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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission file number 001-33647

MercadoLibre, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization

98-0212790
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	MELI	Nasdaq Global Select Market
2.375% Sustainability Notes due 2026	MELI26	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
3.125% Notes due 2031	MELI31	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

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If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the registrant's Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share, at June 30, 2024, held by those persons deemed by the registrant to be non-affiliates (based upon the closing sale price of the Common Stock on the Nasdaq Global Select Market on June 30, 2024) was approximately \$77,268,401,734. Shares of the registrant's Common Stock held by each executive officer and director and by each entity or person that, to the registrant's knowledge, owned 10% or more of the registrant's outstanding common stock as of June 30, 2024 have been excluded from this number because these persons may be deemed affiliates of the registrant. This determination of affiliate status is not necessarily a conclusive determination for other purposes.

As of February 21, 2025, there were 50,697,375 shares of the registrant's Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share, outstanding.

Documents Incorporated By Reference

Portions of the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement relating to its 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days of the Company's fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, are incorporated by reference in Part III, Items 10-14 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K as indicated herein.

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Any statements made or implied in this report that are not statements of historical fact, including statements about our beliefs and expectations, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and should be evaluated as such. The words “anticipate,” “believe,” “expect,” “intend,” “plan,” “estimate,” “target,” “project,” “should,” “may,” “could,” “will” and similar words and expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are contained throughout this report. Our forward-looking statements, and the risks and uncertainties related to them, include, but are not limited to, statements regarding MercadoLibre, Inc.'s expectations, objectives and progress against strategic priorities; initiatives and strategies related to our products and services; business and market outlook, opportunities, strategies and trends; impacts of foreign exchange; the potential impact of the uncertain macroeconomic and geopolitical environment on our financial results; customer demand and market expansion; our planned product and services releases and capabilities; industry growth rates; future stock repurchases; our expected tax rate and tax strategies; and the likelihood, impact and result of pending legal, administrative and tax proceedings or government investigations. Such forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors (in addition to those discussed elsewhere in this report) that may cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Some of the material risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations and projections are described in “Item 1A—Risk Factors” in Part I of this report. You should read that information in conjunction with “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in Item 7 of Part II of this report, as well as the factors discussed in the other reports and documents we file from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). We note such information for investors as permitted by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. There also may be other factors that we cannot anticipate or that are not described in this report, generally because they are unknown to us or we do not perceive them to be material that could cause results to differ materially from our expectations. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we do not undertake to update these forward-looking statements except as may be required by law. You are advised, however, to review any further disclosures we make on related subjects in our periodic filings with the SEC.

Many of these risks are beyond our ability to control or predict. New risk factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for Management to predict all such risk factors, nor can it assess the impact of all such risk factors on our Company’s business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

These statements are based on currently available information and our current assumptions, expectations and projections about future events. While we believe that our assumptions, expectations and projections are reasonable in view of the currently available information, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance.

PART I**ITEM 1. BUSINESS**

MercadoLibre, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries “us”, “we”, “our” or the “Company”) is the leading online commerce and fintech ecosystem in Latin America. Our e-commerce platform is the leader in the region based on gross merchandise volume (“GMV”), and our fintech platform is the leader in monthly active users (“MAUs”) among fintech companies in Argentina, Chile and Mexico, and the second largest in Brazil. Mercado Libre’s e-commerce platform is present in 18 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and El Salvador) and our fintech platform, Mercado Pago, is present in 8 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay and Ecuador). Our ecosystem provides consumers and merchants with a complete portfolio of services to enable buying and selling online and the processing of payments online and offline, as well as offering a wide array of simple day-to-day financial services.

We offer our users an ecosystem of integrated e-commerce and digital financial services, which includes: the Mercado Libre Marketplace, the Mercado Pago fintech platform, the Mercado Envios logistics service, the Mercado Ads solution and the Mercado Libre Classifieds service.

Our e-commerce platform provides buyers and sellers with a robust and safe environment that fosters the development of a large e-commerce community in Latin America, a region with a population of over 650 million people where penetration of e-commerce over total retail significantly lags benchmarks such as the United States of America (“U.S.”), the U.K. and China. We believe that we offer world-class technological and commercial solutions that address the distinctive cultural and geographic challenges of operating a digital commerce platform in Latin America.

The Mercado Libre Marketplace is a user-friendly online commerce platform that can be accessed through our mobile app or website. Third-party sellers (“3P”) account for most of the GMV transacted on the Marketplace. We complement this by selling directly to consumers on a first-party basis (“1P”) in selected categories where we can enhance price competitiveness and assortment; this accounts for less than 10% of GMV. The Marketplace has an extensive assortment of products, with a wide range of categories including consumer electronics, apparel and beauty, home goods, automotive accessories, toys, books and entertainment and consumer packaged goods. We also have a selection of international products available, primarily from sellers in China and the U.S., through our cross-border trade (“CBT”) operations. Our users can also list vehicles, properties and services they are looking to sell via Mercado Libre Classifieds. These listings differ from our Marketplace listings because we charge placing fees only, not final value fees.

Mercado Envios is a logistics solution that is one of the value-added services that we offer to our sellers and buyers on our platform. The logistics services we offer are an integral and crucial part of our value proposition as they reduce friction between buyers and sellers, allow us to have greater control over the full user experience and enable faster deliveries at a more competitive cost than would otherwise be available with third-party carriers. Sellers that use Mercado Envios are eligible to access shipping subsidies that enable free or discounted shipping for consumers that buy sellers’ goods on our Marketplace. Our logistics network is built around fulfillment centers (which accounts for more than half of shipments), where sellers place their inventory in our warehouses, and cross-docking, where we collect items sold from sellers directly or via a network of thousands of partner stores (“MELI Places”) where sellers drop off sold items that need to be fed into our logistics network. MELI Places are also enabled for pick up of items purchased and processing of returns. Our transportation network includes dedicated aircraft, trucks and thousands of last-mile delivery vans, the vast majority of which are owned and operated by our third-party carriers.

Our advertising platform, Mercado Ads, is another value-added service that we offer to sellers on our platform and brands both on- and off-platform. The platform enables sellers and brands to access the millions of consumers that browse and purchase on our Marketplace, as well as the first-party data that all of these engagements generate. This enables advertisers to target highly granular audiences. The products we offer are Product Ads (sponsored listings), Brands Ads (product carousels), Display Ads (banners) and Video Ads, the last two of which we are able to offer inventory off-platform as well as on our own Marketplace and fintech platform.

Mercado Shops is a service we offer to sellers to complement their business on our Marketplace. It is a digital storefront solution that allows sellers to set up, manage and promote their own digital stores, whilst using Mercado Libre’s logistics, advertising and payments services. In January 2025, we announced the migration of Mercado Shops to “Mi Página,” which offers similar functionalities but is fully embedded within our Marketplace (without an external storefront). Mercado Shops will be discontinued as of December 31, 2025.

Mercado Pago was initially designed to facilitate transactions on Mercado Libre’s Marketplace by providing a mechanism that allowed our users to securely, easily and promptly send and receive payments. This brought trust to the merchant-consumer relationship. In the countries in which Mercado Pago operates, it processes and settles all transactions on our Marketplace.

Beyond facilitating Marketplace transactions, over the years we have expanded our array of Mercado Pago services to third parties outside Mercado Libre’s Marketplace. We began first by satisfying the growing demand for online-based payment solutions by providing merchants the necessary digital payment infrastructure for e-commerce to flourish in Latin America.

As we deployed our digitally-based payments solutions, we also observed that individuals and micro, small and medium- sized enterprises (“MSMEs”) in the physical world were being underserved or overlooked by incumbent payment providers and financial institutions in Latin America, and that a very large number of retail transactions were still being settled in cash throughout the region. Consequently, we deepened our fintech offering by launching payments processing services for offline merchants through the sale of point-of-sale (“POS”) devices and quick response (“QR”) codes.

Mercado Pago also offers an array of day-to-day financial services for consumers and merchants through our digital account. The digital account initially offered transfers and simple payments, but today the services offered are much broader.

In our main markets, we currently offer the following solutions:

- Digital payment solutions for utilities, mobile phone top up, peer-to-peer payments and more through our digital account;
- Pre-paid cards and debit cards for users to spend and withdraw their account balances from their Mercado Pago digital account;
- Credit cards and merchant and consumer credits, both on and off the Mercado Libre Marketplace;
- Insurance products such as extended warranties, personal accident cover, theft and damage policies, among others;
- Savings and investment products to invest balances stored on Mercado Pago digital accounts; and
- A cryptocurrency buy, hold and sell feature of our digital account in Brazil, Mexico and Chile, for users to buy, hold and sell selected global cryptocurrencies and stablecoins.

Our lending solution is available in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Chile. We offer credits mostly to merchants and consumers that already form part of our user base, many of whom have historically been underserved or overlooked by financial institutions and therefore suffer from a lack of access to credit. Facilitating credit is a key service overlay that enables us to further strengthen the engagement and lock-in rate of our users, while also generating additional touchpoints and incentives to use Mercado Pago as an end-to-end financial solution. Our distribution capabilities and in-depth understanding of our customers' behavior and merchants' sales on the Mercado Libre Marketplace combined with machine learning ("ML") and artificial intelligence ("AI") algorithms have allowed us to develop our own proprietary credit risk models with unique data that differentiate our scoring from traditional financial institutions. These models enable us to understand and better predict the behavior of our user and originate loans while maintaining acceptable levels of uncollectible debts.

We offer credit lines to merchants that sell on our Marketplace and merchants that use our online, POS and QR payments processing services. Because our online merchants' business flows through Mercado Pago, we are able to collect principal and interest payments from their existing sales on Mercado Libre's Marketplace, meaningfully reducing the risk of uncollectability on the loans we originate to our merchants.

Consumers can access credit lines once we score and approve them through our proprietary models. Loans can be used for a purchase on the Mercado Libre Marketplace, or on third party sites that use our payments processing technology. Since 2019, we also extend personal loans to recurring consumer credit borrowers, allowing them to buy products and services outside of our platform via the Mercado Pago digital account. In 2021, we launched the Mercado Pago credit card in Brazil, and this was followed by Mexico in 2023. It is free, internationally accepted, digitally managed and can be used on- and off-platform. Additionally, in Brazil we offer asset-backed loans to ease the acquisition of cars through financing granted to our users.

Our asset management product, which is available in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Chile, is a critical pillar of our financial services offering that enables us to compete with large banks. This product offers remuneration on balances held in the Mercado Pago digital account that is greater than traditional checking and savings accounts. This enables our users to earn a return with funds remaining available for withdrawal or to make payments without their funds being tied up in a time deposit. This product is another way in which we have innovated to promote financial inclusion in a region where there are many underbanked or unbanked consumers. In 2022, we launched savings products in Brazil that enable users to purchase certificates of deposit, which have a higher return than our basic asset management product. In partnership with a third party, we also launched three investment fund options in Brazil, which enable our users to diversify their investment portfolio in an accessible way and with options for quick withdrawal.

As an extension of our asset management and savings solutions for users, we launched a digital assets feature as part of the Mercado Pago account in Brazil, Mexico and Chile, in 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively. This service allows our millions of users to purchase, hold and sell selected digital assets through our interface without leaving the Mercado Pago application, while a partner acts as the custodian and offers the blockchain infrastructure platform. This feature is available for all users through their Mercado Pago account. In 2024, in Brazil and Mexico we launched "Meli Dólar", a stablecoin that is pegged to the US dollar. Members of our loyalty program receive their cashback in Meli Dólar and all Mercado Pago users can buy, hold and sell the stablecoin without any fees.

In 2024, we launched the latest iteration of the Meli+ loyalty program in Brazil and Mexico. The relaunch added new benefits to complement the additional free shipping threshold for loyalty members. The new benefits include cashback and extra installments on Marketplace purchases as well as new fintech benefits designed to drive principality, such as cashback on purchases made with the Mercado Pago credit card and an extra yield on deposits in the Mercado Pago digital account. The relaunch also introduced two subscription options for our users to be able to choose the benefits package that best suits them. The Meli+ Essencial option offers all of the previously mentioned ecosystemic benefits. The Meli+ Total option includes all of our ecosystemic benefits, plus free access to content from Disney+ and Deezer and discounts on other streaming services such as Max, Paramount+ and Vix.

In 2024 we continued to scale Mercado Play, an AVOD streaming service first launched in 2023 and available to all users in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Chile, Peru and Uruguay. Mercado Play serves as a tool to drive user engagement on Mercado Libre and is a new platform to serve video advertising, complementing the portfolio of ads formats available through Mercado Ads. The content we offer through Mercado Play is sourced from third-party studios, with whom we have revenue sharing agreements.

We have two distinctive revenue streams in our business:

- **Commerce revenue**

Our Commerce business is comprised of two primary revenue streams: Services and Product Sales. Our Services revenue stream is mainly generated from Marketplace fees that include final value fees, which include the use of the payment solution, and flat fees for certain transactions below a certain merchandise value, related shipping fees, net of third-party carrier costs when we act as an agent, and storage fees, classifieds fees, advertising sales fees, and fees from other ancillary businesses. Our Product Sales revenue stream entails selling merchandise on a first-party basis from our own inventory and related shipping fees.

- **Fintech revenue**

Our Fintech business is comprised of three primary revenue streams: (a) Financial services and income, which includes revenues from commissions we charge for transactions off-platform derived from use of the payment solution and asset management product, offering installments, either when we finance transactions directly or when we sell the corresponding financial assets, interest earned on cash and investments as part of Mercado Pago activities, including those required due to fintech regulations, net of interest gains pass through our Brazilian users in connection with our asset management product, as well as Mercado Pago debit card commissions, and insurtech fees; (b) Credit Revenues, which includes revenues from interest earned on loans and advances granted to merchants and consumers, and interest and commissions earned on Mercado Pago credit card transactions; and (c) Fintech Product Sales, which includes revenues from sales of mobile point of sales devices.

Our strategy

Our main focus is to serve people in Latin America by enabling wider access to e-commerce, digital payments and financial services. By providing compelling technology-based solutions that democratize commerce and money, we contribute to the development of a large and growing digital economy in the region.

We serve our buyers by giving them access to a broad and affordable variety of products and services, a selection we believe to be larger than otherwise available to them via other online and offline sources serving our Latin American markets. We believe we serve our sellers by giving them access to a larger and more geographically diverse user base at a lower overall cost and investment than offline venues serving our Latin American markets. Additionally, we provide payment settlement services and shipping solutions to facilitate such transactions, and advertising solutions to promote them. We also serve our users by making financial services more accessible through different credit and other financial products and by fostering entrepreneurship and social mobility, with the goal of creating significant value for our stakeholders.

More broadly, we strive to make inefficient markets more efficient through technology and in that process generate value for all our stakeholders.

To achieve these objectives, we intend to pursue the following strategies:

- **Expand into additional transactional service offerings.** Our strategic focus is to enable online transactions of multiple types of goods and services throughout Latin America. Consequently, we strive to launch online transactional offerings in new product and service categories where we believe business opportunities exist. These new transactional offerings include, but are not limited to: (a) offering additional product categories in our Marketplace, (b) bringing new brands to our Marketplace, (c) complementing our 3P selection with 1P goods in selected categories where we can enhance price competitiveness and assortment, (d) expanding our presence in vehicle, real estate and services classifieds and (e) offering enterprise software solutions to our online commerce business users.
- **Continue to improve the shopping experience for our users.** We intend to continually enhance our e-commerce ecosystem in order to better serve individuals, brands, retailers and other businesses that want to buy or sell goods and services online in a convenient, simple and safe way. Value-added services that we intend to continue to scale include, but are not limited to: (a) maximizing utilization of Mercado Envios, particularly our fulfillment services, (b) expanding our advertising offerings, both on- and off-platform, (c) maximizing the use of Mercado Pago as a means of payment in our Marketplace, and (d) scaling our loyalty scheme, MELI+. We are committed to continue investing in the development of new tools and technologies that facilitate web and mobile commerce on our platform. In line with our constant focus on innovation, a critical component of user experience is the vertical solutions that we offer across key categories. We will continue to focus on improving the functionality of our websites and apps to deliver a more efficient and safe shopping experience and providing our users with the help of a dedicated customer support department. We will continue to focus on increasing purchase frequency and transaction volumes from our existing users. We believe that a significant portion of our growth will be derived from the development of these tools and technologies in the future.
- **Become the principal financial services partner to our users.** We intend to continue scaling Mercado Pago's day-to-day financial services offerings for individuals and merchants through our digital account. Our strategic focus is to bring more users to Mercado Pago by leveraging our ecosystem, promoting financial inclusion and developing deep relationships with these users. We intend to promote the cross-selling of the products we offer, which include: (a) consumer & merchant loans, (b) credit and debit cards, (c) insurance, (d) savings, (e) investments, (f) digital payments, and (g) cryptocurrency buy, hold and sell. We are committed to developing new products to continue to offer innovative solutions to our users. We believe this strategy will help us maximize the utilization of Mercado Pago on our Marketplace and the value of Mercado Pago as a day-to-day financial services partner.
- **Overlay value-added services onto our payments processing products.** We intend to enhance the value proposition of Mercado Pago's payments processing solutions by adding value-added services for merchants. This includes, but is not limited to: (a) our digital account to manage their finances; (b) offering credit products to help merchants to scale their businesses, and (c) offering enterprise software solutions that help merchants to manage their businesses.

- **Continue to grow our business and maintain market leadership.** We focus on growing our business, achieving scale-related competitive advantages and strengthening our position as a preferred commerce and fintech platform in each of the markets in which we operate. We also intend to grow our business and maintain our leadership by taking advantage of the expanding potential user base that has resulted from the growth of e-commerce penetration in Latin America. We intend to achieve these goals through organic growth, by introducing our services in new countries and entering new category segments, by launching new transactional business lines, and through potential strategic acquisitions of key businesses and assets.
- **Increase monetization of our transactions.** We focus on improving the revenue generation capacity of our business by implementing initiatives designed to maximize the revenues we generate from transactions on our platform. Some of these initiatives include increasing our fee structure, selling advertising on our platform, offering other e-commerce services, expanding our fee-based features and cross-selling financial services to individuals transacting on our Marketplace and merchants who use our payments processing services.
- **Take advantage of the natural synergies that exist among our services.** We strive to leverage our various services to promote greater cross-usage and synergies, thereby creating a fully integrated ecosystem of e-commerce and fintech offerings. Consequently, we will continue to promote the adoption of our Mercado Envios logistics solution, our advertising solution, our Mercado Pago payments and financial services solution and reward our users in each country for increased usage and engagement. Our loyalty program is a key tool for us to achieve these synergies and to foster growth of ecosystemic users, who are those that transact on our Marketplace and use Mercado Pago regularly.

Marketing

Our marketing strategy is designed to grow our e-commerce and fintech platforms, attract new users and promote more frequent transactions. We are focused on being an acquisition and engagement engine with effective and efficient allocation of resources. We focus on cross-selling services to create a larger number of ecosystemic users, with whom we have the deepest relationships. We leverage all advertising vehicles, including mass offline networks, paid advertising, including search, shopping, social and affiliate programs, organic channels, and our own channels (email, push, real estate). As we work on diverse marketing efforts, we consistently focus on reducing dependency on paid channels by pursuing brand preference leadership in Latin America and becoming a trusted authority in the industry, which helps us build a loyal base of users. We believe in local relevance to create a unique positioning in our top markets and promote a clear, differentiated brand voice. During 2024, we strengthened our buyer acquisition and demand generation efforts with multiple initiatives that helped us to increase GMV. We focused not only on peak season (Hot Sale, Black Friday) and gifting events (such as Christmas, Mother's Day), but also on creating new shopping occasions during periods of quieter demand.

Product Development and Technology

On December 31, 2024, we had 18,282 employees on our information technology and product development staff, an increase of 17% from 15,638 employees on December 31, 2023, due to new hires and as a consequence of improvements in our ecosystem products, which increased our information technology and product development staff.

We continually work to improve both our Mercado Libre Marketplace and Mercado Pago mobile apps and websites so that they better serve our users' needs and function more efficiently. A significant portion of our information technology resources are allocated to these purposes. We strive to maintain the right balance between offering new features and enhancing the existing functionality and architecture of our software and hardware.

The effective management of the Mercado Libre Marketplace and Mercado Pago software architecture and hardware requirements is as important as introducing additional and better features for our users. Because our business has grown relatively fast, we must ensure that our systems are capable of absorbing this incremental volume. Therefore, our engineers work to optimize our processes and equipment by designing more effective ways to run our platform.

We design, develop, and operate most of our software and technology in-house. We have several development centers throughout Latin America. We believe having a team as diverse as our user base gives us a distinct advantage when building products for markets as unique as the ones where we operate. Different languages and cultures require different features and products, and our multi-disciplinary development team can draw from both data and their own culture for insights when designing, implementing, and releasing products.

We have made acquisitions in the past to enhance our software development capabilities, and we outsource certain projects to outside developers. We believe that outsourcing the development of certain projects allows us to have a greater operating capacity and strengthens our internal know-how by incorporating new expertise into our business. In addition, our developers frequently interact with technology suppliers and attend technology-related events to familiarize themselves with the latest innovations and developments in the field. We also rely on certain technologies that we license from third parties, suppliers of key database technology, operating systems and specific hardware components for our services.

In the past, we started a deep technology overhaul to switch from a closed and monolithic system to an open and decoupled one. We split our teams into many decoupled and autonomous "cells". A cell is a functional unit with its own team, hardware, data and source code. Cells interact with each other using Application Programming Interfaces ("APIs"). This successful overhaul allowed us to unlock greater developer productivity from all our teams. In the past, we opened up our platform to allow third parties to integrate the various features of our platform into custom applications. Since then, we have seen significant adoption of our platform and entire companies built on and around our APIs and services, all of them focused on adding even more value to our users.

During this overhaul, we built a proprietary Platform as a Service (“PAAS”) product used daily by our development team. This state-of-the-art tool helps our teams by greatly reducing cognitive overload related to infrastructure and network management, allowing our developers to focus on adding value to our users and their code, and not which server their applications are running on. Our PAAS is a constant area of investment which we have expanded from microservices to simplifying the building of mobile applications, software development kits (“SDKs”) and building, testing, training, deploying and monitoring predictive Machine Learning models, all with the purpose of increasing the rate of development and, by extension, the pace and cadence with which all our teams add value to our users.

Seasonality

Like most retail businesses, we experience the effects of seasonality in all of the countries in which we operate throughout the calendar year. Although much of our seasonality is due to the year-end promotional campaigns and the Christmas holiday season, the geographic diversity of our operations (i.e. southern and northern hemispheres) helps mitigate the seasonality attributed to summer vacation time and national holidays.

Typically, the fourth quarter of the year is the strongest in terms of revenue in every country where we operate due to the significant increase in transactions before the holiday season. The first quarter of the year is generally our slowest period. The months of January, February and March correspond to summer vacation time in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru and Uruguay. Additionally, the Easter holiday falls in March or April, and Brazil celebrates Carnival for one week in February or March. This first quarter seasonality is partially mitigated by our operations in the countries located in the northern hemisphere, such as Colombia and Mexico, the slowest months for which are the summer months of July, August and September. Lastly, commercial campaigns like Hot Sale, CyberMonday, Black Friday and Buen Fin generate an increase in transactions.

Competition

The online commerce market is rapidly evolving and is highly competitive. Barriers-to-entry for large, well-established technology companies are relatively low, and current and new competitors can launch new sites at a relatively low cost using commercially available software. While we are currently a market leader in a number of the markets in which we operate, we currently or potentially could compete with marketplace operators, businesses that offer business-to-consumer online e-commerce services or others with a focus on specific vertical categories, as well as brick and mortar retailers that have launched online offerings. Over the past few years, we have seen competition intensify not only as local players grow their e-commerce businesses, but also as international players expand, mainly in Brazil and Mexico.

The financial services market is also becoming increasingly competitive with the growth of several fintech companies established in Latin America. With respect to our payments’ business, Mercado Pago competes with existing digital and offline payment methods, including banks and other providers of traditional payment methods that service both merchants and individuals. Mercado Pago also competes in the rapidly evolving fintech space with local and strong global players that offer digital financial services such as access to credit, virtual and physical cards, insurance, savings accounts, and asset management.

The advertising market in Latin America is dominated by large, global companies that are able to deploy solutions and technology from their home markets and international operations into the region. These companies are able to offer advertisers access to large audiences, and the competition to serve those audiences is intense. We also compete against a range of local players in the traditional media space, as well as bricks and mortar retailers who can provide advertisers with access to physical and online inventory.

In the classifieds market, we compete with regional and local players with general or verticalized focus. In addition, we face competition from a number of large online communities and services that have expertise in developing e-commerce, facilitating online interaction, or both. Other large companies with strong brand recognition and experience in e-commerce, such as large newspapers or media companies, also compete in the online listing market in Latin America.

Intellectual Property Rights

Our intellectual property (“IP”) rights are critical to our future success and rely on a combination of copyright, trademark, patent designs, trade secret laws and contractual restrictions, among others.

We pursue the registration of our intangible assets in each country where we operate. Our main trademarks and domain names are duly protected in the countries where we have our main operations, however, we may not have effective protection or it might not be granted to us by the appropriate regulatory authority in every country where our services are available online, meaning our ability to protect our brands against third-party infringement would be compromised and we could face claims by third-party trademark owners. See “Item 1A. Risk factors—Intellectual Property Risks—We could face legal and financial liability upon the sale of items that infringe intellectual property rights of third parties and for information and material disseminated through our platforms”, which describes these risks as well as our Brand Protection Program, which we make available to IP rights holders to enable them to enforce their rights against listings on our sites that allegedly infringe upon their rights.

We have entered into confidentiality and intellectual property assignment agreements with our employees and certain contractors. To prevent disclosure of our proprietary information to unauthorized parties, we have also entered into non-disclosure agreements with our employees, strategic partners and suppliers.

We have licensed certain proprietary rights, such as trademarks or copyrights, to third parties in the past and expect to continue to license such rights in the future. While we seek to ensure that our licensees maintain the quality of the Mercado Libre brand, they may take actions that could adversely affect the value of our proprietary rights or our reputation, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. See “Item 1A. Risk factors—Intellectual Property Risks—We may not be able to adequately protect and enforce our intellectual property rights. We could potentially face claims alleging that our technologies infringe the property rights of others”.

Offices

We are a Delaware corporation incorporated on October 15, 1999. Our registered office is located at 800 North State Street, Suite 304, Kent County, Dover, Delaware, 19901. Our principal executive offices are located at Dr. Luis Bonavita 1294, Of. 1733, Tower II, Montevideo, Uruguay, 11300.

Available Information

Our Internet address is www.mercadolibre.com. Our investor relations website is investor.mercadolibre.com. We use our investor relations website as a means of disclosing material, non-public information and for complying with our disclosure obligations under SEC Regulation FD (Fair Disclosure). Accordingly, investors should monitor our investor relations website, in addition to following our press releases, SEC filings, public conference calls and webcasts. We make available free of charge through our website our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to the SEC. The SEC maintains an internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC at www.sec.gov. Our Annual Integrated Impact report and the Sustainability Bond report are available on our investor relations website. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Ethics, and the charters of the Audit Committee, the Compensation and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are also available on our website and are available in print to any stockholder upon request in writing to MercadoLibre, Inc., Attention: Investor Relations, Dr. Luis Bonavita 1294, Of. 1733, Tower II, Montevideo, Uruguay, 11300. Information on or connected to our website is neither part of nor incorporated into this report on Form 10-K or any other SEC filings we make from time to time.

Human Capital

Employees and Labor Relations

The following table shows the number of our employees by country as of December 31, 2024:

Country	Number of Employees
Brazil	36,548
Mexico	25,699
Argentina	12,043
Colombia	5,286
Chile	2,639
Uruguay	1,863
Peru	54
Venezuela	25
United States	20
Spain	19
Ecuador	6
China	5
Total	84,207

We manage operations in the remaining countries in which we have operations remotely.

Our employees in Brazil are represented by different labor unions: (i) Fetramag (Federação dos Trabalhadores na Movimentação de Mercadorias em Geral de Goiás, Bahia e Piauí) in the States of Goiás, Bahia and Piauí, (ii) Fetrammrgs (Federação dos Trabalhadores na Movimentação de Mercadorias em Geral, Comércio Armazenador e Auxiliares de Administração de Armazéns Gerais do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul) in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, (iii) Sindiesp (Sindicato dos Trabalhadores nas Empresas e Cursos de Informática do Estado de São Paulo) in the State of São Paulo, (iv) Fetramov (Federação dos Trabalhadores na Movimentação de Mercadorias em Geral e Operações de Logística do Estado de Minas Gerais) in the State of Minas Gerais, (v) Sintrammgep (Sindicato dos Trabalhadores em Movimentação de Mercadorias em Geral de Paulínia e Região) in the city of Cajamar, State of São Paulo, (vi) Fetrammasc (Federação dos Trabalhadores na Movimentação de Mercadorias em Geral e Auxiliar de Administração em Gerais, Similares, Conexos) in the State of Santa Catarina, (vii) Sintramoju (Sindicato dos Trabalhadores na Movimentação de Mercadorias em Geral e Logística de Jundiá e Região) in the city of Franco da Rocha, State of São Paulo, (viii) Sintrammsp (Sindicato dos Trabalhadores, na Movimentação de Mercadorias em Geral e Auxiliar na Administração em Geral de São Paulo) in the city of Perus, State of São Paulo, (ix) Sindpd SC (Sindicato dos Empregados em Empresas de Processamento de Dados de Santa Catarina) in the State of Santa Catarina, (x) Sintramov (Sindicato dos Trabalhadores na Movimentação de Mercadorias em Geral de Contagem, Betim e Região in the State of Minas Gerais) and (xi) Sinetrosv (Sindicato dos Empregados em Escritório de Empresas de Transporte Rodoviário de Osasco, Sorocaba e Vale do Ribeira) in the cities of Osasco, Sorocaba and Vale do Ribeira, State of São Paulo.

Also, some of our employees in Argentina are represented by the Commercial Labor Union (Sindicato de Empleados de Comercio) and our fulfillment employees in Argentina are represented by Sindicato de Carga y Descarga, some of our employees in Uruguay are represented by the Commercial Labor Union (Federación Uruguaya de Empleados de Comercio y Servicios), and some of our employees in Chile are represented by the Mercado Libre Chile Employees' Union. In Mexico some of our fulfillment employees are represented by the Mexican Commercial Labor Union (Federación Obrera Sindical de la República Mexicana). Unions or local regulations in other countries could also require that employees be represented.

We consider our relations with our employees to be good and we implement a variety of human resources practices, programs and policies that are designed to hire, develop, compensate and retain our employees.

Culture and Development

Our entrepreneurial culture is the most significant attribute that makes Mercado Libre a unique place to work. This characteristic, which dates back to our early days in a garage in Buenos Aires, continues to thrive among the more than 84,000 talented individuals who comprise our exceptional team across Latin America.

The DNA of MercadoLibre, embedded in our culture, is best exemplified by a proactive attitude: a relentless commitment to creating value for our users through risk-taking and innovation, all while delivering excellence as a collective.

2024 marked our 25th anniversary, and we celebrate how far we have come, achieving extraordinary and sustainable results. Throughout the years, our culture has been instrumental in shaping our Company's dynamic and successful journey, serving as a competitive advantage and a crucial differentiator.

Our leadership team plays a central role in exemplifying our culture. One of our Leadership principles is to "Lead by Example." We expect our leaders to be the first to give their all, to inspire enthusiasm, and, above all, to embody our culture and DNA through their actions. In the past year, we have trained over 2,700 leaders to serve as multipliers of our DNA. This initiative included more than 140 training sessions focused on enhancing the impact of our leaders, emphasizing the importance of overcoming challenges, embodying a proactive attitude and delivering effective feedback. We are thrilled with the positive outcomes this initiative has generated, not only for the participants and their teams but also for the overall business results.

This year, as in every year, we measured the levels of employee engagement, receiving responses from more than 60,000 employees, and we achieved a remarkable 91% favorability. This milestone is particularly significant as we recognize that managing team engagement is an indispensable responsibility of our leaders. In addition, our "Leading Operations" program trained more than 3,775 leaders to strengthen management within our logistics operations. This initiative has boosted productivity and supported our goal of expanding our logistics network to every home in Latin America.

To thrive in the diverse markets we serve, attracting, engaging and developing top talent is paramount. At MercadoLibre, we achieve this by providing meaningful experiences and co-creating an environment that reflects our DNA. In a fast-paced, dynamic, joyful and collaborative workplace, we give our teams the chance to grow by tackling complex challenges, pursuing excellence and achieving outstanding results together.

Our purpose is to democratize commerce and financial services to transform the lives of millions across Latin America. Every action we take as a company is anchored in this purpose, with our culture guiding and inspiring each decision we make and every initiative we launch.

Generation of quality employment opportunities

Our recruitment and hiring strategy exemplifies our commitment to being a growth engine for Latin America in response to the socio-economic challenges faced by the region in recent years. We take immense pride in creating quality employment opportunities in the region. This year, we celebrated a remarkable achievement by surpassing 84,000 employees at MercadoLibre. In 2024 alone, we welcomed more than 25,000 new team members throughout the region, particularly within our Technology, Product, and Logistics divisions. We have shown consistent expansion, nearly quintupling our workforce from 15,546 to 84,207 employees in the last four years, which means a 30 times growth over the last decade.

This substantial growth distinguishes us as a leader in creating genuine employment in the region while maintaining our unique culture. Our ongoing expansion not only strengthens our position in job creation but also enhances our value proposition. The increase in direct employment drives our business forward and positively impacts indirect employment, generating numerous opportunities throughout our value chain and benefiting the hundreds of thousands of MSMEs that rely on our ecosystem.

At MercadoLibre, we aspire to be the employer of choice, fully aware of the competitive landscape we navigate where effective talent management is crucial. Therefore, we are committed to honoring the value proposition we offer our employees every single day.

Multiple perspectives, common purpose

We believe in effort and the value of meritocracy, and we know that the inclusion of diverse experiences drives innovation and allows us to anticipate the needs and expectations of those who choose Mercado Libre. To achieve this, we work on two complementary pillars: inclusion, through processes and actions that ensure equal opportunities within a culture that fundamentally values the meritocracy; and representativeness, promoting the inclusion of different profiles and experiences, thus reflecting the diversity of our user community.

Today, 93% of our employees perceive their leaders as inclusive, and this perception is held by employees across diverse groups. We also ensure pay equity by examining all groups, and there is no representative gap in any talent management processes, such as performance evaluations, promotions, and internal rotations. Our priority is to guarantee an inclusive and respectful environment. In 2024, we created the Inclusion Insights Team, an intersectional team whose mission is to ensure that our initiatives and processes are inclusive and incorporate a multiplicity of perspectives and experiences, enabling a great place to work for all people. The group is led by the Inclusion team and consists of 13 representatives from different groups (women, men, employees over 40, people with disabilities, different ethnicities, LGBTQI+, etc.), ensuring a balance across countries, tenure, seniority, and considering performance and cultural alignment.

We drive our business purpose by democratizing opportunities, understanding, and respecting each uniqueness. Any violation of our MELI Code must be reported, and we maintain a confidential reporting line available 24/7 for anonymous reporting.

AI-Driven Innovation at MercadoLibre

At MercadoLibre, we continuously seek to innovate in all our processes. We are currently exploring alternatives in AI to gain efficiency and scalability in our People processes, like using generative IT for employee services, such as our People Chat, which we are converting into a conversational chat formatting using GenAI. This way, the interaction between the employee and the bot is much simpler, more natural, and fluid, which allows us to better detect intentions, accelerating response times and simplifying user management. We are also using AI for talent detection, candidate matching and content management, for example. We expect this will allow us to optimize our resources and enhance talent management, generating greater effectiveness in our operations.

Additionally, we are committed to enriching the training and development experiences of our teams. By integrating AI solutions, we aim to offer more personalized and effective training programs that will enhance the professional growth of each member of our organization, thereby increasing the scalability of our training initiatives.

We firmly believe that the combination of technology and a human-centered approach will enable us to adapt quickly to change and continue growing in an ever-evolving environment. Through these initiatives, we reaffirm our dedication to innovation and continuous learning at MercadoLibre. Furthermore, our goal is to train as many people as possible in the use of AI by 2025 to improve their efficiency, ensuring that our team is empowered to embrace the future.

Government Regulation

We are subject to a variety of laws, decrees and regulations that affect companies conducting business on the Internet in some of the countries where we operate related to e-commerce, fintech, privacy, data protection, taxation, obligations to provide information to certain authorities about transactions occurring on our platform or about our users, anti-money laundering regulations, transport regulations and other legislation which also applies to other companies conducting business in general. It is not clear how existing laws governing issues such as general commercial activities, property ownership, copyrights and other intellectual property issues, taxation, libel and defamation, obscenity, consumer protection, digital signatures and personal privacy apply to online businesses. Some of these laws were adopted before the Internet was available and, as a result, do not contemplate or address the unique issues of the Internet. Due to these areas of legal uncertainty, and the user's adoption of the Internet and other online services, it is possible that new laws and regulations will be adopted with respect to the Internet or other online services. These regulations could cover a wide variety of issues, including, without limitation, online commerce, Internet service providers' responsibility for third party content hosted in their servers, user privacy, fintech transactions, freedom of expression, pricing, content and quality of products and services, taxation (including VAT or sales tax collection obligations, obligation to provide certain information about transactions that occurred through our platform, or about our users), advertising, intellectual property rights, consumer protection and information security.

There are laws and regulations that address foreign currency and exchange rates in every country in which we operate. In certain countries where we operate, we need governmental authorization to pay invoices to a foreign supplier or send money abroad due to foreign exchange restrictions. See "Item 1A. Risk factors—Risks related to doing business in Latin America—Local currencies used in the conduct of our business are subject to depreciation, volatility and exchange controls" for more information.

We are also subject to significant general data protection and privacy-related regulations in many of the jurisdictions in which we operate (e.g. Law No. 13,709 ("LGPD") in Brazil, Law No. 25,326 in Argentina, Federal Law on the Protection of Personal Data on Private Sector Possession in Mexico, Laws No. 1581/2012 and 1266/2008 in Colombia, Law No. 21.719 in Chile, Law No. 18,331 in Uruguay, Organic Law on Personal Data Protection in Ecuador, Law No. 29,733 in Peru, Personal Information Protection Law in China and some privacy and data protection state laws in the U.S.). Data protection laws establish rules for the collection, use, processing and storage of personal data and affect all economic sectors, including the relationship between customers and suppliers of goods and services, employees and employers and other relationships in which personal data is collected, whether in a digital or physical environment. We have created a program to implement the relevant requirements to our business processes, compliance infrastructures and IT systems to comply with data protection laws. Further, some jurisdictions in which we operate are considering imposing additional restrictions or regulations.

Our Mercado Pago services are subject to regulation in the countries in which we operate, as described below:

Brazil

Mercado Pago's activities are subject to a number of laws and regulations that relate to payment schemes and payment institutions, including Law No. 12,865/2013, which established the first set of rules regulating the electronic payments industry within the Brazilian Payment System (the Sistema de Pagamentos Brasileiro, or "SPB") and created the concepts of payment schemes and payment institutions.

In addition, Law No. 12,865/2013 gave the Brazilian Central Bank (“BACEN”), according to guidelines set out by the National Monetary Council (“CMN”) authority to regulate entities involved in the payments industry.

Pursuant to that authority, the CMN and the BACEN created a regulatory framework regulating the operation of payment schemes and payment institutions. A payment arrangement is a set of rules and procedures that regulate the provision of a certain payment service to the public accepted by more than one payee, through direct access by paying and receiving end users. There are two types of payment arrangements, as defined by Resolution 150/21: (i) “Closed Loop Payment Arrangement”: payment arrangements whereby the payment services (account management, issuance and accreditation of payment instrument) are performed by only one legal entity, which also acts as the payment arranger (or is controlled/the controller of the payment arranger) and (ii) “Open Loop Payment Arrangement”: any payment arrangements that do not fit into the concept of “Closed Loop Payment Arrangement”.

Payment institutions are classified into (i) issuers of electronic currency, who manage a prepaid payment account, make available a payment transaction based on the electronic currency deposited in that account, convert such funds into physical or scriptural currency, or vice versa, can also enable its acceptance with settlement in a payment account it manages; (ii) issuers of post-paid payment instruments, who manage post-paid payment accounts that enable users to make payments on a post-paid basis; (iii) acquirer, who without managing payment accounts, enables payees for the acceptance of payment instruments issued by a payment or financial institution and participates in the settlement process of payment transactions as a creditor vis-à-vis the issuer, pursuant to the rules of the payment arrangement; and (iv) payment initiator, who initiates a payment upon a request of a client but it does not touch the money and does not keep passwords to execute payments on behalf of users.

In November 2018, Mercado Pago obtained approval from the BACEN to become a payment institution in the modality of an issuer of electronic currency, pursuant to which Mercado Pago carries out payment processing functions and offers payment accounts to its customers.

The funds held in a payment account: (i) constitute segregated assets in relation to the Mercado Pago’s assets; (ii) are not directly or indirectly available to settle any obligations of Mercado Pago; (iii) cannot be subject to attachment, sequestration, search and seizure on account of the Mercado Pago’s debts; (iv) are not part of Mercado Pago’s assets for bankruptcy or liquidation purposes; (v) cannot be given as guarantee for debts assumed by Mercado Pago; and (vi) are subject to the possibility of total redemption of the balance by the user at any time. These are very important concepts introduced by the law that ensures more reliability to customers of services provided by payment institutions, which offer payment accounts to its users.

According to the BACEN’s regulation, Mercado Pago is required to maintain funds in an amount equal to the value of the balance of funds held in a payment account and in transit between payment accounts at the same payment institution in: (i) a specific account in the BACEN (Correspondent Account for Electronic Currency) or (ii) federal government bonds, registered at the Special Settlement and Custody System (“SELIC”).

Mercado Pago is also a payment scheme owner of a closed-loop payment scheme, which is not part of the SPB and therefore does not require the BACEN’s authorization to operate as such, relating to peer-to-peer transfers between accounts opened by our users within the Mercado Pago payment account. Pursuant to the BACEN’s regulations, we are required to report certain operational information regarding this scheme to the BACEN on an annual basis, such as the number of users and the annual cash value of our peer-to-peer transfer transactions.

In addition, Mercado Pago as a payment institution in Brazil is subject to:

1. **Anti-Money Laundering Rules:** Mercado Pago is subject to Brazilian laws and regulations relating to anti-money laundering, terrorism financing and other potentially illegal activities. These rules require us to implement policies and internal procedures to manage, monitor, identify and, if applicable, report suspicious transactions to the relevant authorities to prevent the practice of crimes of “money laundering” or concealment of assets.
2. **Register of Receivables from Payment:** Mercado Pago is also subject to rules regarding the register of credit card receivables and credit operations in a centralized system operated by an entity authorized by the BACEN. These recent regulations aim to promote transparency in credit transactions, a broader credit offer and to allow merchants to offer their credit card receivables as collateral to receive better loan offers, improving competition and reducing the cost of credit.
3. **Cybersecurity Policies:** In 2018 the BACEN published new rules setting forth cybersecurity policies and requirements for the contracting relevant data processing and storage services as well as cloud-based computing services, which are applicable to Mercado Pago and its lending products.
4. **Data Protection Law:** In August 2018, Brazil approved its first comprehensive data protection law, the LGPD, which became applicable to our business in Brazil in August 2020. In December 2018, the president of Brazil issued Provisional Measure No. 869/2018 which amended the LGPD and created Brazil’s national data protection authority (the “ANPD”). We have created a program to implement the relevant changes to our business processes, compliance infrastructures and IT systems to reflect the new requirements and comply with the LGPD. The LGPD establishes detailed rules for the collection, use, processing and storage of personal data and affects all economic sectors, including the relationship between customers and suppliers of goods and services, employees and employers and other relationships in which personal data is collected, whether in a digital or physical environment.
5. **Secrecy rules:** In addition to regulations affecting payment schemes, Mercado Pago is also subject to laws relating to internet activities and e-commerce, as well as banking secrecy laws, consumer protection laws, tax laws (and related obligations such as the rules governing the sharing of customer information with tax and financial authorities) and other regulations applicable to Brazilian companies generally. Internet activities in Brazil are regulated by Law No. 12,965/2014, known as the Brazilian Civil Rights Framework for the internet, which embodies a substantial set of rights of internet users and obligations relating to internet service providers, including data protection.

Law No. 12,865/2013 prohibits payment institutions from performing activities that are restricted to financial institutions, such as granting loans directly. In November 2020, the BACEN approved the application filed by MercadoLibre, Inc. for authorization to incorporate a financial institution in the modality of credit, financing and investment corporation (“SCFI”). In light of the authorization granted by BACEN, we incorporated a new entity (Mercado Crédito Sociedade de Crédito, Financiamento e Investimento S.A.), which operates activities related to the granting of loans and obtains better funding alternatives for our business.

On March 11, 2020, Mercado Pago also obtained approval from the BACEN to operate the activities of acquiring (payment processor) and post-paid payment instruments (credit cards) issuer, enabling the strengthening and growth of the Mercado Pago’s operations. However, according to regulation implemented by the BACEN, any payment institution that is already licensed in another modality may operate as acquirers, post-paid payment instrument issuers and/or payment transaction initiators, provided a 90-day prior notification is sent to the BACEN.

In 2020 the BACEN, within the Brazilian instant payment ecosystem, created Pix, the Brazilian instant payment scheme that enables its users — people, companies and governmental entities — to send or receive payment transfers in a few seconds at any time, including non-business days. Mercado Pago has participated in the payment scheme of Pix since its beginning and is subject to the applicable regulation.

The BACEN implemented the Brazilian Open Finance environment, to enable the sharing of data, products and services between regulated entities — financial institutions, payment institutions and other entities licensed by the BACEN — at the customers’ discretion, as far as their own data is concerned (individuals or legal entities). The Brazilian Open Finance implementation has been gradual, through incremental phases that take into account specific information/services to be shared, and Mercado Pago has been a participant of the Brazilian Open Finance system since February 2021, when its phase 1 started.

Mercado Pago Instituição de Pagamento Ltda. and Mercado Crédito Sociedade de Crédito, Financiamento e Investimento S.A. as regulated entities in Brazil are subject to the supervision of the BACEN and must fully comply with all the obligations established in the current regulation, or be subject to (i) formal warning establishing a deadline for the remediation of non-compliance activity, (ii) penalties for non-compliance, or (iii) shutting down our Mercado Pago business in Brazil for an indefinite period of time, which would be costly.

During March 2022, the BACEN announced new rules for payment institutions based on their size and complexity and raised standards for required capital. The new framework, which was effective starting in July 2023 with full implementation by January 2025, will extend the application of the rule regarding proportionality of regulatory requirements (currently applicable to conglomerates of financial institutions) to financial conglomerates led by payment institutions. The new rules required a gradual increase between 2023 and 2025 in the regulatory capital requirements applicable to our regulated Brazilian entities based on the following schedule: from July 2023 onwards, 6.75%, from January 2024 onwards, 8.75% and from January 2025 onwards, 10.50%.

On May 23, 2023, the BACEN published Joint Resolution No. 6, providing requirements for financial institutions, payment institutions and other institutions authorized to operate by the BACEN with respect to the sharing of data and information pertaining to fraud. According to this regulation, the listed institutions must share certain information related to fraud and interoperate with centralized bureaus, which may be elected by the institutions. In October 2023, the BACEN published Resolution BCB nº 343, which details the information that must be shared, including information relating to fraud in account opening, account maintenance, provision of payment services and credit. These requirements became effective on November 1, 2023, and Mercado Pago is fully compliant, electing CERC as its centralized bureau.

On January 2, 2024, article 28 of Law 14,690 came into force, which caps the total amount that may be charged to a credit card holder in the form of interest and financial charges at the value of the original debt. The BACEN also adopted rules in Resolution CMN N° 5,112 that provide guidance and define criteria for calculating the original value of the debt in card revolving and invoice financing operations. To comply with the new regulation, we reduced the duration of the credit card invoice financing plans beginning in January 2024.

On June 28, 2024, Law No. 14,905 was enacted, modifying Decree No. 22,626, known as the “Lei da Usura”. The law came into force on August 28, 2024, resulting in operations undertaken with institutions authorized by the BACEN, such as Mercado Pago Instituição de Pagamento Ltda., no longer being subject to the previously imposed interest rate cap.

Argentina

In January 2020, the Central Bank of Argentina (“CBA”) enacted regulations relating to payments service providers that apply to the Fintech institutions that are not financial institutions but nevertheless, provide payment services in at least one of the stages of the payment system. The regulation sets forth certain specific rules related to (i) providing information to users; (ii) depositing users’ funds in a freely available bank account; (iii) allowing users to dispose immediately of the funds credited to their accounts; and (iv) providing information to the CBA relating to the business of payment processing. On July 7, 2020, MercadoLibre S.R.L. was registered with the CBA as a payment service provider in accordance with applicable regulations.

As a non-financial loan provider, since March 1, 2021, we have been required to provide certain information on a monthly basis as part of a new reporting regime. We have been registered as a “Proveedor No Financiero de Crédito” (non-financial loan provider) with the CBA since December 18, 2020. The regulation also requires that we comply with certain rules established by the CBA regarding, among other things: (i) interest rates in loan operations; (ii) protection of users of financial services; (iii) methods of communication with users of financial services; and (iv) such users’ access to information concerning their contractual obligations. The rules regarding interest rates became effective on January 1, 2021, and the rules regarding the protection of users of financial services, methods of communication and access to information became effective on February 1, 2021.

On September 1, 2022, the CBA issued a regulation that extended the application of the rules for the protection of users of financial services to payment services providers who offer payment accounts (“PSPOCP” according to its Spanish acronym). The regulation was already applicable to non-financial loan providers. This regulation came into effect on March 1, 2023. On February 15, 2023, the CBA issued another regulation requiring PSPOCPs to comply with the Information Regime on Claims and the Information Regime on Transparency, Chapter II.

On May 18, 2023 and May 30, 2023, the CBA enacted new regulations establishing that (i) QR codes must be interoperable with credit card payments, effective as from May 1, 2024; and (ii) digital wallets that allow credit card payments by reading QR codes must be interoperable, effective as from July 29, 2024. These regulations also expanded the payment services providers ("PSP") registry and established that certain entities that accept, acquire, aggregate or sub-acquire payments must be registered. Under these regulations, MercadoLibre S.R.L. was registered as a Payment Aggregator in the "Registry of Payment Service Providers" of the CBA on June 24, 2024 and as a Payment Acceptor in the "Registry of Payment Service Providers" of the CBA on April 10, 2024. Mercado Pago Servicios de Procesamiento S.R.L. was registered as an Acquirer in the "Registry of Payment Service Providers" of the CBA on February 23, 2024.

On September 14, 2023, the CBA established that starting on December 1, 2023, DEBIN (debit immediate), the main and simple funding source of Mercado Pago users' accounts, will be suspended and replaced with a pull transfer method that requires the consent of the client outside of Mercado Pago's environment before the first use. After several extensions of the application of the rule, on April 30, 2024, the CBA approved a new method of pull transfer that no longer requires the consent of the client outside of Mercado Pago's environment.

On June 6, 2024, the CBA established that payment service providers who offer payment accounts ("PSPOCP" according to its Spanish acronym) are no longer required to distribute the returns generated by their clients' funds. However, financial institutions are still required to set up a reserve of 100% of the customer funds deposited by Mercado Pago and may invest up to 45% of those funds in Argentine bonds.

In September 2021, MercadoLibre S.R.L. completed the registration process with the National Insurance Superintendent to operate as appointed agent for insurance companies ("agente institorio"), which allows MercadoLibre S.R.L. to offer its users insurance policies sold by one or more insurance companies, as well as to manage certain aspects of such policies (payments, claims, etc.).

On June 4, 2024, Mercado Pago Inversiones S.R.L. was established. After its registration in the General Inspection of Justice on August 9, 2024, on September 2, 2024, this subsidiary requested a Comprehensive Settlement and Clearing Agent license from the Argentinian National Securities Commission, which was authorized on February 5, 2025. In addition, the subsidiary initiated the registration as a Comprehensive Investment Fund Placement and Distribution Agent ("ACDI"), which is still pending approval.

On June 4, 2024, Mercado Pago Asset Management S.A. was established. After its registration in the General Inspection of Justice on August 5, 2024, on September 2, 2024, this subsidiary requested a Product Administration Agent of Collective Investment - Common Investment Funds license and requested the creation of a Money Market Mutual Fund ("Mercado Fondo Ahorro") from the Argentinian National Securities Commission. Both authorizations were granted on February 5, 2025. In addition, this subsidiary requested the replacement of INDUSTRIAL ASSET MANAGEMENT S.A. as Management Agent of "Mercado Fondo", which is still pending approval.

As of the date of this filing, the aforementioned subsidiaries have not yet begun their operations.

Mexico

In March 2018, Mexico enacted a new law that regulates both crowd-funders as well as providers of wallets and money transmittal services (the "Fintech Law"). Under the Fintech Law, institutions that provided the aforementioned services prior to its enactment are required to submit an application to the Comisión Nacional Bancaria y de Valores (the Mexican National Banking Commission or the "CNBV") to obtain a license, and may continue to provide those services while such license application is being processed.

On April 29, 2022, MercadoLibre, S.A. de C.V. Institución de Fondos de Pago Electrónico, a Mexican subsidiary, obtained the final approval by the CNBV to operate as an Electronic Payment Institution (Institución de Fondos de Pago Electrónico or "IFPE", as referred to by the Financial Technology Institutions Act), which enables the entity to issue, manage, redeem and make electronic transfers of money on behalf of its clients, through computer applications, interfaces, web sites or any other means of electronic or digital communication.

MercadoLibre, S.A. de C.V. Institución de Fondos de Pago Electrónico became a regulated financial entity towards third parties, effective on May 11, 2022 duly published in the Official Gazette, and is subject to the supervision and jurisdiction of the relevant Mexican financial regulators, including but not limited to the National Commission for the Protection and Defense of Users of Financial Services, CNBV and the Central Bank of Mexico. Amongst the regulatory obligations to which Electronic Payment Institutions are subject, the following are noteworthy: a) maintain minimum capital requirements, b) maintain sufficient reserves in high-quality liquid assets (e.g. cash, treasury bills, etc.), so as to be able to redeem, on par, the funds held on behalf of the clients, c) comply with anti-money laundering and countering of terrorism financing regulations, d) develop and maintain sound cybersecurity and information security policies, including but not limited to the performance of recurrent vulnerability tests and the deployment of strict infrastructure controls. Additionally, in February 2022, the National Insurance and Bond Commission granted Mercado Insurtech, Agente de Seguros, S.A. de C.V. definitive authorization to operate as an Insurance Agent.

