



### Tear Sheet:

# JAB Holding Co. S.a r.l.

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### **Recent Developments**

We estimate that JAB Holding Co. S.a.r.l. could absorb a deterioration in its portfolio value of slightly more than 20% before breaching S&P Global Ratings' 25% loan to value (LTV) ratio threshold for the 'BBB+' rating, all else being equal. We base our estimate on information provided by JAB at end-June 2022. The holdco's LTV, as adjusted by S&P Global Ratings, inched to 19.5% at June 30, 2022, from 18.1% at end-2021, only making a minor cut to rating headroom.

JAB's investment portfolio was relatively resilient to deteriorating economic conditions and stock market volatility in the first half of 2022. As per our adjustments, the holdco's portfolio decreased by only 6.5% to about \$31.9 billion at end-June 2022 from about \$34.2 billion at end-December 2021. In its mid-year results, JAB disclosed that the investment return on its portfolio was negative 11.4% for the first six months of 2022. This still outperformed the MSCI World Index by about 900 basis points.

The holdco's listed assets have traded well over the first half of the year. U.S.-based soft drink company, Keurig Dr Pepper Inc. (BBB/Stable/A-2)--JAB's biggest asset, representing about 40% of the adjusted portfolio value at end-June 2022--is currently trading at \$37.3 per share, marginally higher than at end-2021. Netherlands-based coffee company JDE Peet's NV (BBB-/Stable/--) represents about 17% of the holdco's adjusted portfolio and traded at about €30.6 per share, 13% higher year-to-date. U.S.-based personal beauty company Coty Inc (B+/Positive/--), which represents about 11% of the portfolio, traded at about \$7.0 per share, approximately 33% lower than end-2021. We understand that the overall portfolio value, including the unlisted assets, has been decreasing by 11.7% on a like-for-like basis (excluding the recent acquisition of the pet insurance platform for \$495 million).

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### **Recent Research**

- JDE Peet's N.V., July 15, 2022
- Beauty Company Coty Inc. Rating Raised To 'B+' On Improved Credit Metrics Due To Strategic Initiatives; Outlook Positive, June 14, 2022
- JAB Holding Co. S.a r.l., June 3, 2022
- Keurig Dr Pepper Inc., March 31, 2022

## **Company Description**

#### JAB Holding Co. S.a r.l.

Investment holding company JAB Holding Co. S.à.r.l. focuses on defensive and fast-moving consumer goods and services, and consumer retail assets. Following the acquisition of National Veterinary Associates (NVA), the company also has veterinary health care services. Unlike other holding companies we rate, JAB actively manages most of its assets, with significant control and influence over the assets' capital structure and dividend flows.

At the end of June 2022, JAB's portfolio reached about \$31.9 billion, slightly down from \$34.2 billion at the end of December 2021, as adjusted by S&P Global Ratings.

JAB is a privately held company. All shares are fully paid and are not listed on any stock exchange. Together, Agnaten SE and Lucresca SE hold about 90% of JAB through the wholly owned subsidiary Joh. A. Benckiser B.V. (formerly Donata Holdings B.V.). Management and other investors hold the remaining stake of approximately 10%.

### **Outlook**

The outlook is stable, reflecting our expectation that management will sustain its stand-alone LTV below 25%.

### Downside scenario

We could lower the rating on JAB by one notch if its LTV surpasses 25%.

### Upside scenario

We would consider an upgrade if JAB sticks to a more conservative financial policy over a prolonged period, with more prudent risk management resulting in LTV well below 20% even at the bottom of the economic cycle. An upgrade would also depend on JAB further diversifying its portfolio assets and reducing debt pertaining to intermediate holding companies (now fully concentrated at Acorn Holdings) that sit outside JAB's new consolidation perimeter.

## **Key Metrics**

#### JAB Holding Co. S.a.r.l.--Key Metrics\*

	2020a	2021a	2022e	2023f
Loan to value (%)	25.9	18.1	<25.0	<25.0
Cash flow adequacy (x)	2.1	1.7	1.5-2.0	1.5-2.0

<sup>\*</sup>All figures adjusted by S&P Global Ratings. a--Actual. e--Estimate. f--Forecast.

## **Financial Summary**

(Mil. \$)	2020	2021
Adjusted portfolio value*	30,896	34,154
Adjusted net debt	8,002	6,181
Loan to value (%)	25.9	18.1
Dividend and fees income	532	546

#### JAB Holding Co. S.a r.l.

Net interest expenses	197	236
Operating charges and tax expenses	54	95§
Cash flow coverage (x)	2.1	1.7
Dividend paid	147	183

§The amount of recurring operating expenses reached about \$55 million and extraordinary expenses related to service fees such as consulting reached about \$40 million. \*All figures adjusted by S&P Global Ratings.

## **Peer Comparison**

### JAB Holding Company S.a.r.l.--Peer Comparisons

	JAB Holding Co. S.a r.l.	EXOR N.V.	Wendel	Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA
Rating as of Oct. 4, 2022	BBB+/Stable/	BBB+/Stable/A-2	BBB/Stable/	A+/Stable/
Business risk profile	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Fair	Strong
Portfolio data as of	Dec. 31, 2021	Dec. 31, 2021 Pro-forma	Dec. 31, 2021	Dec. 31, 2021 Pro-forma
Portfolio size (adjusted; mil. \$)	34,154	33,226	10,023	30,064
Weight of listed assets (%)	71	85	62	65
Largest asset (% of portfolio)	38	35	52	16
Three largest assets (% of portfolio)	68	80	75	44
Financial risk profile	Intermediate	Modest	Modest	Modest
Loan to value ceiling (%)	25	20	20	20
Loan to value (%)	18	(7)	6	18

## **Environmental, Social, And Governance**

#### **ESG Credit Indicators**



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## **Rating Component Scores**

Foreign currency issuer credit rating	BBB+/Stable/	
Local currency issuer credit rating	BBB+/Stable/	
Business risk	Satisfactory	
Country risk	Low	
Industry risk	Intermediate	
Investment position	Satisfactory	
Financial risk	Intermediate	
Cash flow/leverage	Intermediate	
Anchor	bbb	
Liquidity	Strong (no impact)	
Management and governance	Satisfactory (no impact)	
Comparable rating analysis	Positive (+1 notch)	
Stand-alone credit profile	bbb+	

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