	15.7%	15.0%	-70bp	16.2%	16.6%	30bp	16.3%	16.4%	10bp	380bp	160bp	-20bp
NIM	5.8%	5.8%	6.0%	10bp	5.9%	6.0%	10bp	6.0%	6.0%	10bp	20bp	0bp	0bp
Efficiency ratio	43.5%	39.6%	39.7%	10bp	37.5%	36.4%	-100bp	36.4%	35.0%	-140bp	-390bp	-330bp	-140bp
Effective tax rate	-10.6%	19.0%	18.6%	-40bp	27.6%	27.5%	0bp	31.0%	31.0%	0bp	2920bp	900bp	350bp
Provisions/ Loans	5.0%	4.6%	4.6%	0bp	4.6%	4.6%	0bp	4.5%	4.5%	10bp	-40bp	-10bp	0bp
NPL ratio	3.1%	2.7%	2.7%	0bp	2.5%	2.5%	0bp	2.5%	2.5%	0bp	-20bp	-20bp	0bp
Coverage ratio	222%	215%	227%	1160bp	228%	236%	730bp	221%	226%	550bp	440bp	890bp	-950bp

Source: BofA Global Research estimates, company report

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Price objective basis & risk

Santander Brasil (XCBD / BSBR)

Our price objective for Santander Brasil of R\$32/US\$6.4 is derived from the Gordon Growth Model, assuming a sustainable ROAE of 17%, a COE of 14.0%, and 4% growth in perpetuity. Our PO implies a target '24 P/BV multiple of 1.3x. Our USD/ADR PO is derived from the local PO converted at an FX rate of 5.0.

Upside risks are 1) stronger than forecasted loan portfolio growth, 2) better than expected NII with market and 3) lower than expected provision charges. Downside risks includes: 1) faster deterioration in asset quality, which could lead to higher provision charges, and 2) slower revenue generation in a challenging macro environment, which should maintain ROE below the COE.

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	Cielo	CIOXY	CIOXY US	Mario Pierry

iQmethodSM Measures Definitions

Business Performance

Return On Capital Employed

Return On Equity

Operating Margin

Earnings Growth

Free Cash Flow

Numerator

NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) × (1 – Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization

Net Income

Operating Profit

Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual

Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex

Denominator

Total Assets – Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill Amortization

Shareholders' Equity

Sales

N/A

N/A

Quality of Earnings

Cash Realization Ratio

Asset Replacement Ratio

Tax Rate

Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio

Interest Cover

Numerator

Cash Flow From Operations

Capex

Tax Charge

Net Debt = Total Debt – Cash & Equivalents

EBIT

Denominator

Net Income

Depreciation

Pre-Tax Income

Total Equity

Interest Expense

Valuation Toolkit

Price / Earnings Ratio

Price / Book Value

Dividend Yield

Free Cash Flow Yield

Enterprise Value / Sales

Numerator

Current Share Price

Current Share Price

Annualised Declared Cash Dividend

Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex

EV = Current Share Price × Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt +

Other LT Liabilities

Enterprise Value

Denominator

Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified)

Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares

Current Share Price

Market Cap = Current Share Price × Current Basic Shares

Sales

EV / EBITDA

Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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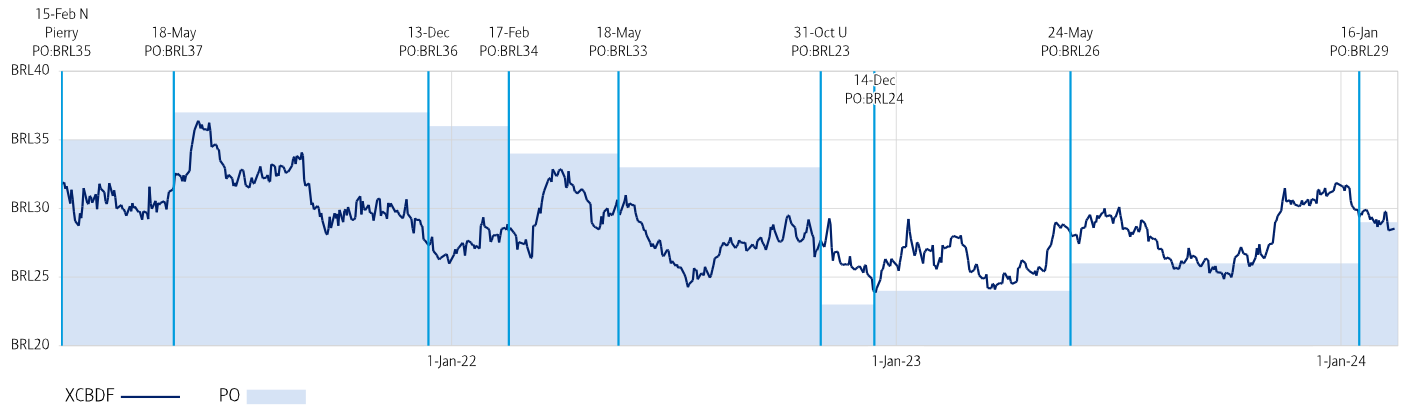
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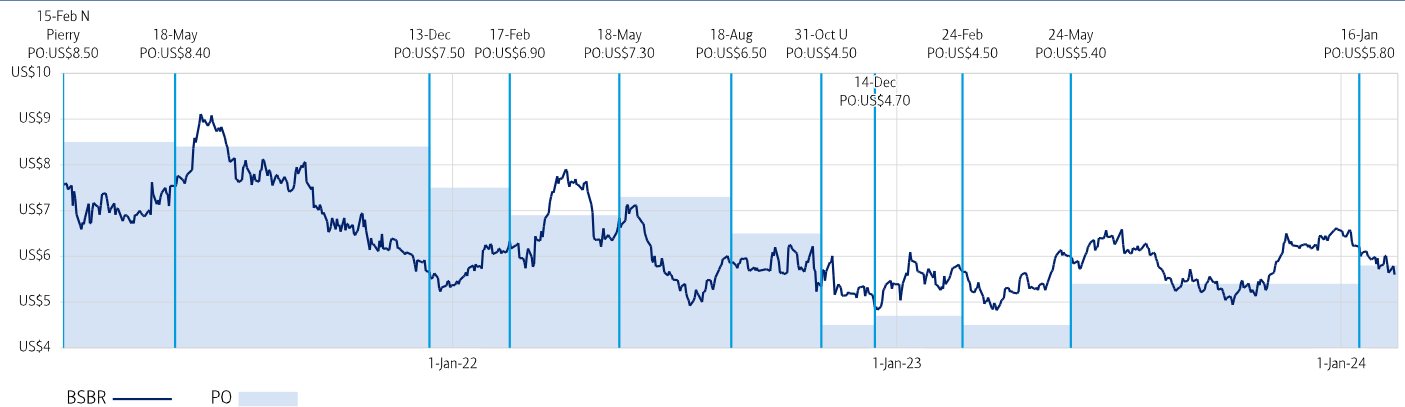
Santander Brasil (XCBD) Price Chart



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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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Hold	832	23.54%	Hold	454	54.57%
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