On September 11, 2024, MercadoLibre, S.A., de C.V., Institución de Fondos de Pago Electrónico submitted to the National Banking and Securities Commission ("CNVB") an authorization request to organize and operate as a multiple banking institution. As of the date of this filing, the aforementioned authorization is still pending approval.

Chile

In 2017 and 2018, Chile enacted regulations regarding the issuance and operation of payment cards, which could affect Mercado Pago's operations, including authorization to operate, anti-money laundering obligations, capital requirements and reserve funds, operational and security safeguards, among others.

In November 2021, the Chilean Commission for the Financial Market (“CMF”) granted Mercado Pago, through its entities Mercado Pago Emisora S.A. and Mercado Pago Operadora S.A. (formerly know as MercadoPago S.A.), a prepaid card issuer license and payment card operator license, respectively. These licenses transformed Mercado Pago Emisora S.A. and Mercado Pago Operadora S.A. into regulated entities, supervised by the CMF and the Chilean Financial Analysis Unit (“UAF”, in charge of supervising anti-money laundering activities in Chile), and became obligated, among other things, to: (i) deliver information on its financial and operational management on a regular basis; (ii) maintain certain minimum capital required; (iii) set up a determined liquidity reserve; (iv) deposit and maintain users’ funds in specific banks’ accounts (only applicable to Mercado Pago Emisora S.A.); and (v) perform know your client and anti-money laundering duties.

On October 12, 2022, the Chilean Congress approved the Fintech and Open-Banking Law Project, which was published on January 4, 2023, and came into effect on February 3, 2023. This law established a regulatory framework for certain technological financial services that did not have their own legal framework. These services are: (i) Alternative Transaction Systems, (ii) Crowdfunding Financing Platforms, (iii) Financial Instrument Intermediation, (iv) Order Routing, (v) Credit Advisory, and (vi) Investment Advisory. Pursuant to this law, in January 2025, Mercado Pago Crypto S.A. submitted the license application to the CMF within the legal deadline for its ruling, which is still pending approval.

On April 8, 2024, the Chilean Congress published the Cybersecurity Law. Although Mercado Pago Chilean entities already comply with the law’s main obligations as a result of being regulated entities, pursuant to this new law, such entities will be subject to a new regulator and must comply with certain reporting requirements for cybersecurity incidents. We expect that the Mercado Pago Chilean entities will be required to comply with these new reporting requirements sometime during 2025 or 2026.

On May 30, 2024, the Chilean Congress passed Law 21,673, amending Law 20,009, which, effective as of June 1, 2024, establishes a limited liability regime for users of prepaid cards in case of loss, theft, or fraud. Pursuant to Law 21,673, there may be instances in which an issuer may suspend a refund in the event of fraud or serious fault on behalf of the user claiming such refund on account of allegedly fraudulent charges. Mercado Pago Emisora S.A. completed the implementation of these measures for its compliance.

In December 2024, Law No. 21,719 was approved by the National Congress of Chile to regulate the processing and protection of individuals’ personal data. The law establishes the creation of a Data Protection Agency, which will serve as a technical and autonomous entity responsible for supervising and ensuring the data protection rights of individuals in Chile. This agency will have various powers, including the authority to oversee and sanction data controllers who do not comply with the regulations. The modifications will enter into force 24 months after their publication, while the necessary regulations must be issued within a period of six months.

On October 24, 2022, Mercado Pago Corredores de Seguros SpA was registered as an Insurance Broker in the Registry of Trade Assistants for Insurance of the CMF. The main objective of the Company is the remunerated intermediation of general and life insurance contracts with any insurer based in Chile.

Colombia

Colombian regulations establish specific requirements to open accounts and provide certain financial services, as well as policies for cash and risk management. There are also regulations requiring payment processors such as Mercado Pago to comply with certain security, privacy and anti-money laundering standards.

In June 2023, MercadoPago S.A. Compañía de Financiamiento obtained a license issued by Colombian Financial Superintendence to operate as a financial institution in Colombia, enabling it to offer credits, digital accounts, investments and prepaid cards. As a financial company it is subject to minimum capital, reporting, consumer protection and risk management requirements. On April 22, 2024, MercadoPago S.A. Compañía de Financiamiento started operations initially offering only the “Ordinary Deposit” product. In accordance with regulations, customers’ funds are now subject to regulatory liquidity, reserve, and solvency requirements to ensure their protection.

Uruguay

Uruguay has implemented comprehensive regulations governing electronic payments.

In September 2016, we obtained the registration of our Uruguayan subsidiary Deremate.com de Uruguay S.R.L. from the Central Bank of Uruguay (“BCU”) as an entity entitled to provide services of payments and collections (“PSPC”). Thus, on November 1, 2016, Mercado Pago was launched in Uruguay. In July 2023, MercadoPago Uruguay S.R.L. obtained the approval by the BCU to operate as an Electronic Money Issuing Institution (“IEDE”). On October 1, 2023, MercadoPago Uruguay S.R.L. started operations, and since then, must adhere to regulations regarding the placement of user funds, including the obligation to deposit and maintain these funds in designated local bank accounts to guarantee the availability of balances in each user’s digital account. In October 2023, MercadoPago Uruguay S.R.L. was authorized by the BCU, subject to the terms of the regulations, to invest its user funds in short-term investments, including “overnight” bank deposits, leveraging results and assuming associated risks.

In July 2023, Communication No. 2023/147, superseded by Communication No. 2024/018 on February 1, 2024, established regulations for reporting security incidents. In October 2023, Communication No. 2023/196 mandated bi-monthly reports on administered fund compositions, and significant modifications addressing fast payment systems and regulatory rules were made to the payment system rules.

On April 12, 2024, MercadoPago Uruguay S.R.L. initiated a process with the BCU to be authorized to act as a payment acquirer with transfers, as an activity related to electronic money issuances, in compliance with new regulations that came into effect on March 1, 2024. On July 3, 2024, MercadoPago Uruguay S.R.L. received authorization from the BCU to offer payment with transfers acquiring services.

On April 17, 2024, MercadoPago Uruguay S.R.L. was approved as a participant in the automated clearing house managed by Urutec S.A. This approval allows MercadoPago Uruguay S.R.L. to participate in the fast payment system and offer a new payment method to its users: interoperable QR transfer payments. In September 2024, the BCU announced that they approved the release of the interoperable QR transfer payment feature of the payment system.

Peru

On November 10, 2022, the Central Reserve Bank of Peru ("BCRP") enacted regulations related to the card payment processing system that applies to issuers, acquirers and payment facilitators. On January 27, 2023, MercadoPago Perú S.R.L. was registered by the BCRP as a payment facilitator entity, allowing it to (a) affiliate merchants to the card payment system, (b) offer POS, and (c) transmit or process card payment orders and /or participate in the process of settlement to the merchants affiliated. On February 20, 2024, the Register of Entities with Payments by Card agreement form was completed, in accordance with BCRP requirements.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Summary of Risk Factors

Our business is subject to numerous risks. The following is a summary of the principal risks that we believe are material to our stockholders and prospective stockholders and that should be carefully considered when evaluating our Company, our business and prospects:

- Our business depends on the continued growth of online commerce and digital financial services, the commercial and financial activity that our users generate on our platforms and the availability and reliability of the Internet in Latin America;
- We operate in a highly competitive and evolving environment;
- We rely on third-party platforms, such as Google Play and Apple app stores, to access our Mercado Libre and Mercado Pago apps;
- Our future success depends on our ability to expand and adapt our operations to meet rapidly changing industry and technology standards in a cost-effective and timely manner;
- The markets in which we operate are rapidly evolving and we may not be able to maintain our profitability;
- We may be liable for or experience reputational damage from the failure of users of our Marketplace to deliver merchandise or make required payments;
- Fraudulent activity by our users could negatively impact our operating results, brand and reputation and cause the use of services to decrease;
- We are subject to consumer trends and could lose revenue if certain items become less popular or if we fail to meet customer demand;
- Manufacturers may limit distribution of their products by distributors, prevent distributors from selling through us or encourage governments to limit e-commerce;
- Our failure or the failure of our partners to manage Mercado Pago users' funds properly could harm our business;
- We rely on banks and investment funds that acquire Mercado Pago's receivables and payment processors to fund transactions, and changes to card association fees, rules or practices may adversely affect our business;
- The failure of the financial institutions with which we conduct business may have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, and financial condition;
- A rise in interest rates may negatively affect our Mercado Pago payment volume;
- Changes in Mercado Pago's funding mix and ticket mix could adversely affect Mercado Pago's results;
- Our lending solution exposes us to the credit risk of our merchants and consumers, among other risks;
- We face significant risks related to the ongoing reliability of our logistics network and shipping service;
- Failure to successfully operate our fulfillment network may also negatively affect our business;
- Problems that affect our service providers could potentially adversely affect us as well;
- If we are unable to compete effectively for advertising spend, or if our merchants reduce advertising spend, our business and results of operations could be materially harmed;
- We may not realize benefits from recent or future strategic investments, acquisitions of businesses, technologies, services or products, despite their capital outlay and potential dilution to our stockholders;
- We depend on key personnel, the loss of which could have a material adverse effect on us;
- We may have inadequate business insurance coverage, which would require us to spend significant resources in the event of a disruption of our services or other contingency;
- Our debt instruments contain restrictions that limit our flexibility in operating our business, and changes by any rating agency to our outlook or credit rating could negatively affect us;
- We hold and may acquire digital assets that may be subject to volatile market prices and unique risks of loss;
- Increasing scrutiny and evolving expectations from customers, regulators, investors, and other stakeholders with respect to our environmental, social and governance practices may impose additional costs on us or expose us to new or additional risks;
- There are potential risks related to our loyalty program and our cryptocurrency buy, hold and sell feature;

- Natural disasters, climate change, geopolitical events, global health epidemics or pandemics, transportation disruptions and catastrophic events could materially adversely affect our financial performance;
- We are subject to extensive government regulation and oversight. Failure to comply with existing and future rules and regulations in the jurisdictions in which we operate could adversely affect the operations of one or more of our businesses in those jurisdictions;
- It may be difficult to enforce judgments rendered against us in U.S. courts;
- We could face legal and financial liability upon the sale of items that infringe intellectual property rights of third parties and for information and material disseminated through our platforms;
- We may not be able to adequately protect and enforce our intellectual property rights. We could potentially face claims alleging that our technologies infringe the property rights of others;
- Any delay or problem with operating or upgrading our existing information technology infrastructure could cause a disruption in our business and adversely impact our financial results;
- We are subject to security breaches, disruption and confidential data theft from our systems, which can adversely affect our reputation and business;
- We may not be able to secure licenses for technologies on which we rely;
- We face the risk of political and economic crises, instability, terrorism, civil strife, labor conflicts, expropriation, corruption and other risks of doing business in emerging markets;
- Latin American governments have exercised and continue to exercise significant influence over the economies of the countries where we operate. This involvement, as well as political and economic conditions, could adversely affect our business;
- Local currencies used in the conduct of our business are subject to depreciation, volatility and exchange controls;
- Our transactions in Latin America may be impacted by the weaknesses of secure payment methods;
- Provisions of our certificate of incorporation and Delaware law could inhibit others from acquiring us, prevent a change of control, and may prevent efforts by our stockholders to change our management;
- We may require additional capital in the future, and this additional capital may not be available on acceptable terms or at all;
- Shares eligible for future sale may cause the market price of our common stock to drop significantly, even if our business is doing well; and
- We cannot guarantee that any share repurchase program will be fully consummated or will enhance stockholder value, and share repurchases could increase the volatility of our stock prices and diminish our cash reserves.

Set forth below is a full description of each of the risks that we believe are material to our stockholders and prospective stockholders. You should carefully consider the following factors in evaluating our Company, our properties and our business.

Risks related to our business and operations

Our business depends on the continued growth of online commerce and digital financial services, the commercial and financial activity that our users generate on our platforms and the availability and reliability of the Internet in Latin America

Online commerce and digital financial services are still a developing market in Latin America. A significant portion of our business is based on an Internet platform for commercial and financial transactions in which almost all activity depends on our users and is therefore largely outside of our control. Except for our first-party sales, we do not choose which items will be listed, nor do we make pricing or other decisions relating to the products and services bought and sold on our platform. Our future revenues depend substantially on Latin American consumers' and providers' widespread acceptance and continued use of the Internet as a way to conduct commerce and to carry out specific financial transactions. For us to grow our user base successfully, more consumers and providers must accept and use new ways of conducting business and exchanging information. The price of personal computers and/or mobile devices and Internet access may limit our potential growth in certain areas or countries with low levels of Internet penetration and/or high levels of poverty. The infrastructure for the Internet in Latin America may not be able to support continued growth in the number of Internet users, their frequency of use or their bandwidth requirements.

Given that we operate in a business environment in Latin America that is different than the environment in which other companies providing e-commerce and digital financial services operate, the performance of such other companies is not an indication of our future financial performance. Availability, transaction speeds, acceptance, interest and use of the Internet across Latin America are all critical to our growth and services, and the occurrence of any one or more of the above challenges to Internet usage could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We operate in a highly competitive and evolving environment

The e-commerce and omnichannel retail, e-commerce services, fintech and digital content and electronic devices industries are still relatively new in Latin America, rapidly evolving, highly innovative and intensely competitive, and we expect competition to become more intense in the future. To compete successfully, we must accurately anticipate technological developments and deliver innovative, relevant and useful products and services in a timely manner. Our competitors may respond to new or emerging technologies and capabilities, including practical applications of AI and ML, as well as changes in customer requirements, faster and more effectively than we may, and they may also devote greater resources to the development, promotion, and sale of products and services.

Barriers to entry are relatively low, and our current offline and new digital competitors, including small businesses who want to create and promote their own stores or platforms, can easily launch new sites, mobile platforms or applications at relatively low costs using software that is commercially available, or partner with other e-commerce, search, advertising or social media companies. Users who purchase or sell goods and services through us have increasingly more options, and merchants also have more channels to reach consumers. Competitors may also be more narrowly focused on a particular type of goods and create a compelling community for those particular goods.

We have many competitors in different industries, ranging from large and established companies to emerging start-ups. Mercado Libre's Marketplace currently competes with a number of companies operating throughout Latin America, including: traditional brick and mortar retailers, e-commerce and omnichannel retailers and vendors and distributors offering physical, digital and interactive media products that we offer and sell on our platform; online sales, auction services and comparison shopping websites; social media platforms and online and app-based means of search engines for the purchase of goods and services; companies that provide e-commerce related services such as inventory, storage and supply chain management, fulfillment, advertising and payment processing; other small online service providers, including those that serve specialty markets; business-to-consumer online commerce services. Mercado Pago competes with existing online and offline companies, including, among others: traditional banks and financial institutions; fintech companies (e.g., crowdfunding institutions, electronic payment providers), and other providers of financial services and payment methods, particularly credit, prepaid and debit cards, checks, money orders, and electronic bank deposits and transactions; payment networks that facilitate processing and aggregation of payments cards and retail networks; tokenized and contactless payment services, digital wallets, cryptocurrency wallets, QR code-based solutions and other payment solutions; international and local online payments services; the use of cash, which is often preferred in Latin America; offline funding alternatives such as cash deposit and money transfer services; peer to peer payments and electronic money remittances and other point of sale terminals and devices or technologies installed at merchants' sites.

Competitors with larger, more well-established and well-financed companies have greater resources, a longer history, greater brand recognition, more customers and better access to suppliers of critical inputs and products. This positioning allows our competitors to acquire, invest in or enter into commercial relationships with competing businesses, adopt more aggressive pricing, secure better terms from suppliers, make acquisitions and enter into other strategic arrangements, devote more resources to technology, marketing and promotional campaigns, infrastructure, fulfillment and payment solutions and continue to compete for users, advertisers, customers, and partners. These competitive advantages could be used to harm our competitive position through the adoption of restrictive covenants with suppliers, self-preferencing their product offerings, tying and bundling services and cross subsidizing. Competing services tied to established banks and other financial institutions may offer greater liquidity and create greater consumer confidence in the safety and efficacy of our competitors' services. Established banks and other financial institutions currently offer online payments, and those that do not yet provide such a service could quickly and easily develop it.

In many cases, companies that directly or indirectly compete with us provide Internet access. Some of these providers may take measures that could degrade, disrupt, increase the cost of customers' use of our services or advocate for government measures that could increase or change regulatory requirements that increase our costs, all of which could adversely affect our business and results of operations. Further, discrepancies in the enforcement of existing laws may enable our competitors to leverage such discrepancies in their favor, thereby affording them competitive advantages. Similarly, some of our competitors have been accused, in other jurisdictions, of anticompetitive business practices, which they can replicate in Latin American countries where antitrust authorities have not yet focused on such commercial practices and where we actively compete.

The global financial services and payments industry is continuously changing and increasingly subject to regulatory supervision and continued examination. Some of the payment services offered by our competitors operate at lower commission rates than Mercado Pago's current rates, which has resulted in market pressures with respect to the commissions we charge for our Mercado Pago services. Moreover, establishing a financial services and payments solution entity in Latin America has proven to be difficult and resource intensive in terms of time and capital. Traditional banking and financial institutions in Latin America still have significant influence over sectoral regulators and have been relatively successful at influencing the enactment of new regulations that may hinder or restrict the overall success of fintech businesses by imposing unnecessary and cumbersome requirements or otherwise limiting their business models. This influence makes it harder to promote innovative payment solutions and policy changes to adapt regulation to an ever changing and fast growing innovative and disrupting industry.

We are expanding our investment in AI across the entire Company. This includes using generative AI and continuing to integrate AI capabilities into our products and services. While AI/ML can present significant benefits, it can also present risks and challenges to our business. Data sourcing, technology integration, bias in decision-making algorithms, security challenges and the protection of personal privacy could slow down or impair the adoption and acceptance of AI/ML. AI technology and services are highly competitive, rapidly evolving, and require significant investment, including development and operational costs, to meet the changing needs and expectations of our existing users and attract new users. Our ability to deploy and leverage certain AI technologies critical for our products and services and for our business strategy, and to enhance productivity across the organization, may depend on the availability and pricing of third-party equipment and technical infrastructure. Additionally, other companies may develop AI products and technologies that are similar or superior to our technologies or more cost-effective to deploy. Other companies may also have (or in the future may obtain) patents, copyrights or other proprietary rights that could prevent, limit, or interfere with our ability to make, use, or sell our own AI products and services. We may not be able to compete effectively with our competitors and our strategy to integrate AI/ML technology into our products and services may also not be accepted by our customers or by other businesses in the marketplace. Furthermore, the non-deterministic nature of generative AI outputs may undermine the reliability and trustworthiness of our products and services, which may lead to customer dissatisfaction, brand or reputational harm or legal or regulatory liabilities. If the output from AI/ML in our products or services is deemed to be inaccurate or questionable, or if the use of AI/ML does not operate as anticipated or perform as promised, our business and reputation may be harmed. The integration of AI/ML may also expose us to risks regarding intellectual property ownership and license rights, particularly if any copyrighted material is embedded in training models.

We rely on third-party platforms, such as Google Play and Apple app stores, to access our Mercado Libre and Mercado Pago apps

Our Mercado Libre and Mercado Pago apps are accessed through third-party platforms, such as Google and Apple's app stores. We are subject to the standard terms and conditions that these providers have for application developers, which govern the content, promotion, distribution, and operation of apps on their platforms or marketplaces, and which the providers can change unilaterally on short or no notice. Those terms and conditions include limitations on the sale of digital goods and services (e.g., streaming video services), the mandatory use of the providers' own payment processor for the sale of digital goods, with a steep fee that ranges from 15% to 30% of the product's listed price, and anti-steering rules that forbid developers from informing users of their apps, via in-app communications, about alternative means of purchase available outside the respective app. Apple also forbids the in-app distribution and commercialization of third-party digital goods, thereby prohibiting the development of a digital goods marketplace in iOS in competition with Apple. Apple and Google's terms and conditions for in-app purchases of digital goods may cause friction with Mercado Libre's initiatives for its loyalty program as well as other new projects involving the sale of digital goods or the provision of advertisement video on demand streaming services. These limitations may prevent the deployment of initiatives for mobile apps, thereby limiting the range of their overall impact. These limitations may materially affect our competitiveness with respect to other digitally integrated conglomerates that do not face the same limitations, thereby negatively impacting our capacity to grow, innovate, enter and compete in new markets. In addition, if changes to the existing terms and conditions interfere with the distribution of our products, if the platforms are unavailable for a prolonged period of time or if we are unable to maintain a good relationship with these third-party providers (including as a result of ongoing or future claims of anticompetitive practices), our business and results of operations could suffer.

Our future success depends on our ability to expand and adapt our operations to meet rapidly changing industry and technology standards in a cost-effective and timely manner

Rapid, significant and disruptive technological changes impact the industries in which we operate. Moreover, the effects of technological changes on our business are uncertain. Our success depends on our ability to develop and incorporate new technologies and adapt to technological changes and evolving industry standards. We are also increasingly leveraging AI technologies, including generative AI, in our products and services and are making investments to expand our use of generative AI capabilities. If we are unable to do so in a timely or cost-effective manner, our business could be harmed.

We plan to continue to expand our operations by expanding our services internationally and developing and promoting new and complementary services. We may have limited or no experience in our newer market segments, which can present new and difficult technology challenges. We may not succeed at expanding our operations in a cost-effective or timely manner, and our expansion efforts may not have the same or greater overall market acceptance as our current services, which could damage our reputation and diminish the value of our brands. Similarly, a lack of market acceptance of these services or our inability to generate satisfactory revenues from any expanded services to offset their cost could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We must constantly add new hardware, update software, enhance and improve our billing and transaction systems, and add and train new engineering and other personnel to accommodate the increased use of our website, apps and the new products and features we regularly introduce. This upgrade process is expensive, the increasing complexity and enhancement of our website results in higher costs, and ultimately may not be successful. Our revenues depend on prompt and accurate billing processes. Failure to upgrade our technology, transaction-processing capabilities, features, transaction processing systems, security infrastructure, or network infrastructure to accommodate increased traffic or transaction volume, or the increased complexity of our website could materially harm our business and our ability to collect revenue. In addition, our use of AI involves significant technical complexity and requires specialized expertise. Any disruption or failure in our AI systems or infrastructure, or those of our third-party providers, could result in system failures, delays or errors in our operations, which could harm our business and financial results.

We may also need to enter into relationships with various strategic partners, websites, other online service providers, shipping companies and other third parties necessary to our business. The increased complexity of managing multiple commercial relationships could lead to execution problems that can affect current and future revenues and operating margins, as well as our reputation. The expansion of our Mercado Pago and Mercado Envios businesses into new countries may also require a close commercial relationship with one or more local banks or other intermediaries, which may prevent, delay or limit the introductions of our services in such countries. If our users have negative experiences with, or view unfavorably, any of the companies or partners with whom we have relationships, it could cause them to stop using our products and services and negatively impact our results of operations.

The markets in which we operate are rapidly evolving and we may not be able to maintain our profitability

As a result of the emerging nature and related volatility of the markets and economies in the countries in which we operate, the increased variety of services and products that we offer and the rapidly evolving nature of our business, it is particularly difficult for us to forecast our revenues or earnings accurately. Our current and future expense levels are based largely on our investment plans and estimates of future revenues and are, to a large extent, fixed. We may not be able to adjust spending in a timely manner to compensate for any unexpected revenue shortfall. Accordingly, any significant shortfall in revenues relative to our planned expenditures may have an immediate adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We may be liable for or experience reputational damage from the failure of users of our Marketplace to deliver merchandise or make required payments

Our success depends largely upon sellers accurately representing and reliably delivering the listed goods and buyers paying the agreed purchase price. We have received in the past, and anticipate that we will receive in the future, complaints from users who did not receive the purchase price or the goods agreed to be exchanged, and regarding the quality or the partial or non-delivery of purchased items. While we can suspend the accounts of users who fail to fulfill their obligations to other users, we do not have the ability to force users to meet their obligations. Our Buyer Protection Program, which is generally available to all of our buyers, has been implemented to address those situations, subject to certain conditions. As we expand the coverage of our Buyer Protection Program, the number and amount of reimbursements may increase. Effective customer service requires significant personnel expense and investment in developing programs and technology infrastructure to help customer service representatives carry out their functions, which if not properly managed, could significantly impact our profitability.

In addition, failure to handle customer complaints effectively and negative publicity generated as a result of the fraudulent or deceptive conduct of any of our sellers could damage our reputation, diminish the value of our brands and negatively impact our results of operations.

Fraudulent activity by our users could negatively impact our operating results, brand and reputation and cause the use of services to decrease

We are subject to the risk of fraudulent activity by our users, including fraudulent and illicit sales, money laundering, bank fraud, fraud from means of payment entities, employee fraud, third parties providers' fraud and online securities fraud. Measures to detect and reduce the occurrence of fraudulent activities are complex and require continuous improvement, and there can be no assurance that they will be sufficient to accurately detect, prevent or deter fraud, particularly new and continually evolving forms of fraud. As our business grows, the cost of remediating fraudulent activity, including customer reimbursements, may materially increase and could negatively affect our operating results. In addition, users' fraudulent or potential illegal activities when using our platforms or payment solutions we offer could expose us to civil or criminal liability and could have a material adverse effect on our financial performance, our business or reputation.

We incur losses from claims of customers who did not authorize a purchase, from buyer fraud and from erroneous transmissions. Third parties have attempted, and will likely continue to attempt, to abuse access to and misuse our payments solution to commit fraud by, among other things, creating fictitious accounts using stolen or synthetic identities or personal information, making transactions with stolen financial instruments, abusing or misusing our services for financial gain or fraudulently inducing users of our platforms into engaging in fraudulent transactions. Due to the digital nature of our payments services, third parties may perform abusive schemes or fraud attacks that are often difficult to detect and may reach a scale that would otherwise not be possible in physical transactions. Numerous and evolving fraud schemes and misuse of our payments service could subject us to significant costs and liabilities, require us to change our business practices, lead to loss of customer confidence in, or decreased use of, our products and services, damage our reputation and brands, and divert the attention of management from the operation of our business. In addition to the direct costs of such losses, if the losses are related to credit card transactions and become excessive, they could result in Mercado Pago losing the right to accept credit cards for payment, which could adversely affect our business.

We are subject to consumer trends and could lose revenue if certain items become less popular or if we fail to meet customer demand

Our future revenues depend on continued demand for the types of goods that we sell, that users list on the Mercado Libre Marketplace or that users pay for with Mercado Pago on or off the Mercado Libre Marketplace. Demand for our products and services can fluctuate significantly for many reasons, including due to perceived availability, consumer trends, seasonality, promotions, product launches, defective products or unforeseeable events, such as in response to natural or man-made disasters, public health crises (including pandemics), extreme weather (including as a result of climate change), geopolitical events, or changes in or uncertainty about macro-economic conditions, which could impact the overall volume of transactions on our platforms. A decline in the demand for or popularity of certain items sold through the Mercado Libre Marketplace without an increase in demand for different items could result in reduced revenues.

Our ability to predict and adapt to changing tastes and preferences depends on many factors, including, but not limited to, obtaining accurate and relevant data on customer preferences, emphasizing relevant merchandise categories, effectively managing our inventory levels, and implementing competitive and effective pricing and promotion strategies. Although it is difficult to accurately forecast consumer trends and demand, we strive to predict these trends using the methods described above as overstocking or understocking products we sell could lead to lower sales, missed opportunities and excessive markdowns, any of which could have a material impact on our business and operating results or reputation. Failure to accurately forecast consumer trends and demand could significantly affect our revenue and our future growth.

Manufacturers may limit distribution of their products by distributors, prevent distributors from selling through us or encourage governments to limit e-commerce

Manufacturers may attempt to enforce minimum resale price maintenance arrangements to prevent distributors from selling on our websites or on the internet generally, or at prices that would make our site unattractive relative to other alternatives. Increased competition or anti-Internet distribution policies could result in reduced operating margins, loss of market share and diminished value of our brand. In order to respond to changes in the competitive environment, we may, from time to time, make pricing, service or marketing decisions or acquisitions that may be controversial with and lead to dissatisfaction among some of our sellers, which could reduce activity on our websites and harm our profitability.

Our failure or the failure of our partners to manage Mercado Pago users' funds properly could harm our business

Our ability to manage and account accurately for Mercado Pago users' funds requires a high level of internal controls. As Mercado Pago continues to grow, we must strengthen our internal controls accordingly. Mercado Pago's success requires significant consumer confidence in our ability to handle large and growing transaction volumes and amounts of customer funds. Any failure to maintain necessary controls or to properly manage customer funds could severely reduce customer use of Mercado Pago, and we could be found to be in violation of applicable laws and regulations, be subject to fines or other penalties or forced to cease providing this service.

Mercado Pago offers its users in Argentina, Mexico and Chile the option to use the balances stored on their Mercado Pago digital accounts to invest in low-risk investment funds (money market fund equivalents). For the purposes of offering such intermediated investment functionality, Mercado Pago has entered into diverse contractual relationships with licensed third party brokers and fund managers who serve as the managers of the investment funds and the facilitators of all associated investment services, including but not limited to the execution of investment orders. The scope of Mercado Pago's involvement in these services is strictly limited to (i) the processing of charges and payments from users that use their balances held with Mercado Pago to invest, and (ii) sending the appropriate instructions to our investment partners. The third party providers have complete decision-making authority over the funds and their investment strategies. In Brazil, we have also partnered with a third party with a focus on the financial inclusion of users, to launch three investment fund options, allowing users to diversify their investment portfolio in an accessible way and with options for quick withdrawal. A disruption in our relationships with such third party providers or any of the services they provide to our users could adversely affect our customers' confidence in our business. In addition, the value of the investments made by our users in the respective investment funds may fluctuate over time as a result of factors not in our control, such as market conditions and investment decisions made by our third party providers. If there is a disruption in the services provided by our third party providers or the investments made by our users otherwise decrease in value, our users may try to pursue claims or legal actions against us, which could affect our reputation and results of operations.

We rely on banks and investment funds that acquire Mercado Pago's receivables and payment processors to fund transactions, and changes to card association fees, rules or practices may adversely affect our business

Mercado Pago relies on banks, investment funds or payment processors to process the funding of Mercado Pago transactions and Mercado Libre Marketplace collections, and we must pay a fee for this service. From time to time, card associations may increase the interchange fees they charge for each transaction using one of their cards. Card processors have the right to pass on to us any increases in interchange fees or their own fees for processing. These increased fees increase the operating costs of Mercado Pago, reduce our profit margins from Mercado Pago operations and, to a lesser degree, affect the operating margins of the Mercado Libre Marketplace. We also offer Mercado Pago prepaid cards in Brazil and Mercado Pago credit cards in Brazil and Mexico, all under the VISA brand, as well as an electronic payment funds card (similar to a debit card) in Mexico and Argentina issued under the MasterCard brand. If any of these companies were to be unwilling or unable to provide these services to us, or if they are willing to provide these services but at less favorable terms, our business and results of operations would be adversely affected.

We are also subject to, or required by processors to comply with, card association operating rules. The card associations and their member banks set and interpret the card rules. Some of those member banks compete with Mercado Pago. Card companies could adopt new operating rules or re-interpret existing rules that we or Mercado Pago's processors may find difficult or even impossible to follow. As a result, we could lose our ability to provide Mercado Pago customers the option of using debit, prepaid or credit cards to fund their payments and MercadoLibre users the option to pay their fees using a debit, prepaid or credit card, which could be materially adverse to our business.

We could lose the right to accept credit cards or pay fines if card processors determine that users are using Mercado Pago to engage in illegal or "high risk" activities or if users generate a large amount of chargebacks. Accordingly, we are continually working to prevent "high risk" merchants from using Mercado Pago. Additionally, we may be unable to access financing in the credit and capital markets at reasonable rates to fund our Mercado Pago operations, and for that reason, our profitability and total payments volume could materially decline.

The failure of the financial institutions with which we conduct business may have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, and financial condition

If the condition of the financial services industry deteriorates or becomes weakened for an extended period of time, any of the following factors could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, and financial condition:

- Disruptions to the capital markets or the banking system may materially adversely affect the value of investments or bank deposits we currently consider safe, liquid or that provide a reasonable return, and we may be unable to find suitable alternative investments, which could result in lower interest income or longer investment horizons;
- We may be required to increase the installment and financing fees we charge to customers for purchases made in installments or cease offering installment purchases altogether, each of which may result in a lower volume of transactions completed;

- We may be unable to access financing in the credit and capital markets at reasonable rates. Due to the nature of our Mercado Pago and Mercado Libre Marketplace businesses, we generate high credit card receivables and consumer and merchant loans that from time to time we sell to financial institutions, and accordingly, lack of access to credit or significant changes to the terms of any existing credit, or bank liquidations could cause us to experience severe difficulties; and
- The failure of financial institution counterparties to honor their obligations to us under credit instruments could jeopardize our ability to rely on and benefit from those instruments. Our ability to replace those instruments on the same or similar terms may be limited under difficult market conditions.

A rise in interest rates may negatively affect our Mercado Pago payment volume

We offer users the ability to pay for goods purchased in installments using Mercado Pago in some of the countries where we operate. In 2024 and 2023, installment payments represented 20.3% and 21.3%, respectively, of Mercado Pago's total payment volume. To subsidize the cost of the installment payment feature, from time to time we pay interest to discount credit card receivables, securitize credit card receivables through trusts or finance Mercado Pago business through financial debt. In all of these cases, if interest rates increase, we may have to raise the installment fees we charge to users that would likely have a negative effect on Mercado Pago's total payment volume.

Changes in Mercado Pago's funding mix and ticket mix could adversely affect Mercado Pago's results

Mercado Pago pays significant transaction fees when customers fund payment transactions using certain debit and credit cards or through unaffiliated entities, nominal fees when customers fund payment transactions from their bank accounts, and no fees when customers fund payment transactions from an existing Mercado Pago account balance. Mercado Pago's financial success remains highly sensitive to changes in the rate at which its senders fund payments using credit cards. Customers may prefer to pay using credit cards rather than bank account transfers for a number of reasons, including the ability to pay in installments, dispute and reverse charges, earn frequent flyer miles or other incentives offered by credit cards, defer payment, or due to a reluctance to provide bank account information to us.

Certain costs and transactions fees that Mercado Pago pays in connection with certain payment methods are fixed regardless of the ticket price. Currently, Mercado Pago, if applicable, charges a fee calculated as a percentage of each transaction. If Mercado Pago receives a larger percentage of low ticket transactions, our profit margin may erode, or we may need to raise prices, which, in turn, may affect the volume of transactions.

Our lending solution exposes us to the credit risk of our merchants and consumers, among other risks

Our lending solution is offered to certain merchants and consumers, and the financial success of this product depends on the effective management of the credit-related risk. We assess the credit risk of merchants and/or consumers seeking a loan based on an internally-developed risk model which, among other factors, may not accurately predict their creditworthiness due to inaccurate assumptions about the particular merchant and/or consumer or the economic environment or limited product history, among other aspects. The accuracy of the risk model and our ability to manage credit risk may also be affected by legal or regulatory changes (e.g., bankruptcy laws and minimum payment regulations), competitors' actions, changes in consumer behavior, funding resources, changes in the economic environment, changes in regulation on interest rates and other factors.

A decline in economic, political, market, health and social conditions could impact our users as well, and their decisions could reduce the number of cards, accounts, and credit lines of their account holders, which ultimately impact our revenues. Any events or conditions that impair the functioning of the financial markets, tighten the credit market, or lead to a downgrade of our current credit rating could increase our future borrowing costs and impair our ability to access the capital and credit markets on favorable terms, which could affect our liquidity and capital resources, or significantly increase our cost of capital. Similar to other businesses with significant exposure to credit losses, we face the risk that our lending users may default on their payment obligations, making the receivables uncollectible and creating the risk of potential charge-offs, which could negatively impact our liquidity. Any of these events could adversely affect our business and results of operation.

The funding and growth of our lending business are directly related to interest rates; a rise in interest rates may negatively affect our lending business and results of operations.

We face significant risks related to the ongoing reliability of our logistics network and shipping service

In certain countries where we operate, we offer users our Mercado Envios shipping service through integration with local carriers. We generally pay local carriers directly for their shipping costs, and then we decide how much of those costs we transfer to our customers. The decision to raise the shipping fees we charge to users may have a negative effect on Mercado Envios' shipping volume, and the decision not to do so may result in a decrease in the operating margins of our commerce operations.

We rely on a number of local carriers (through non-exclusivity agreements) to receive the inventories for our first-party business and on third parties to ship orders to customers. The unavailability of the services of local carriers in certain regions with high demand could negatively affect our ability to provide shipping services to our customers, which could in turn have a material adverse effect on our shipping service, operating results, and financial condition.

Failure to successfully operate our fulfillment network may also negatively affect our business

Through our logistics solution, Mercado Envios, we offer sellers on our platform fulfillment and warehousing services, including maintaining inventories of third parties that sell products through our platform. We also use fulfillment and warehousing services for our first-party business. As we continue to add fulfillment centers, our fulfillment network may become more complex, and the operation of such centers may present significant challenges, including organized crime and drug dealers operating in certain regions where we provide logistic solutions, increasing the complexity of tracking inventories and the operation of our fulfillment network. Our failure to accurately forecast customer demand, seller demand for storage, staffing and properly handle inventories and commercial relationships with third parties could result in excess or insufficient fulfillment capacity, service interruptions, an inability to optimize platform fulfillment or staffing, unexpected costs and may adversely affect our reputation or results of operations. Any supply chain constraint that affects us, our merchants or vendors could also adversely affect our ability to operate our fulfillment network effectively.

We offer to sellers our Fulfillment Protection Program for any damage or loss of seller's inventories as a result of using our fulfillment network service, subject to certain conditions. We may in the future receive additional requests from sellers requesting reimbursement through this program or threatening legal action against us if we do not reimburse them, which could materially adversely affect our business and financial condition.

We continue to build new warehouses to manage the increasing demand of our logistics solution. These construction efforts are subject to a risk of delay as well as risks relating to the quality of the construction, which could increase our costs and negatively impact our ability to grow capacity in time to adequately meet demand.

Problems that affect our service providers could potentially adversely affect us as well

A number of parties provide services to us or to our users. These services include the hosting of our servers, shipping and the postal and payments infrastructures that allow users to deliver and pay for goods and services, in addition to paying their Mercado Libre Marketplace bills. Financial, regulatory, or other problems that might prevent these companies from providing services to us or our users could reduce the number of listings on our websites or make completing transactions on our ecosystem more difficult, which may harm our business. Any security breach at one of these companies could also affect our customers and harm our business.

If we are unable to compete effectively for advertising spend, or if our merchants reduce advertising spend, our business and results of operations could be materially harmed

We have developed a growing advertising business on our platform. If we are unable to compete effectively for advertising spend, or if merchants reduce advertising spend due to adverse macroeconomic conditions or for other reasons, our business and results of operations could be materially harmed. Our ability to maintain or increase advertising revenue through our platform will depend on our ability to create more value for advertisers (such as increased numbers of users, increased transactions, enhanced monetization and stronger brand awareness) than our competitors. Some of our current and potential competitors have greater resources, larger customer bases and greater brand recognition in certain jurisdictions, particularly with respect to our newly launched products and services. Failing to provide superior value or deliver advertisements effectively and competitively could harm our reputation, financial condition and operating results. Changes to our advertising policies and data privacy practices, or those of other companies, may adversely affect the advertising revenues. In addition, the existence and development of technologies that block advertisements online or affect our ability to customize advertisements could harm our advertising business.

We may not realize benefits from recent or future strategic investments, acquisitions of businesses, technologies, services or products, despite their capital outlay and potential dilution to our stockholders

We intend to continue to enter into a wide array of potential strategic transactions, including strategic investments, acquiring businesses, technologies, services or products, as appropriate opportunities arise. We may not, however, be able to identify, negotiate or finance such future acquisitions successfully or at favorable valuations, or to effectively integrate these acquisitions with our current business. Strategic transactions may involve significant additional challenges, uncertainties and risks, including, but not limited to, unforeseen operating difficulties and expenditures, challenges of integrating new employees, systems, technologies, and business cultures; failure to develop the acquired business adequately; disruption of our ongoing operations and diversion of our management's attention; inadequate data security, cybersecurity and operational and information technology resilience; failure to identify, or our underestimation of, commitments, liabilities, deficiencies and other risks associated with acquired businesses or assets; and potential exposure to new or increased regulatory oversight and uncertain or evolving legal, regulatory and compliance requirements; potential reputational risks that could arise from transactions with, or investments in, companies involved in new or developing businesses or industries, which may be subject to uncertain or evolving legal, regulatory and compliance requirements; failure of the transaction to advance our business strategy and of its anticipated benefits to materialize; potential impairment of goodwill or other acquisition-related intangible assets; and the potential for our acquisitions to result in dilutive issuances of our equity securities or significant additional debt. Strategic transactions may also heighten many of the risks described in this "Risk Factors" section.

Acquisitions could result in potentially dilutive issuances of equity securities, the incurrence of debt, contingent liabilities and/or amortization expenses related to intangible assets and impairment of goodwill, which could materially adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. Any future acquisitions might require us to obtain additional equity or debt financing, which might not be available on favorable terms, or at all. If debt financing for potential future acquisitions is unavailable, we may determine to issue shares of our common stock or preferred stock in connection with such an acquisition, and any such issuance could result in the dilution of our common stock.

We depend on key personnel, the loss of which could have a material adverse effect on us

Our performance depends substantially on the continued services and on the performance of our senior management and other key personnel. Our ability to retain and motivate these and other officers and employees, as well as our ability to successfully transition key roles, is fundamental to our performance.

Our future success also depends on our ability to identify, attract, hire, train, retain and motivate other highly skilled technical, managerial, marketing and customer service personnel. Competition for these personnel is intense, and we cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully attract and retain sufficiently qualified personnel. In addition, changes we make to our current and future work environments may not meet the needs or expectations of our employees or may be perceived as less favorable compared to other companies, which could adversely affect our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel. Failure to successfully hire, train, manage, and retain sufficient and qualified personnel to meet our needs, as well as successfully transition key roles can be inherently difficult to manage, strain our operations, increase payroll and other costs, and harm our business and reputation.

We may have inadequate business insurance coverage, which would require us to spend significant resources in the event of a disruption of our services or other contingency

Even though we have business insurance coverage to face major contingencies affecting our services and goods, it may be inadequate to compensate for our losses, its coverage may be limited, or the amount of our insurance may be less than the related loss. Any business disruption, litigation, system failure or natural or man-made disaster may cause us to incur substantial costs and divert resources, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operation and financial condition.

Our debt instruments contain restrictions that limit our flexibility in operating our business, and changes by any rating agency to our outlook or credit rating could negatively affect us

The terms of our senior unsecured notes issued in January 2021 and certain collateralized debt under securitization transactions contain, and any debt instruments we enter in the future may contain, covenants that restrict or could restrict, among other things, our business and operations. Failure to pay amounts due under a debt instrument or a breach of any of its covenants may result in the acceleration of the indebtedness (subject in certain cases to a grace or cure period). Moreover, any such acceleration and required repayment of, or default in respect of, any of our indebtedness could, in turn, constitute an event of default under other debt instruments, thereby resulting in the acceleration and required repayment of other indebtedness we may have. Any of these events could materially adversely affect our liquidity and financial condition.

In addition, changes by any rating agency to our outlook or credit rating could negatively affect the value of both our debt and equity securities and increase our borrowing costs. If our credit ratings are downgraded or other negative action by rating agencies is taken, the interest rates payable by us under our indebtedness may increase. In addition, any downgrades to our credit ratings may affect our ability to obtain additional financing in the future and the terms of any such financing. Any of these factors could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

We hold and may acquire digital assets that may be subject to volatile market prices and unique risks of loss

We have used a portion of our cash reserve to purchase digital assets or certain other alternative reserve assets and we may continue acquiring and holding digital assets from time to time in the future.

The prices of digital assets have been, and may continue to be, highly volatile, including as a result of various associated risks and uncertainties. For example, the prevalence of such assets is a relatively recent development, and their long-term adoption by investors, consumers and businesses is unpredictable. Moreover, these assets rely on technology for their creation, existence and transactional validation, and their decentralization may subject their integrity to the threat of malicious attacks and technological obsolescence. The status of such assets for a variety of regulatory purposes is unclear and may change in the future.

As digital assets, including Bitcoin, have grown in popularity and market size, there has been an increasing focus on the extent to which such digital assets can be used to launder the proceeds of illegal activities or fund criminal or terrorist activities and/or entities subject to sanctions regimes. If we are found to have engaged in transactions involving Bitcoin or other digital assets with persons that have used such digital assets to launder money or persons subject to sanctions, we may be subject to regulatory obligations, proceedings or other actions, and our further transactions or dealings in Bitcoin or other digital assets may be restricted or prohibited. The rapidly evolving regulatory landscape with respect to digital assets may subject us to additional costs, such as the implementation of additional and potentially costly controls or other actions.

As intangible assets without centralized issuers or governing bodies, digital assets have been, and may in the future be, subject to security breaches, cyberattacks or other malicious activities, as well as human errors or computer malfunctions, that may result in operational problems or the loss, compromise or destruction of, or our inability to access, cryptographic private keys needed to access such assets, which may be irreversible and could adversely affect the value of our digital assets and an investment in our Company. While we have taken reasonable measures to secure any digital assets, if such threats are realized or the measures or controls we implement to secure our digital assets fail, it could result in a partial or total misappropriation or loss of our digital assets, and our financial condition and operating results may be adversely affected.

Increasing scrutiny and evolving expectations from customers, regulators, investors, and other stakeholders with respect to our environmental, social and governance practices may impose additional costs on us or expose us to new or additional risks

We publish an annual integrated impact report, that describes, among others, our policies, practices and initiatives across a variety of environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) matters, including our contribution to socio-economic development, inclusion and financial education, human capital management and efforts to reduce our environmental impact. The implementation of these initiatives is complex and subject to contingencies, dependencies, and in certain cases, reliance on third-party verification and/or performance, and may require considerable investments. Further, these efforts may impose additional costs and expose us to new risks, including increased scrutiny from customers, regulators, investors and other stakeholders related to our ESG practices and disclosure. For example, some of our Marketplace customers may elect to reduce purchases from us if we are unable to verify that our performance and products meet the specifications of responsible sourcing programs. Investor advocacy groups, investment funds and institutional investors are also increasingly focused on these practices, especially as they relate to the environment, health and safety, diversity, labor conditions and human rights.

In addition, there can be no assurance that our current policies, practices, reporting frameworks and principles will be in compliance with any new environmental and social laws and regulations that may be promulgated in the U.S. and other jurisdictions. New government regulations could also result in new or more stringent forms of ESG oversight and expanding mandatory and voluntary reporting, taxes, diligence and disclosure. The costs of changing any of our current practices to comply with any new legal and regulatory requirements in the U.S. and other jurisdictions may be substantial. Furthermore, industry and market practices may further develop to become even more robust than what is required under any new laws and regulations, and we may have to expend significant efforts and resources to keep up with market trends and stay competitive among our peers. Increased ESG related compliance costs for us as well as among Marketplace merchants and vendors and various other parties within our supply chain could result in increases to our overall operational costs.

Failure or perceived failure to adapt to achieve our goals or commitments, or comply with regulatory requirements or investor or stakeholder expectations and standards could negatively impact our reputation, ability to do business with certain partners and our stock price. Government, media or activist pressure to limit emissions could negatively impact consumers’ perceptions of our products and services, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, and the actions taken by governments and other actors to reduce emissions could impose costs that could materially affect our financial condition. In addition, our sustainability initiatives may be unsuccessful for a variety of reasons, including if we are unable to realize the expected benefits of new technologies or if we do not successfully plan or execute new strategies, which in turn could harm our business or damage our reputation.

There are potential risks related to our loyalty program and our cryptocurrency buy, hold and sell feature

There are potential risks to MercadoLibre from the loyalty program. Because of the novelty of digital assets, there is regulatory uncertainty about the legal and accounting treatment of the tokens issued in connection with the loyalty program in certain jurisdictions, which has and may continue to limit our ability to roll out the program in new jurisdictions or continue it successfully or at all under its current terms. Such uncertainty could also subject us to regulatory actions or claims. If the impact of the program becomes material to our operations, our reported results could be affected by variations in the market price of the tokens, since, under the current terms of the program, the tokens can be sold at the then prevailing market price and users may use the resulting fiat currency to purchase products and services on the Mercado Libre Marketplace. Despite our disclaimer of liability for any loss, damage, claim, cost and/or expense that may arise in connection with the loyalty program, users may also try to pursue claims against us if the loyalty program is unsuccessful or the tokens otherwise decrease in value. Any such claims could negatively affect our customers’ confidence in our digital assets, adversely affecting our reputation and results of operations. We cannot assure you that the loyalty program will achieve its objectives relating to customer usage and customer loyalty.

There are also potential risks to MercadoLibre in connection with a feature of our Mercado Pago services that gives customers the ability to access—through our Mercado Pago platform—crypto-assets trading and custody services that are rendered by third parties, which allow users to buy, hold, sell and transfer certain global cryptocurrencies and stablecoins.

For both our token loyalty program and our buy, hold and sell Mercado Pago feature, we rely on third party service providers to perform several functions in connection therewith. Such service providers (“SPs”) provide our customers token and crypto-assets exchange services (whereby customers can buy and sell tokens and certain crypto-assets) as well as tokens and crypto-assets custody services. The SPs are also responsible for securing our customers’ tokens and crypto-assets and protecting them from loss or theft. We, in turn, provide a platform that acts as an interface for our customers to access the SPs’ services. A disruption in our relationship with the SPs or in any of the services provided by them to users could adversely affect our customers’ confidence in our loyalty program, crypto-assets offerings through the SPs and, by extension, our business.

Our SPs rely on computer software, hardware and telecommunications infrastructure and networking to provide services to our customers related to the token and crypto-assets exchange and custody services. These computer-based services are subject to disruption, delay and/or failure, which could cause our users to lose access to our Mercado Pago platform or to the SPs’ services. Any such technical issues could negatively affect our customers’ confidence in our loyalty program and the crypto-assets offering.

In addition, the SPs maintain the cryptographic private keys that allow access to the digital accounts where our customers’ tokens and crypto-assets are held in custody. While we have taken steps to make our program and these offerings secure, tokens and digital assets in the custody of various other custodians have in the past been hacked or lost. In the event that those private keys are lost, destroyed, unable to be accessed or in any way compromised and no back up of such private keys exists, the SPs will not be able to access the tokens or crypto-assets held on behalf of our customers in their custody. The SPs’ failure to safeguard the crypto-assets owned by our customers may result in losses to our customers, which could adversely affect our customers’ confidence in our tokens and crypto-assets and negatively affect our business. In addition, the decentralized and pseudonymous nature of digital assets raises novel compliance risks and challenges; the SPs’ failure to maintain necessary controls or safeguard against improper transactions—for example, with sanctioned parties— due to process or control oversight could lead to regulatory penalties and reputational harm for the Company.

The market perception and regulatory environment concerning digital assets, including cryptocurrencies and stablecoins, are uncertain and evolving. Jurisdictions where we operate may enact legislation subjecting us to additional money transmitter or other regulations in connection with our token loyalty program and crypto-assets exchange services or may require us to obtain licenses or regulatory authorizations in connection with these activities. Any changes to, or failure to comply with, these laws and regulations, or any laws or regulations affecting services that involve a partnership with a custodian and blockchain infrastructure providers, may negatively impact our token loyalty program and the ability to enable our customers to buy, hold and sell crypto-assets in the future and may adversely affect our business.

Natural disasters, climate change, geopolitical events, global health epidemics or pandemics, transportation disruptions and catastrophic events could materially adversely affect our financial performance

The occurrence of one or more natural disasters, such as hurricanes, tropical storms, floods, fires, earthquakes, tsunamis, cyclones, typhoons; weather conditions such as major or extended winter storms, droughts and tornadoes, whether as a result of climate change or otherwise; geopolitical events (such as international trade disputes and the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East; global health epidemics or pandemics or other contagious outbreaks (such as COVID-19 and its variants); transportation disruptions that affect transportation and warehousing providers (for instance, labor disputes and work stoppages); and catastrophic events, such as war, civil unrest, terrorist attacks or other acts of violence, including active shooter situations, acts of vandalism or terrorism, labor or trade disputes, and similar events in countries in which we operate, in which our users are located, or in other areas of the world could adversely affect our operations and financial performance.

Such events could result (whether directly or indirectly) in physical damage to, or the complete loss of, one or more of our facilities, loss or spoilage of inventory, limits on our ability to receive the inventories of third parties efficiently and ship orders to customers, business interruption, the lack of an adequate work force in a market, the unavailability of our platforms to our users, changes in the purchasing patterns of consumers and in consumers' disposable income, the temporary or long-term supply chain and logistics disruption, the disruption of critical infrastructure and communication systems, banking systems, utility services or energy availability.

Furthermore, the long-term impacts of climate change, whether involving physical risks (such as extreme weather conditions, drought, or rising sea levels) or transition risks (such as regulatory or technology changes) are expected to be widespread and unpredictable. Physical risk may result in: disruption of operations and distribution, as well as higher costs, due to increased frequency and intensity of severe storms, wildfires, high-speed wind, flooding, sea level rise, drought precipitation and rising mean temperatures; increased insurance premiums due to increased exposure to physical weather perils; and increased heat stress to our workforce and increased costs throughout operations, supply chain and distribution due to greater cooling needs. These events and their impacts could materially adversely affect our business.

Legal and Regulatory Risks

We are subject to extensive government regulation and oversight. Failure to comply with existing and future rules and regulations in the jurisdictions in which we operate could adversely affect the operations of one or more of our businesses in those jurisdictions

Our business is subject to the laws, rules, regulations and policies of the countries in which we operate, as well as the legal interpretation of such regulations by administrative bodies and the judiciary of those countries, including, but not limited to, those listed below. Further, because our services and products are available in a number of countries, certain foreign jurisdictions may claim that we are required to comply with their laws. The expansion of our business may also result in increased regulatory oversight and enforcement, as well as licensing requirements.

