

### **Earnings Conference Call** | 2017







www.gerdau.com

Gustavo Werneck
President & Chief Executive Officer

Harley Lorentz Scardoelli Chief Financial Officer



## Highlights from Gerdau's transformation journey

Modernizing the culture: more agility, simplicity and autonomy, less hierarchy

Accelerating the digital transformation with a focus on the customer

More competitive costs and higher productivity globally:

R\$ 584 million reduction in SG&A expenses in 2017

Focus on steel assets with highest potential returns: R\$ 6.3 billion in divestments in 4 years

**Evolution in performance:** 

Sales volume: 14.9 million metric tons (-4%)

Net sales: R\$ 37 billion (-2%)

Adjusted EBITDA: R\$ 4.3 billion (+7%)

Adjusted net income: R\$ 522 million (+474%)

Better debt indicators:

Net debt / EBITDA: from 3.49x in 2016 to 2.98x in 2017

## Positive outlook in all markets where we operate

### Brazil

- Economic growth should strengthen steel demand in 2018, led by the industrial sector. Construction sector continues to recover gradually.
- Reintegra: program critical for ensuring the industry's competitiveness in export markets.

### **North America**

- Long steel consumption expected to grow in key consumer sectors: non-residential construction, industrial, oil & gas.
- Section 232 investigation and infrastructure incentive policies: awaiting developments in the coming months.

### Special Steel (Brazil, United States & India)

- Automotive: local sales in the three countries and Brazilian exports staging a complete recovery. Production in United States remains strong.

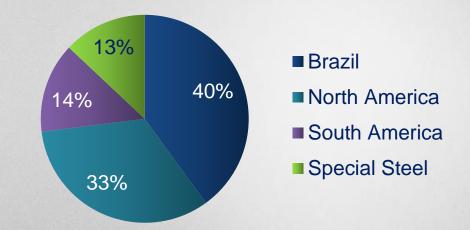
### South America (except Brazil)

- Expectations for economies to grow, led by Peru, Colombia and Argentina.

### Capex of R\$ 873 million in 2017

2017 Capex per BD

### Investments should reach R\$ 1.2 billion in 2018





# even with a challenging scenario Improved profitability of Brazil BD provides consolidated EBITDA growth.

### Ajusted EBITDA and adjusted margin EBITDA - R\$ million and %



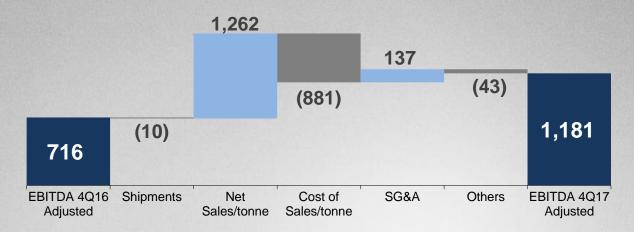
### Adjusted EBITDA and adjusted margin EBITDA per BD – R\$ million and %



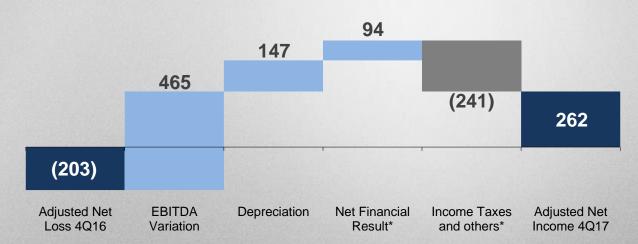


## Net income positively impacted by the improvement in EBITDA

### Evolution of adjusted EBITDA - R\$ million

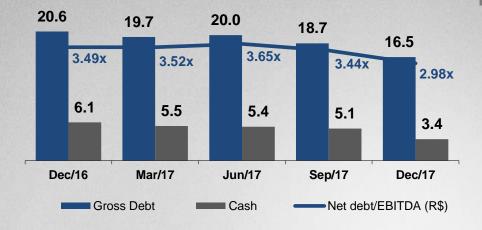


### Evolution of Adjusted Net Income - R\$ million



Debt and Ratio - R\$ billion

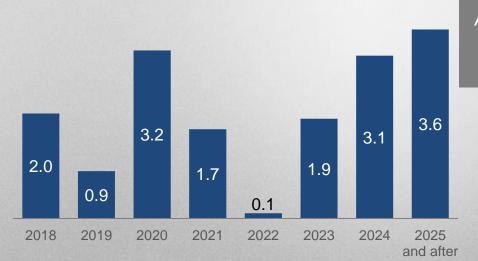
Average cost of debt: 6.4%



Reduction of Net

Debt / EBITDA ratio

Debt Maturity Schedule - R\$ billion



Average debt maturity: 6.7 years

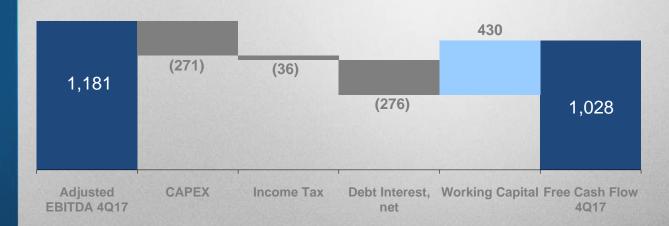
**EBITDA LTM** 

### Positive Free cash flow generation in twelve months

### Evolution on free cash flow - R\$ million



Free Cash Flow 4Q17 - R\$ million



### Key challenges for 2018

Digital transformation

Indebtedness

Free Cash Flow

**Profitability of operations** 

### Earnings Release 1Q2018

### SAVETHEDATE

May, 9