Anticorruption

Our operations in most of the countries where we operate are subject to risks related to compliance with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA") and other applicable U.S. and other local laws prohibiting corrupt payments to government officials and other third parties.

To fulfill our commitment to the applicable regulations in a sustainable and effective manner and to prevent and control anyone in our ecosystem from making or offering improper payments or anything of value that could be perceived as a bribe, or that is intended to obtain an improper benefit or preferential treatment for us, we have an Anti Corruption Policy and a risk-based Anti-Corruption Program designed to prevent, detect and remedy acts of corruption.

Any changes to, enforcement of, failure, or perceived failure to comply with these regulations, or the enactment of new regulations and legislation, could result in lawsuits, civil or criminal penalties, or fines against the Company or its subsidiaries, forfeiture of significant assets, an outright or partial restriction on our operations, additional compliance and licensure requirements, an adverse impact on our business, results of operations or financial position, or may otherwise force us to change the way we or our users do business, which could adversely affect the operations and reputation of our businesses in those jurisdictions. We have been and we expect that we will continue to be involved in disputes or regulatory inquiries that arise in the ordinary course of business, the number and significance of which has increased as our business has expanded. The media, political and regulatory scrutiny that we may face could increase or amplify these risks.

Internet Services Regulation

There is uncertainty in many of the countries where we operate with respect to the liability of Internet service providers, the application of existing regulations to our business as they relate to, or the enactment of new regulations or legislation relating to, issues such as e-commerce, electronic or mobile payments, information requirements for Internet providers, data collection, data protection, data security, data localization, online privacy, cryptocurrencies, AI and ML (e.g. in relation to risk analysis) governing anti-money laundering, taxation, reporting obligations, consumer protection and businesses. This uncertainty could negatively affect our users' perception and use of our services, and could result in significant expense should we have to defend cases in an unclear legal environment.

Privacy and User Data Protection

We are subject to laws and regulations that govern the collection, use, storage, transfer and, in general, the processing of personal data about our providers, employees and, most importantly, our users. We expect that these regulations will increase both in number and in the level of stringency, in ways we cannot predict. This includes emerging challenges posed by new and evolving technologies such as cloud computing, AI and ML, and blockchain, which introduce novel methods for processing and analyzing data. Should we fail to comply with these laws and regulations, which apply to processing of all personal data, including the interactions with third-parties, data transfers among our employees in the course of their work, our subsidiaries, and other parties with which we have commercial relations, we may be subject to significant penalties and negative publicity, which may adversely affect us. In addition, the adoption and use of AI and ML introduces compliance challenges by potentially exposing us to situations where our customers' personal data is inferred, reprocessed, or repurposed in ways that may not aligned with regulatory expectations. Such challenges could negatively impact our operations, financial performance, and stakeholder trust.

Consumer Protection

Government and consumer protection agencies have in the past received complaints against us from users of our ecosystem. These complaints are small as a percentage of our total transactions, but they could become large in aggregate (absolute) numbers over time.

Taxation

As far as taxation and the digital economy is concerned, many taxing jurisdictions and international organizations are moving towards the implementation of changes to tax laws and policies in order to address so-called base erosion, profit shifting and other tax challenges arising from the digitalization of the economy. These changes in tax regimes may impact e-commerce and internet based companies, including reforms related to withholding regimes, corporate income taxation, indirect taxes and also to value-added taxes. In addition, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development reached agreement among various countries to implement a minimum 15% effective tax rate on certain multinational enterprises, commonly referred to as Pillar Two. Certain countries in which we operate are actively considering adopting parts of the Pillar Two framework. The governments of Spain and Brazil passed laws adopting the framework in December 2024. See "Item 7 – Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Results of operations - Income tax" for further information. We are continuing to evaluate the impact of these proposed legislative changes as new guidance becomes available. Legislative changes could impact our effective tax rate and tax liabilities.

In addition, Brazil is currently undergoing a tax reform to replace several local taxes with a dual VAT system. The new system will become effective in 2026 and will face a transitional period until 2033, with the progressive charging of the new taxes and the extinction of the ones currently in place, as well as the implementation of the split payment system.

Furthermore, we have a complex corporate structure, with entities that are subject to taxation in multiple jurisdictions, and the management of that structure and the transactions among our entities creates potential tax exposures for us in multiple jurisdictions, including the U.S. as well as the jurisdictions where our subsidiaries operate. Further, any changes to, suspension or revocation of, any tax incentive regimes or other tax benefits that we may receive, including tax benefits under the Argentina knowledge-based economy promotional regime and under the Brazilian social security contribution regime and ICMS (Imposto sobre Circulação de Mercadorias, Serviços de Transporte Interestadual, Intermunicipal e Comunicação) tax incentive benefits, could have a material adverse effect in our business, results of operation and financial position.

Competition

We may be subject to private claims, lawsuits, regulatory and government investigations, other proceedings and orders involving allegations that our actions may violate antitrust or competition laws, or otherwise constitute unfair competition. For instance, on February 13, 2024, the Mexican antitrust authority (Comisión Federal de Competencia Económica or "COFECE") notified MercadoLibre, S.A., de C.V., Institución de Fondos de Pago Electrónico of its preliminary findings, conclusions and recommendations regarding competition in the e-commerce sector in Mexico, including proposed corrective measures on marketplace operators that include Mercado Libre and that, if confirmed, could require us to change certain aspects of some of our business practices in Mexico, including obligations to interoperate with independent logistics companies, which may affect the overall functioning of our logistics service. This preliminary report is the result of a general market study on barriers to competition in the e-commerce market, launched by COFECE in 2022 and will now be taken to a subsequent stage of the process where MercadoLibre, S.A., de C.V., Institución de Fondos de Pago Electrónico and other affected entities may submit their views and additional evidence. The preliminary report and additional submissions will be analyzed by COFECE's full board of commissioners, in accordance with applicable laws and procedures, and the plenary will issue a final report that is expected to be issued the first half of 2025. The final report may be subject to a special constitutional appeal before a specialized Mexican court, and subsequent judicial decisions may be further appealed and may reach the Mexican Supreme Court. This additional judicial stage may take several years until a final decision is reached. The outcome of these proceedings and the impact that any final corrective measures may have on certain aspects of some of our business practices, is uncertain. We cannot assure you that they will not adversely affect our business, operation results and/or financial conditions.

Private claims have been brought against us, and this may continue to occur in the future, for potential breaches of antitrust or competition law and/or unfair competition. Contractual agreements and/or our business practices with buyers, sellers, or other companies could give rise to regulatory action, antitrust investigations or litigation. Such claims and investigations, even if without foundation, typically are very expensive to defend, involve negative publicity and substantial diversion of our management's time and effort, and could result in significant judgments against us.

Banking, Money Transmission and Domestic or Cross-Border Electronic Funds Transfer

A number of jurisdictions where we operate have enacted legislation regulating money deposits, transmitters, lending activity and/or electronic payments or funds transfers. We are subject to regulation in Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Chile, Peru, Colombia and Uruguay, that require or would require us to obtain licenses or regulatory authorizations to operate certain services provided by Mercado Pago and that would subject us to additional regulatory requirements. As an authorized or licensed payment services provider, electronic money institution, lender, issuer of credit, debit or prepaid card, acquirer and/or money transmitter in certain jurisdictions where we operate, we are subject to, among other requirements, restrictions with respect to the investment of customer funds, reporting requirements and inspection by regulatory agencies.

Any changes to, or failure to comply with, money services laws or regulations or any tax regulations, or if we engage in an unauthorized banking or financial business, could result in liability, inability to continue doing business with residents of certain countries and changes to our business or regulatory status. Any of these changes could result in making the service less attractive to users, decreasing the speed of trade on the Mercado Libre Marketplace, increasing our financial costs or change our financial model, which would further harm our business and results of operations. Even if we are not required to change our Mercado Pago business, we could be required to obtain licenses or regulatory approvals.

Anti-Money Laundering

We are subject to anti-money laundering laws and regulations that prohibit, among other things, involvement in receiving and/or transferring the proceeds of criminal activities and impose obligations to identify the users and request certain information and documentation that, in certain circumstances, must be shared with regulators or government institutions. Because laws and regulations differ in each of the jurisdictions where we operate, as we roll out and adapt our business in other countries, additional verification and reporting requirements could apply. These regulations' requirements, as well as any future regulation and any additional restrictions, could raise our costs significantly and reduce the attractiveness of the Company if failure to comply with anti-money laundering laws results in significant criminal and civil lawsuits, penalties, and forfeiture of significant assets.

Sanctions

As a U.S.-incorporated entity, MercadoLibre is subject to U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC"). MercadoLibre's non-U.S. subsidiaries are required to comply not only with local, but also with U.S. sanctions in the same way that MercadoLibre is required to do so. OFAC has the authority to impose civil penalties for violations of U.S. sanctions, and the U.S. Department of Justice is authorized to bring criminal actions against persons that willfully violate U.S. sanctions. Compliance with United Nations sanctions is also mandatory under local law in the jurisdictions where MercadoLibre operates. Failure to comply with local obligations could result in significant criminal and civil penalties, in addition to reputational and operational consequences.

Shipping

A number of jurisdictions where we operate have enacted legislation regulating shipping services. If we fail to comply with shipping services laws or regulations, or if we engage in an unauthorized shipping business, we could be subject to liability, required to cease doing business with residents of certain countries, or to change our business practices or to become a postal entity. Any change to our Mercado Envios business practices that makes the service less attractive to customers or prohibits its use by residents of a particular jurisdiction could decrease the speed of trade on the Mercado Libre Marketplace, which would further harm our business. Even if we are not required to change our Mercado Envios business practices, we could be required to obtain licenses or regulatory approvals, which could be a very expensive and time consuming process, and we cannot assure that we would be able to obtain them in a timely manner or at all.

Sale, Storage and/or Transportation of Goods and Services

Laws specifying the scope of liability of providers of online services for the activities of their users through their online service are currently unsettled in most of the Latin American countries where we operate. This regulatory uncertainty may lead us to engage in administrative and judicial proceedings to dispute claims for fraudulent activities committed by sellers, vendors or third-party carriers and losses incurred by buyers when purchasing items through our platform, which may give rise to high litigation or settlement costs and other liabilities, including reputational harm.

Our policies prohibit the sale, storage and/or transport of certain items (both on our platform and/or in our fulfillment centers and/or through third party carriers providing services to Mercado Libre) and we have implemented various actions to monitor and remove unlawful goods and services from our marketplace, which we continually work to improve.

However, we are aware that certain goods, such as alcohol, tobacco, firearms, animals, adult material and other goods that may be subject to regulation by local or national authorities of various jurisdictions have been traded by users on the Mercado Libre Marketplace in complete infringement to our policies, bypassing our various security efforts and measures to go undetected. We have at times been—and may continue to be—subject to fines for certain users' sales of products that have not been approved or infringe laws dictated by the applicable government. We are also aware that certain goods expressly excluded from our shipping services pursuant to our policies were stored in our fulfillment centers and/or delivered through third-party carriers providing services to our users.

We cannot provide any assurances that we will successfully avoid civil or criminal liability for unlawful activities that our users carry out when using our services in the future. If we suffer potential liability for any unlawful activities of our users, including as a result of damages to individuals or assets, we may need to implement additional measures to reduce our exposure to this liability, which may require, among other things, that we spend substantial resources and/or discontinue certain service offerings. Any costs that we incur as a result of this liability or asserted liability could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

It may be difficult to enforce judgments rendered against us in U.S. courts

Although we are a Delaware corporation, our subsidiaries and most of our assets are located outside of the U.S. Furthermore, most of our directors, officers, and some advisors and experts named in this report reside outside the U.S. As a result, it may not be possible to effect service of process within the U.S. upon these persons. Moreover, uncertainty exists as to whether courts outside of the U.S. would recognize or enforce judgments rendered against us, our subsidiaries, or the above mentioned persons in U.S. courts and predicated on the civil liability provisions of U.S. federal securities laws. In addition, any original or enforcement action in a court outside the U.S. will be subject to compliance with procedural requirements under applicable local law, including the condition that the judgment does not violate the public policy of the applicable jurisdiction.

Intellectual Property Risks***We could face legal and financial liability upon the sale of items that infringe intellectual property rights of third parties and for information and material disseminated through our platforms***

We have received in the past, and anticipate that we will receive in the future, complaints alleging that certain items listed or sold through the Mercado Libre Marketplace or Mercado Shops or using Mercado Pago, or delivered by Mercado Envios infringe third-party copyrights, trademarks and/or other IP rights. Content owners and other IP owners have been active in asserting their rights against online companies, including us. Our user policy prohibits any content or sale of goods that may infringe third-party IP rights and we may, proactively, or at the request of any IP owner who enrolls in our notice and takedown mechanism, the Brand Protection Program, remove listings based on violations of our policies, as well as sanction any user who infringes third-party IP rights.

Despite these measures and our efforts to combat IP infringement, we are not able to prevent all misappropriation, violation or infringement of IP rights—and some IP owners may consider our efforts insufficient. Mercado Libre was included on the United States Trade Representative's Notorious Markets List for 2020 and also on the European Commission's 2020 Counterfeit and Piracy Watch List. Although we were removed from both watchlists in 2022, and we were not included again since then, we anticipate that we may continue to be nominated or included in these and/or any other similar watchlists. We have also received, and anticipate that we may continue to receive, legal claims from content and IP owners alleging violations of their IP rights and also from users affected by listing takedowns and account restrictions, which could result in substantial monetary damages awards, penalties or costly injunctions against us, as well as adversely affect our reputation. It is also possible that new laws and regulations may be adopted with respect to intermediary liability or mandatory out-of-court procedures to resolve any disputes related to intermediary liability that could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

It is also possible that third parties could bring claims against us for defamation, libel, invasion of privacy, negligence, or other theories based on the nature and content of the materials disseminated through our platforms, particularly by our users. If we are held liable or potentially liable for information carried on or disseminated through our platforms, we may have to pay monetary damages, be subject to enforcement actions, injunctions, fines or penalties, and it may have an adverse impact on our business model, including our level of exposure to liability. Any measures we may need to implement to reduce that exposure may involve spending substantial resources and/or discontinuing certain services, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, public attention to liability issues, lawsuits and legislative proposals could have an adverse impact on our business model and reputation, and—consequently—on our business results.

We may not be able to adequately protect and enforce our intellectual property rights. We could potentially face claims alleging that our technologies infringe the property rights of others

Our IP rights are pivotal to our continued growth and success. These rights are safeguarded through a combination of copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret laws, and contractual measures. With the rapid expansion of our business in recent years, we have witnessed a concurrent rise in infringement on our IP rights, notably on social media platforms. This includes issues such as unauthorized domain name registrations, deceptive apps and counterfeit or fraudulent websites. While we have undertaken measures to defend our IP rights, there is no guarantee that these actions, or any future efforts, will effectively deter misappropriation, safeguard against the dilution of our trademarks, or prevent third parties from creating similar or competing technologies.

Our trademark portfolio is owned by MercadoLibre, Inc. and its subsidiaries. There are no material intellectual property assets jointly owned with any third party. The most valuable intellectual property owned by us is the "Mercado" trademark family portfolio, namely, Mercado Libre and Mercado Pago, among others, and related domain names ("TLDs" and "ccTLDs"), as well as our proprietary software.

We pursue the registration of our IP and other intangible assets in each country where we operate. However, we may not have sufficient protection or such protection might not be granted to us by the appropriate regulatory authority in every country where our services are available online. Thus, our ability to protect our brands and our products and services against third-party infringers may be compromised and we could face claims by third-party IP owners. Any claims relating to these issues, whether meritorious or not, could cause us to enter into costly litigation or settlements, potentially including royalty arrangements, awards of monetary damages or orders limiting our ability to sell our products and services. We may also be required to enter into licensing agreements, which may be on terms that are unfavorable to us and some of the licenses may be not be available to us at all. If any of these claims against us are successful, we may also have to modify some of our brand identifiers and/or domain names in certain countries or stop offering certain features, functionalities, products or services in certain jurisdictions. Any of these circumstances could divert the attention of management and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial situation.

We have licensed in the past, and expect that we may license in the future, certain of our proprietary rights, such as trademarks or copyrighted material, to third parties. Though our license agreements contain customary restrictions on our licensees, and we exercise oversight over our licensees' use of our IP, our licensees may take actions that could affect the value of our proprietary rights or reputation, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. Further, many of our agreements with our customers and partners, the terms of which often survive termination or expiration of the applicable agreement, require us to defend such parties against certain intellectual property infringement claims and indemnify them for damages and losses arising from certain intellectual property infringement claims against them, which have in the past resulted, and could in the future result, in increased costs for defending such claims or significant damages if there is an adverse ruling in any such claims. These defense costs and indemnity payments could materially and adversely affect our results of operations, financial condition, business and prospects. Such customers and partners may also discontinue the use of our products and services as a result of injunctions or otherwise, which could result in loss of revenue and adversely affect our business.

Our Company extensively utilizes open source software ("OSS"), presenting significant intellectual property challenges. In 2022, we established the OSPO (Open Source Program Office) to oversee OSS compliance, contribute to open source project development, and implement company-wide OSS usage policies. Despite the implementation of OSPO, we cannot guarantee that all of our employees accurately use and integrate OSS tools. As a result, given the high level of OSS consumption in our Company, we cannot guarantee that our use of OSS software will not inadvertently infringe upon third-party intellectual property rights or fully comply with pertinent OSS licenses. In addition, we cannot guarantee that our employees will not disclose any Company software to the open source software community. From time to time, companies that use OSS have faced claims challenging the use of OSS and/or demanding compliance with open source license terms. We could be subject to suits by parties claiming non-compliance with open source licensing terms. Moreover, these licenses may subject us to certain unfavorable conditions, including requirements that we offer our products that incorporate, are based on or that link to OSS for no cost, that we make publicly available the source code for any of our proprietary software that we create based upon, or that incorporates, links to or otherwise uses the OSS, or that we license such software under the terms of the particular open source license.

The integration of AI tools into our products and services presents significant IP challenges. Determining IP ownership for AI-generated content remains ambiguous in some jurisdictions, which may potentially lead to infringement claims by third parties. AI tools might also unintentionally access or use third party IP or generate outputs which may contain or be substantially similar to third-party material protected by intellectual property rights, including patents, copyrights or trademarks, heightening our exposure to IP disputes. Using third-party AI tools raises concerns about the origin of content, which may lead to IP infringements that could inadvertently implicate us. Inventions or works of authorship created through the use of AI/ML may be based on or rely on, or contain, materials that were used in the training of such AI/ML technologies and which are identical or similar to third-party intellectual property, which could further limit our ability to obtain intellectual property protection in such inventions or works of authorship. In addition, AI tools may access our confidential information, including personal data. Moreover, there is a risk that an employee may input confidential information, including material non-public information, trade secrets or personal identifiable information, into AI/ML applications, resulting in such information becoming accessible by third parties, including our competitors. As AI tools continue to evolve, ensuring protection against IP infringement and avoiding risks related to leaks of confidential information becomes progressively more challenging. Such challenges could also affect our consumers' and the public's perception of our Company.

As our Company's business grows and our reliance on OSS and AI tools increases, the potential risk of facing IP claims becomes more pronounced. Addressing these infringement claims can be costly, time-consuming, and could significantly impact our business, operational results, financial health and reputation.

Cybersecurity and Technology Risks

Any delay or problem with operating or upgrading our existing information technology infrastructure could cause a disruption in our business and adversely impact our financial results

Our ability to operate our business on a day-to-day basis largely depends on the efficient operation of our information technology infrastructure and our cloud providers, the largest of which are Amazon Web Services and Google Cloud Platform. We have been and continue to be susceptible to hacks into our systems or other security breaches by unauthorized third parties. We are also susceptible to errors in connection with any systems upgrade or migration to a different hardware or software system, errors or incidents of our cloud providers, bugs or other problems for any of the software we use, either developed in-house or provided by third parties. Security breaches, financial, regulatory or other developments that might prevent these third parties from providing services to us or our users could harm our business.

Our systems and our information technology infrastructure are vulnerable to damage or interruption from natural or man-made disasters, power loss, computer viruses, telecommunication and other operational failures, ransomware attacks or any other kind of denial of service related attacks, physical or electronic break-ins, sabotage, intentional acts of vandalism, terrorism, public health crises (including pandemics), extreme weather (including as a result of climate change) and similar events. The public cloud providers we use could also decide to close their facilities or be required to suspend the provision of services.

Any steps that we may take to upgrade and improve the stability and efficiency of our information technology may not be sufficient to avoid defects or disruptions in our technology infrastructure, which could cause a disruption in our business and adversely impact our financial results. Our systems are not fully redundant and our disaster recovery planning may not be sufficient. We do not have insurance coverage to compensate for any related losses. Any errors, defects, disruptions, interruptions, delays or cessation of service could result in significant disruptions to our business that could ultimately be more expensive, time consuming and resource-intensive than anticipated. We have experienced and will likely continue to experience defects or disruptions in our technology infrastructure, including system interruptions and delays that make our site and services unavailable or slow to respond for periods of time, which could adversely impact our ability to process transactions on our sites, apps or fulfill shipments, which could reduce our revenue, violate applicable regulations, adversely affect our reputation with or result in the loss of users and negatively impact our financial results.

We are subject to security breaches, disruption and confidential data theft from our systems, which can adversely affect our reputation and business

A significant risk to our business lies both in the secure transmission of confidential information over public networks and in the continuity of our operations, given our heavy reliance on technology. We rely on encryption, authentication, data protection, infrastructure and application security hardening, monitoring and response measures to safeguard our systems and securely transmit confidential information. However, advances in computing capabilities, new discoveries in cryptography or other unforeseen events may compromise the technology we use to protect customer transaction data. There is no assurance that the security measures we have put in place will be effective in every case, and our response process to incidents may not be adequate, may fail to accurately assess the severity of an incident, may not be fast enough to prevent or limit harm or may fail to sufficiently remediate an incident. Failures and breaches in security could result in a negative impact for us and for our customers, adversely affecting our and our customers' businesses, assets, revenues, brands and reputations, disrupting our operations and resulting in penalties, fines, litigation, regulatory proceedings, regulatory investigations, remediation efforts, indemnification expenditures, reputational harm, negative publicity, lost revenues and/or other potential liabilities, in each case depending on the nature of the information disclosed.

The techniques employed to gain unauthorized, improper or illegal access to our systems, data, or customers' data—such as disabling or degrading services or sabotaging systems—are constantly evolving. These techniques have become increasingly complex and sophisticated, can be challenging to detect quickly and are often not recognized until actively deployed against a target. While we may not initially assess some of these issues as material and may address them promptly, there is no guarantee that such incidents will not result in significant legal, financial or reputational harm, including government inquiries, enforcement actions, litigation and negative publicity.

Unauthorized parties have, and may continue to, attempt to gain access to our systems or facilities through various means, including hacking into our systems or those of our customers, partners or vendors. They may also attempt to fraudulently induce our employees, customers, partners, vendors or other system users to disclose usernames, passwords, payment card information or other sensitive data. Such information could then be used to access our information technology systems or those of our third-party partners. Our users have been, and will likely continue to be, targeted by fraudulent “spoof” and “phishing” emails that appear to originate from Mercado Libre, Mercado Pago or another user of our services. These emails direct recipients to fake websites operated by malicious actors or falsely claim that a payment was credited by Mercado Pago, requesting that the recipient send a product or confidential information, such as passwords.

Our information technology systems and infrastructure, including our source code, as well as those of third parties with whom we collaborate, have been—and may continue to be—vulnerable to cyberattacks and security breaches. Unauthorized parties may gain access to customers' personal or proprietary information, including credit and debit card data stored on or accessible through these systems. This access could also disrupt our business operations, including financial, e-commerce and logistics services.

Furthermore, our security measures may be compromised due to human error, misconduct, system malfunctions, vulnerabilities or other irregularities. Efforts to address undesirable activities on our platform may also increase the risk of retaliatory attacks.

The laws and regulations relating to personal data are constantly evolving as governments continue to adopt new measures addressing data privacy and processing (including collection, storage, transfer, disposal and use) of personal data. Moreover, the interpretation and application of many existing or recently enacted privacy and data protection laws and regulations are uncertain and fluid, and it is possible that such laws and regulations may be interpreted or applied in a manner that is inconsistent with our existing data management practices or the features of our products and services. Any such new laws or regulations, any changes to existing laws and regulations and any such interpretation or application may affect demand for our products and services, impact our ability to effectively transfer data across borders in support of our business operations or increase the cost of providing our products and services. Additionally, any actual or perceived breach of such laws or regulations, including due to vulnerabilities or data breaches, may subject us to investigations and claims and may lead to administrative, civil or criminal liability, as well as reputational harm to our Company and our employees. We could also be required to fundamentally change our business activities and practices, or modify our products and services, which could have an adverse effect on our business. We expect to allocate significant additional resources to prevent security or privacy breaches and to address issues caused by any breaches. In the event of a personal data breach, we may be required to notify the relevant authorities (including central banks and other regulators overseeing our fintech operations) and/or the affected individuals. Such mandatory disclosures could lead to negative publicity, damage our reputation, devalue our brands and may cause our current and prospective customers to lose confidence in the effectiveness of our data security measures. The use of AI/ML, including potential inadvertent disclosure of confidential information or personal data, could also lead to legal and regulatory investigations and enforcement actions, or may give rise to specific obligations, including required notices, consents and opt-outs, under various data privacy, protection and cybersecurity laws and regulations in a number of jurisdictions.

While we maintain certain insurance policies, we do not carry insurance that reimburses us for losses caused by security breaches. Some of our systems have experienced past security breaches that did not have a material adverse effect on our operating results or reputation. However, there is no assurance that future breaches will have a similar outcome. We cannot guarantee that our security measures will prevent breaches or that the failure to prevent such incidents will not materially affect our business, operations, financial condition or reputation. Moreover, any network or data security breaches involving companies we acquire, our customers, partners or vendors—including service providers—could result in similar negative consequences.

We may not be able to secure licenses for technologies on which we rely

We rely on certain technologies that we license from third parties that supply key database technology, operating systems and specific hardware components for our services. We cannot assure you that these technology licenses will continue to be available to us on commercially reasonable terms, or at all. If we were not able to make use of this technology, we would need to obtain substitute technology that may be of lower quality or performance standards or be obtained at greater cost, which could materially adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. Although we generally have been able to renew or extend the terms of contractual arrangements with these service providers on acceptable terms, we cannot assure you that we will continue to be able to do so in the future.

Risks related to doing business in Latin America

We face the risk of political and economic crises, instability, terrorism, civil strife, labor conflicts, expropriation, corruption and other risks of doing business in emerging markets

We conduct our operations in emerging market countries in Latin America, which have historically experienced uneven periods of economic growth, as well as recession, periods of high inflation and economic instability. There has been increased violence, crime, social and political turmoil and unrest in some of these countries, which could result in disruptions to our operations or present risks to our employees. These developments, as well as other economic and political developments in these countries, including future economic changes or crises (such as inflation, currency devaluation or recession), government deadlock, social and political turmoil and unrest, changes in laws and regulations, labor conflicts, expropriation or nationalization of property, and exchange controls could impact our operations or the market value of our common stock and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We also have operations and deal with government entities and financial institutions in countries in Latin America known to experience corruption. Our activities in these countries create the risk of unauthorized payments or offers of payments by our employees, contractors or agents that could be in violation of various laws including the FCPA, even though these parties are not always subject to our control. Our existing safeguards and any future improvements may prove to be less than effective, and our employees, contractors or agents may engage in conduct for which we may be held responsible. Violations of the FCPA may result in severe criminal or civil sanctions, and we may be subject to other liabilities, which could negatively affect our reputation and business. Further, to the extent corruption, bribery and similar practices continue to exist in the region, international investor perception of the region could be negatively affected, which could in turn negatively affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our employees in Brazil and some of our employees in Argentina, Mexico, Chile and Uruguay are currently represented by a labor union, and employees in other Latin American countries may eventually become unionized. We may incur increased payroll costs or reduced flexibility under labor regulations if unionization in other countries were to occur, any of which may negatively impact our business. In addition, we could be affected by conflicts between unions which claim representation of our employees that could generate additional payroll costs and labor conflicts.

Although economic and political conditions may differ from one country to another, we cannot assure you that events in one country alone will not adversely affect our business, financial condition or the market value of our common stock.

Latin American governments have exercised and continue to exercise significant influence over the economies of the countries where we operate. This involvement, as well as political and economic conditions, could adversely affect our business

Governments in Latin America frequently intervene in the economies of their respective countries and occasionally make significant changes in policy and regulations. Governmental actions to control inflation and other policies and regulations have often involved, among other measures, price controls, currency devaluations, export duties, capital controls and limits on imports. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may be adversely affected by changes in government policies or regulations, including such factors as: exchange rates and exchange control policies; inflation rates; interest rates; tariff and inflation control policies; price control policies; import duties and restrictions; liquidity of domestic capital and lending markets; electricity rationing; tax policies, including royalty, tax increases and retroactive tax claims; and other political, diplomatic, social and economic developments in or affecting the countries where we operate.

Reduced foreign investment in any of the countries where we operate may have a negative impact on such country's economy, affecting interest rates and the ability of companies such as ours to access financial markets.

Local currencies used in the conduct of our business are subject to depreciation, volatility and exchange controls

Most Latin American countries have historically experienced, and may continue to experience in the future, high rates of inflation, which could lead to further government intervention in the economy, including the introduction of government policies that could adversely affect our results of operations. Brazil, Argentina and Mexico, which together accounted for 95.7% and 95.6% of our net revenues and financial income for 2024 and 2023, respectively, have experienced volatility and significant devaluations in the past. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the inflation rate in Brazil, Argentina and Mexico was 4.8%, 117.8% and 4.2%, respectively. Since July 1, 2018, we have classified our Argentine operations as highly inflationary in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and use the U.S. dollar as the functional currency of our Argentine subsidiaries for purposes of reporting our financial statements. Argentina's annual inflation rate for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 was 117.8%, 211.4% and 94.8%, respectively, and Argentina's official exchange rate against the U.S. dollar increased 27.7%, 356.3% and 72.5%, respectively.

The depreciation of local currencies creates inflationary pressures that may have an adverse effect on our results of operations, including affecting our ability to adjust the price of our services sufficiently to offset the effects of inflation on our cost structures and generally restricting access to the international capital markets. A high inflationary environment could also have negative effects on the level of economic activity, employment and may adversely affect our business and results of operations. On the other hand, the appreciation of local currencies against the U.S. dollar may lead to the deterioration of public accounts and the balance of payments of the countries where we operate, and may reduce export growth in those countries.

Because we conduct our business outside the U.S. and receive almost all of our revenues in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, but report our results in U.S. dollars, we face exposure to adverse movements in currency exchange rates. The results of operations in the countries where we operate are exposed to foreign exchange rate fluctuations as our financial results are translated from the applicable local currency into U.S. dollars upon consolidation. If the U.S. dollar weakens against foreign currencies, as has occurred in some years, the translation of these foreign-currency-denominated transactions will result in increased net revenues, operating expenses, and net income. Similarly, our net revenues, operating expenses, and net income will decrease if the U.S. dollar strengthens against the foreign currencies of countries in which we operate. For the year ended December 31, 2024, 54.9% of our net revenues was denominated in Brazilian Real, 22.4% in Mexican Pesos and 18.4% in Argentine Pesos. For the year ended December 31, 2024, Brazil's exchange rate against the U.S. dollar increased 27.9%. Certain of our subsidiaries may be subject to exchange control regulations that might restrict their ability to convert local currencies into U.S. dollars. Brazilian law provides that whenever there is a serious imbalance in Brazil's balance of payments or reason to foresee a serious imbalance, the Brazilian government may impose temporary restrictions on the remittance to foreign investors of the proceeds of their investments in Brazil.

In recent years, extensive exchange controls implemented by the Argentine government have controlled and restricted the ability of companies and individuals to exchange Argentine Pesos for foreign currencies and their ability to remit foreign currency out of Argentina. An entity's authorization request to the CBA to access the official exchange market to make foreign currency payments may be denied depending on the circumstances. As a result of these exchange controls, markets in Argentina have developed trading mechanisms to access U.S. dollars locally or outside Argentina.

Regulations issued by the current Argentine government have partially decreased exchange controls; however, there can be no assurance that the CBA or other government agencies will not subsequently increase controls or restrictions, make modifications to these regulations or establish more severe restrictions on currency exchange, which could affect the ability to make payments to foreign creditors or providers and dividend payments to foreign shareholders. These exchange controls and restrictions have in the past materially adversely affect the business, financial condition and results of operations of our Argentine subsidiaries and their ability to comply with their foreign currency obligations, and could significantly impact our ability to receive cash from our Argentine subsidiaries and our ability to meet our obligations, each of which could have a material adverse effect on our Company.

Our transactions in Latin America may be impacted by the weaknesses of secure payment methods

Consumers and merchants in Latin America can be held fully liable for credit card and other losses due to third-party fraud. As secure methods of payment for digital transactions have not been widely adopted in Latin America, both consumers and merchants generally have a relatively low confidence level in the integrity of these transactions. Unless consumer fraud laws in Latin American countries are modified to protect merchants and consumers, and until secure, integrated online payment processing methods are fully implemented across the region, our ability to generate revenues may be limited, which could have a material adverse effect on our Company. In addition, while banks and other financial institutions in Latin America have generally granted merchants the right to process online transactions, adjustments to the fraud and risk management processes of these banks and financial institutions, including due to concerns about credit card fraud, may negatively impact our payments approval rates.

Risks related to our shares

Provisions of our certificate of incorporation and Delaware law could inhibit others from acquiring us, prevent a change of control, and may prevent efforts by our stockholders to change our management

Certain provisions of our certificate of incorporation and by-laws may inhibit a change of control that our board of directors does not approve or changes in the composition of our board of directors, which could result in the entrenchment of current management and may delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change in control that might otherwise be in the best interests of our stockholders.

These provisions include: i) advance notice requirements for stockholder proposals and director nominations; ii) a staggered board of directors; iii) limitations on the ability of stockholders to remove directors other than for cause; iv) limitations on the ability of stockholders to own and/or exercise voting power over 20% of our common stock; v) limitations on the ability of stockholders to amend, alter or repeal our by-laws; vi) the inability of stockholders to act by written consent; vii) the authority of the board of directors to adopt a stockholder rights plan; viii) the authority of the board of directors to issue, without stockholder approval, preferred stock with any terms that the board of directors determines and additional shares of our common stock; and ix) limitations on the ability of certain stockholders to enter into certain business combinations with us, as provided under Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

We may require additional capital in the future, and this additional capital may not be available on acceptable terms or at all

We may need to raise additional funds in order to fund more rapid expansion (organically or through strategic acquisitions), to develop new or enhanced services or products, to respond to competitive pressures or to acquire complementary products, businesses or technologies. If we raise additional funds through the issuance of equity or convertible debt securities, the percentage ownership of our stockholders will be reduced, stockholders may experience additional dilution and the securities that we issue may have rights, preferences and privileges senior to those of our common stock. Additional financing may not be available on terms favorable to us or at all. If adequate funds are not available or are not available on acceptable terms, we may not be able to fund our expansion, take advantage of unanticipated acquisition opportunities, develop or enhance services or products or respond to competitive pressures. These inabilities could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Shares eligible for future sale may cause the market price of our common stock to drop significantly, even if our business is doing well

The market price of our common stock could decline as a result of sales of a large number of shares of our common stock in the market in the future or the perception that these sales could occur. These sales, or the possibility that these sales may occur, also might make it more difficult for us to sell equity securities in the future at a time and at a price that we deem appropriate.

In the future, we may issue securities in connection with investments and acquisitions. The amount of our common stock issued in connection with an investment or acquisition could constitute a material portion of our then outstanding common stock.

We cannot guarantee that any share repurchase program will be fully consummated or will enhance stockholder value, and share repurchases could increase the volatility of our stock prices and diminish our cash reserves

From time to time, we engage in share repurchases of our common stock in accordance with authorizations from our board of directors. Our repurchase programs may not require us to repurchase any specific required dollar amount or number of shares. Further, our repurchases could affect our share trading prices, increase their volatility, reduce our cash reserves and may be suspended or terminated at any time, which may result in a decrease in the trading of our stock. As of December 31, 2024, we did not have an active share repurchase program.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

Not applicable.

ITEM 1C. CYBERSECURITY

Risk Management and Strategy

We maintain a comprehensive process for assessing, identifying and managing material risks from cybersecurity threats, including risks relating to disruption of technology infrastructure and business operations, intellectual property theft, fraud, harm to employees or customers, violation of privacy laws and confidentiality, other litigation and legal risks, and reputational risk, as part of our overall risk management principles and processes.

Our risk management framework includes several security pillars, including data security, identity management, cloud security, infrastructure security, application security, incident response, and cybersecurity risk management.

We conduct annual International Organization for Standardization Information Security Management Systems ("ISMS") Requirements ("ISO/IEC 27001") reviews and Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard ("PCI-DSS") reviews of our payment information security controls with the assistance of an external certified auditor.

Our cybersecurity risk management processes incorporate frameworks aligned with recognized cybersecurity and cyber risk established frameworks. Our cybersecurity model is based on four criteria: (i) "Zero Trust" (e.g. a model based on continuous validation of users and devices), (ii) analysis of abnormal or unusual behavior, (iii) automatic response, and (iv) decentralization. Our cybersecurity risk strategy aligns risks, initiatives and controls, consisting of initiatives and projects designed to identify, evaluate, control and monitor cybersecurity risks and incidents. Our data security and privacy strategy focuses on discovery, minimization, detection, response, standardization and awareness. Our incident response strategy is based on best practices, focusing on proactive and automatic response, preparation and prevention, detection and analysis, containment, eradication, recovery and post-incident activity. We have also implemented a security risk management policy that provides guidance on how to identify, analyze, and optimize risk management and subsequent risk mitigation.

We have processes in place to assess, identify, manage, and address cybersecurity threats and incidents. These include, among other things: mandatory trainings and drills on social engineering, phishing and ransomware attacks for all our employees; tabletop exercises for employees of the information security team; cybersecurity events in which management and/or certain employees participate and/or organize; ransomware prevention and phishing controls allowing for automatic and timely detection and response; and penetration testing, red team exercises and a bug bounty program to help us evaluate the effectiveness of our information security processes and improve our security measures and planning.

We also have teams in place to oversee and manage our cybersecurity risk management processes, including: (i) an information security team, organized around our various services and products, responsible for day-to-day cybersecurity matters related to the respective services and products; (ii) a risk committee that is comprised of members of management and oversees the Company's financial and non-financial risks, including cybersecurity risks, as described in more detail below under the heading "Governance"; and (iii) internal local, corporate and strategic crisis management teams that form part of our crisis management framework.

Our risk management framework further includes processes to manage cybersecurity risks associated with third parties, including, a third-party risk management program that focuses on identifying security and data privacy risks arising out of our interactions with critical third-party suppliers and payment methods, and a program focused on assessing risks arising in mergers and acquisitions transactions.

In connection with our cybersecurity risk management processes, while we do not regularly engage assessors, consultants, auditors, or other third parties to assess, identify, and manage material risks from cybersecurity threats, we do involve such parties if there has been a cybersecurity incident that we believe requires an assessment by a third party.

Our business strategy, results of operations and financial condition have not been materially affected by risks from cybersecurity threats, including as a result of previous cybersecurity incidents, but we cannot provide assurance that they will not be materially affected in the future by such risks and any future material incidents. In the last fiscal three years, we have not experienced any material information security breach incidents and the expenses we have incurred from information security breach incidents were immaterial. See "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for more information on our cybersecurity-related risks.

Governance

Management

The cybersecurity risk management processes described above are managed by our Cybersecurity VP under the supervision of the risk committee. The Audit Committee of the board of directors provides additional oversight as needed. Our risk committee is comprised of the Chief Financial Officer, Commerce President, Fintech President and the Heads of Corporate Affairs, Risk & Compliance, Data Privacy, Information Security, AML & Sanctions, Legal & Government Relations, Commerce Product Development, Fintech Product Development and IT Infrastructure. The primary purpose of the risk committee is to assist management and the board, either directly or indirectly through the board's Audit Committee, with their oversight of the Company's financial and non-financial risks, including cybersecurity risks. Our Cybersecurity VP and certain other members of our risk committee are skilled in technology, security and/or risk and compliance. Our Cybersecurity VP is a certified information systems security professional and has considerable experience in the field of information security, fraud and prevention.

As part of our cybersecurity risk management processes, our Cybersecurity VP presents security risk matters to the risk committee on an as-necessary basis and to the Audit Committee annually and on an as-necessary basis. The risk committee also meets quarterly and presents to management the status, evolution and main indicators of each principal security risk, although information security may not be deemed a risk in each particular quarter. In the event of a critical cybersecurity incident, the Company's crisis management framework activates the cross-functional crisis management team, which, depending on the circumstances, is comprised of the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Commerce President, Fintech President, Corporate Affairs Executive VP, Marketing Executive VP and the Cybersecurity VP. This group works with the incident response team to help to evaluate, contain, eradicate and, if necessary, recover from the incident.

The Company's cybersecurity processes are formally evaluated by the Cybersecurity VP on an annual basis, which includes updating the Company's cybersecurity policy, security risk management policy and methodology, and classification of information.

Board of directors

The Audit Committee is primarily responsible for the oversight of cybersecurity risks and threats. To fulfill this responsibility, the Audit Committee, assisted, as appropriate, by the risk committee, oversees the risk management framework, including risk assessment and risk management policies and procedures established by management to identify, evaluate, measure and manage existing and potential cybersecurity risks faced by the Company. Annually and on an as-necessary basis, individual members of management and/or of the risk committee provide presentations to the Audit Committee regarding cybersecurity matters, including any material risks. These presentations include information regarding cybersecurity risks, the evolution of those risks and initiatives to optimize and improve the processes of cybersecurity. Further, in the event of a specific cybersecurity incident, these presentations include information about the relevant security incident, such as incident status, informed stakeholders and remediation plans.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

We lease facilities in different countries of Latin America that are used for administrative, marketing, product development and shipping activities purposes. All of our offices are occupied under lease agreements, except for three of our Argentine offices and the Venezuelan offices that are owned by the Company. The leases for our facilities provide for renewal options and after expiration, we can renegotiate the leases with our current landlords, or move to another location. From time to time we consider various alternatives related to our long-term facility needs. While we believe our existing facilities are adequate to meet our immediate needs, it may become necessary to lease or acquire additional or alternative space to accommodate any future growth.

For Mercado Envios, we operate fulfillment, cross docking and service centers in multiple locations in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Colombia and Uruguay.

Our headquarters are located in Montevideo, Uruguay. Our data centers are located in Virginia, United States, and occupy approximately 45 square meters. As of December 31, 2024, our owned and leased facilities (excluding data centers) provided us with square meters as follows:

	Argentina	Brazil	Mexico	Others	Total
Owned facilities ⁽¹⁾	5,766	—	—	880	6,646
Leased facilities	103,699	1,721,362	1,350,233	91,279	3,266,573
Managed by Third Parties ⁽²⁾	85,761	733,708	—	140,351	959,820
Total facilities	195,226	2,455,070	1,350,233	232,510	4,233,039

(1) Includes offices in Venezuela.

(2) Includes properties that are leased by the Company and managed by third parties.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Please refer to Item 8 of Part II, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data—Note 16 – Commitments and Contingencies—Litigation and Other Legal Matters.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

PART II**ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT’S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES****Market information for Common Stock**

Shares of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, trade on the Nasdaq Global Select Market (“NASDAQ”) under the symbol “MELI”.

Holders of record

As of January 31, 2025, we had 198 holders of record of our common stock. This figure does not reflect the beneficial ownership of shares held in nominee name.

Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

There were no sales of unregistered securities by us during the year ended December 31, 2024.

Dividend Policy

After reviewing the Company’s capital allocation process, the board of directors has concluded that it has multiple investment opportunities that can generate greater return to shareholders through investing capital into the business over a dividend policy. Consequently, the board of directors suspended the payment of dividend to shareholders as from the first quarter of 2018.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

Information regarding securities authorized for issuance under the Company’s equity compensation plan as of December 31, 2024 is set forth in “Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholders Matters.”

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Program (in millions)
October, 2024	—	—	—	—
November, 2024	—	—	—	—
December, 2024	—	—	—	—

Stock Performance Graph

The graph below shows the total stockholder return of an investment of \$100 on December 31, 2019 through December 31, 2024 for (i) our common stock; (ii) the Nasdaq Composite Index; (iii) the S&P 500 Index; and (iv) the Dow Jones Industrial Average Index. Stock price performance shown in the graph below is not indicative of future stock price performance:



We cannot assure you that our share performance will continue into the future with the same or similar trends depicted in the graph above. We do not make or endorse any predictions as to our future stock performance.

The foregoing graph and chart shall not be deemed incorporated by reference by any general statement incorporating by reference this Annual Report on Form 10-K into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent we specifically incorporate this information by reference, and shall not otherwise be deemed filed under those acts.

ITEM 6. [RESERVED]

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

You should read the following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of our operations in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements included elsewhere in this report. This discussion contains forward-looking statements reflecting our current expectations that involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results and the timing of events may differ materially from those contained in these forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including those discussed in the section entitled "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this report.

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations has been organized to present the following:

- a brief overview of our Company;
- a review of our critical accounting policies and estimates;
- a discussion of our principal trends and results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022;
- a discussion of the principal factors that influence our results of operations, financial condition and liquidity;
- a discussion of our liquidity and capital resources and a discussion of our capital expenditures;
- a description of our key performance indicators; and

- a description of our non-GAAP financial measures.

For discussion on results from 2023 compared to 2022, please refer to “Item 7 – Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” of our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Certain monetary amounts included elsewhere in this document have been subject to rounding adjustments. Accordingly, figures shown as totals and percentages in certain tables may not be the arithmetic aggregation of the figures that precede them.

Business Overview

We are the largest online commerce and fintech ecosystem in Latin America based on unique visitors and orders processed, and our fintech platform is the leader in MAUs amongst fintech companies in Argentina, Chile and Mexico, and the second largest in Brazil. Mercado Libre’s e-commerce platform is present in 18 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and El Salvador) and our fintech platform, Mercado Pago, is present in 8 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay and Ecuador). Our ecosystem provides consumers and merchants with a complete portfolio of services to enable buying and selling online and the processing of payments online and offline, as well as offering a wide array of simple day-to-day financial services.

We offer our users an ecosystem of integrated e-commerce and digital financial services, which includes: the Mercado Libre Marketplace, the Mercado Pago fintech platform, the Mercado Envios logistics service, the Mercado Ads solution and the Mercado Libre Classifieds service.

Our e-commerce platform provides buyers and sellers with a robust and safe environment that fosters the development of a large e-commerce community in Latin America, a region with a population of over 650 million people where penetration of e-commerce over total retail significantly lags benchmarks such as the United States of America (“U.S.”), the U.K. and China. We believe that we offer world-class technological and commercial solutions that address the distinctive cultural and geographic challenges of operating a digital commerce platform in Latin America.

The Mercado Libre Marketplace is a user-friendly online commerce platform that can be accessed through our mobile app or website. Third-party sellers (“3P”) account for most of the GMV transacted on the Marketplace. We complement this by selling directly to consumers on a first-party basis (“1P”) in selected categories where we can enhance price competitiveness and assortment; this accounts for less than 10% of GMV. The Marketplace has an extensive assortment of products, with a wide range of categories including consumer electronics, apparel and beauty, home goods, automotive accessories, toys, books and entertainment and consumer packaged goods. We also have a selection of international products available, primarily from sellers in China and the U.S., through our cross-border trade (“CBT”) operations. Our users can also list vehicles, properties and services they are looking to sell via Mercado Libre Classifieds. These listings differ from our Marketplace listings because we charge placing fees only, not final value fees.

Mercado Envios is a logistics solution that is one of the value-added services that we offer to our sellers and buyers on our platform. The logistics services we offer are an integral and crucial part of our value proposition as they reduce friction between buyers and sellers, allow us to have greater control over the full user experience and enable faster deliveries at a more competitive cost than would otherwise be available with third-party carriers. Sellers that use Mercado Envios are eligible to access shipping subsidies that enable free or discounted shipping for consumers that buy sellers’ goods on our Marketplace. Our logistics network is built around fulfillment centers (which accounts for more than half of shipments), where sellers place their inventory in our warehouses, and cross-docking, where we collect items sold from sellers directly or via a network of thousands of partner stores (“MELI Places”) where sellers drop off sold items that need to be fed into our logistics network. MELI Places are also enabled for pick up of items purchased and processing of returns. Our transportation network includes dedicated aircraft, trucks and thousands of last-mile delivery vans, the vast majority of which are owned and operated by our third-party carriers.

Our advertising platform, Mercado Ads, is another value-added service that we offer to sellers on our platform and brands both on- and off-platform. The platform enables sellers and brands to access the millions of consumers that browse and purchase on our Marketplace, as well as the first-party data that all of these engagements generate. This enables advertisers to target highly granular audiences. The products we offer are Product Ads (sponsored listings), Brands Ads (product carousels), Display Ads (banners) and Video Ads, the last two of which we are able to offer inventory off-platform as well as on our own Marketplace and fintech platform.

Mercado Shops is a service we offer to sellers to complement their business on our Marketplace. It is a digital storefront solution that allows sellers to set up, manage and promote their own digital stores, whilst using Mercado Libre’s logistics, advertising and payments services. In January 2025, we announced the migration of Mercado Shops to “Mi Página,” which offers similar functionalities but is fully embedded within our Marketplace (without an external storefront). Mercado Shops will be discontinued as of December 31, 2025.

Mercado Pago was initially designed to facilitate transactions on Mercado Libre’s Marketplace by providing a mechanism that allowed our users to securely, easily and promptly send and receive payments. This brought trust to the merchant-consumer relationship. In the countries in which Mercado Pago operates, it processes and settles all transactions on our Marketplace.

Beyond facilitating Marketplace transactions, over the years we have expanded our array of Mercado Pago services to third parties outside Mercado Libre’s Marketplace. We began first by satisfying the growing demand for online-based payment solutions by providing merchants the necessary digital payment infrastructure for e-commerce to flourish in Latin America.

Our lending solution is available in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Chile. We offer credits mostly to merchants and consumers that already form part of our user base, many of whom have historically been underserved or overlooked by financial institutions and therefore suffer from a lack of access to credit. Facilitating credit is a key service overlay that enables us to further strengthen the engagement and lock-in rate of our users, while also generating additional touchpoints and incentives to use Mercado Pago as an end-to-end financial solution.

Our asset management product, which is available in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Chile, is a critical pillar of our financial services offering that enables us to compete with large banks. This product offers remuneration on balances held in the Mercado Pago digital account that is greater than traditional checking and savings accounts. This enables our users to earn a return with funds remaining available for withdrawal or to make payments without their funds being tied up in a time deposit.

As an extension of our asset management and savings solutions for users, we launched a digital assets feature as part of the Mercado Pago account in Brazil, Mexico and Chile, in 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively. This service allows our millions of users to purchase, hold and sell selected digital assets through our interface without leaving the Mercado Pago application, while a partner acts as the custodian and offers the blockchain infrastructure platform. This feature is available for all users through their Mercado Pago account. In 2024, in Brazil and Mexico we launched "Meli Dólar", a stablecoin that is pegged to the US dollar. Members of our loyalty program receive their cashback in Meli Dólar and all Mercado Pago users can buy, hold and sell the stablecoin without any fees.

Reporting Segments and Geographic Information

Our segment reporting is based on geography, which is the criterion our Management currently uses to evaluate our segment performance. Our geographic segments are Brazil, Mexico, Argentina and Other Countries (including Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay and the U.S.). Although we discuss long-term trends in our business, it is our policy not to provide earnings guidance in the traditional sense. We believe that uncertain conditions make the forecasting of near-term results difficult. Further, we seek to make decisions focused primarily on the long-term welfare of our Company and believe focusing on short-term earnings does not best serve the interests of our stockholders. We believe that execution of key strategic initiatives as well as our expectations for long-term growth in our markets will best create stockholder value. A long-term focus may make it more difficult for industry analysts and the market to evaluate the value of our Company, which could reduce the value of our common stock or permit competitors with short-term tactics to grow more rapidly than us. We, therefore, encourage potential investors to consider this strategy before making an investment in our common stock.

The following table sets forth the percentage of our consolidated net revenues and financial income by segment for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022:

(% of total consolidated net revenues and financial income)	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾
Brazil	54.9 %	51.8 %	53.8 %
Mexico	22.4	20.3	17.6
Argentina	18.4	23.5	23.9
Other countries	4.3	4.4	4.7

(1) Recast for consistency with the current presentation due to the change in the presentation of certain financial results. Please refer to Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies - Change in the presentation of certain financial results and reclassification of prior years results to our audited consolidated financial statements for further details.

The following table summarizes the changes in our net revenues and financial income by segment for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022:

	Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2023 to 2024		Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2022 to 2023	
	2024	2023 ⁽¹⁾	in Dollars	in %	2023 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	in Dollars	in %
	(In millions, except percentages)				(In millions, except percentages)			
Brazil	\$ 11,406	\$ 7,821	\$ 3,585	45.8 %	\$ 7,821	\$ 5,798	\$ 2,023	34.9 %
Mexico	4,664	3,071	1,593	51.9	3,071	1,893	1,178	62.2
Argentina ⁽²⁾	3,818	3,550	268	7.5	3,550	2,575	975	37.9
Other countries	889	665	224	33.7	665	514	151	29.4
Total net revenues and financial income	\$ 20,777	\$ 15,107	\$ 5,670	37.5 %	\$ 15,107	\$ 10,780	\$ 4,327	40.1 %

(1) Recast for consistency with the current presentation due to the change in the presentation of certain financial results. Please refer to Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies - Change in the presentation of certain financial results and reclassification of prior years results to our audited consolidated financial statements for further details.

(2) For the year ended December 31, 2024, the main driver of Argentina's net revenues and financial income deceleration growth is partially explained by the average inter-annual increase of Argentina's official exchange rate against U.S. dollar during the first half of 2024 of 308.4% partially offset by an average inter-annual inflation rate in our Argentine segment of 275.9%, for the same period.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes requires us to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. We have based our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Management has discussed the development, selection and disclosure of these estimates with our audit committee and our board of directors. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

An accounting policy is considered to be critical if it requires an accounting estimate to be made based on assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain at the time the estimate is made, and if different estimates that reasonably could have been used, or changes in the accounting estimates that are reasonably likely to occur periodically, could materially impact the consolidated financial statements. We believe that the following critical accounting policies reflect the more significant estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of our audited consolidated financial statements. You should read the following descriptions of critical accounting policies, judgments and estimates in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto and other disclosures included in this report.

For an analysis of our Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates please refer to Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report.

Allowance for doubtful accounts

For loans receivable that share similar risk characteristics such as product type, country, unpaid installments, days delinquent, and other relevant factors, we estimate the lifetime expected credit loss allowance based on a collective assessment. The same methodology is applied for the measurement of the current expected credit losses (“CECL”) for the exposure to off balance sheet unused agreed loan commitment on credit cards portfolio. The lifetime expected credit losses is determined by applying probability of default and loss given default models to monthly projected exposures, then discounting these cash flows to present value using the portfolio’s loans interest rate, estimated as a weighted average of the original effective interest rate of all the loans that conform to the portfolio segment. The probability of default is an estimation of the likelihood that a loan receivable will default over a given time horizon. For most of the products, probability of default models (“PDs”) are estimated using a survival methodology; these PDs are constructed using individual default information through time, taking into account the expected future delinquency rate (forward-looking models) using three probability-weighted macroeconomic scenarios (base, optimistic and pessimistic) following the increased complexity and possible outcomes of the global, regional and domestic macroeconomic performance, so that the models include macroeconomic outlook or projections and recent performance. With this model, we estimate marginal monthly default probabilities for each delinquency bucket, type of product and country. Each marginal monthly probability of default represents a different possible scenario of default. However, for new products with limited historical information such as asset-backed loans, we use a work-out approach for the estimation of the PD. The exposure at default is equal to the receivables’ expected outstanding principal, interest and other allowable balances. We estimate the exposure at default that the portfolio of loans would have in each possible moment of default, meaning for each possible scenario mentioned above. For credit cards loans we estimate an amortization scheme based on historical information. Also, for Brazil credit cards loans, we use, as applicable, a one month credit conversion factor (“CCF”) estimated according to terms and conditions, considering the increase in the volume of credit cards portfolio. The loss given default (“LGD”) is the percentage of the exposure at default that is not recoverable. The LGD is estimated using work-out and Chainladder approaches. This percentage depends on days past due, type of product and country, and is estimated by measuring an average of historical recovery rates from defaulted credits. For asset-backed products, since there is almost no information to apply either a work-out or Chainladder approach, we use the Basel III guidelines for credit risk management. The measurement of the CECL is based on probability-weighted scenarios (probability of default for each month), in view of past events, current conditions and adjustments to reflect the reasonable and supportable forecast of future economic conditions. Considering a hypothetical increase in the probability of default of 10%, we would have recognized an increase in our allowance for doubtful accounts for loans receivable and off-balance sheet unused agreed loan commitment on credit cards portfolio of approximately \$61 million.

We believe that the accounting estimate related to allowance for doubtful accounts on loans receivable a critical accounting estimate because it requires Management to make complex assumptions and scenarios to estimate the CECL.

Legal contingencies

In connection with certain pending litigation and other claims, we have estimated the range of probable loss and provided for such losses through charges to our consolidated statements of income. These estimates are based on our assessment of the facts and circumstances and historical information related to actions filed against the Company at each balance sheet date and are subject to change based upon new information and future events.

From time to time, we are involved in disputes that arise in the ordinary course of business. We are currently involved in certain legal proceedings as discussed in “Item 3—Legal Proceedings,” and in Note 16 – Commitments and Contingencies to our audited consolidated financial statements. We believe that we have meritorious defenses to the claims against us, and we will defend ourselves accordingly. However, even if successful, our defense could be costly and could divert Management’s time. If the plaintiffs were to prevail on certain claims, we might be forced to pay material damages or modify our business practices. Any of these consequences could materially harm our business and could have a material adverse impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Income taxes

We are required to recognize a provision for income taxes based upon taxable income and temporary differences between the book and tax bases of our assets and liabilities for each of the tax jurisdictions in which we operate. This process requires a calculation of taxes payable under currently enacted tax laws in each jurisdiction and an analysis of temporary differences between the book and tax bases of our assets and liabilities, including various accruals, allowances, depreciation and amortization. The tax effect of these temporary differences and the estimated tax benefit from our tax net operating losses are reported as deferred tax assets and liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets. We also assess the likelihood that our net deferred tax assets will be realized from future taxable income. To the extent we believe that it is more likely than not that some portion or all of our deferred tax assets will not be realized, we establish a valuation allowance. As far we establish a valuation allowance or change the allowance in a period, we reflect the change with a corresponding increase or decrease in our "Income tax expense" line in our consolidated statements of income. Please refer to Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies and Note 15 – Income taxes to our audited consolidated financial statements for additional information regarding income tax.

Results of operations

Principal trends in results of operations

The information include in this section sets forth, for the years presented, certain data from our consolidated statements of income. This information should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements included elsewhere in this report.

Net revenues and financial income

We disaggregate revenues into four geographical reporting segments. Within each of our segments, the services we provide and the products we sell generally fall into two distinct revenue streams: "Commerce" and "Fintech".

Commerce revenues are mainly generated from:

- marketplace fees that include final value fees and flat fees. Final value fees represent a percentage of the sale value that is charged to the seller once an item is successfully sold and flat fees represent a fixed charge for certain transactions below a certain merchandise value;
- first party sales, which are generated when control of the good is transferred, upon delivery to our customers;
- shipping fees, which are generated when a buyer elects to receive an item through our shipping service, net of the third-party carrier costs (when we act as an agent). When the Company acts as principal, revenues derived from shipping services are recognized upon delivery of the good to the customer, and presented on a gross basis. In addition, the Company generates storage fees, which are charged to the seller for the utilization of the Company's fulfillment facilities;
- ad sales fees due to advertising services provided to sellers, vendors, brands and others, through performance products (product ads and brand ads) and display formats, which are recognized based on the number of clicks and impressions, respectively;
- classifieds fees due to offerings in vehicles, real estate and services, which are charged to sellers who opt to give their listings greater exposure throughout our websites; and
- fees from other ancillary businesses.

Fintech revenues are attributable to:

- commissions representing a percentage of the payment volume processed that are charged to sellers in connection with off-Marketplace platform transactions;
- commissions from additional fees we charge when a buyer elects to pay in installments through our Mercado Pago platform, for transactions that occur either on or off our Marketplace platform;
- interest, cash advances and fees from credit cards, merchant and consumer loans granted under our lending solution;
- revenues from our asset management product;
- interest earned on investments as part of Mercado Pago activities, including those required due to fintech regulations, net of interest gains passed through to our Brazilian users in connection with our asset management product;
- commissions that we charge from transactions carried out with Mercado Pago credit and debit cards;
- revenues from the sale of mobile points of sale products;
- revenues from insurtech fees;
- commissions from additional fees we charge when our sellers elect to withdraw cash; and
- fees from other ancillary services.

Although we also process payments on the Marketplace, we do not charge sellers an added commission for this service, as it is already included in the Marketplace final value fee that we charge.

Our Mercado Libre Marketplace is available in 18 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and El Salvador) and our fintech platform, Mercado Pago, is present in 8 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay and Ecuador).

The functional currency for each country's operations is the country's local currency, except for Argentina, where the functional currency is the U.S. dollar due to Argentina's status as a highly inflationary economy. Our net revenues and financial income are generated in multiple foreign currencies and then translated into U.S. dollars at the average monthly exchange rate. Please refer to Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies to our audited consolidated financial statements for further detail on foreign currency translation.

We have a highly fragmented customer revenue base given the large numbers of sellers and buyers who use our platforms. For the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, no single customer accounted for more than 5.0% of our net revenues and financial income.

Our net revenues and financial income grew during the year 2024, boosted by an increase in the share of shipping services where we act as principal, as opposed to agent, the growth of our gross merchandise volume, our lending solution originations and our total payment volume.

The following table summarizes our consolidated net revenues and financial income for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022:

	Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2023 to 2024		Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2022 to 2023	
	2024	2023 ⁽¹⁾	in Dollars	in %	2023 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	in Dollars	in %
	(In millions, except percentages)				(In millions, except percentages)			
Net revenues and financial income	\$ 20,777	\$ 15,107	\$ 5,670	37.5%	\$ 15,107	\$ 10,780	\$ 4,327	40.1%

(1) Recast for consistency with the current presentation due to the change in the presentation of certain financial results. Please refer to Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies - Change in the presentation of certain financial results and reclassification of prior years results to our audited consolidated financial statements for further details.

The following table summarizes our consolidated net revenues and financial income by revenue stream and geographic segment for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022:

Consolidated net revenues and financial income	Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2023 to 2024		Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2022 to 2023	
	2024	2023 ⁽¹⁾	in Dollars	in %	2023 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	in Dollars	in %
	(In millions, except percentages)				(In millions, except percentages)			
<i>Brazil</i>								
Commerce	\$ 7,038	\$ 4,512	\$ 2,526	56.0 %	\$ 4,512	\$ 3,072	\$ 1,440	46.9 %
Fintech	4,368	3,309	1,059	32.0	3,309	2,726	583	21.4
	11,406	7,821	3,585	45.8	7,821	5,798	2,023	34.9
<i>Mexico</i>								
Commerce	3,072	1,979	1,093	55.2	1,979	1,282	697	54.4
Fintech	1,592	1,092	500	45.8	1,092	611	481	78.7
	4,664	3,071	1,593	51.9	3,071	1,893	1,178	62.2
<i>Argentina</i>								
Commerce	1,407	1,261	146	11.6	1,261	1,085	176	16.2
Fintech	2,411	2,289	122	5.3	2,289	1,490	799	53.6
	3,818	3,550	268	7.5	3,550	2,575	975	37.9
<i>Other countries</i>								
Commerce	642	449	193	43.0	449	369	80	21.7
Fintech	247	216	31	14.4	216	145	71	49.0
	889	665	224	33.7	665	514	151	29.4
<i>Consolidated</i>								
Commerce	12,159	8,201	3,958	48.3	8,201	5,808	2,393	41.2
Fintech	8,618	6,906	1,712	24.8	6,906	4,972	1,934	38.9
Total	\$ 20,777	\$ 15,107	\$ 5,670	37.5 %	\$ 15,107	\$ 10,780	\$ 4,327	40.1 %

(1) Recast for consistency with the current presentation due to the change in the presentation of certain financial results. Please refer to Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies - Change in the presentation of certain financial results and reclassification of prior years results to our audited consolidated financial statements for further details.

See Note 10 – Segments of our audited consolidated financial statements for further information regarding our net revenues and financial income disaggregated by similar products and services for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022.

Our Commerce revenues grew \$3,958 million, or 48.3%, for the year ended December 31, 2024, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. This increase in Commerce revenues was primarily attributable to:

- (i) an increase of \$3,322 million in Commerce services revenues mainly related to a 15.0% increase in gross merchandise volume and (ii) higher flat fee contributions for low gross merchandise volume transactions. Shipping carrier costs, which are netted against revenues, decreased \$1,441 million, from \$2,462 million for the year ended December 31, 2023 to \$1,021 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, mainly due to an increase in the share of shipping services where we act as principal, as opposed to agent; and
- an increase of \$636 million in our revenues from Commerce products sales, mainly in Brazil and Mexico.

Our Fintech revenues grew 24.8%, from \$6,906 million for the year ended December 31, 2023, to \$8,618 million for the year ended December 31, 2024. This increase is mainly generated by:

- an increase of \$645 million in our revenues from Financial services and income, mainly related to a 34.0% increase in our total payment volume, partially offset by a decrease of financial income as a result of lower interest rates mainly in Argentina; and
- an increase of \$1,054 million in our Credits revenues, mainly as a consequence of higher originations.

Brazil

Commerce revenues in Brazil increased 56.0% in the year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to 2023. This increase was generated by an increase of \$2,040 million in our Commerce services revenues mainly due to an increase in the share of shipping services where we act as principal, as opposed to agent, and an increase of \$486 million in our revenues from Commerce products sales. Fintech revenues grew by 32.0%, a \$1,059 million increase, during the year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to 2023, mainly driven by an increase of \$767 million in our Credits revenues and an increase of \$280 million in our revenues from Financial services and income.

Net revenues growth during the year ended December 31, 2024, as compared to 2023, was offset by the average increase of Brazil's exchange rate against U.S. dollar of 7.9%.

Mexico

Commerce revenues in Mexico increased 55.2% in the year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to 2023. This increase was generated by an increase of \$955 million in our Commerce services revenues mainly due to an increase in the share of shipping services where we act as principal, as opposed to agent, and an increase of \$138 million in our revenues from Commerce products sales. Fintech revenues grew 45.8%, a \$500 million increase, during the year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to 2023, mainly driven by an increase of \$310 million in our Credits revenues and an increase of \$184 million in our revenues from Financial services and income.

Argentina

The main driver of Argentina's net revenues and financial income deceleration growth is partially explained by the average inter-annual increase of Argentina's official exchange rate against U.S. dollar during the first half of 2024 of 308.4% partially offset by an average inter-annual inflation rate in our Argentine segment of 275.9% for the same period. During the second half of 2024, the effect is partially offset as the average inter-annual inflation rate in our Argentine segment was 197.7% and the increase of Argentina's official exchange rate against U.S. dollar was 172.7%.

Commerce revenues in Argentina increased 11.6% in the year ended December 31, 2024, as compared to 2023. This increase was generated by an increase of \$171 million in our Commerce services revenues, partially offset by a decrease of \$25 million in our revenues from Commerce products sales. Fintech revenues grew 5.3%, a \$122 million increase, during the year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to 2023, mainly driven by an increase of \$146 million in our revenues from Financial services and income, partially offset by a decrease of \$25 million in our Credits revenues.

The following table sets forth our total net revenues and financial income and the sequential quarterly growth of these net revenues and financial income for the periods described below:

	Quarter Ended			
	March 31,	June 30,	September 30,	December 31,
	(In millions, except percentages)			
2024				
Net revenues and financial income	\$ 4,333	\$ 5,073	\$ 5,312	\$ 6,059
Percent change from prior quarter	(2%)	17%	5%	14%
2023 ⁽¹⁾				
Net revenues and financial income	\$ 3,186	\$ 3,585	\$ 3,927	\$ 4,409
Percent change from prior quarter	2%	13%	10%	12%
2022 ⁽¹⁾				
Net revenues and financial income	\$ 2,277	\$ 2,638	\$ 2,753	\$ 3,112
Percent change from prior quarter	5%	16%	4%	13%

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The following table sets forth the growth in net revenues and financial income in local currencies, for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 as compared to the same periods in 2023 and 2022, respectively:

(% of revenue growth in Local Currency)	Changes from	
	2023 to 2024 ⁽¹⁾	2022 to 2023 ⁽²⁾
Brazil	58.5 %	30.2 %
Mexico	58.7	42.7
Argentina ⁽³⁾	244.0	202.1
Other countries	44.1	26.1
Total consolidated	101.5 %	73.2 %

(1) The local currency revenue growth was calculated by using the average monthly exchange rates for each month during 2023 and applying them to the corresponding months in 2024, so as to calculate what our financial results would have been had exchange rates remained stable from one year to the next. See also the "Non-GAAP Measures of Financial Performance" section for details on FX neutral measures.

(2) The local currency revenue growth was calculated by using the average monthly exchange rates for each month during 2022 and applying them to the corresponding months in 2023, so as to calculate what our financial results would have been had exchange rates remained stable from one year to the next. See also the "Non-GAAP Measures of Financial Performance" section for details on FX neutral measures.

(3) For the year ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, the average inter-annual inflation rate in our Argentine segment was 236.8%, 127.9% and 70.7%, respectively. See also "Item 1A. Risk Factors - Risks related to doing business in Latin America - Local currencies used in the conduct of our business are subject to depreciation, volatility and exchange controls".

Cost of net revenues and financial expenses

Cost of net revenues and financial expenses primarily includes shipping operation costs (including warehousing costs), carrier and other operating costs, cost of goods sold, collection fees, sales taxes, funding costs related to our lending solution and Mercado Pago business, fraud prevention expenses, hosting and site operation fees, certain tax withholding related to export duties, compensation for customer support personnel and depreciation and amortization. The following table presents cost of net revenues and financial expenses for the years indicated:

	Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2023 to 2024		Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2022 to 2023	
	2024	2023 ⁽¹⁾	in Dollars	in %	2023 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	in Dollars	in %
	(In millions, except percentages)				(In millions, except percentages)			
Cost of net revenues and financial expenses	\$ 11,200	\$ 7,517	\$ 3,683	49.0%	\$ 7,517	\$ 5,582	\$ 1,935	34.7%
As a percentage of net revenues and financial income	53.9%	49.8%			49.8%	51.8%		

(1) Recast for consistency with the current presentation due to the change in the presentation of certain financial results. Please refer to Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies - Change in the presentation of certain financial results and reclassification of prior years results to our audited consolidated financial statements for further details.

For the year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2023, the increase in cost of net revenues and financial expenses was primarily attributable to a: i) \$2,542 million increase in shipping operating and carrier costs mainly due to an increase in the share of shipping services where we act as principal, as opposed to agent; ii) \$474 million increase in cost of sales of goods mainly in Brazil and Mexico, partially offset by a decrease in Argentina; iii) \$341 million increase in collection fees, which was mainly attributable to our Brazilian and Mexican operations as a result of growth of total payment volume of Mercado Pago in those countries; iv) \$202 million increase in sales taxes; and v) \$109 million increase in hosting and site operation fees.

Our subsidiaries in Brazil, Argentina and Colombia are subject to certain taxes on revenues, which are classified as a cost of net revenues and financial expenses. These taxes represented 6.6%, 7.7% and 7.5% of net revenues and financial income for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Gross profit margins

Our gross profit margin is defined as total net revenues and financial income minus total cost of net revenues and financial expenses, as a percentage of net revenues and financial income.

Our cost structure is directly affected by the level of operations of our services, and our strategic plan on gross profit is built on factors such as an ample liquidity to fund expenses and investments and a cost-effective capital structure.

For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, our gross profit margins were 46.1% and 50.2%, respectively. The decrease in our gross profit margin resulted primarily from an increase in our shipping operating and carrier costs, as a percentage of net revenues and financial income mainly due to an increase in the share of shipping services where we act as principal, as opposed to agent, partially offset by a decrease of our other fintech costs, sales taxes and collection fees, as a percentage of net revenues and financial income.

In the future, our gross profit margin could continue declining if we maintain the growth of our sales of goods business, which has a lower pure product margin, building up our logistics network and if we fail to maintain an appropriate relationship between our cost of revenue structure and our net revenues and financial income trend.

Product and technology development expenses

Our product and technology development related expenses consist primarily of compensation for our engineering and web-development staff (including long term retention program compensation), depreciation and amortization expenses related to product and technology development, certain tax withholding related to export duties, telecommunications costs and payments to third-party suppliers who provide technology maintenance services to us. The following table presents product and technology development expenses for the years indicated:

	Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2023 to 2024		Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2022 to 2023	
	2024	2023	in Dollars	in %	2023	2022	in Dollars	in %
	(In millions, except percentages)				(In millions, except percentages)			
Product and technology development	\$ 1,934	\$ 1,831	\$ 103	5.6%	\$ 1,831	\$ 1,099	\$ 732	66.6%
As a percentage of net revenues and financial income	9.3%	12.1%			12.1%	10.2%		

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the increase in product and technology development expenses as compared to the year ended December 31, 2023, was primarily attributable to a: i) \$181 million increase in salaries and wages mainly related to the increase of 17% in our product and technology development headcount and increases in amounts accrued under the LTRPs as a consequence of the increase in our common stock price; and ii) \$37 million increase in depreciation and amortization expenses mainly related to capitalized information and technology assets. This increase was partially offset by a \$148 million decrease in other product and technology development expenses mainly related to a one-off charge recorded during the year ended December 31, 2023, due to the risk of losing the case became probable in certain disputed amounts regarding withholding income tax contingencies in Brazil, partially offset by higher tax withholding in connection with intercompany export services billing duties.

We believe that product and technology development is one of our key competitive advantages and we intend to continue to invest in hiring engineers to meet the increasingly sophisticated product expectations of our customer base.

Sales and marketing expenses

Our sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of costs related to marketing our platforms through online and offline advertising and agreements with portals, search engines and other sales expenses related to strategic marketing initiatives, charges related to our buyer protection program, the salaries of employees involved in these activities (including long term retention program compensation), chargebacks related to our Mercado Pago operations, branding initiatives, marketing activities for our users and depreciation and amortization expenses.

We enter into agreements with portals, search engines, social networks, ad networks and other sites in order to attract Internet users to the Mercado Libre Marketplace and convert them into registered users and active traders on our platform.

We also work intensively on attracting, developing and growing our seller community through our customer support efforts. We have dedicated professionals in most of our operations that work with sellers through trade show participation, seminars and meetings to provide them with important tools and skills to become effective sellers on our platform.

The following table presents sales and marketing expenses for the years indicated:

	Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2023 to 2024		Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2022 to 2023	
	2024	2023	in Dollars	in %	2023	2022	in Dollars	in %
	(In millions, except percentages)				(In millions, except percentages)			
Sales and marketing	\$ 2,191	\$ 1,736	\$ 455	26.2%	\$ 1,736	\$ 1,296	\$ 440	34.0%
As a percentage of net revenues and financial income	10.5%	11.5%			11.5%	12.0%		

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the increase in sales and marketing expenses as compared to the year ended December 31, 2023 was primarily attributable to a: i) \$266 million increase in online and offline marketing expenses mainly in Brazil and Mexico; ii) \$57 million increase in chargebacks; iii) \$55 million increase in our buyer protection program expense; and iv) \$38 million increase in salaries and wages mainly related to the increase of 15% in our sales and marketing headcount and increases in amounts accrued under the LTRPs as a consequence of the increase in our common stock price.

Provision for doubtful accounts

Provision for doubtful accounts consists of the current expected credit losses on our financial assets, mainly loans receivable. The following table presents provision for doubtful accounts expenses for the years indicated:

	Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2023 to 2024		Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2022 to 2023	
	2024	2023	in Dollars	in %	2023	2022	in Dollars	in %
	(In millions, except percentages)				(In millions, except percentages)			
Provision for doubtful accounts	\$ 1,858	\$ 1,050	\$ 808	77.0%	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,073	\$ (23)	(2.1)%
As a percentage of net revenues and financial income	8.9%	7.0%			7.0%	10.0%		

For the year ended December 31, 2024, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2023, the provision for doubtful accounts increased by \$808 million mainly due to the increase in originations growth at 75% (mainly related to the credit card), resulting in an increase in the average balance of the loans receivable portfolio of 62.8%.

General and administrative expenses

Our general and administrative expenses consist primarily of salaries for management and administrative staff, compensation of non-employee directors, long term retention program compensation, expenses for legal, audit and other professional services, contingencies, insurance expenses, office space rental expenses, changes in the fair value (for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023) and impairment (for the year ended December 31, 2022) of digital assets, travel and business expenses, as well as depreciation and amortization expenses. Our general and administrative expenses include the costs of the following areas: general management, finance, treasury, internal audit, administration, accounting, tax, legal and human resources. The following table presents general and administrative expenses for the years indicated:

	Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2023 to 2024		Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2022 to 2023	
	2024	2023	in Dollars	in %	2023	2022	in Dollars	in %
	(In millions, except percentages)				(In millions, except percentages)			
General and administrative	\$ 963	\$ 766	\$ 197	25.7%	\$ 766	\$ 661	\$ 105	15.9%
As a percentage of net revenues and financial income	4.6%	5.1%			5.1%	6.1%		

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the increase in general and administrative expenses as compared to the year ended December 31, 2023 was primarily attributable to a: i) \$72 million increase in contingencies; ii) \$61 million increase in salaries and wages, mainly related to the increase of 17% in general and administrative headcount and increases in amounts accrued under the LTRPs as a consequence of the increase in our common stock price; and iii) \$33 million increase in other general and administrative expenses mainly related to higher tax withholding in connection with intercompany export services billing duties.

Operating income margins

Our operating income margin is defined as income from operations as a percentage of net revenues and financial income.

Our operating income margin is affected by our operating expenses structure, which mainly consists of our employees' salaries, our sales and marketing expenses related to those activities we incurred to promote our services, provision for doubtful accounts mainly related to our loans receivable portfolio and product and technology development expenses, among other operating expenses. As we continue to grow and focus on expanding our leadership in the region, we will continue to invest in product and technology development, sales and marketing and human resources in order to promote our services and capture long-term business opportunities. As a result, we may experience decreases in our operating income margins.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2023, our operating margin decreased from a margin of 14.6% to a margin of 12.7%. This decrease was mainly explained by an increase in cost of net revenues and financial expenses as a percentage of net revenues and financial income, mainly due to an increase in the share of shipping services where we act as principal as opposed to agent, and provision of doubtful accounts, as a percentage of net revenues and financial income. This was partially offset by a decrease in product and technology development expenses as a percentage of net revenues and financial income, mainly related to the one-off charge recorded in 2023, because the risk of losing the case became probable in certain disputed amounts regarding withholding income tax contingencies in Brazil.

Other income (expenses), net

Other income (expenses), net consists primarily of interest income derived from our investments and cash equivalents and, interest expense and other financial charges related to financial liabilities not related to Mercado Pago's operations, and foreign currency gains or losses. The following table presents Other income (expenses), net for the years indicated:

	Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2023 to 2024		Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2022 to 2023	
	2024	2023 ⁽¹⁾	in Dollars	in %	2023 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	in Dollars	in %
	(In millions, except percentages)				(In millions, except percentages)			
Other income (expenses), net	\$ (199)	\$ (654)	\$ 455	(69.6)%	\$ (654)	\$ (289)	\$ (365)	126.3%
As a percentage of net revenues and financial income	-1.0 %	-4.3%			-4.3%	-2.7%		

(1) Recast for consistency with the current presentation due to the change in the presentation of certain financial results. Please refer to Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies - Change in the presentation of certain financial results and reclassification of prior years results to our audited consolidated financial statements for further details.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the decrease in other income (expense), net as compared to the year ended December 31, 2023 was primarily attributable to lower foreign exchange losses of \$334 million due to acquisitions of financial instruments in the Argentine market at a price that reflects an additional cost of accessing U.S. dollars through an indirect mechanism due to restrictions imposed by the Argentine government for buying U.S. dollars at the official exchange rate, and due to lower foreign exchange losses from our Argentine subsidiaries. This was partially offset by higher foreign exchange losses from our Brazilian and Mexican subsidiaries.

Income tax

We are subject to federal and state income tax in the United States, as well as foreign taxes in the multiple jurisdictions where we operate. Our tax obligations consist of current and deferred income taxes incurred in these jurisdictions. We account for income taxes following the liability method of accounting. A valuation allowance is recorded when, based on the available evidence, it is more likely than not that all or a portion of our deferred tax assets will not be realized. Therefore, our income tax expense consists of taxes currently payable, if any (given that in certain jurisdictions we still have net operating loss carry-forwards), plus the change in our deferred tax assets and liabilities during each period.

The following table summarizes the composition of our income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
	(In millions)		
Current:			
U.S.	\$ 64	\$ 41	\$ 12
Non-U.S.	700	812	383
	764	853	395
Deferred:			
U.S.	17	36	55
Non-U.S.	(260)	(320)	(152)
	(243)	(284)	(97)
Income tax expense	\$ 521	\$ 569	\$ 298

The following table presents income tax expense for the years indicated:

	Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2023 to 2024		Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2022 to 2023	
	2024	2023	in Dollars	in %	2023	2022	in Dollars	in %
	(In millions, except percentages)				(In millions, except percentages)			
Income tax expense	\$ 521	\$ 569	\$ (48)	(8.4)%	\$ 569	\$ 298	\$ 271	90.9 %
As a percentage of net revenues and financial income	2.5 %	3.8 %			3.8 %	2.8 %		

During the year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2023, income tax expense decreased mainly as a result of lower taxable income in Argentina during 2024 primarily driven by lower non-deductible expenses. This decrease was partially offset by i) higher income tax expense in Mexico in 2024 mainly driven by the income tax gains recognized in Mexico during 2023 as a result of the reversal of the valuation allowance in one of our Mexican subsidiaries (please see Note 15 – Income taxes of our audited consolidated financial statements for further information regarding this valuation allowance reversal) and ii) higher income tax expense due to withholding tax on intercompany dividends.

Our effective tax rate is defined as income tax expense as a percentage of net income before income tax expense.

The following table summarizes the changes in our effective tax rate for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Effective tax rate	21.4 %	36.6 %	38.2 %

Our effective tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to 2023, decreased largely as a result of i) no foreign exchange losses recognition during the year related to the acquisition of our own common stock in the Argentine market, which was considered as a non-deductible expense (please see Note 24 – Share repurchase program for further information); and (ii) lower taxable foreign exchange gains accounted for in Argentina for local tax purposes that are not recorded for accounting purposes since, under U.S. GAAP, the Argentine operations' functional currency is the U.S. dollar due to the highly inflationary status of the country. This decrease was partially offset by lower reversal of the valuation allowance in the year 2024 as compared to 2023 (please see Note 15 – Income taxes of our audited consolidated financial statements for further information regarding this valuation allowances reversal).

Deferred Income Tax

The following table summarizes the composition of our deferred tax assets, before the valuation allowance, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Deferred tax assets	December 31,		December 31,	
	2024	in %	2023	in %
	(In millions, except percentages)		(In millions, except percentages)	
Brazil	\$ 472	32.7 %	\$ 386	34.6 %
Argentina	56	3.9	36	3.2
Mexico	314	21.8	335	30.0
U.S.	545	37.8	308	27.6
Other countries	56	3.8	50	4.6
Total	\$ 1,443	100.0 %	\$ 1,115	100.0 %

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023 our deferred tax assets, were comprised mainly of i) U.S. foreign tax credits representing 36.6% and 27.3% of our total deferred tax assets, respectively; ii) allowance for doubtful accounts representing 25.7% and 21.0% of our total deferred tax assets, respectively; and (iii) provisions representing 21.4% and 24.7% of our total deferred tax assets, respectively.

The following table summarizes the composition of our deferred tax assets from loss carryforwards as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Loss carryforwards	December 31,		December 31,	
	2024	in %	2023	in %
	(In millions, except percentages)		(In millions, except percentages)	
Mexico	\$ 35	54.7 %	\$ 123	69.5 %
Brazil	9	14.1	31	17.5
Argentina	4	6.3	10	5.6
Other countries	16	24.9	13	7.4
Total	\$ 64	100.0 %	\$ 177	100.0 %

We also assess the likelihood that our net deferred tax assets will be realized from future taxable income. To the extent we believe that it is more likely than not that some portion or the total deferred tax assets will not be realized, we establish a valuation allowance.

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, our valuation allowance amounted to \$584 million and \$374 million, respectively.

The following table summarizes the composition of our valuation allowance as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Valuation Allowance	December 31,		December 31,	
	2024	in %	2023	in %
	(In millions, except percentages)		(In millions, except percentages)	
U.S.	\$ 544	93.2 %	\$ 304	81.3 %
Mexico	19	3.3	53	14.2
Argentina	7	1.2	7	1.9
Other countries	14	2.3	10	2.6
Total	\$ 584	100.0 %	\$ 374	100.0 %

Our valuation allowance is based on our assessment that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax asset will not be realized. The fluctuations in the valuation allowance will depend on the capacity of each country's operations to generate taxable income or our execution of future tax planning strategies that allow us to use the aforementioned deferred tax assets. To the extent we establish a valuation allowance or change the allowance in a period, we reflect the change with a corresponding increase or decrease in our tax provision in our consolidated statements of income.

Our future effective tax rates could be adversely affected by earnings being lower than anticipated in countries where we have lower statutory rates and higher than anticipated in countries where we have higher statutory rates, by changes in the valuations of our deferred tax assets or liabilities, or by changes or interpretations in tax laws, regulations or accounting principles.

Pillar Two

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD")/G20 Inclusive Framework on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting published the Pillar Two model rules designed to address the tax challenges arising from the digitalization of the global economy. The Global Anti-Base Erosion Model Rules (GLOBE Rules or Pillar Two model rules) apply to multinational enterprises with revenue in excess of EUR 750 million per their consolidated financial statements, which seeks to achieve the establishment of a global minimum taxation of 15%.

While the framework for the GLOBE Rules is global, the rules would be implemented through legislation enacted in jurisdictions that adopt the rules. The GLOBE Rules have been passed by legislatures in Spain and Brazil in December 2024 effective for fiscal years starting on or after December 31, 2023 in Spain and effective from January 1, 2025 in Brazil. Spain is the only jurisdiction where we have incorporated entities that have adopted the GLOBE Rules for the 2024 fiscal year. According to our estimate there is no tax charge to be accrued in connection with the GLOBE Rules for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Segment information

See Note 10 – Segments of our audited consolidated financial statements for detailed description about our reporting segments.

	Year Ended December 31, 2024				
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Other Countries	Total
	(In millions, except for percentages)				
Net service revenues and financial income	\$ 10,033	\$ 4,183	\$ 3,614	\$ 808	\$ 18,638
Net product revenues	1,373	481	204	81	2,139
Net revenues and financial income	11,406	4,664	3,818	889	20,777
Local operating expenses	(8,828)	(3,650)	(2,069)	(730)	(15,277)
Depreciation and amortization	(292)	(160)	(74)	(42)	(568)
Total segment costs	(9,120)	(3,810)	(2,143)	(772)	(15,845)
Direct contribution	\$ 2,286	\$ 854	\$ 1,675	\$ 117	\$ 4,932
Direct contribution margin	20.0 %	18.3 %	43.9 %	13.2 %	23.7 %

	Year Ended December 31, 2023 ⁽¹⁾				
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Other Countries	Total
	(In millions, except for percentages)				
Net service revenues and financial income	\$ 6,946	\$ 2,734	\$ 3,322	\$ 615	\$ 13,617
Net product revenues	875	337	228	50	1,490
Net revenues and financial income	7,821	3,071	3,550	665	15,107
Local operating expenses	(5,698)	(2,238)	(1,812)	(577)	(10,325)
Depreciation and amortization	(262)	(133)	(58)	(38)	(491)
Total segment costs	(5,960)	(2,371)	(1,870)	(615)	(10,816)
Direct contribution	\$ 1,861	\$ 700	\$ 1,680	\$ 50	\$ 4,291
Direct contribution margin	23.8 %	22.8 %	47.3 %	7.5 %	28.4 %

(1) Recast for consistency with the current presentation due to the change in the presentation of certain financial results. Please refer to Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies - Change in the presentation of certain financial results and reclassification of prior years results to our audited consolidated financial statements for further details.

	Change from the Year Ended December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2024				
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Other Countries	Total
Net service revenues and financial income					
in U.S. Dollars	\$ 3,087	\$ 1,449	\$ 292	\$ 193	\$ 5,021
in %	44.4%	53.0%	8.8%	31.4%	36.9%
Net product revenues					
in U.S. Dollars	\$ 498	\$ 144	\$ (24)	\$ 31	\$ 649
in %	56.9%	42.7%	(10.5)%	62.0%	43.6%
Net revenues and financial income					
in U.S. Dollars	\$ 3,585	\$ 1,593	\$ 268	\$ 224	\$ 5,670
in %	45.8%	51.9%	7.5%	33.7%	37.5%
Local operating expenses					
in U.S. Dollars	\$ (3,130)	\$ (1,412)	\$ (257)	\$ (153)	\$ (4,952)
in %	54.9%	63.1%	14.2%	26.5%	48.0%
Depreciation and amortization					
in U.S. Dollars	\$ (30)	\$ (27)	\$ (16)	\$ (4)	\$ (77)
in %	11.5%	20.3%	27.6%	10.5%	15.7%
Total segment costs					
in U.S. Dollars	\$ (3,160)	\$ (1,439)	\$ (273)	\$ (157)	\$ (5,029)
in %	53.0%	60.7%	14.6%	25.5%	46.5%
Direct contribution					
in U.S. Dollars	\$ 425	\$ 154	\$ (5)	\$ 67	\$ 641
in %	22.8%	22.0%	(0.3)%	134.0%	14.9%

	Year Ended December 31, 2023 ⁽¹⁾				
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	Year Ended December 31, 2022 ⁽¹⁾				
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Other Countries	Total
	(In millions, except for percentages)				
Net service revenues and financial income	\$ 5,283	\$ 1,638	\$ 2,299	\$ 465	\$ 9,685
Net product revenues	515	255	276	49	1,095
Net revenues and financial income	5,798	1,893	2,575	514	10,780
Local operating expenses	(4,692)	(1,481)	(1,466)	(453)	(8,092)
Depreciation and amortization	(206)	(98)	(46)	(31)	(381)
Total segment costs	(4,898)	(1,579)	(1,512)	(484)	(8,473)
Direct contribution	900	314	1,063	30	2,307
Direct contribution margin	15.5 %	16.6 %	41.3 %	5.8 %	21.4 %

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	Change from the Year Ended December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2023				
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Other Countries	Total
Net service revenues and financial income					
in U.S. Dollars	\$ 1,663	\$ 1,096	\$ 1,023	\$ 150	\$ 3,932
in %	31.5%	66.9%	44.5%	32.3%	40.6%
Net product revenues					
in U.S. Dollars	\$ 360	\$ 82	\$ (48)	\$ 1	\$ 395
in %	69.9%	32.2%	(17.4)%	2.0%	36.1%
Net revenues and financial income					
in U.S. Dollars	\$ 2,023	\$ 1,178	\$ 975	\$ 151	\$ 4,327
in %	34.9%	62.2%	37.9%	29.4%	40.1%
Local operating expenses					
in U.S. Dollars	\$ (1,006)	\$ (757)	\$ (346)	\$ (124)	\$ (2,233)
in %	21.4%	51.1%	23.6%	27.4%	27.6%
Depreciation and amortization					
in U.S. Dollars	\$ (56)	\$ (35)	\$ (12)	\$ (7)	\$ (110)
in %	27.2%	35.7%	26.1%	22.6%	28.9%
Total segment costs					
in U.S. Dollars	\$ (1,062)	\$ (792)	\$ (358)	\$ (131)	\$ (2,343)
in %	21.7%	50.2%	23.7%	27.1%	27.7%
Direct contribution					
in U.S. Dollars	\$ 961	\$ 386	\$ 617	\$ 20	\$ 1,984
in %	106.8%	122.9%	58.0%	66.7%	86.0%

Net revenues and financial income

Net revenues and financial income for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 are described above in "Item 7 – Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Net revenues and financial income".

Segment costs

Brazil

For the year ended December 31, 2024, as compared to 2023, segment costs increased mainly driven by a: i) \$2,270 million increase in cost of net revenues and financial expenses, mainly attributable to an increase in shipping operating and carrier costs mostly due to an increase in the share of shipping services where we act as principal, as opposed to agent, cost of goods sold as a consequence of an increase in first-party sales, collection fees as a consequence of the higher transactions volume of our Mercado Pago business, sales taxes and hosting and site operation fees; ii) \$588 million increase in provision for doubtful accounts mainly related to our credit card credits business growth; and iii) \$223 million increase in sales and marketing expenses mainly due to an increase in online and offline marketing expenses and buyer protection program expenses.

Mexico

For the year ended December 31, 2024, as compared to 2023, segment costs increased mainly driven by a: i) \$1,068 million increase in cost of net revenues and financial expenses, mainly attributable to increases in shipping operating and carrier costs mostly due to an increase in the share of shipping services where we act as principal, as opposed to agent, cost of goods sold as a consequence of an increase in first-party sales, collection fees due to higher Mercado Pago penetration, hosting and site operation fees and other payments costs mainly related to higher funding cost related to our lending business; ii) \$219 million increase in provision for doubtful accounts mainly related to our credit card business growth; and iii) \$102 million increase in sales and marketing expenses mainly due to an increase in online and offline marketing expenses, chargebacks and buyer protection program expenses.

Argentina

For the year ended December 31, 2024, as compared to 2023, segment costs increased mainly driven by a: i) \$182 million increase in cost in net revenues and financial expenses driven by an increase in shipping operating and carrier costs mainly due to an increase in the share of shipping services where we act as principal, as opposed to agent, hosting and site operation fees and collection fees, partially offset by a decrease in other payments costs mainly related to lower funding cost related to our lending business; and ii) \$61 million increase in sales and marketing expenses mainly due to an increase in online and offline marketing expenses and chargebacks.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our main cash requirement has been working capital to fund Mercado Pago financing operations and our lending business. We also require cash for capital expenditures related to technology infrastructure, software applications, office space, business acquisitions, to build out our logistics capacity and to make interest payments on our loans payable and other financial liabilities.

We have funded Mercado Pago mainly by selling credit card receivables and through credit lines. Additionally, we have financed our Mercado Pago and lending businesses through the securitization of credit card receivables and certain loans through SPEs created in Brazil, Mexico, Chile and Argentina. Finally, we obtained funding through our financial institution in Brazil through deposit certificates, financial bills and loans from banks. Refer to Note 18 – Loans payable and other financial liabilities and Note 21 – Securitization transactions of our audited consolidated financial statements for further detail.

We committed to purchase cloud platform and other technology services for a total minimum aggregate purchase commitment of \$3,215 million. As of December 31, 2024, the remaining purchase commitment is \$3,102 million.

On September 27, 2024, we entered into a \$400 million amended and restated revolving credit agreement (the “Amended and Restated Credit Agreement”). The interest rates under the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement are based on Term SOFR (“Secured Overnight Funding Rate”) plus an interest margin of 1.00% per annum, which may be decreased to 0.90% per annum or increased to 1.15% per annum depending on our debt rating, as further provided under the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement. We are also obligated to pay a commitment fee on the unused amounts of the facility at a rate per annum equal to 25% of the then Applicable Margin, depending on our debt rating, as further provided under the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement. As of December 31, 2024, no amounts had been borrowed under the facility. See Note 18 – Loans payable and other financial liabilities of our audited consolidated financial statements for further detail.

On April 8, 2022, we signed a 10-year agreement with Gol Linhas Aereas S.A. under which we committed to contract a minimum amount of air logistics services for a total cost of \$284 million (portion allocated to the services component of the agreement). As of December 31, 2024, the remaining purchase commitment is \$233 million.

Since October 2023, we signed 3-year agreements with certain shipping companies in Brazil, under which we committed to contract a minimum amount of logistics services for a total cost of \$49 million. As of December 31, 2024, the remaining purchase commitment is \$39 million.

On January 10, 2024, we signed a 5-year agreement for the naming rights of the Complexo Pacaembu (municipal stadium of the city of São Paulo), for a total amount of \$44 million, which has not commenced as of December 31, 2024. The agreement has the option to extend the term for 5 additional independent periods of 5 years each, for the same amount indexed by the Brazilian inflation rate index IPCA.

Additionally, we have several committed leases, mainly related to our fulfillment and service centers, which are one of the most important investments for our Mercado Envios business. In this sense, as of December 31, 2024, we have committed rental expenditures with our lessors for \$1,598 million and \$141 million for operating leases and finance leases, respectively. See Note 22 – Leases of our audited consolidated financial statements for further detail on leases. Additionally, we have lease agreements for new warehouses in Brazil, Mexico and Argentina for a total amount of \$1,451 million that have not yet commenced. Lease terms under the agreements are between 3 to 15 years.

We have unconditional purchase obligations related to capital expenditures for a total amount of \$34 million. As of December 31, 2024, the remaining purchase commitment is \$16 million.

We and certain financial institutions participate in a supplier finance program (“SFP”) that enables certain of our suppliers, at their own election, to request the payment of their invoices to the financial institutions earlier than the terms stated in our payment policies. Suppliers’ voluntary inclusion of invoices in the SFP does not change our payment terms, the amounts paid or liquidity. The supplier invoices that have been confirmed as valid under the program require payment in full according to the terms established in our payment policies (between 60 and 90 days). There are no assets pledged as security or other forms of guarantees provided for the committed payment to the financial institution. We have no economic interest in a supplier’s decision to participate in the SFP and have no financial impact in connection with the SFP. As of December 31, 2024, the obligations outstanding that the Company has confirmed as valid to the financial institutions amounted to \$425 million, and are included in the consolidated balance sheets within the accounts payable and accrued expenses line.

As of December 31, 2024, our main source of liquidity was \$3,686 million of cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments, which excludes \$3,434 million investments mainly related to the Central Bank of Brazil Mandatory Guarantee, and consists of cash generated from operations and proceeds from loans.

As of December 31, 2024, cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents and investments of our non-U.S. subsidiaries amounted to \$9,031 million, or 86.9% of our consolidated cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents and investments, and our cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents and investments held outside U.S. amounted to 80.3% of our consolidated cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents and investments. Our non-U.S. dollar-denominated cash and investments are located primarily in Brazil, Mexico and Argentina.

The following table presents our cash flows from operating activities, investing activities and financing activities for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
	(In millions)		
Net cash provided by (used in):			
Operating activities	\$ 7,918	\$ 5,140	\$ 2,940
Investing activities	(8,287)	(3,450)	(3,871)
Financing activities	1,959	(267)	916
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents	(739)	(938)	(270)
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents	\$ 851	\$ 485	\$ (285)

Net cash provided by operating activities

Cash provided by operating activities consists of net income adjusted for certain non-cash items, and the effect of changes in working capital and other activities:

	Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2023 to 2024	
	2024	2023	in Dollars	in %
	(In millions, except percentages)			
Net Cash provided by:				
Operating activities	\$ 7,918	\$ 5,140	\$ 2,778	54.0 %

Net cash provided by operating activities during the year ended December 31, 2024, resulted primarily from our net income of \$1,911 million, adjustments to net income related to non-cash items of \$2,587 million, a \$3,605 million increase in funds payable to customers, an increase of \$1,595 million in payables and accrued expenses and an increase of \$1,213 million in amounts payable due to credit and debit card transactions, which were partially offset by a \$2,530 million increase in credit card receivables and other means of payments. The \$2,778 million increase in the net cash provided by operating activities in the year ended December 31, 2024, as compared to 2023, is mainly explained by the \$924 million increase in net income together with a \$2,103 million increase in funds payable to customers, an increase of \$520 million in amounts payable due to credit and debit card transactions and \$370 million in payables and accrued expenses, partially offset by a decrease in credit card receivables and other means of payments, net of \$1,209 million.

Net cash used in investing activities

	Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2023 to 2024	
	2024	2023	in Dollars	in %
	(In millions, except percentages)			
Net Cash used in:				
Investing activities	\$ (8,287)	\$ (3,450)	\$ (4,837)	140.2 %

Net cash used in investing activities in the year ended December 31, 2024 resulted mainly from the use of \$4,688 million related to changes on loans receivable due to loans granted to merchants and consumers and Mercado Pago credit card utilization under our lending solution net of collections, \$2,748 million related to the net purchases of investments and \$860 million in the investment of property and equipment (mainly related to our shipping network and information technology assets in Argentina, Brazil and Mexico) and intangible assets. The \$4,837 million increase in net cash used in investing activities in year ended December 31, 2024, as compared to 2023, is mainly explained by the \$2,641 million increase in our loans receivables due to loans granted to merchants and consumers, and Mercado Pago credit card utilization under our lending solution net of collections and the \$1,912 million increase in our net purchase of investments.

Net cash provided (used in) by financing activities

	Year Ended December 31,		Change from 2023 to 2024	
	2024	2023	in Dollars	in %
(In millions, except percentages)				
Net Cash provided (used in) by:				
Financing activities	\$ 1,959	\$ (267)	\$ 2,226	833.7 %

For the year ended December 31, 2024, our net cash provided by in financing activities was primarily derived from the \$2,011 million related to net loans payables and other financing liabilities. The \$2,226 million increase in net cash provided by (used in) financing activities in year ended December 31, 2024, as compared to 2023, is mainly explained by the \$1,889 million increase in net loans payables and other financing liabilities.

In the event that we decide to pursue strategic acquisitions in the future, we may fund them with available cash, third-party debt financing, or by raising equity capital, as market conditions allow.

Debt*Debt Securities Guaranteed by Subsidiaries*

On January 14, 2021, we issued \$400 million aggregate principal amount of 2.375% Sustainability Notes due 2026 (the “2026 Sustainability Notes”) and \$700 million aggregate principal amount of 3.125% Notes due 2031 (the “2031 Notes” and collectively, the “Notes”). The payment of principal, premium, if any, interest, and all other amounts in respect of each of the Notes, is fully and unconditionally guaranteed (the “Subsidiary Guarantees”), jointly and severally, on an unsecured basis, by certain of our subsidiaries (the “Subsidiary Guarantors”). The initial Subsidiary Guarantors were MercadoLibre S.R.L., lbazar.com Atividades de Internet Ltda., eBazar.com.br Ltda., Mercado Envios Servicios de Logistica Ltda., Mercado Pago Instituição de Pagamento Ltda. (formerly known as “MercadoPago.com Representações Ltda.”), MercadoLibre Chile Ltda., MercadoLibre, S.A. de C.V., Institución de Fondos de Pago Electrónico (formerly known as “MercadoLibre, S. de R.L. de C.V.”), DeRemate.com de México, S. de R.L. de C.V. and MercadoLibre Colombia Ltda. On October 27, 2021, MercadoLibre, S.A. de C.V., Institución de Fondos de Pago Electrónico became an excluded subsidiary pursuant to the terms of the Notes and it was released from its Subsidiary Guaranty. On October 27, 2021, MP Agregador, S. de R.L. de C.V. became a Subsidiary Guarantor under the Notes. On July 1 and October 1, 2022, lbazar.com Atividades de Internet Ltda. and Mercado Envios Servicios de Logistica Ltda. were merged into eBazar.com.br Ltda, respectively.

We pay interest on the Notes on January 14 and July 14 of each year, beginning on July 14, 2021. The 2026 Sustainability Notes will mature on January 14, 2026, and the 2031 Notes will mature on January 14, 2031.

The Notes rank equally in right of payment with all of the Company’s other existing and future senior unsecured debt obligations. Each Subsidiary Guarantee will rank equally in right of payment with all of the Subsidiary Guarantor’s other existing and future senior unsecured debt obligations, except for statutory priorities under applicable local law.

Each Subsidiary Guarantee will be limited to the maximum amount that would not render the Subsidiary Guarantor’s obligations subject to avoidance under applicable fraudulent conveyance provisions of applicable law. By virtue of this limitation, a Subsidiary Guarantor’s obligation under its Subsidiary Guarantee could be significantly less than amounts payable with respect to the Notes, or a Subsidiary Guarantor may have effectively no obligation under its Subsidiary Guarantee.

Under the indenture governing the Notes, the Subsidiary Guarantee of a Subsidiary Guarantor will terminate upon: (i) the sale, exchange, disposition or other transfer (including by way of consolidation or merger) of the Subsidiary Guarantor or the sale or disposition of all or substantially all the assets of the Subsidiary Guarantor (other than to the Company or a Subsidiary) otherwise permitted by the indenture, (ii) satisfaction of the requirements for legal or covenant defeasance or discharge of the Notes, (iii) the release or discharge of the guarantee by such Subsidiary Guarantor of the Triggering Indebtedness (as defined in the applicable indenture) or the repayment of the Triggering Indebtedness, in each case, that resulted in the obligation of such Subsidiary to become a Subsidiary Guarantor, provided that in no event shall the Subsidiary Guarantee of an Initial Subsidiary Guarantor terminate pursuant to this provision, or (iv) such Subsidiary Guarantor becoming an Excluded Subsidiary (as defined in the applicable indenture) or ceasing to be a Subsidiary.

We may, at our option, redeem the 2026 Sustainability Notes, in whole or in part, at any time prior to December 14, 2025 (the date that is one month prior to the maturity of the 2026 Sustainability Notes) and the 2031 Notes, in whole or in part, at any time prior to October 14, 2030 (the date that is three months prior to the maturity of the 2031 Notes), in each case by paying 100% of the principal amount of such Notes so redeemed plus the applicable “make-whole” amount and accrued and unpaid interest and additional amounts, if any. We may, at our option, redeem the 2026 Sustainability Notes, in whole or in part, on December 14, 2025 or at any time thereafter and the 2031 Notes on October 14, 2030 or at any time thereafter, in each case at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount of such Notes so redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest and additional amounts, if any. If we experience certain change of control triggering events, we may be required to offer to purchase the notes at 101% of their principal amount plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon through the purchase date.

During 2023, we repurchased \$9 million and \$70 million principal amount of the outstanding 2026 Sustainability Notes and 2031 Notes, respectively. The total amount paid during 2023 for those repurchases amounted to \$66 million. During 2024, we repurchased \$27 million and \$81 million in principal amount of the outstanding 2026 Sustainability Notes and 2031 Notes, respectively. The total amount paid during 2024 for those repurchases amounted to \$98 million.

See Note 18 – Loans payable and other financial liabilities of our audited consolidated financial statements for additional detail.

We are presenting the following summarized financial information for the issuer and the Subsidiary Guarantors (together, the "Obligor Group") pursuant to Rule 13-01 of Regulation S-X, Guarantors and Issuers of Guaranteed Securities Registered or Being Registered. For purposes of the following summarized financial information, transactions between the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors, presented on a combined basis, have been eliminated. Financial information for the non-guarantor subsidiaries, and any investment in a non-guarantor subsidiary by the Company or by any Subsidiary Guarantor, have been excluded. Amounts due from, due to and transactions with the non-guarantor subsidiaries and other related parties, as applicable, have been separately presented in footnotes.

Summarized balance sheet information for the Obligor Group as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 is provided in the table below:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
	(In millions)	
Current assets ^{(1) (2)}	\$ 15,510	\$ 11,343
Non-current assets ⁽³⁾	3,849	3,032
Current Liabilities ⁽⁴⁾	14,935	9,683
Non-current Liabilities	2,449	2,327

(1) Includes restricted cash and cash equivalents of \$940 million and \$430 million and foreign government debt securities (Central Bank of Brazil mandatory guarantee) of \$3,417 million and \$2,289 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

(2) Includes Current assets from non-guarantor subsidiaries of \$2,520 million and \$1,405 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

(3) Includes Non-current assets from non-guarantor subsidiaries of \$152 million and \$309 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

(4) Includes Current liabilities to non-guarantor subsidiaries of \$2,749 million and \$1,808 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Summarized statement of income information for the Obligor Group for the year ended December 31, 2024 is provided in the table below:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	
	(In millions)	
Net Revenues and financial income ⁽¹⁾	\$ 17,165	
Gross Profit ⁽²⁾		6,462
Income from operations ⁽³⁾		1,782
Net income ⁽⁴⁾		1,236

(1) Includes Net revenues and financial income from transactions with non-guarantor subsidiaries of \$536 million for the year ended December 31, 2024.

(2) Includes charges from transactions with non-guarantor subsidiaries of \$1,408 million for the year ended December 31, 2024.

(3) In addition to the charges included in Gross profit, Income from operations includes charges from transactions with non-guarantor subsidiaries of \$797 million for the year ended December 31, 2024.

(4) Includes other income/(expense) from transactions with non-guarantor subsidiaries of \$97 million for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Cash Dividends

Our board of directors suspended the payment of dividends on our common stock as of the first quarter of 2018 after reviewing our capital allocation process and concluding that we have multiple investment opportunities that should generate greater returns to shareholders through investing capital into the business as compared to paying dividends. Any future determination as to the declaration of dividends on our common stock will be made at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on our earnings, operating and financial condition, capital requirements and other factors deemed relevant by our board of directors, including the applicable requirements of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

Capital expenditures

Our capital expenditures comprised of our investments in property and equipment (such as certain assets used in our fulfillment centers) and intangible assets (excluding digital assets) for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 amounted to \$860 million and \$509 million, respectively.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, we invested \$316 million in information and technology assets in Brazil, Argentina and Mexico, and \$484 million in our Argentine, Brazilian and Mexican shipping premises and offices.

We are continually increasing our level of investment in hardware and software licenses necessary to improve and update our platform's technology and computer software developed internally. We anticipate continued investments in capital expenditures related to information technology and logistics network capacity in the future as we strive to maintain our position in the Latin American e-commerce and fintech market.

We believe that our existing cash and cash equivalents, including the sale of credit card receivables, short-term investments and cash generated from operations, will be sufficient to fund our operating activities, property and equipment expenditures and to pay or repay obligations in the foreseeable future.

Other Data

The following table includes eight key performance indicators, which are calculated as defined in the footnotes to the table. We continuously address the adequacy of our key performance indicators based on the growth and ever-changing nature of our business. Each of these indicators provides a different measure of the level of activity on our ecosystem, which we use to monitor the performance of the business.

	Year Ended December 31, ⁽¹⁾		
	2024	2023	2022
	(In millions, except percentages)		
Fintech monthly active users ⁽²⁾	61	46	35
Unique active buyers ⁽³⁾	100	85	74
Gross merchandise volume ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 51,467	\$ 44,749	\$ 34,449
Number of items sold ⁽⁵⁾	1,787	1,404	1,147
Total payment volume ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 196,660	\$ 146,738	\$ 100,585
Acquiring total payments volume ⁽⁷⁾	\$ 142,200	\$ 115,953	\$ 83,675
Total payment transactions ⁽⁸⁾	11,355	7,595	4,849
NIMAL ⁽⁹⁾	28.2 %	36.2 %	32.0 %
Capital expenditures	\$ 860	\$ 509	\$ 455
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 617	\$ 524	\$ 403

(1) Figures have been calculated using rounded amounts. Growth calculations based on this table may not total due to rounding. As of December 31, 2024, we no longer disclose the key performance indicator "Number of items shipped." Management believes that "Number of items shipped," as a complementary disclosure to "items sold," no longer provides useful information to investors to better understand our business. Following years of investment, our logistics network now ships 95% of items sold. As such, the two performance metrics, "Number of items sold" and "Number of items shipped," have converged so we no longer see a benefit for investors in disclosing both.

(2) As of January 1, 2024, we have replaced "Unique Active Users" with "Fintech monthly active users" and "Unique active buyers" as our main indicators of our Fintech and Commerce revenue lines. Management believes that the significant growth of our Fintech business merits a standalone metric to more precisely measure its footprint and user base growth and to make the best strategic decisions for the development of the Fintech business. Fintech monthly active users is defined as Fintech payers and/or collectors as of December 31, 2024, that, during the last month of the reporting period, performed at least one of the following actions during such month: 1) made a debit or credit card payment, 2) made a QR code payment, 3) made an off-platform online payment using our checkout or link of payment solutions while logged in to our Mercado Pago fintech platform, 4) made an investment or employed any of our savings solutions, 5) purchased an insurance policy, 6) took out a loan through our lending solution, or 7) received the payment from a sale or transaction either on or off marketplace.

(3) As described above, as of January 1, 2024, unique active buyers is the main performance indicator of our Commerce revenue line. Management believes that monitoring the Commerce business growth through a standalone metric enables us to better understand user behavior over each period and make strategic decisions to improve the Commerce business. Unique active buyers is defined as users that have performed at least one purchase on the Mercado Libre Marketplace during the reported period.

(4) Total U.S. dollar sum of all transactions completed through the Mercado Libre Marketplace, excluding Classifieds transactions.

(5) Number of items that were sold/purchased through the Mercado Libre Marketplace, excluding Classifieds items.

(6) Total U.S. dollar sum of all transactions paid for using Mercado Pago, including marketplace and non-marketplace transactions, excluding peer-to-peer transactions. As of January 1, 2024, we no longer include peer-to-peer transactions in our TPV in accordance with the metrics and underlying criteria used by our Mercado Pago team, which Management then employs to make strategic decisions. Consequently, total payment volume for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, have been recast to exclude peer-to-peer transactions.

(7) As of January 1, 2024, we have replaced "Total volume of payment on marketplace" with "Acquiring total payment volume." Total volume of payment on marketplace was limited to the total U.S. dollar sum of all marketplace transactions paid for using Mercado Pago, and thus was a relevant and representative metric when the off-platform payment processor business was managed as a payment processor with a digital account. In light of the significant growth of our Fintech businesses and our payment processing and settling services, Management believes that Acquiring TPV, which also takes into account non-marketplace transactions paid for using Mercado Pago, results in a more representative measure of our physical and online payment processing solutions in any given period. Acquiring TPV is defined as total U.S. dollar sum of all transactions settled using our Mercado Pago and Mercado Pago's payment processing and settling services in marketplace and non-marketplace transactions and consist of the following transactions volume: 1) point of sale payment volume, 2) commerce payment volume through our Mercado Libre Marketplace, 3) online payment volume through our checkout or link payment solution for merchants, and 4) QR code payment volume.

(8) Number of all transactions paid for using Mercado Pago, excluding peer-to-peer transactions. As of January 1, 2024 we no longer include peer-to-peer transactions in our total payment transactions in accordance with the metric and understanding criteria used by our Mercado Pago team, which Management then employs to make strategic decisions. Consequently, total payment volume for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, have been recast to exclude peer-to-peer transactions.

(9) Net interest margins after losses ("NIMAL") represents the annualized ratio between the total credits revenues (excluding the results of sale of loans receivables) less funding costs and provision for doubtful accounts for the year (excluding the results of sale of loans receivables) and total average gross loans receivable for the year. Management uses NIMAL to monitor how effective our pricing is and managing the credit products relative to their risk and setting targets. Accordingly, Management is of the opinion that NIMAL provides useful information to investors and others related to our risk appetite through the different periods and shows how we effectively prices risk.

Non-GAAP Measures of Financial Performance

To supplement our audited consolidated financial statements presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP, we present earnings before interest income and other financial gains, interest expense and other financial losses, foreign currency losses, net, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization and equity in earnings of unconsolidated entity (“Adjusted EBITDA”), net debt, foreign exchange (“FX”) neutral measures and Adjusted free cash flow and Net increase (decrease) in available cash and investments as non-GAAP measures. Reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to the most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measures can be found in the tables below.

These non-GAAP measures should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and may be different from non-GAAP measures used by other companies. In addition, these non-GAAP measures are not based on any comprehensive set of accounting rules or principles. Non-GAAP measures have limitations in that they do not reflect all of the amounts associated with our results of operations as determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP. These non-GAAP financial measures should only be used to evaluate our results of operations in conjunction with the most comparable U.S. GAAP financial measures.

We believe that reconciliation of these non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measure provides investors an overall understanding of our current financial performance and its prospects for the future.

Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure that represents our net income, adjusted to eliminate the effect of depreciation and amortization charges, interest income and other financial gains, interest expense and other financial losses, foreign currency losses, net, income tax expense and equity in earnings of an unconsolidated entity. We have included this non-GAAP financial measure because it is used by our Management to evaluate our operating performance and trends, make strategic decisions and the calculation of leverage ratios. Accordingly, we believe this measure provides useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our operating results in the same manner as our Management. In addition, it provides a useful measure for period-to-period comparisons of our business, as it removes the effect of certain items.

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income to Adjusted EBITDA for the years indicated:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
	(In millions)		
Net income	\$ 1,911	\$ 987	\$ 482
Adjustments:			
Depreciation and amortization	617	524	403
Interest income and other financial gains	(148)	(135)	(44)
Interest expense and other financial losses	165	174	135
Foreign currency losses, net	182	615	198
Income tax expense	521	569	298
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entity	—	(3)	—
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 3,248	\$ 2,731	\$ 1,472

Net debt

We define net debt as total debt which includes current and non-current loans payable and other financial liabilities and current and non-current operating lease liabilities, less cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and long-term investments, excluding time deposits and foreign government debt securities restricted and held in guarantee, securitization transactions and equity securities held at cost. We have included this non-GAAP financial measure because it is used by our Management to analyze our current leverage ratios and set targets to be met, which will also impact other components of the Company's balance sheet, cash flows and income statement. Accordingly, we believe this measure provides useful information to investors and other market participants in showing the evolution of the Company's indebtedness and its capability of repayment as a means to, alongside other measures, monitor our leverage based on widely-used measures.

The following table presents a reconciliation of net debt for each of the years indicated:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
	(In millions)	
Current Loans payable and other financial liabilities	\$ 2,828	\$ 2,292
Non-current Loans payable and other financial liabilities	2,887	2,203
Current Operating lease liabilities	241	166
Non-current Operating lease liabilities	894	672
Total debt	6,850	5,333
Less:		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,635	2,556
Short-term investments ⁽¹⁾	1,051	1,191
Long-term investments ⁽²⁾	1,124	81
Net debt	\$ 2,040	\$ 1,505

(1) Excludes time deposits and foreign government debt securities restricted and held in guarantee.

(2) Excludes foreign government debt securities restricted, investments held in VIEs as a consequence of securitization transactions and equity securities held at cost.

FX neutral

We believe that FX neutral measures provide useful information to both Management and investors by excluding the foreign currency exchange rate impact that may not be indicative of our core operating results and business outlook.

The FX neutral measures were calculated by using the average monthly exchange rates for each month during 2023 and applying them to the corresponding months in 2024, so as to calculate what our results would have been had exchange rates remained stable from one year to the next. The comparative FX neutral measures were calculated by using the average monthly exchange rates for each month during 2022 and applying them to the corresponding months in 2023. The table below excludes intercompany allocation FX effects. Finally, these measures do not include any other macroeconomic effect such as local currency inflation effects, the impact on impairment calculations or any price adjustment to compensate local currency inflation or devaluations.

The following table sets forth the FX neutral measures related to our reported results of the operations for years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022:

	Year Ended December 31,					
	As reported	As recast ⁽¹⁾	Percentage Change	FX Neutral Measures	As recast ⁽¹⁾	Percentage Change
	2024	2023		2024	2023	
	(In millions, except percentages)			(In millions, except percentages)		
Net revenues and financial income	\$ 20,777	\$ 15,107	37.5 %	\$ 30,443	\$ 15,107	101.5 %
Cost of net revenues and financial expenses	(11,200)	(7,517)	49.0 %	(15,273)	(7,517)	103.2 %
Gross profit	9,577	7,590	26.2 %	15,170	7,590	99.9 %
Operating expenses	(6,946)	(5,383)	29.0 %	(10,405)	(5,383)	93.3 %
Income from operations	\$ 2,631	\$ 2,207	19.2 %	\$ 4,765	\$ 2,207	115.9 %

	Year Ended December 31,					
	As recast ⁽¹⁾		Percentage Change	FX Neutral Measures	As recast ⁽¹⁾	Percentage Change
	2023	2022		2023	2022	
	(In millions, except percentages)			(In millions, except percentages)		
Net revenues and financial income	\$ 15,107	\$ 10,780	40.1 %	\$ 18,675	\$ 10,780	73.2 %
Cost of net revenues and financial expenses	(7,517)	(5,582)	34.7 %	(8,859)	(5,582)	58.7 %
Gross profit	7,590	5,198	46.0 %	9,816	5,198	88.8 %
Operating expenses	(5,383)	(4,129)	30.4 %	(6,700)	(4,129)	62.3 %
Income from operations	\$ 2,207	\$ 1,069	106.5 %	\$ 3,116	\$ 1,069	191.5 %

(1) Recast for consistency with the current presentation due to the change in the presentation of certain financial results. Please refer to Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies - Change in the presentation of certain financial results and reclassification of prior year results - to our audited consolidated financial statements for further details.

See Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies – Foreign currency translation – Argentine currency status and macroeconomic outlook and Argentine exchange regulations of our audited consolidated financial statements for further detail on the currency status and the exchange regulations of our Argentine segment.

Adjusted free cash flow and Net increase (decrease) in available cash and investments*Adjusted free cash flow*

Adjusted free cash flow represents cash from operating activities less the increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents and investments related to customer funds due to regulatory requirements and other restrictions and equity securities held at cost, investments in property and equipment and intangible assets, changes in loans receivable, net and net proceeds from/payments on loans payable and other financial liabilities related to our Fintech solutions, since we consider those liabilities as the working capital of the Fintech activities. We consider adjusted free cash flow to be a measure of liquidity generation that provides useful information to management and investors since it shows how much cash the Company generates with its core activities that can be used for discretionary purposes and to repay its corporate and/or commerce debt. A limitation of the utility of adjusted free cash flow as a measure of liquidity generation is that it is a partial representation of the total increase or

decrease in our available cash and investments balance for the period. Therefore, we believe it is important to view the adjusted free cash flow measure only as a complement to our entire consolidated statements of cash flows.

Net increase (decrease) in available cash and investments

Net increase (decrease) in available cash and investments represents adjusted free cash flow less net proceeds from/payments on loans payable and other financial liabilities, related to our Commerce and corporate activities, payments of finance lease obligations, other investing and/or financing activities not considered above and the effect of exchange rates changes on available cash and investments. We consider Net increase (decrease) in available cash and investments to be a measure of liquidity availability that provides useful information to management and investors after netting out all other debt and corporate payments and activities from the adjusted free cash flow.

The following table shows a reconciliation of Net cash provided by operating activities to Adjusted free cash flow and Net increase in available cash and investments:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
	(In millions)		
Net cash provided by operating activities ("CFO")	\$ 7,918	\$ 5,140	\$ 2,940
Adjustments to reconcile CFO to Adjusted free cash flow ⁽¹⁾	186	56	43
Increase in cash and cash equivalents and investments related to customer funds due to regulatory requirements and other restrictions and equity securities held at cost	(2,947)	(1,499)	(1,186)
Investments in property and equipment and intangible assets	(860)	(509)	(455)
Changes in loans receivable, net	(4,688)	(2,047)	(1,701)
Proceeds from loans payable and other financial liabilities related to our Fintech solutions, net	1,706	248	919
Adjusted free cash flow	1,315	1,389	560
Proceeds from/Payments on loans payable and other financial liabilities, related to our Commerce and Corporate activities, net	254	(159)	145
Other investing and/or financing activities	8	(414)	(192)
Effect of exchange rate changes on available cash and investments	(595)	(263)	(54)
Net increase in available cash and investments	\$ 982	\$ 553	\$ 459
Available cash and investments ⁽²⁾ , at the beginning of the year	\$ 3,828	\$ 3,275	\$ 2,816
Available cash and investments ⁽²⁾ , at the end of the year	\$ 4,810	\$ 3,828	\$ 3,275
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (8,287)	\$ (3,450)	\$ (3,871)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	\$ 1,959	\$ (267)	\$ 916

(1) Includes accrued interest and financial income net of interest received from available and restricted investments.

(2) Includes cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments (excluding time deposits and foreign government debt securities restricted and held in guarantee) and long-term investments (excluding foreign government debt securities restricted, investments held in VIEs as a consequence of securitization transactions and equity securities held at cost).

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to market risks arising from our business operations. These market risks arise mainly from macroeconomic instability and the possibility that changes in interest rates and the U.S. dollar exchange rate with local currencies, particularly the Brazilian Real, Mexican Peso and Argentine Peso due to Brazil's, Mexico's and Argentina's respective share of our revenues, may affect the value of our financial assets and liabilities.

We are also exposed to market risks arising from our long-term retention programs ("LTRPs"). These market risks arise from our obligations to pay employees cash payments in amounts that vary based on the market price of our stock.

Foreign currencies

We have significant operations internationally that are denominated in foreign currencies, primarily the Brazilian Real, Mexican Peso, Argentine Peso, Colombian Peso and Chilean Peso, subjecting us to foreign currency risk, which may adversely impact our financial results. We transact business in various foreign currencies and have significant international revenues and costs. In addition, we charge our international subsidiaries for their use of intellectual property and technology and for certain corporate services. Our cash flows, results of operations and certain of our intercompany balances that are exposed to foreign exchange rate fluctuations may differ materially from expectations and we may record significant gains or losses due to foreign currency fluctuations and related hedging activities.

We use foreign currency exchange forward contracts and currency swaps to protect our foreign currency exposure and our investment in a foreign subsidiary from adverse changes in foreign currency exchange rates. These hedging contracts reduce, but do not entirely eliminate, the impact of adverse foreign currency exchange rate movements. We designate these contracts as cash flow, net investment and fair value hedges for accounting purposes. The derivatives' gain or loss for cash flow and net investment hedges is initially reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss. Cash flow hedges and net investment hedges are subsequently reclassified into the consolidated statements of income in the financial statement line item in which the hedged item is recorded in the same period the forecasted transaction affects earnings. The derivatives' gain or loss for fair value hedges is reported in our consolidated statements of income in the same line items as the change in the value of the hedged item due to the hedged risks.

As of December 31, 2024, we hold cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalent, short and long-term investments in local currencies in our subsidiaries, and have receivables denominated in local currencies in all of our operations. Our subsidiaries generate revenues and incur most of their expenses in the respective local currencies of the countries in which they operate. As a result, our subsidiaries use their local currency as their functional currency except for our Argentine subsidiaries, whose functional currency is the U.S. dollar due to the inflationary environment. As of December 31, 2024, the total cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalent denominated in foreign currencies totaled \$4,032 million, short-term investments denominated in foreign currencies totaled \$3,779 million and accounts receivable, credit card receivables and other means of payments and loans receivable in foreign currencies totaled \$10,437 million. As of December 31, 2024, we had \$495 million long-term investments denominated in foreign currencies. To manage exchange rate risk, our treasury policy is to transfer most cash and cash equivalents in excess of working capital requirements into U.S. dollar-denominated accounts in the United States and to enter into certain foreign exchange derivatives, such as currency forwards contracts, in order to mitigate our exposure to foreign exchange risk. As of December 31, 2024, our U.S. dollar-denominated cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments totaled \$1,373 million and our U.S. dollar-denominated long-term investments totaled \$708 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, we had a consolidated loss on foreign currency of \$182 million mainly related to lower foreign exchange losses due to acquisitions of financial instruments in the Argentine market at a price that reflects an additional cost of accessing U.S. dollars through an indirect mechanism due to restrictions imposed by the Argentine government for buying U.S. dollars at the official exchange rate, and due to lower foreign exchange losses from our Argentine subsidiaries. This was partially offset by higher foreign exchange losses from our Brazilian and Mexican subsidiaries.

Foreign currency sensitivity analysis

The table below shows the impact on our net revenues and financial income, cost of net revenues and financial expenses, operating expenses, other income (expenses), income tax expense, net income and shareholders' equity for a positive and a negative 10% fluctuation on all the foreign currencies to which we are exposed to at the moment of translating our financial statements to U.S. dollars for the year ended December 31, 2024:

	(10)% ⁽¹⁾	Actual	+10% ⁽²⁾
	(In millions)		
Net revenues and financial income	\$ 23,081	\$ 20,777	\$ 18,891
Expenses ⁽³⁾	(20,103)	(18,146)	(16,543)
Income from operations	2,978	2,631	2,348
Other income (expenses) and income tax expense related to P&L items	(596)	(538)	(492)
Foreign Currency impact related to the remeasurement of our Net Asset position	(202)	(182)	(165)
Net Income	\$ 2,180	\$ 1,911	\$ 1,691
Total Shareholders' Equity	\$ 4,842	\$ 4,351	\$ 3,949

(1) Increase of the subsidiaries local currency against U.S. Dollar.

(2) Decrease of the subsidiaries local currency against U.S. Dollar.

(3) Includes cost of net revenues and financial expenses and operating expenses.

The table above shows an increase in our net income when the U.S. dollar weakens against foreign currencies because of the positive impact of the increase in income from operations. On the other hand, the table above shows a decrease in our net income when the U.S. dollar strengthens against foreign currencies because of the negative impact of the decrease in income from operations.

Brazilian segment

Considering a hypothetical decrease of 10% of the Brazilian Real against the U.S. dollar on December 31, 2024, the reported net assets in our Brazilian subsidiaries would have decreased by approximately \$286 million with the related impact in Other Comprehensive Income. Additionally, we would have recorded a foreign currency loss amounting to approximately \$51 million in our Brazilian subsidiaries.

Mexican segment

Considering a hypothetical decrease of 10% of the Mexican peso against the U.S. dollar on December 31, 2024, the reported net assets in our Mexican subsidiaries would have decreased by approximately \$142 million with the related impact in Other Comprehensive Income. Additionally, we would have recorded a foreign currency loss amounting to approximately \$10 million in our Mexican subsidiaries.

Argentine segment

In accordance with U.S. GAAP, we have classified our Argentine operations as highly inflationary since July 1, 2018, using the U.S. dollar as the functional currency for purposes of reporting our financial statements. Therefore, no translation effect has been accounted for in other comprehensive income related to our Argentine operations since July 1, 2018. Argentina's annual inflation rate for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 was 117.8%, 211.4% and 94.8%, respectively.

We use Argentina's official exchange rate to account for transactions in our Argentine segment, which as of December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 was 1,032.00, 808.45 and 177.16, respectively, against the U.S. dollar. For the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, Argentina's official exchange rate against the U.S. dollar increased 27.7%, 356.3% and 72.5%, respectively.

Considering a hypothetical decrease of 10% of the Argentine Peso against the U.S. dollar on December 31, 2024, the effect on non-functional currency net asset position in our Argentine subsidiaries would have been a foreign exchange loss amounting to approximately \$72 million in our Argentine subsidiaries.

See Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies - Foreign currency translation - Argentine currency status and macroeconomic outlook of our audited consolidated financial statements for further detail on the currency status and the exchange regulations of our Argentine segment.

Interest

Our earnings and cash flows are also affected by changes in interest rates. These changes could have an impact on the interest rates that financial institutions charge us prior to the time we sell our Mercado Pago receivables and on the financial debt that we use to fund Mercado Pago and lending's operations. As of December 31, 2024, Mercado Pago's receivables totaled \$5,288 million. Interest rate fluctuations could also impact interest earned through our lending solution. As of December 31, 2024, loans receivable net of the allowance for doubtful accounts from our lending solution totaled \$4,895 million. Interest rate fluctuations could also negatively affect certain of our fixed rate and floating rate investments comprised primarily of time deposits, money market funds and sovereign debt securities. Investments in both fixed rate and floating rate interest earning products carry a degree of interest rate risk. Fixed rate securities may have their fair value adversely impacted due to a rise in interest rates, while floating rate securities may produce less income than predicted if interest rates fall.

As of December 31, 2024, our short-term investments amounted to \$4,485 million and our long-term investments amounted to \$1,203 million. Our short-term investments can be readily converted at any time into cash or into securities with a shorter remaining time to maturity. We determine the appropriate classification of our investments at the time of purchase and re-evaluate such designations as of each balance sheet date. See Note 3 – Fintech Regulations and Note 5 – Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents and investments of our audited consolidated financial statements for further detail on our restricted investments.

Fluctuations of the interest rate could also have a negative impact on interest expense related to our Loans payable and other financial liabilities, as a portion of these instruments is subject to variable interest rates. As of December 31, 2024, our Loans payable and other financial liabilities which accrue interest based on variable rates amounted to \$3,920 million, while our Loans payable and other financial liabilities, which accrue interest based on fixed rates, amounted to \$1,795 million. See Note 18 – Loans payable and other financial liabilities and Note 21 – Securitization transactions of our audited consolidated financial statements for further detail. Considering a hypothetical increase of 100 basis points in the interest rates, the reported charge to the consolidated statements of income for the year ended December 31, 2024 would have increased by approximately \$28 million with the impact in Cost of net revenues and financial expenses or in Interest expense and other financial losses. We have entered into swap and future contracts to hedge the interest rate fluctuation of \$589 million notional amount, \$486 million of which have been designated as hedging instruments. See Note 23 – Derivative instruments of our audited consolidated financial statements for further detail on derivatives instruments.

Equity price risk

Our board of directors, upon the recommendation of the compensation committee, approved the 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 Long Term Retention Programs (the "2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 LTRPs"), respectively, under which certain eligible employees have the opportunity to receive cash payments annually for a period of six years (with the first payment occurring no later than April 30, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 for the 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 LTRPs, respectively). In order to receive the full target award under the 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and/or 2024 LTRPs, each eligible employee must remain employed as of each applicable payment date. The 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 LTRP awards are payable as follows:

- the eligible employee will receive 16.66% of half of his or her target 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and/or 2024 LTRP award once a year for a period of six years, with the first payment occurring no later than April 30, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, respectively (the "2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 or 2024 Annual Fixed Payment", respectively); and
- on each date we pay the respective Annual Fixed Payment to an eligible employee, he or she will also receive a payment (the "2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 or 2024 Variable Payment") equal to the product of (i) 16.66% of half of the target 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 or 2024 LTRP award and (ii) the quotient of (a) divided by (b), where (a), the numerator, equals the Applicable Year Stock Price (as defined below) and (b), the denominator, equals the average closing price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market during the final 60 trading days of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 defined as \$553.45, \$1,431.26, \$1,391.81, \$888.69 and \$1,426.11 for the 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 LTRPs, respectively. The "Applicable Year Stock Price" shall equal the average closing price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market during the final 60 trading days of the year preceding the applicable payment date.

As of December 31, 2024, the total contractual obligation fair value of our outstanding LTRP Variable Payment obligation subject to equity price risk amounted to \$470 million. As of December 31, 2024, the accrued liability related to the outstanding Variable Payment of the LTRP included in Salaries and social security payable in our consolidated balance sheet amounted to \$163 million. The following table shows a sensitivity analysis of the risk associated with our total contractual obligation fair value related to the outstanding LTRP Variable Award Payment subject to equity price risk if our common stock price per share were to increase or decrease by up to 40%:

Change in equity price in percentage	As of December 31, 2024	
	MercadoLibre, Inc Equity Price	2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 LTRP Variable contractual obligation
	(In millions, except equity price)	
40%	2,393.69	658
30%	2,222.71	611
20%	2,051.74	564
10%	1,880.76	517
Static ⁽¹⁾	1,709.78	470
-10%	1,538.80	423
-20%	1,367.82	376
-30%	1,196.85	329
-40%	1,025.87	282

(1) Present value of average closing stock price for the last 60 trading days of the year preceding the applicable payment date.

In November 2021, we acquired Kangu Participações S.A. Former Kangu's shareholders who after the acquisition became the Company's employees will receive cash payments annually over a three-year period subject to certain performance and stay conditions. The payments will be indexed based on changes in equity price of our Common Stock. As of December 31, 2024, the total contractual obligation fair value of the mentioned payments amounted to \$3 million, which was fully paid on January 2, 2025.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

The consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes listed in Part IV, Item 15(a) of this report are included elsewhere in this report and incorporated herein by reference. This includes the Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm of our auditor (PCAOB ID: 1449).

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Not applicable.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures

Based on the evaluation of our disclosure control and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as required by Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Exchange Act, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms, and is accumulated and communicated to Management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of our financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our Management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in Internal Control Integrated Framework updated by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013. Management's assessment included evaluation of elements such as the design and operating effectiveness of key financial reporting controls, process documentation, accounting policies, and our overall control environment. Based on its evaluation under the framework in Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013), our Management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2024 to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. We reviewed the results of Management's assessment with the Audit Committee of our board of directors.

The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024, has been audited by Pistrelli, Henry Martin y Asociados S.A. (member of Ernst & Young Global Limited), an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which appears in Item 15(a) of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f) that occurred during our most recently completed fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Inherent limitations on effectiveness of controls

Our Management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls or our internal control over financial reporting will prevent or detect all error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. The design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Further, because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that misstatements due to error or fraud will not occur or that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Controls can also be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the controls. The design of any system of controls is based in part on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Projections of any evaluation of controls effectiveness to future periods are subject to risks. Over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or deterioration in the degree of compliance with policies or procedures.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plans

During the three months ended December 31, 2024, none of the Company's directors or officers (as defined in Rule 16a-1(f) under the Exchange Act) adopted or terminated any contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of Company securities that was intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c) under the Exchange Act or any "non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement" as defined in Item 408(c) of Regulation S-K.

ITEM 9C. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS

Not applicable.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The information required by this Item will be included in our Proxy Statement relating to our 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company has adopted an insider trading policy governing the purchase, sale, and/or other dispositions of its securities by its directors, officers, employees, temporary employees and independent consultants and contractors that the Company believes is reasonably designed to promote compliance with insider trading laws, rules and regulations, and the exchange listing standards applicable to the Company.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information required by this Item will be included in our Proxy Statement relating to our 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders under the captions "Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation" and "Executive Compensation," and, except as to information required pursuant to Item 402(v) of SEC Regulation S-K with respect to pay versus performance, is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDERS MATTERS

Except for the information regarding shares authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans (which is set forth below), the information required by this Item will be included in our Proxy Statement relating to our 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, and is incorporated herein by reference.

The following table presents information as of December 31, 2024 with respect to equity compensation plans under which shares of the Company's common stock are authorized for issuance:

Plan Category	Equity Compensation Plan Information		
	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, Warrants and Rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, Warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) ⁽²⁾
	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders ⁽¹⁾	—	—	989,289
Total	—	—	989,289

(1) Represents our Amended and Restated 2009 Equity Compensation Plan which was approved by our stockholders on June 10, 2019.

(2) Pursuant to SEC guidance, this table does not reflect grants of restricted stock made pursuant to our Amended and Restated 2009 Equity Compensation Plan. As of December 31, 2024, there were 4,179 shares of unvested restricted stock outstanding under such plan.

Description of our Amended and Restated 2009 Equity Compensation Plan (the “Amended and Restated 2009 Plan”)

Our Amended and Restated 2009 Plan was adopted by our board of directors on April 24, 2019. The Amended and Restated 2009 Plan provides for the grant of incentive stock options, within the meaning of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to our employees and non-qualified stock options, restricted stock and other equity-based or equity-related awards to our employees, directors, officers and managers. Incentive stock options and non-qualified stock options are referred to as “stock options” and together with restricted stock and all other awards are referred to as “awards”. As of December 31, 2024, there were no outstanding stock options to purchase shares of common stock under the Amended and Restated 2009 Plan.

No stock options were granted during the period from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2024 and there were no stock-based compensation expenses related to stock options between 2019 and the year ended December 31, 2024. There is no stock option award outstanding under the Amended and Restated 2009 Plan. As of December 31, 2024, there were 989,289 shares of common stock available for additional awards under the Amended and Restated 2009 Plan.

Number of shares of common stock available under the Amended and Restated 2009 Plan. The maximum number of shares of common stock reserved and available for delivery in connection with awards under the Amended and Restated 2009 Plan is 1,000,000 shares. Any awards previously granted under the Amended and Restated 2009 Plan that terminate without being exercised, expire, are forfeited or canceled shall be available pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2009 Plan. The shares of common stock issuable pursuant to any award granted under the Amended and Restated 2009 Plan shall be (i) authorized but unissued shares, (ii) shares of common stock held in the Corporation's treasury, (iii) shares acquired by the Corporation on any stock exchange in which such shares are traded, or (iv) a combination of the foregoing.

Administration of the Amended and Restated 2009 Plan. The Amended and Restated 2009 Plan is administered by our board of directors or a committee appointed by the board of directors (the body in charge of administering the Amended and Restated 2009 Plan is referred to as the “administrator”). If the common stock is registered under Section 12(b) or 12(g) of the Exchange Act, the board of directors shall consider in selecting the administrator and the membership of any committee acting as administrator the provisions of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act regarding “non-employee directors.” The administrator determines the recipients of awards, the times at which awards are granted, the number of shares subject to each type of award, the time for vesting of each award and the duration of the exercise period for stock options. The administrator additionally has the power and authority to approve forms of award agreements and other related documents used under the Amended and Restated 2009 Plan.

Price, exercise and termination of stock option awards. The exercise price for each share of common stock subject to a stock option is determined by the administrator, and in no event shall the exercise price be less than 100% of the fair market value of the shares of common stock on the date of the grant (or 110% in the case of employees who directly or indirectly own more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock).

Stock options are exercisable on their vesting date, which is determined by the administrator and set forth in the award agreement governing any particular stock option. Vesting dates can be accelerated on the occurrence of a specified event, as provided in an award agreement, or can be accelerated at the discretion of the administrator.

If a stock option expires or is terminated or canceled without having been exercised, it shall become null and void and of no further force and effect. The term of a stock option may not exceed beyond the tenth anniversary on which the stock option is granted (or the fifth anniversary in the case of incentive stock options granted to employees who directly or indirectly own 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock.) A stock option terminates 30 days after a participant ceases to be an officer, manager, employee or director as a result of a termination without cause, and after 10 days of termination in the case of a termination for cause. Cause includes the conviction of a crime involving fraud, theft, dishonesty or moral turpitude, the participant's continuous disregard of or willful misconduct in carrying lawful instructions of superiors, continued use of alcohol or drugs that interfered with the performance of the participant's duties, the conviction of participant for committing a felony or similar foreign crime, and any other cause for termination set forth in a participant's employment agreement. A stock option terminates three months after the death or permanent disability of a participant, or, if the participant is a party to an employment agreement, the disability of such participant as defined in the employment agreement. Other reasons for termination may be set out in the award agreement.

A stock option will not be considered an incentive stock option to the extent that the aggregate fair market value (on the date of the grant of the incentive stock option) of all stock with respect to which incentive stock options are exercisable for the first time by a participant during any calendar year is greater than \$100,000. No stock option shall be affected by a change of duties or position of a participant (including a transfer to our subsidiaries) as long as the participant continues to be our employee or an employee of our subsidiaries.

Adjustments upon the occurrence of material transactions. In the event we undergo dissolution or liquidation, a reorganization, merger or consolidation in which we are not the surviving entity, or a sale of all or substantially all of our assets (each, a "Material Transaction"), holders of stock options will be given 10-day prior written notice and will decide within those 10 days whether to exercise their respective stock options. Any stock option that is not so exercised will terminate. However, such notice and exercise mechanism would not apply if provision is made in connection with a Material Transaction for assumption of outstanding stock options, or substitution of stock options for new stock options or equity securities, with any appropriate adjustments as to the number, kind and prices of shares subject to stock options.

Transferability. Unless the prior written consent of the administrator is obtained, no stock option can be assigned or otherwise transferred by any participant except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. Except in the case of an approved transfer, a stock option may be exercised during the lifetime of a participant only by the participant or his/her legal representative if the participant is legally disabled.

Restricted stock. Restricted stock awards are awards of shares of common stock that vest according to the terms and conditions established by the administrator. The administrator may impose whatever restrictions on transferability, risk of forfeiture and other restrictions as it determines. A holder of restricted stock has the rights of a stockholder, including the right to vote the restricted stock. During the restricted period applicable to the restricted stock, it may not be sold, transferred, pledged, hypothecated, margined or otherwise encumbered. Except as otherwise determined by the administrator, restricted stock that is subject to restrictions is subject to forfeiture upon termination of a participant's employment.

Other awards. The administrator of the Amended and Restated 2009 Plan may grant additional equity-based or equity-related awards in such amounts and on such terms as it shall determine, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Amended and Restated 2009 Plan. Each such award shall be denominated in, or shall have a value determined by reference to, a number of shares that is specified at the time of the grant of the award.

Amendment. Our board of directors may modify the Amended and Restated 2009 Plan at any time. The approval by a majority of our stockholders is necessary if required by law or necessary to comply with any applicable laws and regulations. No amendment will affect the terms of any award granted prior to the effectiveness of such amendment, except with the consent of the holder of the award.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

The information required by this Item will be included in our Proxy Statement relating to our 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders presented under the captions "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" and "Information on Our board of directors and Corporate Governance," and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The information required by this item will be included in our 2025 Proxy Statement to be filed with the SEC and is incorporated herein by reference.

PART IV**ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES**

(a) **Financial Statements.** The following financial statements are included in this report:

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(b) **Exhibits.** The exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K are set forth under “Exhibit index” and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 16. FORM 10-K SUMMARY

None.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Filed (*) or Furnished (**) Herewith	Incorporated by Reference	
			Form	Filing Date
3.01	Registrant's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation.		S-1	May 11, 2007
3.02	Registrant's Amended and Restated Bylaws.		S-1	May 11, 2007
4.01	Form of Specimen Certificate for the Registrant's Common Stock.		10-K	February 27, 2009
4.02	Indenture, dated January 14, 2021, between MercadoLibre, Inc., MercadoLibre S.R.L., Ibazar.com Atividades de Internet Ltda., eBazar.com.br Ltda., Mercado Envios Servicios de Logistica Ltda., MercadoPago.com Representações Ltda., MercadoLibre Chile Ltda., MercadoLibre, S. de R.L. de C.V., DeRemate.com de México, S. de R.L. de C.V. and MercadoLibre Colombia Ltda. and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee.		8-K	January 14, 2021
4.03	First Supplemental Indenture, dated January 14, 2021, between MercadoLibre, Inc., MercadoLibre S.R.L., Ibazar.com Atividades de Internet Ltda., eBazar.com.br Ltda., Mercado Envios Servicios de Logistica Ltda., MercadoPago.com Representações Ltda., MercadoLibre Chile Ltda., MercadoLibre, S. de R.L. de C.V., DeRemate.com de México, S. de R.L. de C.V. and MercadoLibre Colombia Ltda. and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee.		8-K	January 14, 2021
4.04	Form of Global Note representing the Registrant's 2.375% Sustainability Notes due 2026.		8-K	January 14, 2021
4.05	Form of Global Note representing the Registrant's 3.125% Notes due 2031.		8-K	January 14, 2021
4.06	Description of Securities.		10-K	February 23, 2022
4.07	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated October 27, 2021 among MP Agregador, S. de R.L. de C.V., MercadoLibre, Inc. and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee.		10-K	February 23, 2022
10.01	Form of Indemnity Agreement entered into by the Registrant with each of its directors and executive officers.		10-K	February 14, 2020
10.02	Management Incentive Bonus Plan of the Registrant.		S-1/A	July 13, 2007
10.03	Amended and Restated 2019 Long-Term Retention Program.		10-Q	May 6, 2021
10.04	Amended and Restated 2020 Long-Term Retention Program.		10-Q	May 6, 2021
10.05	2021 Long-Term Retention Program.		8-K	May 5, 2021
10.06	MercadoLibre, Inc. 2022 Long Term Retention Program.		8-K	May 9, 2022
10.07	MercadoLibre, Inc. 2023 Long Term Retention Program.		8-K	May 8, 2023
10.08	MercadoLibre, Inc. 2024 Long Term Retention Program.		8-K	April 23, 2024
10.09	Amended and Restated 2009 Equity Compensation Plan.		DEF 14A	April 26, 2019
10.10	Form of Independent Director Restricted Stock Award Agreement.		10-Q	November 4, 2022
10.11	Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated September 27, 2024, among MercadoLibre, Inc., as borrower, the lenders party thereto, Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent, and MercadoLibre S.R.L., Ebazar.com.br Ltda., Mercado Pago Instituição de Pagamento Ltda., DeRemate.com de Mexico S. de R.L. de C.V., MP Agregador, S. de R.L. de C.V., MercadoLibre Chile Ltda., and MercadoLibre Colombia Ltda. as initial guarantors.		8-K	October 1, 2024
10.12	Restricted Stock Agreement, dated April 8, 2022, between MercadoLibre, Inc and Stelleo Pasos Tolda.		10-Q	May 6, 2022
19	Insider Trading Policy.	*		
21.01	List of Subsidiaries.	*		
22.01	List of Subsidiary Guarantors for the Registrant's 2.375% Sustainability Notes due 2026 and 3.125% Notes due 2031.		10-K	February 24, 2023
23.01	Consent of Pistrelli, Henry Martin y Asociados S.A., Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Form S-8.	*		
31.01	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-14, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.	*		
31.02	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-14, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.	*		
32.01	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.	**		
32.02	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.	**		
97	Policy for the Recovery of Erroneously Awarded Compensation.		10-K	February 23, 2024

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Filed (*) or Furnished (**) Herewith	Incorporated by Reference	
			Form	Filing Date
101	The following financial statements from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024, formatted in Inline XBRL: (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Income, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, (iv) Consolidated Statements of Equity, (v) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (vi) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.	*		
104	The cover page from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024, formatted in Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101.	*		

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

MERCADOLIBRE, INC.

By: /s/ Marcos Galperin
 Marcos Galperin
 President and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Martín de los Santos
 Martín de los Santos
 Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 21, 2025

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
<u>/s/ Marcos Galperin</u> Marcos Galperin	President, Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Director	February 21, 2025
<u>/s/ Martín de los Santos</u> Martín de los Santos	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	February 21, 2025
<u>/s/ Stelleo Tolda</u> Stelleo Tolda	Director	February 21, 2025
<u>/s/ Susan Segal</u> Susan Segal	Director	February 21, 2025
<u>/s/ Nicolás Aguzin</u> Nicolás Aguzin	Director	February 21, 2025
<u>/s/ Nicolás Galperin</u> Nicolás Galperin	Director	February 21, 2025
<u>/s/ Emiliano Calemzuk</u> Emiliano Calemzuk	Director	February 21, 2025
<u>/s/ Henrique Dubugras</u> Henrique Dubugras	Director	February 21, 2025
<u>/s/ Andrea Mayumi Petroni Merhy</u> Andrea Mayumi Petroni Merhy	Director	February 21, 2025
<u>/s/ Richard Sanders</u> Richard Sanders	Director	February 21, 2025

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of MercadoLibre, Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of MercadoLibre, Inc. (the Company) as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2024, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) and our report dated February 21, 2025, expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Critical Audit Matter

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective or complex judgments. The communication of the critical audit matter does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

Allowance for doubtful accounts on loans receivable

Description of the matter

As more fully described in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts on loans receivable, based on Management's estimate of the current expected credit losses (CECL estimate). This allowance as of December 31, 2024, amounts to 1,708 million U.S. dollars as disclosed in Note 7, which represents a probability-weighted amount, determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes and reasonable and supportable information about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

The Company's CECL estimate is determined based on probability-weighted scenarios of default over the life of the loans receivable. Probability of default models are estimated using a complex statistical model, which estimates the future default rate. The Company estimates monthly default probabilities for each delinquency bucket, type of product and country. These probabilities of default are combined with a set of Loss Given Default parameters, which depend on days past due, type of product and country, and are estimated by measuring an average of historical recovery rates from defaulted credits.

Auditing the CECL estimate was complex and required the application of significant judgment due to the inherent complexity of the models, assumptions and the interrelationship of the variables used in measuring the CECL estimate that could have a material effect on its measurement. Significant assumptions and judgments with respect to the CECL estimate include definition of default, portfolio segmentation that considers its credit quality and key inputs used for loss given default.

How we addressed the matter in our audit

We obtained an understanding, evaluated the design and tested the operating effectiveness of the Company's controls related to the CECL estimate. The controls we tested included, among others, controls over the development of the model, as well as controls over the key inputs and assumptions used to calculate the CECL estimate. We also tested the controls over the completeness and accuracy of the data used in the calculation.

To test the CECL estimate, our audit procedures included, among others, involving our credit risk modelling specialists to assist us in assessing the methodology and significant assumptions used by management, including definition of default, portfolio segmentation and the key inputs identified above that were used for loss given default. We have also performed independent recalculations to test the mathematical accuracy of management's model and assessed the adequacy of the CECL estimate financial statement disclosures.

/s/ PISTRELLI, HENRY MARTIN Y ASOCIADOS S.A.

Member of Ernst & Young Global Limited

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2021.

City of Buenos Aires, Argentina

February 21, 2025

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of MercadoLibre, Inc.

Opinion on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

We have audited MercadoLibre, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (the COSO criteria). In our opinion, MercadoLibre, Inc. (the Company) maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes, and our report dated February 21, 2025 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Basis for Opinion

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ PISTRELLI, HENRY MARTIN Y ASOCIADOS S.A.

Member of Ernst & Young Global Limited

City of Buenos Aires, Argentina

February 21, 2025

MercadoLibre, Inc.
Consolidated Balance Sheets
As of December 31, 2024 and 2023 (In millions of U.S. dollars, except par value)

	December 31,	
	2024	2023 ⁽¹⁾
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,635	\$ 2,556
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	2,064	1,292
Short-term investments	4,485	3,480
Accounts receivable, net	255	156
Credit card receivables and other means of payments, net	5,288	3,632
Loans receivable, net of allowances of \$1,630 and \$1,042 (Note 7)	4,716	2,629
Inventories	296	238
Other assets	403	277
Total current assets	20,142	14,260
Non-current assets:		
Long-term investments	1,203	162
Loans receivable, net of allowances of \$48 and \$42 (Note 7)	179	65
Property and equipment, net	1,380	1,250
Operating lease right-of-use assets	1,098	899
Goodwill	149	163
Intangible assets, net	12	11
Intangible assets at fair value	49	24
Deferred tax assets	802	710
Other assets	182	68
Total non-current assets	5,054	3,352
Total assets	\$ 25,196	\$ 17,612
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 3,196	\$ 2,117
Funds payable to customers	6,954	4,475
Amounts payable due to credit and debit card transactions	1,923	1,072
Salaries and social security payable	727	545
Taxes payable	525	477
Loans payable and other financial liabilities	2,828	2,292
Operating lease liabilities	241	166
Other liabilities	209	119
Total current liabilities	16,603	11,263
Non-current liabilities:		
Amounts payable due to credit and debit card transactions	41	20
Loans payable and other financial liabilities	2,887	2,203
Operating lease liabilities	894	672
Deferred tax liabilities	204	183
Other liabilities	216	200
Total non-current liabilities	4,242	3,278
Total liabilities	\$ 20,845	\$ 14,541
Commitments and contingencies (Note 16)		
Equity		
Common stock, 0.001 par value, \$110,000,000 shares authorized, \$50,697,375 and \$50,697,442 shares issued and outstanding	\$ —	\$ —
Additional paid-in capital	1,770	1,770
Treasury stock	(311)	(310)
Retained earnings	3,812	1,901
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(920)	(290)
Total equity	4,351	3,071
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 25,196	\$ 17,612

(1) Recast for consistency due to the adoption of Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 122. Please refer to Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies - Recently Adopted Accounting Standards to our audited consolidated financial statements for further details.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these audited consolidated financial statements.

MercadoLibre, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Income
For the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022
(In millions of U.S. dollars, except for share data)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾
Net service revenues and financial income	\$ 18,638	\$ 13,617	\$ 9,685
Net product revenues	2,139	1,490	1,095
Net revenues and financial income	20,777	15,107	10,780
Cost of net revenues and financial expenses	(11,200)	(7,517)	(5,582)
Gross profit	9,577	7,590	5,198
Operating expenses:			
Product and technology development	(1,934)	(1,831)	(1,099)
Sales and marketing	(2,191)	(1,736)	(1,296)
Provision for doubtful accounts	(1,858)	(1,050)	(1,073)
General and administrative	(963)	(766)	(661)
Total operating expenses	(6,946)	(5,383)	(4,129)
Income from operations	2,631	2,207	1,069
Other income (expenses):			
Interest income and other financial gains	148	135	44
Interest expense and other financial losses	(165)	(174)	(135)
Foreign currency losses, net	(182)	(615)	(198)
Net income before income tax expense and equity in earnings of unconsolidated entity	2,432	1,553	780
Income tax expense	(521)	(569)	(298)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entity	—	3	—
Net income	\$ 1,911	\$ 987	\$ 482

(1) Recast for consistency with the current presentation due to the change in the presentation of certain financial results. Please refer to Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies - Change in the presentation of certain financial results and reclassification of prior years results to our audited consolidated financial statements for further details.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Basic earning per share			
Basic net income available to shareholders per common share	\$ 37.69	\$ 19.64	\$ 9.57
Weighted average of outstanding common shares	50,697,428	50,262,302	50,345,353
Diluted earning per share			
Diluted net income available to shareholders per common share	\$ 37.69	\$ 19.46	\$ 9.53
Weighted average of outstanding common shares	50,697,428	51,006,860	51,335,621

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MercadoLibre, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
For the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022
(In millions of U.S. dollars)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Net income	\$ 1,911	\$ 987	\$ 482
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of income tax:			
Currency translation adjustment	(640)	178	61
Unrealized gains on investments	3	—	—
Tax expense on unrealized gains on investments	(1)	—	—
Unrealized gains (losses) on hedging activities	15	(13)	(33)
Tax (expense) benefit on unrealized gains (losses) on hedging activities	(5)	2	9
Less: Reclassification adjustment for gains (losses) on hedging activities included in cost of net revenues and financial expenses, interest expense and other financial losses and foreign currency losses, net	3	(11)	(20)
Less: Reclassification adjustment for estimated tax (expense) benefit on unrealized gains (losses)	(1)	4	6
Total other comprehensive (loss) income, net of income tax	(630)	174	51
Total comprehensive income	\$ 1,281	\$ 1,161	\$ 533

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MercadoLibre, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Equity
For the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022
(In millions of U.S. dollars)

	Common stock		Additional paid-in capital	Treasury Stock ⁽¹⁾	Retained Earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Total Equity
	Shares	Amount					
Balance as of December 31, 2021	50	\$ —	\$ 2,439	\$ (790)	\$ 397	\$ (515)	\$ 1,531
Changes in accounting standards	—	—	(131)	—	34	—	(97)
Balance as of December 31, 2021 Restated	50	\$ —	\$ 2,308	\$ (790)	\$ 431	\$ (515)	\$ 1,434
Common Stock repurchased	—	—	—	(147)	—	—	(147)
Stock-based compensation — restricted shares issued	—	—	1	(1)	—	—	—
Shares granted	—	—	—	7	—	—	7
Net income	—	—	—	—	482	—	482
Other comprehensive Income	—	—	—	—	—	51	51
Balance as of December 31, 2022	50	\$ —	\$ 2,309	\$ (931)	\$ 913	\$ (464)	\$ 1,827
Changes in accounting standards	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Balance as of December 31, 2022 Restated	50	\$ —	\$ 2,309	\$ (931)	\$ 914	\$ (464)	\$ 1,828
Capped call settlement	—	—	412	(412)	—	—	—
Stock-based compensation — restricted shares issued	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Conversion of 2028 Convertible Notes	—	—	(952)	1,389	—	—	437
Common Stock repurchased	—	—	—	(356)	—	—	(356)
Net income	—	—	—	—	987	—	987
Other comprehensive Income	—	—	—	—	—	174	174
Balance as of December 31, 2023	50	\$ —	\$ 1,770	\$ (310)	\$ 1,901	\$ (290)	\$ 3,071
Common Stock repurchased	—	—	—	(1)	—	—	(1)
Net income	—	—	—	—	1,911	—	1,911
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	—	(630)	(630)
Balance as of December 31, 2024	50	\$ —	\$ 1,770	\$ (311)	\$ 3,812	\$ (920)	\$ 4,351

(1) As of December 31, 2024 the Company held 225,474 shares as treasury stock.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these audited consolidated financial statements.

MercadoLibre, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
For the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022
(In millions of U.S. dollars)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Cash flows from operations:			
Net income	\$ 1,911	\$ 987	\$ 482
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entity	—	(3)	—
Unrealized foreign currency losses, net	286	487	411
Impairment of digital assets	—	—	12
Depreciation and amortization	617	524	403
Accrued interest and financial income	(415)	(311)	(166)
Non cash interest expense and amortization of debt issuance costs and other charges	114	113	122
Provision for doubtful accounts	1,858	1,050	1,073
Provision for contingencies	176	335	16
Results on derivative instruments	(42)	39	66
Results on digital assets at fair value	(25)	(14)	—
Long term retention program ("LTRP") accrued compensation	261	167	84
Deferred income taxes	(243)	(284)	(97)
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	(157)	(92)	(71)
Credit card receivables and other means of payments	(2,530)	(1,321)	(1,084)
Inventories	(113)	(69)	114
Other assets	(308)	(55)	(87)
Payables and accrued expenses	1,595	1,225	449
Funds payable to customers	3,605	1,502	1,044
Amounts payable due to credit and debit card transactions	1,213	693	128
Other liabilities	(114)	(88)	(82)
Interest received from investments	229	255	123
Net cash provided by operating activities	7,918	5,140	2,940
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchases of investments	(16,710)	(18,936)	(12,694)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	13,962	18,100	11,023
Payments for acquired businesses, net of cash acquired	(6)	—	—
Receipts from settlements of derivative instruments	29	—	1
Payments from settlements of derivative instruments	(14)	(58)	(45)
Changes in loans receivable, net	(4,688)	(2,047)	(1,701)
Investments of property and equipment and intangibles assets	(860)	(509)	(455)
Net cash used in investing activities	(8,287)	(3,450)	(3,871)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from loans payable and other financial liabilities	19,472	24,963	17,017
Payments on loans payable and other financing liabilities	(17,461)	(24,841)	(15,933)
Payments of finance lease liabilities	(51)	(33)	(20)
Common Stock repurchased	(1)	(356)	(148)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	1,959	(267)	916
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents	(739)	(938)	(270)
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents	851	485	(285)
Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	3,848	3,363	3,648
Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	\$ 4,699	\$ 3,848	\$ 3,363

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MercadoLibre, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
For the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022
(In millions of U.S. dollars)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Supplemental cash flow information:			
Cash paid for interest	\$ 456	\$ 608	\$ 247
Cash paid for income tax	1,052	651	437
Non-cash financing activities:			
Finance lease liabilities	\$ 52	\$ 99	\$ 18
Convertible Senior Notes Due 2028	—	437	—
Non-cash transactions:			
Right-of-use assets obtained under operating leases	\$ 516	\$ 314	\$ 317
Property and equipment obtained under finance leases	52	99	18
Contingent considerations and escrows from acquired business	4	—	—

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these audited consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 1. NATURE OF BUSINESS

MercadoLibre, Inc. (“MercadoLibre”, and together with its consolidated entities, the “Company”) was incorporated in the state of Delaware, in the U.S., in October 1999. MercadoLibre is the largest online commerce and fintech ecosystem in Latin America. The Company’s ecosystem provides consumers and merchants with a complete portfolio of services to enable buying and selling online and processing payments online and offline, as well as offer a wide array of simple day-to-day financial services.

The Company enables commerce through its marketplace platform, which allows users to buy and sell in most of Latin America. Through Mercado Pago, the fintech platform, MercadoLibre offers a comprehensive set of financial technology services to users of its e-commerce platform, and to users outside of its e-commerce platform; through Mercado Envios, MercadoLibre facilitates the shipping of goods from the Company and sellers to buyers; through the advertising products, MercadoLibre facilitates advertising services for large retailers and brands to promote their products and services on the web; through Mercado Shops, MercadoLibre allows users to set-up, manage, and promote their own online web-stores under a subscription-based business model; through the lending solution, MercadoLibre extends loans to certain merchants and consumers; and through Mercado Fondo, MercadoLibre allows users to invest funds deposited in their Mercado Pago accounts.

As of December 31, 2024, MercadoLibre, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, operated online e-commerce platforms directed towards Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Peru, Mexico, Panama, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Uruguay, Bolivia, Guatemala, Paraguay and Venezuela. Additionally, MercadoLibre's fintech platform, Mercado Pago, is present in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Chile, Peru, Uruguay and Ecuador.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Principles of consolidation**

The accompanying audited consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. (“U.S. GAAP”) and include the accounts of the Company, its wholly-owned subsidiaries and consolidated Variable Interest Entities (“VIE”). Investments in entities where the Company holds joint control, but not control, over the investee are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. As of December 31, 2024, the Company had no investments where it has the ability to exercise joint control. These audited consolidated financial statements are stated in U.S. dollars, except for where otherwise indicated. Intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated for consolidation purposes.

Substantially all net revenues and financial income, cost of net revenues and financial expenses and operating expenses, are generated in the Company’s foreign operations. Long-lived assets, intangible assets and goodwill and operating lease right-of-use assets located in the foreign jurisdictions totaled \$2,632 million and \$2,321 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The presentation of certain prior year figures has been modified to conform to the current year presentation. Also, see below section “Change in the presentation of certain financial results and reclassification of prior years results” for information regarding the change in the presentation of the statements of income and section Recently Adopted Accounting Standards of this note for other changes.

Variable Interest Entities (VIEs)

A VIE is an entity (i) that has insufficient equity to permit the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support, (ii) that has equity investors who lack the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or (iii) in which the voting rights of some equity investors are disproportionate to their obligation to absorb losses or their right to receive returns and substantially all of the entity’s activities are conducted on behalf of the equity investors with disproportionately few voting rights. The Company consolidates VIEs of which it is the primary beneficiary. The Company is considered to be the primary beneficiary of a VIE when it has both the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the entity’s economic performance and the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could potentially be significant to the VIE. See Note 21 – Securitization transactions of these audited consolidated financial statements for additional detail on the VIEs used for securitization purposes.

Change in the presentation of certain financial results and reclassification of prior years results***Change in the presentation of certain financial results***

Mercado Pago Fintech platform operations have significantly evolved during the last several years, not only because of the increase in the volume of transactions but also as a result of transitioning from being a non-regulated business to a regulated business, subject to the oversight of central banks and other regulators in the various countries in which the Company operates (refer to Note 3 – Fintech Regulations for further details).

Many of the regulations to which the Company is subject require the Company, among other things, to maintain liquidity reserves to guarantee the funds on users’ account balances in their Mercado Pago digital accounts. Depending on the country, these reserves can be partially or totally invested. During the last several years, these new regulations, coupled with the increase in the volume of transactions, have led the Company to view interest income and other financial gains from investments of these liquidity reserves as part of the Company’s operations.

Furthermore, the evolution of Mercado Pago's activities themselves has resulted in the Company managing a significant volume of cash, cash equivalents and investments. This is due to an increase in users' account balances in their Mercado Pago digital account managed by the Company, and an increase in the level of the Company's indebtedness to finance those operations. As a result, these Mercado Pago's funds, together with the financing activities, have generated a significant volume of interest income and other financial gains and interest expenses and other financial losses, respectively.

The Company believes that these regulatory trends and related activities will continue and, therefore, with the goal of creating a better measure of the performance of the Company, the Company decided to reclassify and present certain financial results from "Other income (expenses)" to "Net services revenues and financial income" and "Cost of net revenues and financial expenses," in the statement of income, starting January 1, 2024 and for all prior periods presented.

The reclassified financial results are related to activities that are needed or mandatory for Mercado Pago's operations, and consist of:

- interest income derived from investments and cash and cash equivalents, generated as part of the treasury strategy of the fintech business and because of the different regulations that require liquidity reserves, net of sales taxes;
- interest expense and other financing costs generated by the different sources of funding of the fintech activities; and
- gains and losses of derivatives hedging risks related to Mercado Pago's activities.

Reclassification of prior years results

According to the Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 205, Presentation of Financial Statements, the Company should present in a consistent manner all periods presented within the accompanying audited consolidated financial statements. Therefore, prior years balances have been reclassified for consistency with the current presentation.

This reclassification did not have an impact on previously reported net income, earnings per share, retained earnings or other components of equity or total equity.

The following table, recast for the changes summarized above, presents statement of income line items affected by the revisions and reclassifications of previously reported financial statements, detailing amounts previously reported, the impact upon those line items due to reclassifications and amounts as currently revised within the financial statements:

MercadoLibre, Inc.
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2023			For the Year Ended December 31, 2022		
	As reported	Reclassification	Recast	As reported	Reclassification	Recast
	(In millions)			(In millions)		
Net service revenues and financial income	\$ 12,983	\$ 634	\$ 13,617	\$ 9,442	\$ 243	\$ 9,685
Net product revenues	1,490	—	1,490	1,095	—	1,095
Net revenues and financial income	14,473	634	15,107	10,537	243	10,780
Cost of net revenues and financial expenses	(7,267)	(250)	(7,517)	(5,374)	(208)	(5,582)
Gross profit	7,206	384	7,590	5,163	35	5,198
Operating expenses:						
Product and technology development	(1,831)	—	(1,831)	(1,099)	—	(1,099)
Sales and marketing	(1,736)	—	(1,736)	(1,296)	—	(1,296)
Provision for doubtful accounts	(1,050)	—	(1,050)	(1,073)	—	(1,073)
General and administrative	(766)	—	(766)	(661)	—	(661)
Total operating expenses	(5,383)	—	(5,383)	(4,129)	—	(4,129)
Income from operations	1,823	384	2,207	1,034	35	1,069
Other income (expenses):						
Interest income and other financial gains	723	(588)	135	265	(221)	44
Interest expense and other financial losses	(378)	204	(174)	(321)	186	(135)
Foreign currency losses, net	(615)	—	(615)	(198)	—	(198)
Net income before income tax expense and equity in earnings of unconsolidated entity	1,553	—	1,553	780	—	780
Income tax expense	(569)	—	(569)	(298)	—	(298)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entity	3	—	3	—	—	—
Net income	\$ 987	\$ —	\$ 987	\$ 482	\$ —	\$ 482

Furthermore, the following tables, recast for the changes summarized above, present net revenues per reporting segment (which have been disaggregated by similar products and services), detailing amounts previously reported, the impact upon those line items due to reclassifications and amounts as currently revised within the financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

As reported	Year Ended December 31, 2023				
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Other countries	Total
	(In millions)				
Commerce services	\$ 3,655	\$ 1,653	\$ 1,036	\$ 410	\$ 6,754
Commerce products sales	857	326	225	39	1,447
Total commerce revenues	4,512	1,979	1,261	449	8,201
Fintech services	1,910	296	1,292	185	3,683
Credit revenues	1,155	699	684	8	2,546
Fintech products sales	18	11	3	11	43
Total fintech revenues	3,083	1,006	1,979	204	6,272
Total net revenues	\$ 7,595	\$ 2,985	\$ 3,240	\$ 653	\$ 14,473

Reclassification	Year Ended December 31, 2023				
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Other countries	Total
	(In millions)				
Financial services and income	\$ 226	\$ 86	\$ 310	\$ 12	\$ 634
Total fintech revenues	226	86	310	12	634
Net revenues and financial income	\$ 226	\$ 86	\$ 310	\$ 12	\$ 634

Recast	Year Ended December 31, 2023				
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Other countries	Total
	(In millions)				
Commerce services	\$ 3,655	\$ 1,653	\$ 1,036	\$ 410	\$ 6,754
Commerce products sales	857	326	225	39	1,447
Total commerce revenues	4,512	1,979	1,261	449	8,201
Financial services and income	2,136	382	1,602	197	4,317
Credit revenues	1,155	699	684	8	2,546
Fintech products sales	18	11	3	11	43
Total fintech revenues	3,309	1,092	2,289	216	6,906
Net revenues and financial income	\$ 7,821	\$ 3,071	\$ 3,550	\$ 665	\$ 15,107

As reported	Year Ended December 31, 2022				
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Other countries	Total
	(In millions)				
Commerce services	\$ 2,585	\$ 1,036	\$ 814	\$ 329	\$ 4,764
Commerce products sales	487	246	271	40	1,044
Total commerce revenues	3,072	1,282	1,085	369	5,808
Fintech services	1,464	152	904	125	2,645
Credit revenues	1,102	421	506	4	2,033
Fintech products sales	28	9	5	9	51
Total fintech revenues	2,594	582	1,415	138	4,729
Total net revenues	\$ 5,666	\$ 1,864	\$ 2,500	\$ 507	\$ 10,537

Reclassification	Year Ended December 31, 2022				
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Other countries	Total
	(In millions)				
Financial services and income	\$ 132	\$ 29	\$ 75	\$ 7	\$ 243
Total fintech revenues	132	29	75	7	243
Net revenues and financial income	\$ 132	\$ 29	\$ 75	\$ 7	\$ 243

Recast	Year Ended December 31, 2022				
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	(In millions)				
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Financial services and income	1,596	181	979	132	2,888
Credit revenues	1,102	421	506	4	2,033
Fintech products sales	28	9	5	9	51
Total fintech revenues	2,726	611	1,490	145	4,972
Net revenues and financial income	\$ 5,798	\$ 1,893	\$ 2,575	\$ 514	\$ 10,780

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires Management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates are used for, but not limited to, accounting and disclosures for allowance for doubtful accounts and chargeback provisions, inventories valuation reserves, recoverability of goodwill, intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and deferred tax assets, impairment of cash and cash equivalents, short-term and long-term investments, impairment of long-lived assets, separation of lease and non lease components for aircraft leases, asset retirement obligation, compensation costs relating to the Company's long term retention program, fair value of certain loans payable and other financial liabilities, fair value of loans receivable, fair value of derivative instruments, income taxes, contingencies and determination of the incremental borrowing rate at commencement date of lease operating agreements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less since holding the investment, consisting primarily of money market funds, time deposits and U.S. and foreign government debt securities, to be cash equivalents.

The Company's Management assesses balances for credit losses included in cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents, except for those recorded at fair value with impact on the consolidated statements of income, based on a review of the average period for which the financial asset is held, credit ratings of the financial institutions and probability of default and loss given default models. The Company did not recognize any material credit loss on the cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022.

Time deposits are valued at amortized cost plus accrued interest. Money market funds, U.S. and foreign government debt securities (including Central Bank of Brazil and Central Bank of Uruguay mandatory guarantees) are valued at fair value. See Note 11 – Fair value measurement of assets and liabilities of these audited consolidated financial statements for further details.

Investments

Time deposits are valued at amortized cost plus accrued interest.

Corporate debt securities classified as available-for-sale are recorded at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities are reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of the related tax provisions or benefits.

Investments in equity securities without a readily determinable fair value are held at cost less impairment.

U.S. and foreign government debt securities (including Central Bank of Brazil and Central Bank of Uruguay mandatory guarantees) are valued at fair value. See Note 11 – Fair value measurement of assets and liabilities of these audited consolidated financial statements for further details.

Investments are classified as current or non-current depending on their maturity dates or when it is expected to be converted into cash, depending on the investment.

The Company's Management assesses balances for credit losses included in short and long-term investments, except for those recorded at fair value with impact on the consolidated statements of income, based on a review of the average period for which the financial asset is held, credit ratings of the financial institutions and probability of default and loss given default models. The Company did not recognize any material credit loss on the short and long-term investments for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022.

Fair value option applied to certain investments

Under ASC 825, U.S. GAAP provides an option to elect fair value with impact on the statement of income as an alternative measurement for certain financial instruments and other items on the balance sheet.

The Company has elected to measure certain financial assets at fair value with impact on the consolidated statements of income for several reasons including to avoid the mismatch generated by the recognition of certain linked instruments / transactions, separately, in the consolidated statements of income and consolidated statements of comprehensive income and to better reflect the financial model applied for selected instruments. The Company's election of the fair value option applies to the: i) Foreign government debt securities, and ii) U.S. government debt securities.

Credit card receivables and other means of payments, net

Credit card receivables and other means of payments mainly relate to the Company's payments solution and arise due to the time taken to clear transactions through external payment networks either during the time required to collect the installments (which may be one or more than one installment) or during the period of time until those credit card receivables are sold to financial institutions. Also, the Company has arrangements with some unaffiliated entities under which MercadoLibre users are able to fund their Mercado Pago accounts by depositing an equivalent amount with the unaffiliated entity. In some of these arrangements, MercadoLibre credits the Mercado Pago account before the unaffiliated entity transfers the funds to MercadoLibre to settle the transaction. The amounts pending settlement are recognized in the consolidated balance sheets as credit card receivables and other means of payments.

Credit card receivables and other means of payments are presented net of the related allowance for chargebacks and doubtful accounts.

The Company is exposed to losses due to credit card fraud and other payment misuse. Provisions for these items represent the Company's estimate of actual losses based on its historical experience, as well as economic conditions.

Loans receivable, net

Loans receivable represent credits granted to certain merchants and consumers through the Company's own lending solution. Merchant and consumers credits are repaid in a period ranging between 7 days and 60 months.

Loans receivable are reported at amortized cost, which includes outstanding principal balances plus estimated collectible interest, net of allowance for doubtful accounts. Past due are those loans where customers have failed to make payments in accordance with the contractual terms of their loans. The Company places loans on non-accrual status at 90 days past due, except for credit card loans which are placed on non-accrual status 60 to 65 days past due. Interests related to loans on non-accrual status are recognized on cash-basis.

Allowances for doubtful accounts on loans receivable, accounts receivable and credit card receivables and other means of payments

The Company maintains allowances for doubtful accounts for Management's estimate of current expected credit losses ("CECL") that may result if customers do not make the required payments.

Measurement of current expected credit losses

The Company estimates its allowance for credit losses as the lifetime expected credit losses of the loans receivable, accounts receivable and credit card receivables and other means of payments. The Company makes use of available information as of each period in which this estimate is developed and uses estimation methods according to the information available and the level of precision needed as certain balances and transactions become more significant over time following the Company's strategy in connection of the launch and maturing of certain services offerings to its customers.

CECL estimate required a complex and high degree of Management's judgment. Information provided a wider series of historical data and the lending business showed a growth in related balances and transactions which led Management to continue enhancing the models used to develop this estimate. CECL represents the present value of the uncollectible portion of the principal, interest, late fees, and other allowable charges. The allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded as a charge to provision for doubtful accounts.

Loans receivable

Loans receivable in this portfolio include the products that the Company offers to merchant, consumer, credit card and asset-backed users.

For loans receivable that share similar risk characteristics such as product type, country, unpaid installments, days delinquent and other relevant factors, the Company estimates the lifetime expected credit loss allowance based on a collective assessment. The same methodology is applied for the measurement of CECL for its exposure to off-balance sheet unused agreed loan commitment on credit cards portfolio.

The lifetime expected credit losses is determined by applying probability of default and loss given default models to monthly projected exposures, then discounting these cash flows to present value using the portfolio's loans interest rate, estimated as a weighted average of the original effective interest rate of all the loans that conform the portfolio segment.

The probability of default is an estimation of the likelihood that a loan receivable will default over a given time horizon. For most of the products, probability of default models ("PD") are estimated using a survival methodology; these PD are constructed using individual default information through time, taking into account the expected future delinquency rate (forward-looking models) using three probability-weighted macroeconomic scenarios (base, optimistic and pessimistic) following the increased complexity and possible outcomes of the global, regional and domestic macroeconomic performance, so that the models include macroeconomic outlook or projections and recent performance. With this model, the Company estimates marginal monthly default probabilities for each delinquency bucket, type of product and country. Each marginal monthly probability of default represents a different possible scenario of default. However, for new products with limited historical information such as asset-backed loans, the Company is using a work-out approach for the estimation of the PD.

The exposure at default is equal to the receivables' expected outstanding principal, interest and other allowable balances. The Company estimates the exposure at default that the portfolio of loans would have in each possible moment of default, meaning for each possible scenario mentioned above. For credit cards loans the Company estimates an amortization scheme based on historical information. Also, for Brazilian credit cards loans the Company uses, as applicable, a one month credit conversion factor ("CCF") estimated according to terms and conditions, considering the increase in the volume of credit cards portfolio.

The loss given default ("LGD") is the percentage of the exposure at default that is not recoverable. The LGD is estimated using work-out and Chainladder approaches. This percentage depends on days past due, type of product and country, and is estimated by measuring an average of historical recovery rates from defaulted credits. For asset-backed loans, since there is almost no information to apply either a work-out or Chainladder approach, the Company is using a Basel III-based LGD for credit risk management.

The measurement of CECL is based on probability-weighted scenarios (probability of default for each month), in view of past events, current conditions and adjustments to reflect the reasonable and supportable forecast of future economic conditions.

The Company writes off loans receivable when the customer balance becomes 360 days past due.

Accounts receivable

To measure the CECL, accounts receivable have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the number of days past due. The Company has therefore concluded historical loss rates are a reasonable approximation of the expected loss rates for those assets. Accounts receivable are recovered over a period of 0-180 days, therefore, forecasted changes to economic conditions are not expected to have a significant effect on the estimate of the allowance for doubtful accounts.

The Company writes off accounts receivable when the customer balance becomes 180 days past due.

Credit card receivables and other means of payments

Management assesses balances for credit losses included in credit card receivables and other means of payments, based on a review of the average period for which the financial asset is held, credit ratings of the financial institutions and probability of default and loss given default models.

Transfer of financial assets

The Company may sell credit card receivables and loans receivable to financial institutions, included within "Credit card receivables and other means of payments, net" and "Loans receivable, net". These transactions may qualify to be accounted for as a true sale. Accounting guidance on transfer of financial assets establishes that the transferor has surrendered control over transferred assets if and only if all of the following conditions are met: (1) the transferred assets have been isolated from the transferor, (2) each transferee has the right to pledge or exchange the assets it received and (3) the transferor does not maintain effective control over the transferred assets. When all the conditions are met, the Company derecognizes the corresponding financial asset from its consolidated balance sheets. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, Accounts payable and accrued expenses include \$898 million and \$159 million, respectively, related to the sale of credit card receivables from Mercado Libre S.R.L. (payment aggregator) of payments transactions processed by Mercado Pago Servicios de Procesamiento S.R.L. (payment acquirer) in Argentina.

Concentration of credit risk

Cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents, short-term and long-term investments, credit card receivables and other means of payments, accounts receivable and loans receivable are potentially subject to credit risk. However, there are not significant concentrations of credit risk arising from these financial instruments. Cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents and investments are placed with several financial institutions and financial instruments from different countries that are highly liquid and highly rated. Accounts receivable are derived from revenue earned from customers located internationally and are settled through customer credit cards, debit cards and Mercado Pago accounts, with the majority of accounts receivable collected upon processing of credit card transactions. Due to the relatively small dollar amount of individual accounts receivable and loans receivable, the Company generally does not require collateral on these balances.

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, no single customer accounted for more than 5% of net revenues and financial income. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, no single customer, except for credit card processing companies, accounted for more than 5% of accounts receivable and loans receivable. Credit card receivables and other means of payments, net line of the consolidated balance sheets shows the Company's credit exposure to not more than 10 entities in each of the countries where the Company offers its payments solution.

Inventories

Inventories, consisting of products and mobile point of sale ("MPOS") devices available for sale, are accounted for using the weighted average price method, and are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

The Company accounts for an allowance for recoverability of inventories based on Management's analysis of the inventories, aging, consumption patterns, as well as the lower of cost or net realizable value.

Third-party sellers whose products are stored at the Company's fulfillment centers, maintain the ownership of their inventories hence these products are not included in Company's inventories balances.

Property and equipment, net

Property and equipment are recorded at their acquisition cost and depreciated over their estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. Repair and maintenance costs are expensed as incurred.

Costs related to the planning and post implementation phases of website development are recorded as an operating expense. Direct costs incurred in the development phase of website are capitalized and amortized using the straight-line method over an estimated useful life of three years. During 2024 and 2023, the Company capitalized \$292 million and \$240 million, respectively.

Leases

The Company determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception. Leases that grant the Company an option to purchase the underlying asset that the Company is reasonably certain to exercise and leases with a lease term for the major part of the remaining economic life of the underlying asset are classified as finance leases. Right-of-use ("ROU") assets acquired under finance leases are recorded in "Property and equipment, net." All other leases are classified as operating leases. Operating leases are included in operating lease right-of-use assets and operating lease liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets. ROU assets represent the Company's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term, which is a non-monetary asset, and lease liabilities represent the Company's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease, which is a monetary liability.

Lease ROU assets and liabilities are recognized at commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. As most of the leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Company uses incremental borrowing rates and internal rate of return for operating and finance leases, respectively, based on the information available at commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments. The lease ROU asset also includes any lease prepaid payments made. In addition, the Company elected to not separate lease components, except for aircraft for which the Company allocates payments to the lease and other services components based on estimated stand-alone prices. The Company also elected to keep leases with an initial term of 12 months or less off of the balance sheet.

When the Company has the option to extend the lease term, terminate the lease before the contractual expiration date, or purchase the leased asset, and it is reasonably certain that the Company will exercise the option, the Company considers the option in determining the classification and measurement of the lease. The Company's leases may include variable payments based on measures that include changes in price indices, market interest rates, or the level of sales at a physical store, which are expensed as incurred.

Lease expense for operating lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Finance lease ROU assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the lease term, or over the remaining useful life of the underlying asset if the Company is reasonably certain to exercise the purchase option, when applicable. The interest component of a finance lease is included in "Interest expense and other financial losses" within the consolidated statements of income, and recognized using the effective interest method over the lease term.

The Company establishes assets and liabilities for the present value of estimated future costs to retire long-lived assets at the termination or expiration of a lease. Such assets are amortized over the lease period into Cost of net revenues and financial expenses and operating expenses, and the recorded liabilities are accreted to the future value of the estimated retirement costs.

Goodwill and intangible assets

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired in a business combination.

Intangible assets consist of customer lists, trademarks, licenses and others, non-solicitation, non-compete agreements and hubs network acquired in business combinations and valued at fair value at the acquisition date. Intangible assets with definite useful life are amortized over the period of estimated benefit to be generated by those assets and using the straight-line method; their estimated useful lives range from three to twelve years. Trademarks with indefinite useful life are not subject to amortization, but are subject to an annual impairment test, by comparing their carrying amount with their corresponding fair value. For any given intangible asset with indefinite useful life, if its fair value exceeds its carrying amount no impairment loss shall be recognized.

Intangible assets at fair value

The Company accounts for its digital assets as indefinite-lived intangible assets, in accordance with ASC 350-60, Intangibles—Goodwill and Other—Crypto Assets. The Company has ownership of and control over its digital assets and uses third-party custodial services to store its digital assets. The Company's digital assets are initially recorded at cost. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognized in the consolidated statements of income, within the "General and administrative" line item. The Company determines the fair value of its digital assets in accordance with ASC 820, Fair Value Measurement.

Impairment of long-lived assets

The Company reviews long-lived assets for impairments whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. The impairment evaluation is performed at the lowest level of identifiable cash flows independent of other assets. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by comparing the carrying amount of an asset to the undiscounted future net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such asset is considered to be impaired on this basis, the impairment loss to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of such asset. As of December 31, 2024 there were no events or changes in circumstances that indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable.

Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful life

Goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful life are reviewed at the end of the year for impairment or more frequently, if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Goodwill is tested for impairment at the reporting unit level (considering each segment of the Company as a reporting unit) by comparing the reporting unit's carrying amount, including goodwill, to the fair value of such reporting unit. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, goodwill is impaired.

As of December 31, 2024, the Company performed its annual goodwill impairment analysis. The Company's annual impairment analysis included a qualitative assessment to determine if it is necessary to perform the quantitative impairment test. After performing a qualitative impairment test, the Company concluded that it was more likely than not that the fair value of each reporting unit of the Company exceeds its carrying value. Accordingly, there was no indication of impairment and the quantitative impairment test was not performed.

No impairment loss has been recognized in the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022.

Income taxes

The Company is subject to U.S. and foreign income taxes. The Company accounts for income taxes following the liability method of accounting which requires the recognition of deferred tax liabilities and assets for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the carrying amounts and the tax bases of assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets are also recognized for tax loss carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets or liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. The Company's income tax expense consists of taxes currently payable, if any, plus the change during the period in the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities.

A valuation allowance is recorded when, based on the available evidence, it is more likely than not that all or a portion of the Company's deferred tax assets will not be realized. In accordance with ASC 740, Management periodically assesses the need to either establish or reverse a valuation allowance for deferred tax assets considering positive and negative objective evidence related to the realization of the deferred tax assets. In its assessment, Management considers, among other factors, the nature, frequency and magnitude of current and cumulative losses on an individual subsidiary basis, projections of future taxable income, the duration of statutory carryforward periods, as well as feasible tax planning strategies, which would be employed by the Company to prevent tax loss carryforwards from expiring unutilized.

Under U.S. GAAP, the Company is allowed to make an accounting policy choice of either (1) treating taxes due on future U.S. inclusions in taxable income related to global intangible low-taxed income ("GILTI") as a current period expense when incurred (the "period cost method") or (2) factoring such amounts into a company's measurement of its deferred taxes (the "deferred method"). The Company selected the period cost method. Accordingly, the Company was not required to record any impact in connection with the potential GILTI tax as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Uncertainty in income taxes

The Company recognizes, if any, uncertainty in income taxes by applying the accounting prescribed by U.S. GAAP, for which a more likely than not recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of an income tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return should be considered. It also provides guidance on derecognition, classification of a liability for unrecognized tax benefits, accounting for interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods and expanded income tax disclosures. The Company classifies interest and penalties within income tax expense, in the consolidated statements of income.

The Company is subject to taxation in the U.S. and various foreign jurisdictions. The material jurisdictions that are subject to examination by tax authorities primarily include Argentina (for tax year 2018 onwards), the U.S. (for tax year 2021 onwards), Brazil and Mexico (for tax year 2019 onwards).

Tax incentives

ICMS tax benefits

eBazar.com.br Ltda., a Brazilian wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, has ICMS (Imposto sobre Circulação de Mercadorias, Serviços de Transporte Interestadual, Intermunicipal e Comunicação) tax incentives granted by the State of Minas Gerais in the form of tax credits, through a special regime signed with the State by means of a term of agreement, which are aimed at implementing and expanding business in that State. The Company accounted for the tax benefit netting against cost of net revenues and financial expenses for \$103 million, \$69 million and \$36 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Social Contribution on Gross Revenues

Meli Developers Brasil Ltda., a Brazilian wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company which provides IT services, has been granted access to the Social Contribution on Gross Revenues ("CPRB" according to its Portuguese acronym) Regime. This regime was extended from December 31, 2023, to December 31, 2024. The CPRB Regime comprised the payment of social security contributions at a 4.5% rate over the gross revenues, as opposed to 20% over the compensation paid to employees. The Company accounted for the tax benefit netting against product and development technology expenses for \$24 million, \$24 million and \$9 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Derivative financial instruments

The Company's operations are in various foreign currencies and consequently are exposed to foreign currency risk. Additionally, the funding of its operations through variable rate financial debt makes the Company exposed to interest rate fluctuation risks. As a consequence, the Company uses derivative instruments to reduce the volatility of earnings and cash flows which were designated as hedges. All outstanding derivatives are recognized in the Company's consolidated balance sheets at fair value. The designated derivative's gain or loss in a cash flow hedge is initially reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss and is subsequently reclassified into the consolidated statements of income in the financial statement line item in which the variability of the hedged item is recorded in the period the forecasted transaction affects earnings. The designated derivative's gain or loss in the net investment hedge is reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss. The gain or loss is initially reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss and subsequently reclassified into the consolidated statements of income in the same period that the interest expense affects earnings. Cash flows associated with the cash flow and net investment hedges are included in cash flows from investing activities on the consolidated statements of cash flows.

Additionally, the Company uses swap contracts to hedge the interest rate and the foreign currency exposure of its fixed-rate, foreign currency financial debt issued by its non-US subsidiaries. The Company designated the swap contracts as fair value hedges. The derivative's gain or loss is reported in the consolidated statements of income in the same line items as the change in the value of the financial debt due to the hedged risks. Since the terms of the interest rate swaps match the terms of the hedged debt, changes in the fair value of the interest rate swaps are offset by changes in the fair value of the hedged debt attributable to changes in interest rates. Accordingly, the net impact in current earnings is that the interest expense associated with the hedged debt is recorded at the floating rate. Cash flows associated with the fair value hedges are included in cash flows from investing activities on the consolidated statements of cash flows.

The Company also uses future contracts to hedge the interest rate exposure of its asset-backed loan portfolio originated in Brazil. In these cases, where the assets included in the portfolio share the same risk exposure, the Company designated the future contracts as fair value hedges under the portfolio layer method. The derivative's gain or loss is reported in the consolidated statements of income in the same line items as the change in the value of the financial assets due to the hedged risks. Accordingly, the Company unlocks its portfolio's fixed rate to mitigate the effect of interest rate fluctuations. Cash flows associated with the fair value hedges are included in cash flows from investing activities on the consolidated statements of cash flows.

Finally, the Company also hedges its economic exposure to foreign currency risk related to foreign currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities with foreign derivative currency contracts and interest rate fluctuation with swap contracts which were not designated as hedges. Accordingly, these outstanding non-designated derivatives are recognized in the Company's consolidated balance sheets at fair value, and changes in fair value from these contracts are recorded in other income (expense), net in the consolidated statements of income.

Funds payable to customers

Funds payable to customers relate to the Company's digital account and are originated by the amounts due to users held by the Company. Funds, net of any amount due to the Company by the user, are maintained in the user's current account until withdrawal is requested by the user. See Note 3 – Fintech Regulations of these audited consolidated financial statements for additional information on regulations over Mercado Pago business.

Amounts payable due to credit and debit card transactions

Amounts payable due to credit and debit card transactions are originated by purchase transactions carried out by the Company's customers with debit and credit cards issued by the Company.

Provision for buyer protection program

The buyer protection program ("BPP") is designed to protect buyers in the Marketplace from losses due primarily to fraud or counterparty non-performance for all transactions completed through the Company's online payment solution Mercado Pago (except for certain excluded categories). The Company's BPP provides protection to consumers by reimbursing them for the total value of a purchased item and the value of any shipping service paid if it does not arrive, arrives incomplete or damaged, does not match the seller's description or if the buyer regrets the purchase. The Company is entitled to recover from the third-party carrier companies performing the shipping service certain amounts paid under the BPP. Furthermore, in some specific circumstances, the Company enters into insurance contracts with third-party insurance companies in order to cover contingencies that may arise from the BPP. Provisions for BPP represent the Company's estimate of probable losses based on its historical experience. The charge for the provision for BPP is recognized in sales and marketing expense line of the consolidated statements of income. See Note 16 – Commitments and Contingencies of these audited consolidated financial statements for further details.

Share-based payments

The liability related to the variable portion of the long term retention programs is remeasured at fair value. See Note 17 – Long term retention program of these audited consolidated financial statements for more details.

Meli Dólar liability

Meli Dólar is a stablecoin issued by the Company that is pegged to the U.S. dollar. Members of the Company's loyalty program receive their cashback in Meli Dólar and all Mercado Pago users can buy, hold and sell the stablecoin without any fees. The Company has elected to measure the liability related to the Meli Dólar program, which corresponds to the holding by third-parties of the Company's stablecoin, at fair value.

Treasury stock

Equity instruments of the Company that are repurchased by the Company are recognized at cost and deducted from equity. If the repurchase of the Company's stock is carried out at a price significantly in excess of the current market price, there is a presumption that the repurchase price includes amounts attributable to items other than the stock repurchased; therefore, the Company uses the quoted market price of the common stock for purposes of determining the fair value of the treasury stock. See Note 24 – Share repurchase program of these audited consolidated financial statements for further details.

Comprehensive income

Comprehensive income is comprised of two components, net income and other comprehensive (loss) income. This last component is defined as all other changes in the equity of the Company that result from transactions other than with shareholders. Other comprehensive (loss) income includes the cumulative adjustment relating to the translation of the financial statements of the Company's foreign subsidiaries, unrealized gains and losses on investments classified as available-for-sale, on hedging activities and the corresponding tax effects. Total comprehensive income for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 amounted to \$1,281 million, \$1,161 million and \$533 million, respectively.

Foreign currency translation

All of the Company's foreign operations have determined the local currency to be their functional currency, except for Argentina, which has used the U.S. dollar as its functional currency since July 1, 2018. Accordingly, the foreign subsidiaries with local currency as functional currency translate assets and liabilities from their local currencies into U.S. dollars by using year-end exchange rates while income and expense accounts are translated at the average monthly rates in effect during the year, unless exchange rates fluctuate significantly during the period, in which case the exchange rates at the date of the transaction are used. The resulting translation adjustment is recorded as a component of other comprehensive (loss) income. Gains and losses resulting from transactions denominated in non-functional currencies are recognized in earnings. Net foreign currency transaction results are included in the consolidated statements of income under the caption "Foreign currency losses, net".

Argentine currency status and macroeconomic outlook

As of July 1, 2018, the Company transitioned its Argentine operations to highly inflationary status in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and changed the functional currency for Argentine subsidiaries from Argentine Pesos to U.S. dollars, which is the functional currency of their immediate parent company. Argentina's annual inflation rate for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 was 117.8%, 211.4% and 94.8%, respectively.

The Company uses Argentina's official exchange rate to account for transactions in the Argentine segment, which as of December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 was 1,032.00, 808.45 and 177.16, respectively, against the U.S. dollar. For the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, Argentina's official exchange rate against the U.S. dollar increased 27.7%, 356.3% and 72.5%, respectively.

The following table sets forth the assets, liabilities and net assets of the Company's Argentine subsidiaries and consolidated VIEs, before intercompany eliminations, as of December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
	(In millions)	
Assets	\$ 5,562	\$ 3,298
Liabilities	4,181	1,878
Net assets	\$ 1,381	\$ 1,420

The following table provides information relating to net revenues and financial income and direct contribution (see Note 10 – Segments of these audited consolidated financial statements for definition of direct contribution) for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 of the Company's Argentine subsidiaries and consolidated VIEs:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
	(In millions)		
Net revenues and financial income	\$ 3,818	\$ 3,550	\$ 2,575
Direct contribution	1,675	1,680	1,063

Argentine exchange regulations

Since the second half of 2019, the Argentine government instituted exchange controls restricting the ability of companies and individuals to exchange Argentine Pesos for foreign currencies and their ability to remit foreign currency out of Argentina. An entity's authorization request to the Central Bank of Argentina ("CBA") to access the official exchange market to make foreign currency payments may be denied depending on the circumstances. As a result of these exchange controls, markets in Argentina developed trading mechanisms, in which an entity or individual buys U.S. dollar denominated securities in Argentina (i.e. shares, sovereign debt) using Argentine Pesos, and subsequently sells the securities for U.S. dollars, in Argentina, to access U.S. dollars locally, or outside Argentina, by transferring the securities abroad, prior to being sold (the latter commonly known as "Blue Chip Swap Rate"). Recently, the Blue Chip Swap Rate has diverged significantly from Argentina's official exchange rate (commonly known as the exchange spread), being the Blue Chip Swap Rate has been higher than Argentina's official exchange rate. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the spread of the Blue Chip Swap was 14.7% and 20.4%, respectively (see Note 24 – Share repurchase program of these audited consolidated financial statements).

As part of the exchange controls, since 2019, the Argentine government imposes a tax on the acquisition of foreign currency through the official exchange market in certain circumstances. On July 24, 2023, through the Executive Power Decree No. 377/2023, the Argentine government extended the application of this tax to the following cases: (i) certain services acquired from abroad or services rendered by foreign residents in Argentina (i.e. technical, legal, accounting, management, advertising, engineering, audiovisual services, among others), which will be subject to a 25% tax rate, (ii) freight and other transportation services for import and export of goods, which will be subject to a 7.5% tax rate; and (iii) imported goods, which will be subject to a 7.5% tax rate, with certain exemptions (such as fuels and products of the basic food basket). Later, the Decree No. 29/2023, modified the tax rate for the cases mentioned above under ii) and iii) from 7.5% to 17.5%. On September 2, 2024, the Decree No. 777/2024 reestablished the tax rate for cases ii) and iii) mentioned above from 17.5% to 7.5%. Finally, on December 18, 2024, the General Resolution 5,617/2024 confirmed that the maturity of this tax would not be prolonged and, therefore, it ceased to be valid as of December 23, 2024.

Revenue recognition

Revenues are recognized when control of the promised services or goods is transferred to customers, in an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to be entitled to in exchange for them.

Contracts with customers may include promises to transfer multiple services including discounts on current or future services. Determining whether services are considered distinct performance obligations that should be accounted for separately versus together may require judgment.

Revenues are recognized when each performance obligation is satisfied by transferring the promised good or service to the customer according to the following criteria described for each type of service:

Commerce transactions

- Revenues from intermediation services derived from final value fees and flat fees paid by sellers. Revenues related to final value fees and flat fees are recognized at the time that the transaction is successfully concluded (which occurs when the marketplace transaction is confirmed right after processing the payment).
- Revenues from shipping services are generated when a buyer elects to receive an item through the Company's shipping service and the service is rendered to the customer. When the Company acts as an agent, revenues derived from the shipping services are recognized at the time the transaction is successfully concluded for third-party sales, and presented net of the transportation costs charged by third-party carriers. When the Company acts as principal, revenues derived from the shipping services are recognized upon delivery of the good to the customer, and presented on a gross basis. As part of the Company's business strategy, shipping costs may be fully or partially subsidized at the Company's option. In addition, the Company generates storage fees, which are charged to sellers for utilizing the Company's fulfillment facilities, and are recognized over time.
- Revenues from inventories sales are generated when control of the good is transferred to the Company's customers, which occurs upon delivery to the customer.
- Revenues from advertising services provided to sellers, vendors, brands and others, through different products (Product Ads, Brand Ads, Display Ads and Video Ads) and display formats, are recognized based on the number of clicks and impressions, respectively.
- Classified advertising services are recorded as revenue ratably during the listing period. Those fees are charged at the time the listing is uploaded onto the Company's platform and are not subject to successful sale of the items listed.

Fintech transactions

- Revenues from commissions the Company charges for transactions off-platform derived from the use of the Company's payments solution or Mercado Pago, credit and debit cards, revenues from commissions the Company charges for its asset management product, and revenues derived from insurtech transactions, are recognized once the transaction is considered completed, when the payment is processed by the Company, net of rebates granted. The Company also earns revenues as a result of offering installments to its Mercado Pago users, either when the Company finances the transactions directly or when the Company sells the corresponding financial assets to financial institutions. When the Company finances the transactions directly, the financing component is separated from the revenue amount and is recognized over the financing period using the interest method. When the Company sells the corresponding financial assets to financial institutions, the result of such sale is accounted for as financing revenues net of financing costs at the time of transfer of the financial assets. The aggregate gain included in "Financial services and income" revenues arising from financing transactions and sales of financial assets, net of the costs recognized on sale of credit card receivables, is \$1,767 million, \$1,440 million and \$1,054 million, for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.
- Revenues from sale of mobile point of sale products are recognized when control of the good is transferred, which occurs upon delivery to the customer.
- Revenues from interest earned on loans granted to merchants and consumers, and credit card transactions are recognized over the period of the loan and are based on effective interest rates. The Company places loans on non-accrual status at 90 days past due, except for credit card loans which are placed on non-accrual status 60 to 65 days past due.

- Interest earned on cash and investments as part of Mercado Pago activities, net of interest gains pass through our Brazilian users in connection with our asset management product, are recognized over the period of the investment and are based on effective interest rates or changes in its fair value, depending on the valuation technique of the investment (please refer to sections "Cash and cash equivalents" and "Investments" for further details).

When more than one service is included in one single arrangement with the same customer, the Company recognizes revenue according to multiple element arrangements accounting, distinguishing between each of the services provided and allocating revenues based on their respective estimated selling prices.

Revenues recognized under ASC 606 "Revenue from contracts with customers" amounted to \$15,137 million, \$10,487 million and \$7,450 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Revenues not recognized under ASC 606 amounted to \$5,640 million, \$4,620 million and \$3,330 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Contract balances

Timing of revenue recognition may differ from the timing of invoicing to customers. Receivables represent amounts invoiced and revenue recognized prior to invoicing when the Company has satisfied the performance obligation and has the unconditional right to payment. Accounts receivable and credit card receivables and other means of payments are presented net of allowance for doubtful accounts and chargebacks of \$42 million and \$42 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. See Note 7 – Loans receivable, net of these audited consolidated financial statements for information related to the allowance for doubtful accounts with respect to the Company's loans receivable.

Contract liabilities from contracts with customers consists of fees received related to unsatisfied performance obligations at the end of the year in accordance with ASC 606. Due to the generally short-term duration of contracts, the majority of the performance obligations are satisfied in the following months. Contract liabilities from contracts with customers as of December 31, 2023 was \$51 million, of which substantially all was recognized as revenue during the year ended December 31, 2024.

As of December 31, 2024, total contract liabilities from contracts with customers recognized within current other liabilities was \$77 million, mainly due to fees related to classified advertising services billed, subscriptions and loyalty programs, shipping services and inventory sales that are expected to be recognized as revenue in the coming months.

Sales tax

The Company's subsidiaries in Brazil, Argentina and Colombia are subject to certain sales taxes which are classified as cost of net revenues and financial expenses and totaled \$1,367 million, \$1,165 million and \$812 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Brazilian Tax Reform

In December 2023 the Brazilian National Congress approved a tax reform that will change the consumption taxation (goods and services), replacing ICMS (State tax) and ISS (Municipal tax) by IBS (Goods and Services Tax) and PIS/COFINS (Federal taxes) by CBS (Goods and Services Federal Tax). Overall, IBS and CBS will have a single flat rate, around 28% according to current studies, full non-cumulative system (taxpayer full entitlement to recover taxes paid in the previous transactions), and a 7-year transition, starting in 2026. Also, this change will simplify Brazilian tax legislation, which is expected to reduce tax litigation between taxpayers and the government.

In this regard, in January 2025, the first part of the regulation for the tax reform on consumption was approved. The text contains rules for the implementation of the CBS and IBS. For the CBS, the transition will be faster, starting in 2026 and ending in 2027. In contrast, the transition for the IBS will occur starting in 2029, with an end date in 2033.

Advertising costs

The Company expenses the costs of advertisements in the period during which the advertising space or airtime is used as sales and marketing expense. Internet advertising expenses are recognized based on the terms of the individual agreements, which is generally over the greater of the ratio of the number of clicks delivered over the total number of contracted clicks, on a pay-per-click basis, or on a straight-line basis over the term of the contract. Advertising costs for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 amounted to \$1,053 million, \$787 million and \$593 million, respectively.

Recently Adopted Accounting Standards

On November 27, 2023, the FASB issued the Accounting Standard Update (“ASU”) 2023-07 “Segment Reporting (Topic 280)—Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures”. The amendments in this update improve reportable segment disclosure requirements, primarily through enhanced disclosures about significant segment expenses. The amendments in this update are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2024. Early adoption is permitted. The guidance should be applied retrospectively to all prior periods presented in the financial statements. Upon transition, the segment expense categories and amounts disclosed in the prior periods should be based on the significant segment expense categories identified and disclosed in the period of adoption. The Company adopted this guidance in the fourth quarter of 2024. Please refer to Note 10 – Segments of these audited consolidated financial statements for additional information.

On January 23, 2025, the SEC issued the Staff Accounting Bulletin (“SAB”) No. 122 to rescind the interpretive guidance in SAB No. 121 regarding the accounting for obligations to safeguard crypto-assets that an entity holds for platform users. SAB No. 122 is effective upon publication in the Federal Register and applies to entities on a fully retrospective basis in annual periods beginning after 15 December 2024. The changes can be applied in any earlier interim or annual period included in filings after the effective date. The Company adopted this guidance in the fourth quarter of 2024, removing both the “Customer crypto-assets safeguarding assets” and the “Customer crypto-assets safeguarding liabilities” line items from the consolidated balance sheets, with retrospective application (the amount of the related asset and liability as of December 31, 2023 arose to \$34 million). This adoption did not have an impact on previously reported net income, earnings per share, retained earnings or other components of equity or total equity.

Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

On December 14, 2023, the FASB issued the ASU 2023-09 “Income Taxes (Topic 740): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures”. The amendments in this update provide more transparency about income tax information through improvements to income tax disclosures primarily related to the rate reconciliation and income taxes paid information, requiring consistent categories and greater disaggregation of information in the rate reconciliation and income taxes paid disaggregated by jurisdiction. The other amendments in this update improve the effectiveness and comparability of disclosures by adding disclosures of pretax income (or loss) and income tax expense (or benefit) and removing disclosures that no longer are considered cost beneficial or relevant. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2024. Early adoption is permitted for annual financial statements that have not yet been issued or made available for issuance. The guidance should be applied on a prospective basis while retrospective application is permitted. The Company is assessing the effects that the adoption of this accounting pronouncement may have on its financial statements.

On November 4, 2024, the FASB issued the ASU 2024-03 “Income Statement—Reporting Comprehensive Income—Expense Disaggregation Disclosures (Subtopic 220-40): Disaggregation of Income Statement Expenses”. The amendments in this update improve financial reporting by requiring disclosure of additional information about certain costs and expenses in the notes to financial statements at interim and annual reporting, such as the amounts of purchases of inventory, employee compensation, depreciation and intangible asset amortization included in each relevant expense caption; a qualitative description of the amounts remaining in relevant expense captions that are not separately disaggregated quantitatively; the total amount of selling expenses and, in annual reporting periods, an entity’s definition of selling expenses. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2026, and interim reporting periods within annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2027 (as clarified by ASU 2025-01). Early adoption is permitted. The amendments should be applied either prospectively to financial statements issued for reporting periods after the effective date of this update or retrospectively to any or all prior periods presented in the financial statements. The Company is assessing the effects that the adoption of this accounting pronouncement may have on its financial statements.

NOTE 3. FINTECH REGULATIONS

New regulations issued by the Central Banks and other regulators of the countries where the Company operates its Fintech business are described below.

Brazil

In March 2022, the Central Bank of Brazil announced new rules for payment institutions based on their size and complexity and raised standards for required capital. The new framework, which was effective starting in July 2023 with full implementation by January 2025, will extend the application of the rule regarding proportionality of regulatory requirements (currently applicable to conglomerates of financial institutions) to financial conglomerates led by payment institutions. The new rules require a gradual increase, between 2023 and 2025, in the regulatory capital requirements applicable to the Company’s regulated Brazilian subsidiaries based on the following schedule: from July 2023 onwards, 6.75%, from January 2024 onwards, 8.75% and from January 2025 onwards, 10.50%.

On January 2, 2024, article 28 of Law 14,690 came into force, which caps the total amount that may be charged to a credit card holder in the form of interest and financial charges at the value of the original debt. The BACEN also adopted rules in Resolution CMN N° 5,112 that provide guidance and define criteria for calculating the original value of the debt in card revolving and invoice financing operations. To comply with the new regulation, we reduced the duration of the credit card invoice financing plans beginning in January 2024.

On June 28, 2024, Law No. 14,905 was enacted, modifying Decree No. 22,626, known as the “Lei da Usura”. The law came into force on August 28, 2024, resulting in operations undertaken with institutions authorized by the BACEN, such as Mercado Pago Instituição de Pagamento Ltda., no longer being subject to the previously imposed interest rate cap.

Argentina

On May 18, 2023 and May 30, 2023, the CBA enacted new regulations establishing that (i) QR codes must be interoperable with credit card payments, effective as from May 1, 2024; and (ii) digital wallets that allow credit card payments by reading QR codes must be interoperable, effective as from July 29, 2024. These regulations also expanded the payment services providers ("PSP") registry and established that certain entities that accept, acquire, aggregate or sub-acquire payments must be registered. Under these regulations, MercadoLibre S.R.L. was registered as a Payment Aggregator in the "Registry of Payment Service Providers" of the CBA on June 24, 2024 and as a Payment Acceptor in the "Registry of Payment Service Providers" of the CBA on April 10, 2024. Mercado Pago Servicios de Procesamiento S.R.L. was registered as an Acquirer in the "Registry of Payment Service Providers" of the CBA on February 23, 2024.

On September 14, 2023, the CBA established that starting on December 1, 2023, DEBIN (debit immediate), the main and simple funding source of Mercado Pago users' accounts, will be suspended and replaced with a pull transfer method that requires the consent of the client outside of Mercado Pago's environment before the first use. After several extensions of the application of the rule, on April 30, 2024, the CBA approved a new method of pull transfer that no longer requires the consent of the client outside of Mercado Pago's environment.

On June 6, 2024, the CBA established that PSPOCP are no longer required to distribute the returns generated by their clients' funds. However, financial institutions are still required to set up a reserve of 100% of the customer funds deposited by Mercado Pago and may invest up to 45% of those funds in Argentine bonds.

On June 4, 2024, Mercado Pago Inversiones S.R.L. was established. After its registration in the General Inspection of Justice on August 9, 2024, on September 2, 2024, this subsidiary requested a Comprehensive Settlement and Clearing Agent license to the Argentinian National Securities Commission, which was authorized on February 5, 2025. In addition, the subsidiary initiated the registration as a Comprehensive Investment Fund Placement and Distribution Agent ("ACDI"), which is still pending approval.

On June 4, 2024, Mercado Pago Asset Management S.A. was established. After its registration in the General Inspection of Justice on August 5, 2024, on September 2, 2024, this subsidiary requested a Product Administration Agent of Collective Investment - Common Investment Funds license and requested the creation of a Money Market Mutual Fund ("Mercado Fondo Ahorro") to the Argentinian National Securities Commission. Both authorizations were granted on February 5, 2025. In addition, this subsidiary requested the replacement of Industrial Asset management S.A. as Management Agent of "Mercado Fondo", which is still pending approval.

As of the date of this filing, Mercado Pago Inversiones S.R.L. and Mercado Pago Asset Management S.A. have not yet begun their operations.

Chile

On October 12, 2022, the Chilean Congress approved the Fintech and Open-Banking Law Project, which was published on January 4, 2023, and came into effect on February 3, 2023. This law established a regulatory framework for certain technological financial services that did not have their own legal framework. These services are: (i) Alternative Transaction Systems, (ii) Crowdfunding Financing Platforms, (iii) Financial Instrument Intermediation, (iv) Order Routing, (v) Credit Advisory, and (vi) Investment Advisory. Pursuant to this law, in January 2025, Mercado Pago Crypto S.A. submitted the license application to the Chilean Commission for the Financial Market ("CMF") within the legal deadline for its ruling, which is still pending approval.

On April 8, 2024, the Chilean Congress published the Cybersecurity Law. Although Mercado Pago Chilean entities already comply with the law's main obligations as a result of being regulated entities, pursuant to this new law, such entities will be subject to a new regulator and must comply with certain reporting requirements for cybersecurity incidents. We expect that the Mercado Pago Chilean entities will be required to comply with these new reporting requirements sometime during 2025 or 2026.

On May 30, 2024, the Chilean Congress passed Law 21,673, amending Law 20,009, which, effective as of June 1, 2024, establishes a limited liability regime for users of prepaid cards in case of loss, theft, or fraud. Pursuant to Law 21,673, there may be instances in which an issuer may suspend a refund in the event of fraud or serious fault on behalf of the user claiming such refund on account of allegedly fraudulent charges. Mercado Pago Emisora S.A. completed the implementation of these measures for its compliance.

Colombia

In June 2023, MercadoPago S.A. Compañía de Financiamiento obtained a license issued by Colombian Financial Superintendence to operate as a financial institution in Colombia, enabling it to offer credits, digital accounts, investments and prepaid cards. As a financial company it is subject to minimum capital, reporting, consumer protection and risk management requirements. On April 22, 2024, MercadoPago S.A. Compañía de Financiamiento started operations initially offering only the "Ordinary Deposit" product. In accordance with regulations, customers' funds are now subject to regulatory liquidity, reserve, and solvency requirements to ensure their protection.

Uruguay

On April 12, 2024, MercadoPago Uruguay S.R.L. initiated a process with the Central Bank of Uruguay ("BCU") to be authorized to act as a payment acquirer with transfers, as an activity related to electronic money issuances, in compliance with new regulations that came into effect on March 1, 2024. On July 3, 2024, MercadoPago Uruguay S.R.L. received authorization from the BCU to offer payment with transfers acquiring services.

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On April 17, 2024, MercadoPago Uruguay S.R.L. was approved as a participant in the automated clearing house managed by Urutec S.A. This approval allows MercadoPago Uruguay S.R.L. to participate in the fast payment system and offer a new payment method to its users: interoperable QR transfer payments. In September 2024, the BCU announced that they approved the release of the interoperable QR transfer payment feature of the payment system.

Peru

On November 10, 2022, the Central Reserve Bank of Peru (“BCRP”) enacted regulations related to the card payment processing system that applies to issuers, acquirers and payment facilitators. On January 27, 2023, MercadoPago Perú S.R.L. was registered by the BCRP as a payment facilitator entity, allowing it to (a) affiliate merchants to the card payment system, (b) offer POS, and (c) transmit or process card payment orders and /or participate in the process of settlement to the merchants affiliated. On February 20, 2024, the Register of Entities with Payments by Card agreement form was completed, in accordance with BCRP requirements.

NOTE 4. NET INCOME PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share for the Company’s common stock is computed by dividing, net income for the period by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year.

In August, 2018, the Company issued an aggregate principal amount of \$880 million of 2.00% Convertible Senior Notes due 2028 (“2028 Notes”) which were fully converted or redeemed in November 2023. The conversion of these notes was included in the calculation for diluted earnings per share utilizing the “if converted” method for the year ending December 31, 2023 and 2022. The denominator for diluted net income per share for the years ended on December 31, 2023 and 2022 did not include any effect from the capped call transactions entered into by the Company with certain financial institutions with respect to shares of the Company’s common stock (“2028 Notes Capped Call Transactions”), which were settled on September 1, 2023, because it would be antidilutive.

Net income per share of common stock is as follows for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022:

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2024		2023		2022	
	Basic	Diluted	Basic	Diluted	Basic	Diluted
Net income per common share ⁽¹⁾	\$ 37.69	\$ 37.69	\$ 19.64	\$ 19.46	\$ 9.57	\$ 9.53
Numerator (in millions):						
Net income	\$ 1,911	\$ 1,911	\$ 987	\$ 987	\$ 482	\$ 482
Effect of dilutive 2028 Notes	—	—	—	6	—	7
Net income available to common stock	\$ 1,911	\$ 1,911	\$ 987	\$ 993	\$ 482	\$ 489
Denominator:						
Weighted average of common stock outstanding for earnings per share	50,697,428	50,697,428	50,262,302	50,262,302	50,345,353	50,345,353
Adjustment for assumed conversions	—	—	—	744,558	—	990,268
Adjusted weighted average of common stock outstanding for earnings per share	50,697,428	50,697,428	50,262,302	51,006,860	50,345,353	51,335,621

(1) Figures have been calculated using non-rounded amounts.

NOTE 5. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, RESTRICTED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

The composition of cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents, short-term and long-term investments is as follows:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
	(In millions)	
Cash in bank accounts	\$ 1,725	\$ 1,458
Money market	572	639
Time deposits	334	367
U.S. government debt securities	—	60
Foreign government debt securities	4	32
Total cash and cash equivalents	2,635	2,556
Securitization transactions ⁽¹⁾	492	355
Foreign government debt securities (Central Bank of Brazil mandatory guarantee)	469	114
Cash in bank account (Argentine Central Bank regulation)	471	309
Cash in bank account (Mexican National Banking and Securities Commission regulation)	149	91
Time deposits (Mexican National Banking and Securities Commission regulation)	297	314
Cash in bank account (Chilean Commission for the Financial Market regulation)	130	42
Time deposits (Chilean Commission for the Financial Market regulation)	39	54
Money market (Secured lines of credit guarantee)	14	7
Cash in bank account (Central Bank of Uruguay mandatory guarantee)	—	1
Time deposits (Central Bank of Uruguay mandatory guarantee)	3	1
Money market (Central Bank of Uruguay mandatory guarantee)	—	2
Foreign government debt securities (Central Bank of Uruguay mandatory guarantee)	—	2
Total restricted cash and cash equivalents	2,064	1,292
Total cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents ⁽²⁾	\$ 4,699	\$ 3,848
U.S. government debt securities	\$ 619	\$ 1,009
Foreign government debt securities ⁽³⁾	3,619	2,451
Time deposits ⁽⁴⁾	160	15
Corporate debt securities ⁽⁵⁾	87	5
Total short-term investments	\$ 4,485	\$ 3,480
U.S. government debt securities	\$ 468	\$ —
Foreign government debt securities ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	483	56
Securitization transactions ⁽¹⁾	12	23
Corporate debt securities	175	25
Equity securities held at cost	65	58
Total long-term investments	\$ 1,203	\$ 162

(1) Cash, cash equivalents and investments from securitization transactions are restricted to the payment of amounts due to third-party investors.

(2) Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents as reported in the consolidated statements of cash flows.

(3) As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, includes \$3,370 million and \$2,283 million considered restricted due to Central Bank of Brazil mandatory guarantee. Also, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, includes \$5 million and \$6 million, respectively, that guarantees a line of credit and is considered restricted. As of December 31, 2024, includes \$17 million considered restricted due to the Central Bank of Uruguay's mandatory guarantee.

(4) As of December 31, 2024, includes \$42 million of collateral as part of credit card scheme arrangement rules in Brazil, and is considered restricted. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the time deposits in excess of \$100 thousand, are in majority foreign deposits.

(5) As of December 31, 2024, \$337 million foreign government debt securities and \$1 million corporate debt securities are held by a consolidated VIE.

(6) As of December 31, 2024, includes \$2 million considered restricted due to Brazilian stock market mandatory guarantee to operate with futures contracts.

NOTE 6. BALANCE SHEET COMPONENTS**Accounts receivable, net**

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
	(In millions)	
Accounts receivable	\$ 270	\$ 177
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(15)	(21)
Accounts receivable, net	\$ 255	\$ 156

The following table summarizes the allowance for doubtful accounts activity during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
	(In millions)		
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 21	\$ 14	\$ 8
Net charged to Net income	27	22	9
Charges utilized/ Currency translation adjustments/ Write-offs and other adjustments	(33)	(15)	(3)
Balance at end of year	\$ 15	\$ 21	\$ 14

Credit card receivables and other means of payments, net

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
	(In millions)	
Credit card receivables and other means of payments	\$ 5,315	\$ 3,653
Allowance for chargebacks	(27)	(17)
Allowance for doubtful accounts	—	(4)
Credit card receivables and other means of payments, net	\$ 5,288	\$ 3,632

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The following tables summarize the allowance for chargebacks and the allowance for doubtful accounts activity during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Allowance for chargebacks	(In millions)		
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 17	\$ 11	\$ 14
Net charged to Net income	25	35	13
Charges utilized/ Currency translation adjustments/ Write-offs and other adjustments	(15)	(29)	(16)
Balance at end of year	\$ 27	\$ 17	\$ 11

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(In millions)		
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 4	\$ —	\$ 17
Net (credited) charged to Net income	(2)	4	(2)
Charges utilized/ Currency translation adjustments/ Write-offs and other adjustments	(2)	—	(15)
Balance at end of year	\$ —	\$ 4	\$ —

Other assets

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
	(In millions)	
VAT credits	\$ 67	\$ 25
Income tax credits	75	26
Sales tax credits	8	54
Advance to ATM providers	12	14
Advance to suppliers	40	46
Derivative instruments	38	1
Incentives to be collected	66	35
Prepaid expenses	46	27
Other	51	49
Current other assets	\$ 403	\$ 277

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
	(In millions)	
Judicial deposits	\$ 10	\$ 8
Sales tax credits	107	2
Derivative instruments	20	22
Other	45	36
Non current other assets	\$ 182	\$ 68

Property and equipment, net

	Estimated useful life (years)	December 31,	
		2024	2023
(In millions)			
Equipment	3-5	\$ 282	\$ 248
Land and building	50 ⁽¹⁾	74	83
Furniture and fixtures	3-10	992	835
Software	3	755	694
Vehicles	4	166	151
Work in progress		144	62
Subtotal		2,413	2,073
Accumulated depreciation		(1,033)	(823)
Property and equipment, net		1,380	1,250

(1) Estimated useful life attributable to "building".

Depreciation

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
(In millions)			
Cost of net revenues	\$ 173	\$ 149	\$ 101
Product and technology development	271	232	182
Sales and marketing	5	7	5
General and administrative	17	16	21
Depreciation	\$ 466	\$ 404	\$ 309

Other liabilities

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
(In millions)		
Contract liabilities from contracts with customers	\$ 77	\$ 51
Contingent considerations and escrows from acquisitions	3	1
Customer advances	29	15
Derivative instruments	17	21
Meli Dólar liability	31	—
Other	52	31
Current other liabilities	\$ 209	\$ 119

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	December 31,	
	2024	2023
	(In millions)	
Provisions and contingencies	\$ 135	\$ 124
Contingent considerations and escrows from acquisitions	8	8
Incentives collected in advance	9	9
Derivative instruments	14	10
Other	50	49
Non current other liabilities	\$ 216	\$ 200

Supplier finance programs

The Company and certain financial institutions participate in a supplier finance program (“SFP”) that enables certain of the Company’s suppliers, at their own election, to request the payment of their invoices to the financial institutions earlier than the terms stated in the Company’s payment policies. Suppliers’ voluntary inclusion of invoices in the SFP does not change the Company’s payment terms, the amounts paid or liquidity. The supplier invoices that have been confirmed as valid under the program require payment in full according to the terms established in the Company’s payment policies (a range of 60 and 90 days from the invoicing date). There are no assets pledged as security or other forms of guarantees provided for the committed payment to the financial institution. The Company has no economic interest in a supplier’s decision to participate in the SFP and has no financial impact in connection with the SFP. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the obligations outstanding that the Company has confirmed as valid to the financial institutions amounted to \$425 million and \$381 million, respectively, and are included in the consolidated balance sheets within accounts payable and accrued expenses line.

The rollforward of the Company’s outstanding obligations confirmed as valid under its supplier finance program for the year ended December 31, 2024 is as follows:

	December 31, 2024	
	(In millions)	
Confirmed obligations outstanding at the beginning of the year	\$ 381	
Invoices confirmed during the year		2,368
Confirmed invoices paid during the year		(2,297)
Currency translation		(27)
Confirmed obligations outstanding at the end of the year	\$ 425	

NOTE 7. LOANS RECEIVABLE, NET

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
	(In millions)	
Loans receivable	\$ 6,346	\$ 3,671
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,630)	(1,042)
Current loans receivable, net	\$ 4,716	\$ 2,629

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
	(In millions)	
Loans receivable	\$ 227	\$ 107
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(48)	(42)
Non current loans receivable, net	\$ 179	\$ 65

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The Company classifies loans receivable as “Merchant”, “Consumer”, “Credit cards” and “Asset-backed”. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, Loans receivable, net were as follows:

	December 31, 2024		
	Loans receivable	Allowance for doubtful accounts	Loans receivable, net
	(In millions)		
Merchant	\$ 1,205	\$ (417)	\$ 788
Consumer	2,591	(696)	1,895
Credit cards	2,639	(557)	2,082
Asset-backed	138	(8)	130
Total	\$ 6,573	\$ (1,678)	\$ 4,895

	December 31, 2023		
	Loans receivable	Allowance for doubtful accounts	Loans receivable, net
	(In millions)		
Merchant	\$ 761	\$ (256)	\$ 505
Consumer	1,789	(591)	1,198
Credit cards	1,209	(236)	973
Asset-backed	19	(1)	18
Total	\$ 3,778	\$ (1,084)	\$ 2,694

The allowance for doubtful accounts with respect to the Company’s loans receivable amounts to \$1,708 million and \$1,102 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, which includes \$30 million and \$18 million related to unused agreed loan commitment on credit cards portfolio presented in Other liabilities of the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company is exposed to off-balance sheet unused agreed loan commitment on credit cards portfolio which expose the Company to credit risks for \$2,872 million and \$934 million, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 the Company recognized in Provision for doubtful accounts \$18 million, \$8 million and \$8 million as expected credit losses, respectively.

From time to time, the Company sells loans receivable related to its lending solution. In this regard, during 2024, the Company signed a contract with a third party to sell an amount up to \$100 million dollar of its loans receivable, as part of its funding strategy. These loans were originated by its Mexican subsidiary and provided to its local users. This transaction is accounted for as a true sale and the Company has a continuing involvement related to a servicing fee charged to the purchaser for collection services and regarding a beneficial interest retained by the Company over the transferred assets. Both involvement events do not preclude the fact that this operation qualifies as a true sale as the purchaser has full control over the transferred assets. As of December 31, 2024, the Company sold \$44 million of loans receivable and recorded a gain of \$1 million related to the aforementioned contract.

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The following tables summarize the allowance for doubtful accounts activity during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022:

	December 31, 2024				
	Merchant	Consumer	Credit cards	Asset-backed	Total
	(In millions)				
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 256	\$ 591	\$ 236	\$ 1	\$ 1,084
Net charged to Net Income	452	759	595	9	1,815
Currency translation adjustments	(82)	(155)	(98)	(1)	(336)
Write-offs	(209)	(499)	(176)	(1)	(885)
Balance at end of year	\$ 417	\$ 696	\$ 557	\$ 8	\$ 1,678

	December 31, 2023				
	Merchant	Consumer	Credit cards	Asset-backed	Total
	(In millions)				
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 265	\$ 614	\$ 225	\$ —	\$ 1,104
Net charged to Net Income	233	571	211	1	1,016
Currency translation adjustments	9	6	18	—	33
Write-offs	(251)	(600)	(218)	—	(1,069)
Balance at end of year	\$ 256	\$ 591	\$ 236	\$ 1	\$ 1,084

	December 31, 2022			
	Merchant	Consumer	Credit cards	Total
	(In millions)			
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 155	\$ 232	\$ 48	\$ 435
Net charged to Net Income	248	600	210	1,058
Currency translation adjustments	—	(9)	(1)	(10)
Write-offs	(138)	(209)	(32)	(379)
Balance at end of year	\$ 265	\$ 614	\$ 225	\$ 1,104

The Company closely monitors credit quality for all loans receivable on a recurring basis to assess and manage its exposure to credit risk. To assess merchants and consumers seeking a loan under the lending solution, the Company uses, among other indicators, risk models internally developed, as a credit quality indicator to help predict the merchant's and consumer's ability to repay the principal balance and interest related to the credit. The risk model uses multiple variables as predictors of the merchant's and consumer's ability to repay the credit, including external and internal indicators. Internal indicators consider user behavior related to credit/payment history, and with lower weight in the risk models, the Company uses number of transactions in the Company's ecosystem and merchant's annual sales volume, among other indicators. In addition, the Company considers external bureau information to enhance the model and the decision making process.

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The amortized cost of the loans receivable classified by the Company's credit quality internal indicator was as follows:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
	(In millions)	
1-14 days past due	\$ 125	\$ 99
15-30 days past due	146	92
31-60 days past due	175	114
61-90 days past due	167	103
91-120 days past due	178	111
121-150 days past due	155	97
151-180 days past due	138	82
181-210 days past due	129	76
211-240 days past due	118	74
241-270 days past due	121	69
271-300 days past due	109	59
301-330 days past due	112	74
331-360 days past due	90	66
Total past due	1,763	1,116
To become due	4,810	2,662
Total	\$ 6,573	\$ 3,778

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, renegotiations represented 1.4% and 2.8% of the loans receivable portfolio, respectively.

As described in Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies, the Company places loans on non-accrual status at 90 days past due, except for credit card loans which are placed on non-accrual status 60 to 65 days past due. Interests related to loans on non-accrual status are recognized on cash-basis. There are no loans receivable on non-accrual status for which there is no related allowance for doubtful accounts.

NOTE 8. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS**Goodwill and intangible assets**

The composition of goodwill and intangible assets is as follows:

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
	(In millions)	
Goodwill	\$ 149	\$ 163
Intangible assets with indefinite lives		
Trademarks	4	4
Amortizable intangible assets		
Licenses and others	18	14
Non-compete agreements	3	4
Customer lists	14	12
Trademarks	7	12
Hubs network	3	4
Others	3	3
Total intangible assets	52	53
Accumulated amortization	(40)	(42)
Total intangible assets, net	\$ 12	\$ 11

Goodwill

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2024						
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Chile	Colombia	Other countries	Total
	(In millions)						
Balance, beginning of the year	\$ 64	\$ 44	\$ 10	\$ 37	\$ 6	\$ 2	\$ 163
Business acquisition	6	2	4	—	—	—	12
Currency translation adjustments	(14)	(7)	—	(4)	(1)	—	(26)
Balance, end of the period	\$ 56	\$ 39	\$ 14	\$ 33	\$ 5	\$ 2	\$ 149

	Year Ended December 31, 2023						
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Chile	Colombia	Other countries	Total
	(In millions)						
Balance, beginning of the year	\$ 60	\$ 39	\$ 10	\$ 37	\$ 5	\$ 2	\$ 153
Effect of exchange rates changes	4	5	—	—	1	—	10
Balance, end of the year	\$ 64	\$ 44	\$ 10	\$ 37	\$ 6	\$ 2	\$ 163

Intangible assets with definite useful life

Intangible assets with definite useful life are comprised of customer lists, non-compete and non-solicitation agreements, hubs network, acquired software licenses and other acquired intangible assets including developed technologies and trademarks. Aggregate amortization expense for intangible assets totaled \$5 million, \$6 million and \$9 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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The following table summarizes the remaining amortization of intangible assets with definite useful life as of December 31, 2024:

For year to be ended December 31, 2025	\$	4
For year to be ended December 31, 2026		2
For year to be ended December 31, 2027		1
Thereafter		1
	\$	8

NOTE 9. INTANGIBLE ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE

The following table presents the digital assets name, cost basis, fair value, and number of units for each significant digital asset holding as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Digital asset name	December 31, 2024				
	Cost basis (1)		Fair value		Number of units held
	(In millions, except for number of units held)				
Bitcoin	\$	6	\$	39	\$ 412.7
Ether	\$	3	\$	10	\$ 3,049.8

Digital asset name	December 31, 2023				
	Cost basis (1)		Fair value		Number of units held
	(In millions, except for number of units held)				
Bitcoin	\$	6	\$	17	\$ 412.7
Ether	\$	3	\$	7	\$ 3,041.6

(1) Cost basis of the digital assets is net of \$21 million of impairment losses recognized prior to the adoption of ASU 2023-08.

The following table summarizes the digital assets rollforward activity during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	December 31, 2024		December 31, 2023	
	(in millions)			
Balance at beginning of year	\$	24	\$	9
Adoption of ASU 2023-08		—		1
Gains included in net income		25		14
Balance at end of year	\$	49	\$	24

The method used by the Company for determining the cost basis of its digital assets was the weighted average price method.

NOTE 10. SEGMENTS

The Company manages the business country-by-country to understand and focus on the specific needs and opportunities in those markets. The Company's chief executive officer is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance and is therefore its chief operating decision maker ("CODM"). The Company's segments include Brazil, Argentina, Mexico and other countries (which includes Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay and the U.S.).

The CODM makes decisions considering all business lines within a country as whole and taking into account the synergies between the different lines in each of the countries' integrated digital ecosystems.

The CODM evaluates the performance of the Company's operating segments based on their Direct Contribution.

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Direct contribution consists of net revenues and financial income from external customers less segment costs, which include expenses, such as shipping operation costs (including warehousing costs), carrier and other operating costs, provision for doubtful accounts, cost of goods sold, collection fees, funding cost, salaries and wages, marketing expenses and hosting expenses. All corporate related costs have been excluded from the segment's direct contribution.

The following tables summarize the financial performance of the Company's reporting segments:

	Year Ended December 31, 2024				
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Other Countries	Total
	(In millions)				
Net service revenues and financial income	\$ 10,033	\$ 4,183	\$ 3,614	\$ 808	\$ 18,638
Net product revenues	1,373	481	204	81	2,139
Net revenues and financial income	11,406	4,664	3,818	889	20,777
Local operating expenses	(8,828)	(3,650)	(2,069)	(730)	(15,277)
Depreciation and amortization	(292)	(160)	(74)	(42)	(568)
Total segment costs	(9,120)	(3,810)	(2,143)	(772)	(15,845)
Direct contribution	2,286	854	1,675	117	4,932
Operating expenses and indirect costs of net revenues and financial expenses					(2,301)
Income from operations					2,631
Other income (expenses):					
Interest income and other financial gains					148
Interest expense and other financial losses					(165)
Foreign currency losses, net					(182)
Net income before income tax expense					\$ 2,432

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	Year Ended December 31, 2023 ⁽¹⁾				
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Other Countries	Total
	(In millions)				
Net service revenues and financial income	\$ 6,946	\$ 2,734	\$ 3,322	\$ 615	\$ 13,617
Net product revenues	875	337	228	50	1,490
Net revenues and financial income	7,821	3,071	3,550	665	15,107
Local operating expenses	(5,698)	(2,238)	(1,812)	(577)	(10,325)
Depreciation and amortization	(262)	(133)	(58)	(38)	(491)
Total segment costs	(5,960)	(2,371)	(1,870)	(615)	(10,816)
Direct contribution	1,861	700	1,680	50	4,291
Operating expenses and indirect costs of net revenues and financial expenses					(2,084)
Income from operations					2,207
Other income (expenses):					
Interest income and other financial gains					135
Interest expense and other financial losses					(174)
Foreign currency losses, net					(615)
Net income before income tax expense and equity in earnings of unconsolidated entity					\$ 1,553

(1) Recast for consistency with the current presentation due to the change in the presentation of certain financial results. Please refer to Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies - Change in the presentation of certain financial results and reclassification of prior years results to our audited consolidated financial statements for further details.

	Year Ended December 31, 2022 ⁽¹⁾				
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Other Countries	Total
	(In millions)				
Net service revenues and financial income	\$ 5,283	\$ 1,638	\$ 2,299	\$ 465	\$ 9,685
Net product revenues	515	255	276	49	1,095
Net revenues and financial income	5,798	1,893	2,575	514	10,780
Local operating expenses	(4,692)	(1,481)	(1,466)	(453)	(8,092)
Depreciation and amortization	(206)	(98)	(46)	(31)	(381)
Total segment costs	(4,898)	(1,579)	(1,512)	(484)	(8,473)
Direct contribution	900	314	1,063	30	2,307
Operating expenses and indirect costs of net revenues and financial expenses					(1,238)
Income from operations					1,069
Other income (expenses):					
Interest income and other financial gains					44
Interest expense and other financial losses					(135)
Foreign currency losses, net					(198)
Net income before income tax expense					\$ 780

(1) Recast for consistency with the current presentation due to the change in the presentation of certain financial results. Please refer to Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies - Change in the presentation of certain financial results and reclassification of prior years results to our audited consolidated financial statements for further details.

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The following tables summarize net revenues and financial income per reporting segment, which have been disaggregated by similar products and services for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022:

	Year Ended December 31, 2024				
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Other Countries	Total
	(In millions)				
Commerce services ⁽¹⁾	\$ 5,695	\$ 2,608	\$ 1,207	\$ 566	\$ 10,076
Commerce products sales ⁽²⁾	1,343	464	200	76	2,083
Total commerce revenues	7,038	3,072	1,407	642	12,159
Financial services and income ⁽³⁾	2,416	566	1,748	232	4,962
Credit revenues ⁽⁴⁾	1,922	1,009	659	10	3,600
Fintech products sales ⁽⁵⁾	30	17	4	5	56
Total fintech revenues	4,368	1,592	2,411	247	8,618
Total net revenues and financial income	\$ 11,406	\$ 4,664	\$ 3,818	\$ 889	\$ 20,777

	Year Ended December 31, 2023 ⁽⁶⁾				
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Other Countries	Total
	(In millions)				
Commerce services ⁽¹⁾	\$ 3,655	\$ 1,653	\$ 1,036	\$ 410	\$ 6,754
Commerce products sales ⁽²⁾	857	326	225	39	1,447
Total commerce revenues	4,512	1,979	1,261	449	8,201
Financial services and income ⁽³⁾	2,136	382	1,602	197	4,317
Credit revenues ⁽⁴⁾	1,155	699	684	8	2,546
Fintech products sales ⁽⁵⁾	18	11	3	11	43
Total fintech revenues	3,309	1,092	2,289	216	6,906
Total net revenues and financial income	\$ 7,821	\$ 3,071	\$ 3,550	\$ 665	\$ 15,107

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	Year Ended December 31, 2022 ⁽⁶⁾				
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	Other Countries	Total
	(In millions)				
Commerce services ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,585	\$ 1,036	\$ 814	\$ 329	\$ 4,764
Commerce products sales ⁽²⁾	487	246	271	40	1,044
Total commerce revenues	3,072	1,282	1,085	369	5,808
Financial services and income ⁽³⁾	1,596	181	979	132	2,888
Credit revenues ⁽⁴⁾	1,102	421	506	4	2,033
Fintech products sales ⁽⁵⁾	28	9	5	9	51
Total fintech revenues	2,726	611	1,490	145	4,972
Total net revenues and financial income	\$ 5,798	\$ 1,893	\$ 2,575	\$ 514	\$ 10,780

(1) Includes final value fees and flat fees paid by sellers derived from intermediation services and related shipping and storage fees, classified fees derived from classified advertising services and ad sales.

(2) Includes revenues from inventory sales and related shipping fees.

(3) Includes revenues from commissions the Company charges for transactions off-platform derived from use of the Company's payment solution and asset management product, revenues as a result of offering installments for the payment to its Mercado Pago users, either when the Company finances the transactions directly or when the Company sells the corresponding financial assets, interest earned on cash and investments as part of Mercado Pago activities, including those required due to fintech regulations, net of interest gains pass through our Brazilian users in connection with our asset management product, Mercado Pago debit card commissions and insurtech fees.

(4) Includes interest earned on loans and advances granted to merchants and consumers, and interest and commissions earned on Mercado Pago credit card transactions.

(5) Includes sales of mobile point of sales devices.

(6) Recast for consistency with the current presentation due to the change in the presentation of certain financial results. Please refer to Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies - Change in the presentation of certain financial results and reclassification of prior years results to our audited consolidated financial statements for further details.

(7) Revenues from external customers in the U.S. amounted to \$35 million for the year ended December 31, 2024. There were no revenues from external customers in the U.S. for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

The following tables summarize the allocation of the property and equipment based on geography:

	December 31, 2024					
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	U.S.	Other countries	Total
	(In millions)					
Property and equipment	\$ 1,078	\$ 713	\$ 434	\$ 10	\$ 178	\$ 2,413
Accumulated depreciation	(497)	(239)	(199)	(6)	(92)	(1,033)
Total property and equipment, net	\$ 581	\$ 474	\$ 235	\$ 4	\$ 86	\$ 1,380

	December 31, 2023					
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	U.S.	Other countries	Total
	(In millions)					
Property and equipment	\$ 970	\$ 554	\$ 370	\$ 7	\$ 172	\$ 2,073
Accumulated depreciation	(367)	(209)	(162)	(5)	(80)	(823)
Total property and equipment, net	\$ 603	\$ 345	\$ 208	\$ 2	\$ 92	\$ 1,250

The following tables summarize the allocation of the operating lease right-of-use assets based on geography:

	December 31, 2024					
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	U.S.	Other countries	Total
	(In millions)					
Right of use asset	\$ 618	\$ 616	\$ 76	\$ 4	\$ 115	\$ 1,429
Accumulated amortization	(139)	(116)	(36)	(1)	(39)	(331)
Total right of use asset, net	\$ 479	\$ 500	\$ 40	\$ 3	\$ 76	\$ 1,098

	December 31, 2023					
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	U.S.	Other countries	Total
	(In millions)					
Right of use asset	\$ 509	\$ 480	\$ 80	\$ —	\$ 104	\$ 1,173
Accumulated amortization	(113)	(100)	(29)	—	(32)	(274)
Total right of use asset, net	\$ 396	\$ 380	\$ 51	\$ —	\$ 72	\$ 899

The following tables summarize the allocation of the goodwill and intangible assets based on geography:

	December 31, 2024					
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	U.S.	Other countries	Total
	(In millions)					
Intangible assets at fair value	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 49	\$ —	\$ 49
Goodwill and intangible assets	64	43	23	—	71	201
Accumulated amortization	(6)	(4)	(7)	—	(23)	(40)
Total goodwill and intangible assets, net	\$ 58	\$ 39	\$ 16	\$ 49	\$ 48	\$ 210

	December 31, 2023					
	Brazil	Mexico	Argentina	U.S.	Other countries	Total
	(In millions)					
Intangible assets at fair value	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 24	\$ —	\$ 24
Goodwill and intangible assets	73	53	17	—	73	216
Accumulated amortization	(5)	(9)	(5)	—	(23)	(42)
Total goodwill and intangible assets, net	\$ 68	\$ 44	\$ 12	\$ 24	\$ 50	\$ 198

NOTE 11. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**Assets and liabilities measured and recorded at fair value on a recurring basis**

The following table summarizes the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	Balances as of December 31, 2024	Quoted Prices in active markets for identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Balances as of December 31, 2023	Quoted Prices in active markets for identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)
(In millions)							
Cash and cash equivalents:							
Money market	\$ 572	\$ 572	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 639	\$ 639	\$ —
U.S. government debt securities ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	—	60	60	—
Foreign government debt securities ⁽¹⁾	4	4	—	—	32	32	—
Restricted cash and cash equivalents:							
Money market ⁽²⁾	297	297	—	—	278	278	—
Foreign government debt securities ⁽¹⁾	469	469	—	—	116	116	—
Investments:							
U.S. government debt securities ⁽¹⁾	1,087	1,087	—	—	1,009	1,009	—
Foreign government debt securities ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	4,114	4,114	—	—	2,530	2,530	—
Corporate debt securities	262	262	—	—	30	30	—
Other assets:							
Derivative instruments	58	—	58	—	23	—	23
Intangible assets at fair value	49	49	—	—	24	24	—
Total assets	\$ 6,912	\$ 6,854	\$ 58	\$ —	\$ 4,741	\$ 4,718	\$ 23
Salaries and social security payable:							
Long-term retention program	\$ 163	\$ —	\$ 163	\$ —	\$ 104	\$ —	\$ 104
Other Liabilities:							
Contingent considerations	4	—	—	4	—	—	—
Derivative Instruments	31	—	31	—	31	—	31
Meli Dólar liability ⁽¹⁾	31	—	31	—	—	—	—
Total liabilities	\$ 229	\$ —	\$ 225	\$ 4	\$ 135	\$ —	\$ 135

(1) Measured at fair value with impact on the consolidated statements of income for the application of the fair value option. (See Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies – Fair value option applied to certain investments and Meli Dólar liability.)

(2) As of December 31, 2024 and 2023 includes \$283 million and \$269 million, respectively, of money market funds from securitization transactions. (See Note 5 – Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents and investments.)

(3) As of December 31, 2024 and 2023 includes \$12 million and \$23 million, respectively, of investments from securitization transactions. (See Note 5 – Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents and investments.)

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The Company's assets and liabilities measured and recorded at fair value on a recurring basis were valued using i) Level 1 inputs: unadjusted quoted prices in active markets (Level 1 instrument valuations are obtained from observable inputs that reflect quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets in active markets); ii) Level 2 inputs: obtained from readily-available pricing sources for comparable instruments as well as instruments with inactive markets at the measurement date; and iii) Level 3 inputs: valuations based on unobservable inputs reflecting Company's assumptions. The unobservable inputs of the fair value of contingent considerations classified as Level 3 refer to the amounts to be paid according to the respective agreements of each acquisition, the likelihood of achievement of the performance targets arising from each one (expected to be 100%), and the Company's historical experience with similar arrangements. Reasonable variation on those unobservable inputs would not significantly change the fair value of those instruments. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company had not changed the methodology nor the assumptions used to estimate the fair value of the financial instruments.

There were no transfers to and from Levels 1, 2 and 3 during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

The Company's election of the fair value option applies to: i) foreign government debt securities, ii) U.S. government debt securities and iii) Meli Dólar liability. The Company recognized fair value changes of foreign and U.S. government debt securities, which include the related interest income of those instruments, in net service revenues and financial income if it is related to Mercado Pago's operations (please refer to Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies - Change in the presentation of certain financial results and reclassification of prior years results) or in interest income and other financial gains if not. Such fair value changes and interest income amount to gains of \$329 million and \$230 million in net service revenues and financial income, and \$57 million and \$38 million in interest income and other financial gains for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Meli Dólar liability has not presented changes in its fair value for the year ended December 31, 2024. No Meli Dólar liability existed during the year ended December 31, 2023.

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the cost of the Company's investment in corporate debt securities classified as available for sale amounted to \$259 million and \$30 million, respectively, and the estimated fair value amounted to \$262 million and \$30 million, respectively. The cost of these securities is determined under a specific identification basis. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the gross unrealized gains accumulated in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income amounted to \$3 million and less than \$1 million, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the proceeds from sales of corporate debt securities amounted to \$26 million. There were no sales of corporate debt securities during the year ended December 31, 2023.

The following table summarizes the net carrying amount of the investments classified as available for sale (Corporate debt securities), classified by its contractual maturities:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
	(In millions)	
One year or less	\$ 87	\$ 5
One year to two years	45	12
Two years to three years	21	4
Three years to four years	63	3
Four years to five years	46	6
Total available for sale investments	\$ 262	\$ 30

The following table summarizes the net carrying amount of the debt securities not classified as available for sale (U.S. and foreign government debt securities), classified by its contractual maturities or Management expectation to convert the investments into cash:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
	(In millions)	
One year or less	\$ 4,711	\$ 3,668
One year to two years	475	4
Two years to three years	152	—
Three years to four years	231	35
Four years to five years	104	37
More than five years	1	3
Total debt securities not classified as available for sale	\$ 5,674	\$ 3,747

Financial assets and liabilities not measured and recorded at fair value

The following table summarizes the estimated fair value level of the financial assets and liabilities of the Company not measured at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	Balances as of December 31, 2024	Estimated fair value as of December 31, 2024	Balances as of December 31, 2023	Estimated fair value as of December 31, 2023
(In millions)				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,059	\$ 2,059	\$ 1,825	\$ 1,825
Restricted cash and cash equivalents ⁽¹⁾	1,298	1,298	898	898
Investments	160	160	15	15
Accounts receivables, net	255	255	156	156
Credit card receivables and other means of payment, net	5,288	5,288	3,632	3,632
Loans receivable, net	4,895	4,840	2,694	2,676
Other assets	114	114	131	131
Total Assets	\$ 14,069	\$ 14,014	\$ 9,351	\$ 9,333
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 3,196	\$ 3,196	\$ 2,117	\$ 2,117
Funds payable to customers	6,954	6,954	4,475	4,475
Amounts payable due to credit and debit card transactions	1,964	1,964	1,092	1,092
Salaries and social security payable	564	564	441	441
Loans payable and other financial liabilities	5,593	5,499	4,495	4,441
Other liabilities	356	356	285	285
Total Liabilities	\$ 18,627	\$ 18,533	\$ 12,905	\$ 12,851

(1) As of December 31, 2024 and 2023 includes \$38 million and \$12 million of cash in banks, and \$171 million and \$74 million of time deposits from securitization transactions, respectively. (See Note 5 – Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents and investments.)

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the carrying value of the Company's financial assets with determinable fair value (except for loans receivable) not measured at fair value approximated their fair value mainly because of their short-term maturity. If these financial assets were measured at fair value in the financial statements, cash and restricted cash would be classified as Level 1 (where cost and fair value are aligned) and the remaining financial assets would be classified as Level 2. The estimated fair value of the loans receivable would be classified as Level 3 based on the Company's assumptions.

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the carrying value of the Company's financial liabilities (except for 2026 Sustainability Notes and 2031 Notes) not measured at fair value approximated their fair value mainly because of their short-term maturity or because the effective interest rates are not materially different from market interest rates. If these financial liabilities were measured at fair value in the financial statements, these would be classified as Level 2. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the estimated fair value of the 2026 Notes would be \$351 million and \$375 million, respectively, and the estimated fair value of the 2031 Notes would be \$475 million and \$599 million, respectively, which is based on Level 2 inputs.

NOTE 12. COMMON STOCK**Authorized, issued and outstanding shares**

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, as stated in the Company's Fourth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, the Company has authorized 110,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock").

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were 50,697,375 and 50,697,442 shares of common stock issued and outstanding with a par value of \$0.001 per share.

Voting rights

Each outstanding share of common stock, is entitled to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of holders of common stock, except for stockholders that beneficially own more than 20% of the shares of the outstanding common stock, in which case the board of directors (the "Board") may declare that any shares of stock above such 20% do not have voting rights. The holders of common stock do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors.

NOTE 13. REDEEMABLE CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK

Pursuant to the Fourth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, the Company is authorized to issue 40,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share. As of December 31, 2024, and 2023 the Company has no preferred stock subscribed or issued.

NOTE 14. EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN

On June 10, 2019, at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting, the Company's shareholders approved the adoption of the Amended and Restated 2009 Equity Compensation Plan (the "Amended and Restated 2009 Plan"), which contains terms substantially similar to the terms of the "2009 Equity Compensation Plan" (the "2009 Plan") that expired in 2019. As of December 31, 2024, there are 989,289 shares of common stock available for granting under the Amended and Restated 2009 Plan.

Equity compensation awards granted under the Amended and Restated 2009 Plan are at the discretion of the Company's board of directors and may be in the form of either incentive or non-qualified stock options. As of December 31, 2024, there were 4,179 shares of restricted stock outstanding under such plan.

NOTE 15. INCOME TAXES

The components of income tax for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
	(In millions)		
Income Tax:			
Current:			
U.S.	\$ 64	\$ 41	\$ 12
Non-U.S.	700	812	383
	<u>764</u>	<u>853</u>	<u>395</u>
Deferred:			
U.S.	17	36	55
Non-U.S.	(260)	(320)	(152)
	<u>(243)</u>	<u>(284)</u>	<u>(97)</u>
Income tax expense	<u>\$ 521</u>	<u>\$ 569</u>	<u>\$ 298</u>

The components of net income before tax expense and equity in earnings of unconsolidated entity for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
	(In millions)		
U.S.	\$ 94	\$ (362)	\$ (207)
Non-U.S.	2,338	1,915	987
	<u>\$ 2,432</u>	<u>\$ 1,553</u>	<u>\$ 780</u>

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The following is a reconciliation of the difference between the actual charge for income tax and the expected income tax expense computed by applying the statutory income tax rate for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 to net income before income tax:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
	(In millions)		
Net income before income tax expense and equity in earnings of unconsolidated entity	\$ 2,432	\$ 1,553	\$ 780
Income tax rate	21 %	21 %	21 %
Expected income tax expense	\$ 511	\$ 326	\$ 164
Permanent differences:			
Transfer pricing adjustments	5	11	3
Non-deductible tax	—	7	1
Non-deductible expenses	27	107	54
Tax on retained earnings	147	105	55
Foreign Tax effects	(206)	(137)	(43)
Non-taxable income	(134)	(167)	(62)
Effect of rates different than statutory	34	117	37
Currency translation	56	335	48
Change in valuation allowance	220	4	92
Tax Inflation Adjustments	(130)	(136)	(35)
True up	(9)	(3)	(16)
Income tax expense	\$ 521	\$ 569	\$ 298

Income taxes are determined by each subsidiary on a standalone basis according to income tax law of each jurisdiction. The Company's consolidated effective tax rate for year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to 2023, decreased from 36.6% to 21.4% largely as a result of i) no foreign exchange losses recognition during the year related to the acquisition of Company's common stock in the Argentine market, which was considered as a non-deductible expense (please see Note 24 – Share repurchase program for further information); and (ii) lower taxable foreign exchange gains accounted for in Argentina for local tax purposes that are not recorded for accounting purposes since, under U.S. GAAP, the Argentine operations' functional currency is the U.S. dollar due to the highly inflationary status of the country. This decrease was partially offset by lower reversal of the valuation allowance in the year 2024 as compared to 2023.

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Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences of differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The following table summarizes the composition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
(In millions)		
Deferred tax assets		
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 371	\$ 234
Unrealized net losses	4	3
Property and equipment, net	79	58
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	22	8
Payroll and social security payable	48	42
Provisions	309	275
U.S. foreign tax credit	528	304
Tax loss carryforwards	64	177
Inventories	18	14
Total deferred tax assets	1,443	1,115
Valuation allowance	(584)	(374)
Total deferred tax assets, net	859	741
Deferred tax liabilities		
Property and equipment, net	(33)	(21)
Unrealized net gains	(7)	(4)
Goodwill	(3)	(4)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	—	(2)
Payroll and social security payable	(1)	—
Outside Basis Dividends	(200)	(182)
Others	(17)	(1)
Total deferred tax liabilities	\$ (261)	\$ (214)
	\$ 598	\$ 527

Valuation allowance on deferred tax assets

The following table summarizes the tax valuation allowance activity during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022:

	Year Ended December, 31		
	2024	2023	2022
(In millions)			
Tax valuation allowance			
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 374	\$ 360	\$ 262
Charged to Net income	220	4	92
Charges Utilized/Currency translation adjustments and other adjustments	(10)	10	6
Balance at end of year	\$ 584	\$ 374	\$ 360

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As of December 31, 2024, consolidated deferred tax asset on tax loss carryforwards for income tax purposes were \$64 million. If not utilized, tax loss carryforwards will begin to expire as follows:

2027	\$	1
2029		4
2030		3
2031		25
2032		7
Thereafter		2
Without due dates		22
Total	\$	64

Based on Management's assessment of available objective evidence, the Company maintained a valuation allowance on deferred tax assets of \$584 million and \$374 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. This valuation allowance includes \$528 million and \$304 million to fully reserve the outstanding U.S. foreign tax credits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The valuation allowance increased as of December 31, 2024 compared to 2023, mainly related to the impairment of \$224 million on U.S. foreign tax credit, offset by the utilization of loss carryforwards impaired through the valuation allowance on its Mexican operation by \$26 million.

Knowledge-based economy promotional regime in Argentina

In August 2021, the Under Secretariat of Knowledge Economy issued the Disposition 316/2021 approving MercadoLibre S.R.L.'s application for eligibility under the knowledge-based economy promotional regime, established by the Law No. 27,506 and complemented by Argentina's Executive Power Decree No. 1034/2020, Argentina's Ministry of Productive Development's Resolution No. 4/2021 and the Under Secretariat of Knowledge Economy's Disposition No. 11/2021.

Based on the promotional regime, companies that meet specified criteria shall be entitled to: i) a reduction of the income tax burden over the promoted activities for each fiscal year, ii) stability of the benefits established by the knowledge-based economy promotional regime, and iii) a tax credit bond on the Company's contribution to the social security regime of every employee whose job is related to the promoted activities.

On September 13, 2024, Argentina's Secretariat of Entrepreneurs and Small and Medium Enterprises and Knowledge-Based Economy issued Resolution 267/2024, reducing the aggregate cap on base salaries used to calculate the tax credit bond to which companies that qualify for the regime are entitled from 40 million Argentine pesos to 5 million Argentine pesos; the tax credit bond represents 70% of the Company's social security contributions for those employees whose jobs are related to the promoted activities, with a salary cap which has been reduced to the indicated limit. MercadoLibre S.R.L uses the tax credit bond to offset federal taxes.

As a result, the Company recorded an income tax benefit of \$33 million, \$42 million and \$27 million, during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The aggregate per share effect of the income tax benefit amounted to \$0.65, \$0.84 and \$0.54 for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Furthermore, the Company recorded a social security benefit of \$24 million, \$67 million and \$54 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

NOTE 16. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation and Other Legal Matters

The Company is subject to certain contingent liabilities with respect to existing or potential claims, lawsuits and other proceedings. The Company accrues liabilities when it considers it to be probable that future costs will be incurred and such costs can be reasonably estimated. Proceeding-related liabilities are based on developments to date and historical information related to actions filed against the Company. As of December 31, 2024, the Company had accounted for estimated liabilities involving proceeding-related contingencies and other estimated contingencies of \$135 million (net of judicial deposits) within non current other liabilities to cover legal actions against the Company for which its Management has assessed the likelihood of a final adverse outcome as probable. Expected legal costs related to litigations are accrued when the legal service is actually provided. In addition, as of December 31, 2024, the Company and its subsidiaries are subject to certain legal actions considered by the Company's Management and its legal counsels to be reasonably possible of resulting in a loss for an aggregate amount up to \$257 million. No loss amounts have been accrued for such reasonably possible legal actions, the most significant of which are described below.

The following table summarizes the contingencies activity during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Contingencies	(In millions)		
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 124	\$ 53	\$ 13
Charged to Net income	176	335	16
Judicial deposits	(92)	(273)	—
Charges Utilized / Currency translation adjustments / Write-offs	(73)	9	24
Balance at end of year	\$ 135	\$ 124	\$ 53

Tax Claims

Withholding Tax in the Brazil-Argentina Double Taxation Treaty

On November 6, 2014, the Brazilian subsidiaries, MercadoLibre.com Atividades de Internet Ltda., eBazar.com.br Ltda., Mercado Pago Instituição de Pagamento Ltda. (formerly known as “Mercado Pago.com Representações Ltda.”) and the Argentine subsidiary, MercadoLibre S.R.L., filed a writ of mandamus and requested a preliminary injunction with the Federal Court of Osasco against the federal tax authority to avoid the withholding income tax (“IRRF”) over payments remitted by the Brazilian subsidiaries to MercadoLibre S.R.L. for the provision of IT support and assistance services by the latter, and requested reimbursement of the amounts improperly withheld over the course of the preceding five (5) years, by applying the convention signed between Brazil and Argentina to prevent double taxation (the “Brazil-Argentina Treaty”). The preliminary injunction was granted on the grounds that such withholding income tax violated the convention signed between Brazil and Argentina that prevents double taxation. In August 2015, the injunction was revoked by the first instance judge in an award favorable to the federal tax authority. The Company appealed the decision and deposited into court the disputed amounts. In June 2020, the Company’s appeal was dismissed. The Company submitted a new remedy before the same court in July 2020, which was dismissed on February 17, 2021. On March 18, 2021, the Company filed two appeals with the superior courts. However, the Vice President of the local Federal Court dismissed the remittance of the appeals to the Superior Courts and retained the cases in the local court. Against this decision, the Company filed new appeals, one interlocutory appeal in the Federal Court and other interlocutory appeal in the Superior Courts. On November 29, 2023, the interlocutory appeal was dismissed in the Federal Court, whereas on April 3, 2024, the Superior Court of Justice decided to analyze whether the matter under consideration is capable of becoming a binding precedent. In April 2024, the Company submitted a petition claiming that the case is fully capable of being judged as a binding precedent and the civil association Câmara Brasileira da Economia Digital submitted a petition as amicus curiae with the same arguments. On October 14, 2024, the Superior Court of Justice decided the matter under consideration will be judged as a binding precedent. Besides, in cases involving other taxpayers which also applied the convention signed between Brazil and Argentina to prevent double taxation (“Convention”) as amended by the 2017 protocol, the Superior Court of Justice decided the IRRF is due in the State of the source (i.e. Brazil), given that the Convention grants such rights regardless whether the services provided between the parties contain transfer of technology or not. Management’s opinion, based on the opinion of external legal counsel, is that the risk of losing the case is probable based on the technical merits of the Company’s tax position and the existence of adverse decisions issued by the Superior Court of Justice previously mentioned. For that reason, the Company has recorded a provision for the disputed amounts, which was \$338 million as of December 31, 2024, and which was recorded in non-current other liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets, net of the corresponding judicial deposits for \$307 million (which includes \$60 million of interest income).

Considering that the Brazil-Argentina Treaty to prevent double taxation was amended in 2017, the Company started a new tax claim for the period from January 2019 onwards, and the court granted a preliminary injunction recognizing the right of collecting the withholding tax at a 10% rate. As a result of this preliminary injunction, further judicial deposits of withholding tax will be based on a rate of 10%. According to the current stage of both cases, the Company maintains the provision considering a 15% rate.

Interstate rate of ICMS-DIFAL on interstate sales

Interstate rate of ICMS-DIFAL on interstate sales without Complementary Law

During 2020 and 2021, the Brazilian subsidiaries, eBazar.com.br Ltda. and Mercado Pago Instituição de Pagamento Ltda., filed 15 writs of mandamus with the State Courts of Justice where these companies have sales branches in order to prevent Brazilian states from collecting the ICMS on interstate sales at a differential rate (“ICMS-DIFAL”) without the existence of a complementary law. Four of these cases were filed in 2020 (for the branches of Barueri and Louveira) and the other 11 were filed in 2021, after eBazar.com.br Ltda. opened a new branch in Extrema. On February 24, 2021, the Brazilian Supreme Court ruled on the controversy in a binding precedent, which declared the unconstitutionality of ICMS-DIFAL without the proper complementary law. In the same case, however, the Supreme Court ruled on the modulation of the effects of its decision (with retroactive effect).

From those 11 cases filed by the Company after the Supreme Court's decision (after February 24, 2021), 7 became final and unappealable in favor of the corresponding States (cases related to the branch of Extrema: São Paulo, Rio Grande do Sul, Paraná, Distrito Federal, Bahia, Rio de Janeiro and Santa Catarina), and therefore their corresponding liabilities were settled with the corresponding judicial deposits. Another one of the 11 cases became final and unappealable in favor of Ebazar.com.br Ltda. Finally, the remaining 3 of those 11 cases are still pending and may not stand because of the modulation of effects with respect to that decision. In addition, a case related to the State do Goiás received judgment in favor of the Company, as a result of which, in June 2024, the State filed an appeal that was rejected by the Court. The case has not become final and unappealable. Management's opinion, based on the opinion of external legal counsel, is that the risk of losing is probable. For that reason, the Company has recorded a \$2 million provision for the disputed amounts related to these 3 cases, which are presented net of the corresponding judicial deposits of \$2 million.

With respect to the 4 cases filed by the Company prior to the Supreme Court's decision (before February 24, 2021), 2 of them became final and unappealable in favor of the Company. Of the remaining 2 cases, in June 2024, one of the cases, related to the State of Rio de Janeiro, received judgment partially in favor of the Company. Therefore, the Company presented a motion of clarification which is now pending judgment. In September 2024, the other one of the cases, related to the State of Paraná, had been received in the Superior Tribunal of Justice to the judgment of a Special Appeal filed by the State, which is now pending. The Company has not recorded any liability for the controversial amounts. The Company deposited into court the disputed amounts. As of December 31, 2024, the total amount of the deposits related to the ongoing cases was \$3 million.

Interstate rate of ICMS-DIFAL on interstate sales under Law No. 190/22

In January 2022, (therefore, already in the course of fiscal year 2022 and already in full application of the understanding of the Supreme Court for unconstitutionality), supplementary Law No. 190/22 was published, outlining the general rules for the requirement of DIFAL and expressly mentioning the need to comply with the principle of anticipation or prospective application of taxes (pursuant to which no tax may be levied before the expiry of ninety days from the enactment of the law or in the same fiscal year of enactment). Notwithstanding this provision, which expressly points to the need to comply with the anticipation, Brazil's Federation States have not complied with this guarantee. Therefore, eBazar.com.br Ltda. and Mercado Pago Instituição de Pagamento Ltda., filed writs of mandamus to the 27 Federation States, aimed at preventing the Brazilian tax authorities demand payments of the DIFAL. In this regard, the Brazilian Supreme Court ("STF") has issued a decision regarding the constitutionality of the supplementary Law on November 29, 2023. In the judgment, the majority of STF judges considered the supplementary Law No. 190/22 to be constitutional, therefore, the ICMS-DIFAL is due from April 5, 2022, due to the corresponding time lapse of ninety days between the law enacting and the beginning of the charge. The decision has not yet become final and unappealable and a motion to clarify was presented on May 13, 2024. However, such motion to clarify is unlikely to change the merit of the decision. Management's opinion, based on the opinion of external legal counsel, is that the risk of losing the case is remote for the period between January 1, 2022 to April 4, 2022, and probable for the period between April 5, 2022 to December 31, 2022 based on the technical merits of the Company's tax position. For that reason, the Company has not recorded any liability for the controversial amounts related to the period through April 4, 2022, and has recorded liabilities for the disputed amounts related to the period from April 5, 2022 to December 31, 2022, by \$27 million, which are presented net of the corresponding judicial deposits of \$24 million.

Interstate rate of ICMS-DIFAL over fixed assets

From April to September 2022, the Brazilian subsidiary Mercado Envios Serviços de Logística Ltda., now incorporated by eBazar.com.br Ltda., also filed writs of mandamus to 3 Federation States (São Paulo, Santa Catarina and Bahia), for the purpose of preventing the Brazilian tax authorities from demanding payment of the DIFAL over their respective fixed assets not explicitly addressed by the supplementary Law No. 190/22. Regarding this topic, the STF has not expressly pointed to the principle of anticipation. Therefore, there are two controversies regarding DIFAL over fixed assets: (i) if DIFAL is applicable under the previous supplementary Law No. 87/96, and (ii) if supplementary Law No. 87/96 is deemed not applicable, if the new supplementary Law No. 190/22 needs to comply with the principle of anticipation. In this last controversy, the same decision above mentioned applies to the Brazilian subsidiary Mercado Envios Serviços de Logística Ltda., and its writs of mandamus. Therefore, Management's opinion, based on the opinion of external legal counsel, is that the risk of losing the case is reasonably possible for the period between January 1, 2022 to April 4, 2022, and probable for the period between April 5, 2022 to December 31, 2022 based on the technical merits of the Company's tax position. For that reason, the Company has not recorded any liability for the controversial amounts related to the period until April 4, 2022, and has recorded liabilities for the disputed amounts related to the period from April 5, 2022 to December 31, 2022 for \$3 million which are presented net of the corresponding judicial deposits of \$2 million.

Exclusion of ICMS tax benefits from federal taxes base

The Company has ICMS tax incentives granted by the State of Minas Gerais, through a special regime signed with the state by means of a term of agreement, which are aimed at implementing and expanding business in that state. See Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies of these audited consolidated financial statements for additional detail on the ICMS tax incentives.

On November 9, 2021 the Company filed a writ of mandamus which claimed the exclusion of the amounts relating to the ICMS tax benefits granted by the State of Minas Gerais through the special regime from the tax base of the Corporate Income Tax ("IRPJ") and of the Social Contribution on Net Profits ("CSLL"). On January 31, 2022, a decision was rendered granting the injunction requested in order to exclude the amounts of tax benefits granted by the State of Minas Gerais in the tax base of IRPJ and CSLL. On August 14, 2023, a judgment was handed down in favor of the Company and the Public Prosecutor's Office filed an appeal. On April 17, 2024, the Federal Regional Court ruled in favor of the Company. Therefore, the Federal Government presented a motion of clarification, which was rejected in August 2024. In response, the Federal Government filed a special appeal, but it was rejected on October 10, 2024. Against this last decision, on October 29, 2024, the Tax Authority filed an Interlocutory Appeal. On December 6, 2024, the case was remitted to the Superior Court of Justice. On February 5, 2025, the STJ rejected the Interlocutory Appeal filed by the Tax Authority. The case has not yet become final and unappealable. Management's opinion, based on the opinion of external legal counsel, is that the risk of losing the case is not more likely than not based on the technical merits of the Company's tax position. For that reason, the Company has not recorded any expense or liability for the disputed amounts. The Company recorded a corresponding income tax benefit arising from the ICMS tax incentives for the period from September 2021 up to December 2023, which was \$33 million as of December 31, 2024.

In December 2023 Law 14,789 was enacted, with effect from January 2024, modifying the previous regulation so that the inclusion of the presumed tax credits in the calculation basis of IRPJ/CSLL would become mandatory. On October 18, 2024, the subsidiary eBazar.com.br Ltda. filed two new writs of mandamus, seeking the recognition of the right not to submit to the illegal and unconstitutional requirement of the IRPJ and the CSLL on the presumed tax credits from transactions related to the ICMS in the fiscal year of 2024 forward. Management's opinion, based on the opinion of external legal counsel, is that the risk of losing the case under the new laws is not more likely than not based on the technical merits of the Company's tax position. For that reason, the Company has not recorded any expense or liability for the disputed amounts. The Company recorded a corresponding income tax benefit arising from the ICMS tax incentives from January 2024 onwards, which was \$31 million as of December 31, 2024.

On April 25, 2023, the Company filed a writ of mandamus seeking an injunction and claiming the exclusion of the amounts relating to the ICMS tax benefits granted by the State of Minas Gerais in the tax base of the Social Contributions (PIS and COFINS). On May 26, 2023, a decision was rendered granting the injunction requested. On April 25, 2024, a ruling favorable to the Company was issued. On June 7, 2024, the Federal Government filed an appeal. The Company responded to the appeal and the case was referred to the Court for judgment on the request for an appeal. On October 29, 2024, a decision was issued for the proceedings to be suspended until a final decision on the Topic 843/STF. Management's opinion, based on the opinion of external legal counsel, is that the risk of losing the case is reasonably possible but not probable based on the technical merits of the Company's tax position. For that reason, the Company has not recorded any expense or liability for the disputed amounts. The Company recorded PIS and COFINS tax benefits arising from the ICMS tax incentives, which amount to \$17 million as of December 31, 2024.

Services Tax exclusion in the tax base of the Federal Contributions (PIS/COFINS)

On August 29, 2017, the Brazilian subsidiaries, eBazar.com.br Ltda., Ibazar.com Atividades de Internet Ltda., Mercado Pago Instituição de Pagamento Ltda., and Mercado Envios Serviços de Logística Ltda., filed a writ of mandamus and requested a preliminary injunction before the Federal Justice in Osasco against the Federal Government to exclude the Municipal Service Tax in the tax base of the Federal Contributions (PIS/COFINS). The federal judge granted the preliminary injunction and ruled in favor of the companies on January 15, 2019. On April 8, 2019, the Federal Government presented an appeal that was rejected by the Federal Court. Following the Federal Court's decision, the Federal Government filed two appeals with the superior courts. Since February 12, 2021, the mandamus remained suspended by a decision settled by the Brazilian Supreme Court. The Brazilian Supreme Court started over the judgment on August 28, 2024. However, after a draw in the trial, the judges decided again to suspend the case. Management, based on the opinion of external legal counsel and the current composition of the Brazilian Supreme Court (who has shown dubious jurisprudence in similar cases), is of the opinion that the risk of losing the case is probable. For that reason, the Company has recognized a provision for the disputed amounts of \$48 million.

Administrative tax claims

Federal taxes - Tax payments for the 2016 fiscal year

On October 30, 2020 and November 9, 2020, Mercado Pago Instituição de Pagamento Ltda. and eBazar.com.br Ltda., respectively, received tax assessments claiming income tax payments for the 2016 fiscal year, with respective penalties and fines. In these assessments, the tax authorities do not recognize certain expenses incurred by the Brazilian subsidiaries, such as technology services imported from MercadoLibre S.R.L., Meli Uruguay S.R.L., and MercadoLibre, Inc., as deductible for income tax purposes. The tax authorities concluded that the Brazilian entities failed to submit sufficient evidence during the tax assessment that these services were necessary and effectively hired and paid by the Brazilian subsidiaries. The tax assessments that Mercado Pago Instituição de Pagamento Ltda. and eBazar.com.br Ltda. received amounted to a total of \$17 million and \$11 million, respectively, considering the exchange rate as of December 31, 2024. The subsidiaries filed their defenses on December 1, 2020 and December 8, 2020, respectively, arguing that the agreements and other documentation were submitted as evidence during the tax assessment. The defenses were also complemented by specific descriptions for each project that was impacted by such services to justify the necessity of all the expenses in dispute. On May 25, 2021, Mercado Pago Instituição de Pagamento Ltda. received an unfavorable decision from the administrative court in the first instance, and on June 28, 2021, eBazar.com.br also received an unfavorable decision from the administrative court in the first instance. The Companies filed appeals in respect of both cases with the administrative court in the second instance. On October 9, 2024, the administrative court of second instance issued a decision in order to return the case of eBazar.com.br Ltda. back to the first instance in an evidentiary proceeding. Therefore, eBazar.com.br provided a complementary report with more specific evidence. Regarding Mercado Pago Instituição de Pagamento Ltda., the appeal is still pending. Management's opinion, based on the opinion of external legal counsel, is that the risk of losing the case is not more likely than not. For that reason, the Company has not recorded any expense or liability for the disputed amounts.

Federal taxes - Revenue accounts 2017 fiscal year

On December 30, 2022, eBazar.com.br Ltda. and one of the Company's Senior Legal Directors received three tax assessments claiming corporate income taxes (IRPJ and CSLL) in the amount of \$64 million, withholding income tax (IRRF) in the amount of \$10 million, and PIS and COFINS in the amount of \$10 million, all of them in relation to the taxable year of 2017, including punitive fine of 150% over the tax charged and interest on late payments based on the SELIC rate, and according to the exchange rate as of December 31, 2024. The Senior Legal Director was assessed as jointly liable with eBazar.com.br, due to his role as statutory officer, under provisions of the National Tax Code that enable joint tax liability for acts potentially in violation of the law or the by-laws. With respect to IRPJ, CSLL, PIS and COFINS, the tax authorities concluded that the Brazilian company failed to report taxable income as the company has made book entries in the profit and loss accounts, reverting previous revenues or other revenue accounts, as well as for using foreign languages such as English and Spanish in its book-keeping. The tax authorities also claimed that the company failed in the issuance of invoices, disregarding that the company indeed has a Special Tax Regime granted by the Municipality of Osasco that allows the issuance of a single invoice per period. On July 24, 2024 the administrative body of first instance issued a decision in the tax assessment case claiming corporate income taxes (IRPJ and CSLL). The decision issued is partially favorable to the Company as it rejected the punitive fine of 150% over the tax charged and reduced it to 100%, but maintained the tax assessment and also the joint tax liability of the Senior Legal Director. On August 28, 2024, after the administrative court of first instance issued an unfavorable decision and maintained the tax assessment, the Company filed an administrative appeal in the administrative court ("CARF"). The case has not yet become final and unappealable. Regarding the IRRF, the amount claimed by the tax authorities is already deposited in court under the writ of mandamus that discusses the company's right not to pay IRRF on payments made to its affiliate in Argentina, due to the provisions of the Brazil and Argentina double tax treaty (for further details see contingency "Withholding Tax in the Brazil-Argentina Double Taxation Treaty"). Those deposits were incorrectly ignored by tax authorities. The Company presented the objection on January 30, 2023. Taking into account the documents attached to the Company's objection, in the case of PIS and COFINS, the administrative authorities decided in December 2023 to carry out a verification diligence to analyze the documents, which may influence the outcome of the case. The Management's opinion, based on the opinion of external legal counsel, is that the risk of losing the cases is not more likely than not in the cases of IRPJ and CSLL and reasonably possible, but not probable in the cases of PIS and COFINS, based on the technical merits. In the case of IRRF, the Management's opinion, based on the opinion of external legal counsel, is that the risk of losing the case is remote. For that reason, the Company has not recorded any expense or liability for the disputed amounts.

Buyer protection program

The maximum potential exposure under this program is estimated to be the volume of payments on the Marketplace, for which claims may be made under the terms and conditions of the Company's BPP. Based on historical losses to date, the Company does not believe that the maximum potential exposure is representative of the actual potential exposure. The Company records a liability with respect to losses under this program when they are probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated. See Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies – Provision for buyer protection program of these audited consolidated financial statements for further detail.

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, Management's estimate of the maximum potential exposure related to the Company's buyer protection program is \$5,769 million and \$5,072 million, respectively, for which the Company recorded a provision of \$14 million and \$8 million, respectively.

Commitments

The Company committed to purchase cloud platform and other technology services for a total minimum aggregate purchase commitment of \$3,215 million. As of December 31, 2024, the remaining purchase commitment is \$3,102 million.

On April 8, 2022, the Company signed a 10-year agreement with Gol Linhas Aereas S.A. under which the Company committed to contract a minimum amount of air logistics services for a total cost of \$284 million (portion allocated to the services component of the agreement). As of December 31, 2024, the remaining purchase commitment is \$233 million.

Since October 2023, the Company signed 3-year agreements with certain shipping companies in Brazil, under which the Company committed to contract a minimum amount of logistics services for a total cost of \$49 million. As of December 31, 2024, the remaining purchase commitment is \$39 million.

On January 10, 2024, the Company signed a 5-year agreement for the naming rights of the Complexo Pacaembu (municipal stadium of the city of São Paulo), for a total amount of \$44 million, which has not commenced as of December 31, 2024. The agreement has the option to extend the term for 5 additional independent periods of 5 years each, for the same amount indexed by the Brazilian inflation rate index IPCA.

As of December 31, 2024, the Company has lease agreements for new warehouses in Brazil, Mexico and Argentina for a total amount of \$1,451 million that have not yet commenced. Lease terms under the agreements are between 3 to 15 years.

The Company has unconditional purchase obligations related to capital expenditures for a total amount of \$34 million. As of December 31, 2024, the remaining purchase commitment is \$16 million.

NOTE 17. LONG TERM RETENTION PROGRAM

On April 18, 2024, the board of directors, upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, adopted the 2024 Long-Term Retention Program ("2024 LTRP"). In addition to the annual salary and bonus of each employee, certain employees ("Eligible Employees") are eligible to participate in the 2024 LTRP, which provides for the grant to an Eligible Employee of a cash-settled fixed (a "2024 LTRP Fixed Award") and cash-settled variable award (a "2024 LTRP Variable Award", and together with any 2024 LTRP Fixed Award, the "2024 LTRP Awards"). In order to receive payment in respect of the 2024 LTRP Awards, each Eligible Employee must remain employed as of each applicable payment date. The 2024 LTRP award is payable as follows:

- the eligible employee will receive 16.66% of half of his or her target 2024 LTRP bonus once a year for a period of six years, with the first payment occurring no later than April 30, 2025 (the "2024 Annual Fixed Payment"); and
- on each date the Company pays the Annual Fixed payment to the eligible employee, he or she will also receive a payment (the "2024 LTRP Variable Payment") equal to the product of (i) 16.66% of half of the target 2024 LTRP Award and (ii) the quotient of (a) divided by (b), where (a), the numerator, equals the Applicable Year Stock Price (as defined below) and (b), the denominator, equals the 2023 Stock Price (as defined below). For purposes of the 2024 LTRP, the "2023 Stock Price" shall equal \$1,426.11 (the average closing price of the Company's common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market during the final 60 trading days of 2023) and the "Applicable Year Stock Price" shall equal the average closing price of the Company's common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market during the final 60 trading days of the year preceding the applicable payment date for so long as the Company's common stock is listed on the NASDAQ.

The rest of the LTRPs outstanding as of December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 follow a similar calculation method as explained above for the 2024 LTRP, except that the 2017 and 2018 LTRPs have performance conditions established by the board of directors that must be achieved at the first year-end of each program. Similar to the 2024 LTRP, the rest of the outstanding LTRPs additionally have eligibility conditions to be achieved at each year-end and require the employee remain employed by the Company as of each payment date.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company paid \$160 million (\$61 million in cash-settled fixed and \$99 million in cash-settled variable award) of LTRP plus social security obligations applicable in each local jurisdiction.

The following table summarizes the 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 LTRP Variable Award contractual obligation for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022:

	December 31, 2024		December 31, 2023		December 31, 2022	
	Aggregate Intrinsic value	Weighted-average remaining contractual life (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic value	Weighted-average remaining contractual life (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic value	Weighted-average remaining contractual life (years)
	(In millions)					
Outstanding LTRP 2017	—	—	—	—	7	0.08
Outstanding LTRP 2018	—	—	4	0.08	5	0.58
Outstanding LTRP 2019	23	0.08	37	0.61	35	1.08
Outstanding LTRP 2020	42	0.55	55	1.12	45	1.58
Outstanding LTRP 2021	41	1.04	51	1.62	39	2.08
Outstanding LTRP 2022	97	1.53	115	2.12	86	2.58
Outstanding LTRP 2023	234	2.03	270	2.62	—	—
Outstanding LTRP 2024	210	2.53	—	—	—	—

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The following table summarizes the LTRP accrued compensation expense for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022:

	December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
	(In millions)		
LTRP 2017	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (2)
LTRP 2018	—	3	(1)
LTRP 2019	26	18	16
LTRP 2020	28	21	19
LTRP 2021	26	23	21
LTRP 2022	45	42	31
LTRP 2023	75	60	—
LTRP 2024	61	—	—
	<u>\$ 261</u>	<u>\$ 167</u>	<u>\$ 84</u>

NOTE 18. LOANS PAYABLE AND OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

The following tables summarize the Company's loans payable and other financial liabilities as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
	(In millions)	
Loans from banks	\$ 946	\$ 485
Bank overdrafts	26	33
Secured lines of credit	110	39
Financial Bills	7	—
Deposit Certificates	1,068	976
Commercial Notes	5	7
Finance lease liabilities	41	35
Collateralized debt	610	693
2026 Sustainability Notes	4	4
2031 Notes	8	9
Other lines of credit	3	11
Current loans payable and other financial liabilities	\$ 2,828	\$ 2,292
Loans from banks	\$ 217	\$ 72
Secured lines of credit	6	17
Financial Bills	271	8
Deposit Certificates	2	—
Commercial Notes	170	211
Finance lease liabilities	81	96
Collateralized debt	1,232	782
2026 Sustainability Notes	362	389
2031 Notes	546	626
Other lines of credit	—	2
Non-Current loans payable and other financial liabilities	\$ 2,887	\$ 2,203

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Type of instrument	Currency	Interest	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Maturity	December 31,				
					2024	2023			
(In millions)									
Loans from banks									
Chilean Subsidiaries	Chilean Pesos	Fixed	6.80%	January - December 2025	\$	134	\$	104	
Brazilian Subsidiary	Brazilian Reais	Variable	CDI + 0.81	March 2025		44		—	
Brazilian Subsidiary ⁽¹⁾	US Dollar	Fixed	5.55%	October - November 2025		211		216	
Brazilian Subsidiary ⁽¹⁾	Euros	Fixed	4.16%	September 2025 - November 2026		190		—	
Brazilian Subsidiary	Brazilian Reais	Variable	TJLP + 0.8%	January 2025 - May 2031		20		9	
Mexican Subsidiaries	Mexican Pesos	Variable	TIIE + 1.59% - 3.50%	January 2025 - September 2029		512		178	
Uruguayan Subsidiary	Uruguayan Pesos	Fixed	8.88%	January - June 2025		52		50	
Bank overdrafts									
Uruguayan Subsidiary	Uruguayan Pesos	Fixed	9.64%	January 2025		15		13	
Chilean Subsidiary	Chilean Pesos	Variable	TIB + 2.00%	January 2025		11		20	
Secured lines of credit									
Argentine Subsidiaries	Argentine Pesos	Fixed	37.62%	January - February 2025		102		29	
Mexican Subsidiary	Mexican Pesos	Fixed	10.63%	January 2025 - July 2027		14		27	
Financial Bills									
Brazilian Subsidiary	Brazilian Reais	Variable	CDI + 0.45% - 1.40%	March 2025 - September 2027		278		8	
Deposit Certificates									
Brazilian Subsidiary	Brazilian Reais	Variable	CDI +0.29% - 0.7%	January - November 2025		331		—	
Brazilian Subsidiary	Brazilian Reais	Variable	98% to 150% of CDI	January 2025 - December 2026		480		703	
Brazilian Subsidiary	Brazilian Reais	Fixed	10.69% - 13.98%	January - June 2025		36		77	
Brazilian Subsidiary	Brazilian Reais	Variable	101.5% to 107.5% of CDI	January - February 2025		223		196	
Commercial Notes									
Brazilian Subsidiary	Brazilian Reais	Variable	DI + 0.88%	January 2025 - August 2027		60		78	
Brazilian Subsidiary	Brazilian Reais	Variable	IPCA + 6.41%	January 2025 - August 2029		115		140	
Finance lease liabilities						122		131	
Collateralized debt						1,842		1,475	
2026 Sustainability Notes	US Dollar	Fixed	2.375%	January 2025 - January 2026		366		393	
2031 Notes	US Dollar	Fixed	3.125%	January 2025 - January 2031		554		635	
Other lines of credit						3		13	
						\$	5,715	\$	4,495

(1) The carrying amount includes the effect of the derivative instruments that qualified for fair value hedge accounting. See Note 23 – Derivative instruments of these audited consolidated financial statements for further detail.

See Note 21 – Securitization transactions and Note 22 – Leases of these audited consolidated financial statements for details regarding the Company's collateralized debt securitization transactions and finance lease liabilities, respectively.

2.375% Sustainability Senior Notes Due 2026 and 3.125% Senior Notes Due 2031

On January 14, 2021, the Company closed a public offering of \$400 million aggregate principal amount of 2.375% Sustainability Notes due 2026 (the "2026 Sustainability Notes") and \$700 million aggregate principal amount of 3.125% Notes due 2031 (the "2031 Notes", and together with the 2026 Sustainability Notes, the "Notes"). The Company pays interest on the Notes on January 14 and July 14 of each year, beginning on July 14, 2021. The 2026 Sustainability Notes will mature on January 14, 2026, and the 2031 Notes will mature on January 14, 2031. In connection with the Notes, the Company capitalized \$11 million of debt issuance costs, which are amortized during the term of the Notes.

The Company may, at its option, redeem the 2026 Sustainability Notes, in whole or in part, at any time prior to December 14, 2025 (the date that is one month prior to the maturity of the 2026 Sustainability Notes) and the 2031 Notes, in whole or in part, at any time prior to October 14, 2030 (the date that is three months prior to the maturity of the 2031 Notes), in each case by paying 100% of the principal amount of such Notes so redeemed plus the applicable "make-whole" amount and accrued and unpaid interest and additional amounts, if any. The Company may, at its option, redeem the 2026 Sustainability Notes, in whole or in part, on December 14, 2025 or at any time thereafter and the 2031 Notes on October 14, 2030 or at any time thereafter, in each case at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount of such Notes so redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest and additional amounts, if any. If the Company experiences certain change of control triggering events, it may be required to offer to purchase the notes at 101% of their principal amount plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon through the purchase date.

During 2023, the Company repurchased \$9 million and \$70 million principal amount of the outstanding 2026 Sustainability Notes and 2031 Notes, respectively plus \$1 million of interest accrued on the 2026 Sustainability Notes and 2031 Notes. The total amount paid during 2023 for those repurchases amounted to \$66 million. During 2024, the Company repurchased \$27 million and \$81 million in principal amount of the outstanding 2026 Sustainability Notes and 2031 Notes, respectively. The total amount paid during 2024 for those repurchases amounted to \$98 million. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company recognized \$11 million and \$14 million as a gain in Interest income and other financial gains in the consolidated statement of income.

The Company allocated an amount equal to the net proceeds from the issuance of the 2026 Sustainability Notes to finance or refinance Eligible Projects. "Eligible Projects" are investments and expenditures made by the Company beginning with the issuance date of the 2026 Sustainability Notes or in the 24 months prior to the issuance of the 2026 Sustainability Notes, that: (i) contribute to environmental objectives such as: clean transportation, land conservation and preservation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, green buildings and pollution prevention and control, (ii) aim to address or mitigate a specific social issue or seek to achieve positive social outcomes especially, but not exclusively, for one or more target populations or (iii) combine (i) and (ii).

Certain of the Company's subsidiaries (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") fully and unconditionally guarantee the payment of principal, premium, if any, interest, and all other amounts in respect of each of the Notes (the "Subsidiary Guarantees"). The initial Subsidiary Guarantors were MercadoLibre S.R.L., Ibazar.com Atividades de Internet Ltda., eBazar.com.br Ltda., Mercado Envios Servicios de Logística Ltda., Mercado Pago Instituição de Pagamento Ltda. (formerly known as "MercadoPago.com Representações Ltda."), MercadoLibre Chile Ltda., MercadoLibre, S.A. de C.V., Institución de Fondos de Pago Electrónico (formerly known as "MercadoLibre, S. de R.L. de C.V."), DeRemate.com de México, S. de R.L. de C.V. and MercadoLibre Colombia Ltda. On October 27, 2021, MercadoLibre, S.A. de C.V., Institución de Fondos de Pago Electrónico became an excluded subsidiary pursuant to the terms of the Notes and it was released from its Subsidiary Guaranty. On October 27, 2021, MP Agregador, S. de R.L. de C.V. became a Subsidiary Guarantor under the Notes. On July 1 and October 1, 2022, Ibazar.com Atividades de Internet Ltda. and Mercado Envios Servicios de Logística Ltda. were merged into eBazar.com.br Ltda, respectively.

The Notes rank equally in right of payment with all of the Company's other existing and future senior unsecured debt obligations. Each Subsidiary Guarantee will rank equally in right of payment with all of the Subsidiary Guarantor's other existing and future senior unsecured debt obligations, except for statutory priorities under applicable local law.

2.00% Convertible Senior Notes Due 2028

On August 24, 2018, the Company issued \$800 million of 2.00% Convertible Senior Notes due 2028 and issued an additional \$80 million of notes on August 31, 2018 pursuant to the partial exercise of the initial purchasers' option to purchase such additional notes, for an aggregate principal amount of \$880 million of 2.00% 2028 Notes. The 2028 Notes would have matured on August 15, 2028 unless earlier redeemed, repurchased or converted in accordance with their terms prior to such date. The 2028 Notes were convertible, under specific conditions, based on an initial conversion rate of 2.2553 shares of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of the 2028 Notes (equivalent to an initial conversion price of \$443.40 per share of common stock), subject to adjustment as described in the indenture governing the 2028 Notes. Holders were able to convert their 2028 Notes at their option at any time prior to February 15, 2028.

In January 2021, the Company repurchased \$440 million principal amount of the outstanding of the 2028 Notes. On September 19, 2023, the Company announced its intention to redeem all its 2028 Notes on November 14, 2023. Holders of the 2028 Notes could elect to convert their notes at any time before November 13, 2023. Each \$1,000 principal amount of 2028 Notes was convertible into 2.2952 shares of MercadoLibre common stock.

As of November 13, 2023, holders of the 2028 Notes converted \$439 million principal amount of 2028 Notes into 1,007,597 shares of the Company's common stock which MercadoLibre held as treasury stock. As of December 31, 2023, no principal amount of 2028 Notes remained outstanding.

The Company entered into 2028 Notes Capped Call Transactions. The 2028 Notes Capped Call Transactions were expected generally to reduce the potential dilution upon conversion of the 2028 Notes in the event that the market price of the Company's common stock was greater than the strike price and lower than the cap price of the 2028 Notes Capped Call Transactions. The settlement averaging period with respect to the 2028 Notes Capped Call Transactions began on June 28, 2023 and ended on August 30, 2023, and the 2028 Notes Capped Call Transactions settlement date was September 1, 2023. As a result the Company received 289,675 shares of common stock.

Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement

On September 27, 2024, the Company entered into a \$400 million amended and restated revolving credit agreement (the "Amended and Restated Credit Agreement") with the lenders party thereto and the Company's subsidiaries MercadoLibre S.R.L., Ebazar.com.br Ltda., Mercado Pago Instituição de Pagamento Ltda., DeRemate.com de Mexico S. de R.L. de C.V., MP Agregador, S. de R.L. de C.V., MercadoLibre Chile Ltda., and MercadoLibre Colombia Ltda. as initial guarantors (collectively, the "Initial Guarantors"). The Company's obligations under the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement are guaranteed by the Initial Guarantors.

The interest rates under the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement are based on Term SOFR ("Secured Overnight Funding Rate") plus an interest margin of 1.00% per annum, which may be decreased to 0.90% per annum or increased to 1.15% per annum depending on the Company's debt rating, as further provided under the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement. Any loans drawn from the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement must be repaid on or prior to September 27, 2028, which will be automatically extended to September 27, 2029 upon satisfaction, on or prior to August 28, 2027, of the Maturity Extension Conditions (as defined in the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement), as further provided in the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement. The Company is also obligated to pay a commitment fee on the unused amounts of the facility at a rate per annum equal to 25% of the then Applicable Margin, depending on the Company's debt rating, as further provided under the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement.

As of December 31, 2024, no amounts have been borrowed under the facility.

NOTE 19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Indemnification agreements

The Company has entered into indemnification agreements with each of the directors and executive officers of its local subsidiaries. These agreements require the Company to indemnify such individuals, to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of the jurisdiction where these subsidiaries operate, for certain liabilities to which they may become subject by reason of the fact that such individuals are or were directors or executive officers of the local subsidiaries of the Company.

Advisory Agreement and Shares granted

On April 8, 2022, the Company entered into an Advisory Services Agreement with Mr. Stello Tolda (former MercadoLibre's Executive officer) whereby he provided to the Company with certain consulting and advisory services as an independent contractor for a three-year period for a fee of \$10,000 per month. This advisory services agreement was terminated in its entirety effective September 13, 2024 due to Mr. Tolda's appointment as a Class I director of the Company, with a term of service of September 12, 2024 through until the Company's 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until his successor is duly elected and qualified or until his earlier death, resignation or removal. The Company also entered into a restricted stock award agreement with Mr. Tolda on April 8, 2022, whereby the Company awarded Mr. Tolda a grant of 5,051 shares of restricted stock under the Amended and Restated 2009 Equity Compensation Plan. One-fifth of the restricted stock award vests on each of the five anniversaries of the grant date, subject to Mr. Tolda's continued compliance with the restrictive covenants set forth in the agreement. As of December 31, 2024, Mr. Tolda continues to comply with the aforementioned restrictive covenants.

NOTE 20. CASH DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

After reviewing the Company's capital allocation process the board of directors has concluded that it has multiple investment opportunities that can generate greater return to shareholders through investing capital into the business over a dividend policy. Consequently, the board of directors suspended the payment of dividend to shareholders as from the first quarter of 2018.

NOTE 21. SECURITIZATION TRANSACTIONS

The process of securitization consists of the issuance of securities collateralized by a pool of assets through a special purpose entity (“SPEs”), often under a VIE.

The Company securitizes financial assets associated with its credit card receivables and loans receivable portfolio. The Company’s securitization transactions typically involve the legal transfer of financial assets to bankruptcy remote SPEs. The Company generally retains economic interests in the collateralized securitization transactions, which are retained in the form of subordinated interests. For accounting purposes, the Company is generally precluded from recording the transfers of assets in securitization transactions as sales and is required to consolidate the SPE.

The Company securitizes certain credit card receivables related to users’ purchases through Chilean SPEs. Under the SPE contracts, the Company has determined that it has no obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits of the SPEs that could be significant because it does not retain any equity certificate of participation or subordinated interest in the SPEs. As the Company does not control the vehicles, its assets, liabilities and related results are not consolidated in the Company’s financial statements.

Additionally, the Company securitizes certain credit card receivables related to users’ purchases through Brazilian SPEs. Under the SPE contracts, the Company has determined that it has the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits of the SPEs that could be significant because it retains subordinated interest in the SPEs. As the Company controls the vehicles, the assets, liabilities and related results are consolidated in its financial statements.

The Company securitizes certain loans receivable through Brazilian, Argentine, Mexican and Chilean SPEs, formed to securitize loans receivable provided by the Company to its users or purchased from financial institutions that grant loans to the Company’s users through Mercado Pago. According to the SPE contracts, the Company has determined that it has both the power to direct the activities of the entity that most significantly impact the entity’s performance and the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits of the entity that could be significant because it retains the equity certificates of participation and would therefore also be consolidated. When the Company controls the vehicle, it accounts for the securitization transactions as if they were secured financing and therefore the assets, liabilities and related results are consolidated in its financial statements.

The following table summarizes the Company’s collateralized debt under securitization transactions, as of December 31, 2024:

SPEs	Collateralized debt (In millions)	Interest rate	Currency	Maturity
Mercado Crédito I Brasil Fundo de Investimento Em Direitos Creditórios Não Padronizados	\$ 178	CDI + 2.50%	Brazilian Reais	March 2027
Mercado Crédito Fundo de Investimento Em Direitos Creditórios Não Padronizado	16	CDI + 3.50%	Brazilian Reais	August 2025
Mercado Crédito II Brasil Fundo De Investimento Em Direitos Creditórios Nao Padronizados	193	CDI + 2.35%	Brazilian Reais	January 2030
Mercado Crédito II Brasil Fundo De Investimento Em Direitos Creditórios Nao Padronizados	65	CDI + 5.25%	Brazilian Reais	July 2028
Seller Fundo De Investimento Em Direitos Creditórios	164	CDI + 1.60%	Brazilian Reais	March 2026
Seller Fundo De Investimento Em Direitos Creditórios	82	CDI + 1.80%	Brazilian Reais	May 2026
Seller Fundo De Investimento Em Direitos Creditórios	33	CDI + 1.40%	Brazilian Reais	September 2026
Seller Fundo De Investimento Em Direitos Creditórios	16	CDI + 1.60%	Brazilian Reais	November 2026
Seller II Fundo De Investimento Em Direitos Creditórios Segmento Meios De Pagamento De Rrsponsabilidade Limitada	162	CDI +0.85%	Brazilian Reais	July 2027
Mercado Crédito Consumo XXXII	10	Badlar rates plus 200 basis points with a min 25% and a max 80%	Argentine Pesos	January 2025
Mercado Crédito Consumo XXXIII	23	Badlar rates plus 200 basis points with a min 5% and a max 60%	Argentine Pesos	March 2025 - April 2025 (1)
Mercado Crédito Consumo XXXIV	20	Badlar rates plus 200 basis points with a min 15% and a max 60%	Argentine Pesos	April 2025 - July 2025 (1)
Mercado Crédito Consumo XXXV	22	Badlar rates plus 200 basis points with a min 15% and a max 60%	Argentine Pesos	June 2025 - August 2025 (1)

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SPEs	Collateralized debt (In millions)	Interest rate	Currency	Maturity
Mercado Crédito XXI	1	Badlar rates plus 200 basis points with a min 45% and a max 125%	Argentine Pesos	January 2025 - March 2025 (1)
Mercado Crédito XXII	4	Badlar rates plus 200 basis points with a min 15% and a max 70%	Argentine Pesos	March 2025 - April 2025 (1)
Mercado Crédito XXIII	14	Badlar rates plus 200 basis points with a min 15% and a max 60%	Argentine Pesos	May 2025 - June 2025 (1)
Mercado Crédito XXIV	13	Badlar rates plus 200 basis points with a min 15% and a max 60%	Argentine Pesos	June 2025 - August 2025 (1)
Mercado Crédito XXV	29	Badlar rates plus 200 basis points with a min 15% and a max 60%	Argentine Pesos	July 2025 - August 2025 (1)
Mercado Crédito XXVI	34	Badlar rates plus 200 basis points with a min 15% and a max 60%	Argentine Pesos	August 2025 - October 2025 (1)
Mercado Crédito XXVII	31	Badlar rates plus 200 basis points with a min 15% and a max 60%	Argentine Pesos	August 2025 - October 2025 (1)
Mercado Crédito XXVIII	30	Badlar rates plus 200 basis points with a min 15% and a max 60%	Argentine Pesos	September - November 2025 (1)
Mercado Crédito XXIX	32	Badlar rates plus 200 basis points with a min 15% and a max 60%	Argentine Pesos	September - November 2025 (1)
Mercado Crédito XXX	38	Badlar rates plus 200 basis points with a min 15% and a max 60%	Argentine Pesos	October - December 2025 (1)
Mercado Crédito XXXI	43	Badlar rates plus 200 basis points with a min 15% and a max 60%	Argentine Pesos	October - December 2025 (1)
Fideicomiso de administración y fuente de pago CIB/3756	202	The equilibrium interbank interest rate published by Banco de Mexico in the Diario Oficial plus 2.35%	Mexican Pesos	August 2026
Fideicomiso de administración y fuente de pago CIB/3369	29	The equilibrium interbank interest rate published by Banco de Mexico in the Diario Oficial plus 7.0%	Mexican Pesos	July 2027
Fideicomiso de administración y fuente de pago CIB/3369	219	The equilibrium interbank interest rate published by Banco de Mexico in the Diario Oficial plus 2.8%	Mexican Pesos	July 2027
Fideicomiso Irrevocable de Administración y Fuente de Pago número CIB/4372	129	The equilibrium interbank interest rate published by Banco de Mexico in the Diario Oficial plus 2.5%	Mexican Pesos	August 2027
Frontal Trust Mercado Pago Créditos Fondo de Inversión	5	TAB 30 + 2.1%	Chilean Pesos	November 2027
Frontal Trust Mercado Pago Créditos Fondo de Inversión	1	TAB 30 + 3.9%	Chilean Pesos	November 2027
Frontal Trust Mercado Pago Créditos Fondo de Inversión	4	TAB 30 +4.25%	Chilean Pesos	November 2027
	\$	1,842		

(1) Minimum and maximum maturity depending on the applicable interest rate within the range.

This secured debt is issued by the SPEs and includes collateralized securities used to fund the Company's Fintech business. The third-party investors in the securitization transactions have legal recourse only to the assets securing the debt and do not have recourse to the Company. Additionally, the cash flows generated by the SPEs are restricted to the payment of amounts due to third-party investors, but the Company retains the right to residual cash flows.

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The assets and liabilities of the SPEs through which the Company securitizes financial assets are included in the Company's audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, as follows:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
Assets	(In millions)	
Current assets:		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	\$ 492	\$ 355
Credit card receivables and other means of payments, net	—	105
Loans receivable, net of allowances	1,410	1,198
Other Assets	1	—
Total current assets	1,903	1,658
Non-current assets:		
Long-term investments	12	23
Loans receivable, net of allowances	102	27
Total non-current assets	114	50
Total assets	\$ 2,017	\$ 1,708
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1	\$ —
Loans payable and other financial liabilities	610	693
Other liabilities	1	1
Total current liabilities	612	694
Non-current liabilities:		
Loans payable and other financial liabilities	1,232	782
Total non-current liabilities	1,232	782
Total liabilities	\$ 1,844	\$ 1,476

NOTE 22. LEASES

The Company leases certain fulfillment, cross-docking and service centers, office space, aircraft, aircraft hangars, machines and vehicles in the various countries in which it operates. The lease agreements do not contain any residual value guarantees or material restrictive covenants.

Supplemental balance sheet information related to leases was as follows:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
Operating Leases	(In millions)	
Operating lease right-of-use assets	\$ 1,098	\$ 899
Operating lease liabilities	\$ 1,135	\$ 838
Finance Leases		
Property and equipment, at cost	\$ 208	\$ 183
Accumulated depreciation	(85)	(50)
Property and equipment, net	\$ 123	\$ 133
Loans payable and other financial liabilities	\$ 122	\$ 131

The following table summarizes the weighted average remaining lease term and the weighted average incremental borrowing rate for operating leases and the weighted average discount rate for finance leases as of December 31, 2024:

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
Weighted average remaining lease term		
Operating leases	8 Years	8 Years
Finance leases	3 Years	3 Years
Weighted average discount rate ⁽¹⁾		
Operating leases	10 %	9 %
Finance leases	10 %	14 %

(1) Includes discount rates of leases in local currency and U.S dollar.

The components of lease expense were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
	(In millions)		
Operating lease cost	\$ 228	\$ 173	\$ 128
Finance lease cost:			
Depreciation of property and equipment	35	22	18
Interest on lease liabilities	15	13	8
Total finance lease cost	\$ 50	\$ 35	\$ 26
Variable lease cost ⁽¹⁾	\$ 25	\$ 35	\$ 17

(1) Variable lease payments are expensed as incurred and include charges such as flight hours above minimum, fuel, among others.

Supplemental cash flow information related to leases was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:	(In millions)		
Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$ 189	\$ 168	\$ 117
Financing cash flows from finance leases	51	33	20

The following table summarizes the fixed, future minimum rental payments, excluding variable costs, which are discounted by the Company's incremental borrowing rates and internal rates of return to calculate the lease liabilities for the operating and finance leases, respectively:

Year ending	Operating Leases	Finance Leases
	(In millions)	
One year or less	\$ 258	\$ 49
One year to two years	236	42
Two years to three years	213	34
Three years to four years	197	15
Four years to five years	167	1
Thereafter	527	—
Total lease payments	1,598	141
Less imputed interest	(463)	(19)
Total	\$ 1,135	\$ 122

NOTE 23. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

Cash flow hedges

As of December 31, 2024, the Company used foreign currency exchange contracts to hedge the foreign currency effects related to the forecasted purchase of MPOS devices in U.S. dollars owed by a Brazilian subsidiary whose functional currency is the Brazilian Real. The Company designated the foreign currency exchange contracts as cash flow hedges, the derivatives' gain or loss is initially reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss and subsequently reclassified into the consolidated statements of income in the "Cost of net revenues and financial expenses" line item, in the same period the forecasted transaction affects earnings. As of December 31, 2024, the Company estimated that the whole amount of net derivative gains or losses related to its cash flow hedges included in accumulated other comprehensive loss will be reclassified into the consolidated statements of income within the next 12 months.

In addition, the Company has entered into swap contracts to hedge the interest rate fluctuation of its financial debt held by one of its Brazilian subsidiaries. The Company designated the swap contracts as cash flow hedges. The derivatives' gain or loss is initially reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss and subsequently reclassified into the consolidated statements of income in the Cost of net revenues and financial expenses line item within the next 12 months. As of December 31, 2024, there are no outstanding derivatives hedging the interest rate fluctuation of the financial debt designated as cash flow hedges.

Fair value hedges

The Company has entered into swap contracts to hedge the interest rate and the foreign currency exposure of its fixed-rate, foreign currency financial debt held by its Brazilian subsidiaries. The Company designated the swap contracts as fair value hedges. The derivatives' gain or loss is reported in the consolidated statements of income in the same line items as the change in the value of the financial debt due to the hedged risks. Since the terms of the interest rate swaps match the terms of the hedged debts, changes in the fair value of the interest rate swaps are offset by changes in the fair value of the hedged debts attributable to changes in interest rates. Accordingly, the net impact in current earnings is that the interest expense associated with the hedged debts is recorded at the floating rate.

The Company also uses future contracts to hedge the interest rate exposure of its asset-backed loan portfolio originated in Brazil. In these cases, where the assets included in the portfolio share the same risk exposure, the Company designated the future contracts as fair value hedges under the portfolio layer method. The derivatives' gain or loss is reported in the consolidated statements of income in the same line items as the change in the value of the financial assets due to the hedged risks. Accordingly, the Company will unlock its portfolio's fixed-rate to mitigate the effect of interest rate fluctuations.

Net investment hedge

The Company used cross currency swap contracts, to reduce the foreign currency exchange risk related to its investment in its Brazilian foreign subsidiaries and the interest rate risk. This derivative was designated as a net investment hedge and, accordingly, gains and losses are reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss. The derivatives' gain or loss is initially reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss and subsequently reclassified into the consolidated statements of income in the Interest expense and other financial losses and "Foreign currency losses, net" line items, in the same period that the interest expense affects earnings. As of December 31, 2024, there are no outstanding derivatives hedging the interest rate fluctuation of the financial debt designated as cash flow hedges.

Derivative instruments not designated as hedging instruments

The Company entered into certain foreign currency exchange contracts to hedge the foreign currency fluctuations related to certain transactions denominated in U.S. dollars of certain of its Brazilian subsidiaries, whose functional currencies are the Brazilian Real. These transactions were not designated as hedges for accounting purposes. As of December 31, 2024, there are no outstanding derivatives hedging the foreign currency fluctuation not designated as hedging instruments.

In addition, the Company entered into full cross currency swap contracts to hedge the interest rate fluctuation and foreign currency fluctuations of its financial debt nominated in U.S. dollars held by its Brazilian subsidiaries. These transactions were not designated as hedges for accounting purposes. As of December 31, 2024, there are no outstanding derivatives hedging the interest rate and foreign currency fluctuation not designated as hedging instruments.

Finally, as of December 31, 2024, the Company entered into swap contracts to hedge the interest rate fluctuation of certain portion of its financial debt in its Brazilian subsidiaries and VIEs. These transactions were not designated as hedges for accounting purposes.

The following table presents the notional amounts of the Company's outstanding derivative instruments:

	Notional Amount as of December 31,	
	2024	2023
	(In millions)	
Designated as hedging instrument		
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ 85	\$ 91
Cross currency swap contracts	400	244
Future contracts	86	—
Not designated as hedging instrument		
Foreign exchange contracts	—	16
Interest rate swap contracts	103	245

Derivative instruments contracts

The fair values of the Company's outstanding derivative instruments as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

Derivative Instruments	Balance sheet location	December 31,	
		2024	2023
(In millions)			
Foreign exchange contracts designated as cash flow hedges	Other current assets	\$ 6	\$ —
Interest rate swap contracts not designated as hedging instruments	Other current assets	9	—
Cross currency swap contracts designated as fair value hedge	Other current assets	23	1
Interest rate swap contracts not designated as hedging instruments	Other non-current assets	20	22
Cross currency swap contracts designated as net investment hedge	Other current liabilities	—	6
Cross currency swap contracts designated as fair value hedge	Other current liabilities	2	4
Interest rate swap contracts not designated as hedging instruments	Other current liabilities	15	7
Foreign exchange contracts not designated as hedging instruments	Other current liabilities	—	1
Foreign exchange contracts designated as cash flow hedges	Other current liabilities	—	3
Interest rate swap contracts not designated as hedging instruments	Other non-current liabilities	14	10

The effects of derivative contracts designated as hedging instruments on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

	December 31, 2023	Amount of gain recognized in other comprehensive loss	Amount of (gain) loss reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	December 31, 2024
(In millions)				
Foreign exchange contracts designated as cash flow hedges	\$ (4)	\$ 13	\$ (4)	\$ 5
Cross currency swap contracts designated as net investment hedge	(3)	2	1	—
	<u>\$ (7)</u>	<u>\$ 15</u>	<u>\$ (3)</u>	<u>\$ 5</u>

	December 31, 2022	Amount of gain (loss) recognized in other comprehensive loss	Amount of (gain) loss reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	December 31, 2023
(In millions)				
Foreign exchange contracts designated as cash flow hedges	\$ (2)	\$ (12)	\$ 10	\$ (4)
Interest swap contracts designated as cash flow hedges	(2)	8	(6)	—
Cross currency swap contracts designated as net investment hedge	(1)	(9)	7	(3)
	<u>\$ (5)</u>	<u>\$ (13)</u>	<u>\$ 11</u>	<u>\$ (7)</u>

The effect of the Company's fair value hedge relationships over its fixed-rate financial debt on the consolidated statements of income for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 was a gain of \$51 million, a loss of \$19 million and a loss of less than \$1 million, respectively, and affected Cost of net revenues and financial expenses and Foreign currency losses, net.

The carrying amount of the hedged items for fair value hedges over its fixed-rate financial debt included in the "Loans payable and other financial liabilities" lines item of the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 are \$401 million and \$216 million, respectively.

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The effect of the Company's fair value hedge relationships over its fixed-rate financial debt on the consolidated balance sheets related to cumulative basis adjustments for fair value hedges as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 are \$2 million and \$1 million, respectively.

The effects of derivative contracts not designated as hedging instruments on the consolidated statements of income during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
	(In millions)		
Foreign exchange contracts not designated as hedging instruments recognized in Foreign currency losses, net	\$ —	\$ (11)	\$ (10)
Currency swap contracts not designated as hedging instruments recognized in Foreign currency losses, net	—	—	(29)
Interest rate contracts not designated as hedging instruments recognized in Interest expense and other financial losses	(12)	2	(7)
	<u>\$ (12)</u>	<u>\$ (9)</u>	<u>\$ (46)</u>

NOTE 24. SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM

On February 21, 2023, the Board authorized the Company to repurchase shares of the Company's common stock, for an aggregate consideration of up to \$900 million.

The Company acquired shares of its own common stock in the Argentine market and pays for them in Argentine Pesos at a price that reflects the additional cost of accessing U.S. dollars through securities denominated in U.S. dollars, because of restrictions imposed by the Argentine government for buying U.S. dollars at the official exchange rate in Argentina (See Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies – Argentine currency status and macroeconomic outlook of these audited consolidated financial statements). As a result, the Company recognized foreign currency losses of \$386 million and \$141 million for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The share repurchase program expired on March 31, 2024. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company did not acquire any shares under the aforementioned share repurchase program.

INSIDER TRADING POLICY

Dated as of April 18, 2024

United States federal and state securities laws, along with laws that might be in force in the countries where we operate, prohibit trading on material, non-public information, and such trading could result in personal civil and criminal liability for the persons or entities involved. In addition, as a publicly owned company, MercadoLibre, Inc. ("MercadoLibre") competes with hundreds of other public companies for investment dollars. The most important success factors in that competition are our ability to create value and our reputation for integrity in our dealings with the investment public. It is critical that we maintain a healthy relationship with the investment community. That relationship can be badly damaged if investors perceive that persons related to MercadoLibre are taking improper advantage of material, non-public information in their trading of our stock or bonds or other securities.

In order to take an active role in promoting compliance with applicable laws, and preventing insider trading violations by officers, directors, employees and certain others, MercadoLibre has adopted the policies and procedures described in this policy (the "Policy").

I. Applicability of the Policy

This Policy applies to all transactions in MercadoLibre's securities, including common stock, options for common stock, preferred stock, debt securities and any other securities that MercadoLibre may issue from time to time, such as warrants and convertible debentures, as well as to Derivative Securities (as defined below) relating to MercadoLibre's securities, including securities exchangeable into MercadoLibre's securities, whether or not issued by MercadoLibre, such as exchange-traded options (collectively, "MercadoLibre Securities").

"Derivative security" is defined as any option, warrant, convertible security, stock appreciation right or similar right with an exercise or conversion privilege at a price related to the price of MercadoLibre Securities, or similar securities with a value derived from the value of MercadoLibre Securities.

The prohibitions under this Policy apply to (i) all directors, officers, employees and temporary employees of MercadoLibre and its subsidiaries, (ii) such person's related parties (as defined below) and (iii) independent consultants and contractors of MercadoLibre and its subsidiaries who have access to material, non-public information concerning MercadoLibre and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company Persons" and each a "Company Person").

Portions of this Policy impose additional obligations on certain Company Persons who receive or are likely to have regular or special access to material, non-public information regarding MercadoLibre or another company as a result of their relationship with MercadoLibre (each such person, an "Insider"). MercadoLibre directors, executive officers, vice presidents and certain other persons as the General Counsel may designate from time to time shall be considered Insiders for purposes of this Policy.

The restrictions and prohibitions in this Policy on actions by Company Persons also apply to actions by the spouses, minor children and adult members of the households of Company Persons, and any entities that Company Persons directly or indirectly influence or control ("related persons"). All Company Persons are responsible for ensuring that such other persons or entities do not engage in the activities restricted or prohibited under this Policy.

This Policy continues to apply to Company Persons even after they have terminated their service for MercadoLibre if such Company Persons continue to possess material, non-public information, until that information has become public or is no longer material. Moreover, subject to the other terms of this Policy, if a Company Person's employment is terminated while that person is subject to a blackout period (see the section below entitled "*Blackout Periods*"), that Company Person may not trade MercadoLibre Securities until that blackout period has ended.

This Policy (and/or a summary thereof) shall be made available to all new Company Persons upon the commencement of their employment or relationship with MercadoLibre or its subsidiaries and is to be circulated or otherwise made available to all Company Persons (as defined below) at least once per year.

Company Persons may share this Policy with members of their household, related persons and their financial planner, tax advisor or attorney on a need-to-know basis, provided that those persons may not disseminate this Policy without MercadoLibre's written consent.

II. Statement of Policy

Confidentiality of All Non-Public Information

Company Persons must maintain the confidentiality of all of MercadoLibre's non-public information. In the event a Company Person receives any inquiry or request for information (particularly financial results and/or projections, and including to affirm or deny information about MercadoLibre), from any person or entity outside MercadoLibre, such as a stock analyst, and it is not part of such Company Person's regular corporate duties to respond to such inquiry or request, the inquiry should be referred to Investor Relations, which will determine whether such inquiry should also be forwarded to the General Counsel.

General Prohibition Against Insider Trading

"Insider trading" refers to buying or selling a security, in breach of a fiduciary duty or other relationship of trust and confidence, while in possession of material non-public information about the company that issued the security. Insider trading can also include "tipping" material non-public information about a company to another person, securities trading by the person "tipped," and securities trading by anyone who misappropriated (i.e., steals) material non-public information.

The above restrictions also apply to transacting in the securities of another company while in the possession of material non-public information about that company, when that information is obtained in the course of employment with, or other services performed on behalf of, the Company or any subsidiary of the Company. It is also illegal for any Company Person to "tip" others about that information.

No Trading or Tipping on Material Non-Public Information

No Company Person may, while in possession of material non-public information about MercadoLibre:

- buy, sell or otherwise engage in any transactions, directly or indirectly, in any MercadoLibre Securities, except as described in the sections below titled "*Certain Exceptions*" and "*Transactions under Rule 10b5-1 Plans*;"
- make recommendations or express opinions about trading in MercadoLibre Securities on the basis of such information;
- disclose such information to any third party, including family or household members; or
- assist anyone in the above activities.

The above restrictions also apply to transacting in the securities of another company while in possession of material non-public information relating to that other company, when that information is obtained in the course of employment with, or other services performed on behalf of, MercadoLibre or any subsidiary of MercadoLibre.

Transactions that may be necessary or justifiable for independent reasons (such as the need to raise money for an emergency expenditure) are not excepted from these restrictions. The securities laws do not recognize mitigating circumstances and, in any event, even the appearance of an improper transaction must be avoided to preserve MercadoLibre's reputation for adhering to the highest standards of conduct.

“Material Non-Public Information”

Material Information. It is not possible to define all categories of material information, as the ultimate determination of materiality by enforcement authorities will be based on an assessment of all of the facts and circumstances. Information that is material at one point in time may cease to be material at another point in time, and vice versa.

In general, information is considered “material” if there is a reasonable likelihood that it would be considered important to an investor in making a decision to buy, hold or sell securities. Any information that could be expected to affect a company’s stock price, whether positive or negative, and whether the change is large or small, may be considered material.

While it may be difficult under this standard to determine whether particular information is material, there are various categories of information that are particularly sensitive and, as a general rule, should always be considered material. Examples of such information include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Financial or operational results, whether for completed periods or relating to expectations for future periods;
- Projections of future revenues, earnings or losses;
- A material impairment or change in the value of the Company’s assets;
- Patent or other intellectual property milestones;
- Scientific achievements or other developments from research efforts;
- Significant developments involving corporate relationships, such as joint ventures and other strategic partnerships;
- News of a pending or proposed merger;
- News of the disposition or acquisition of significant assets or a subsidiary;
- Material impairments, write-offs or restructurings;
- Creation of a material direct or contingent financial obligation;
- Impending bankruptcy or financial liquidity problems;
- The gain or loss of a significant customer or supplier, or any significant change in the business relationship with a substantial customer or supplier or other important business partner;
- Changes in dividend policy;
- New product announcements of a significant nature;
- Significant product defects or modifications;
- Significant pricing changes;
- Stock splits;
- Company’s plans relating to its capital structure or outstanding securities, including new equity or debt offerings, and information about possible changes in the Company’s credit ratings;
- Significant litigation or regulatory exposure due to actual or threatened litigation, investigation or enforcement activity, as well as positive or negative developments related thereto;
- Major changes in senior management;
- Significant changes to the Company’s financial reporting principles and policies and internal control procedures;
- Entry into material agreements not in the ordinary course of business (or material amendment or termination thereof);
- A significant disruption in the Company’s operations or loss, breach or unauthorized access of the Company’s property or assets, including its facilities and information technology infrastructure;
- Adoption of stock option plans or other significant changes to compensation plans;
- Material changes in accounting methodology; or
- Any other events that require the Company to file a Current Report on Form 8-K with the SEC.

Non-Public Information. Information is not considered public until it has been disclosed broadly to the marketplace (for example, included in a press release or a filing with the SEC) and the investing public has had time to absorb the information fully. The good faith belief that material non-public information has been made public at the time an individual trades does not relieve an individual from liability if he or she is wrong. Information will be considered to be fully absorbed by 9:30 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time on the third “trading day” after the information is released. If, for example, MercadoLibre were to make an announcement on Monday, the information in the announcement would be considered public (and trades could be made) starting at 9:30 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time Thursday (assuming all relevant days are “trading days”; a “trading day” is a day on which the NASDAQ Stock Market is open for business). Information may also cease to be considered “non-public” if it becomes stale, even if not broadly disclosed (for example, a merger negotiation is abandoned). Any determination that information has become stale should be made only in consultation with the General Counsel.

The General Counsel, in consultation as appropriate with the CEO, the CFO or other members of senior management of MercadoLibre, has the authority to determine whether any information constitutes material non-public information.

Special Restrictions and Prohibitions

- A. Short-Term or Speculative Transactions. The following transactions present heightened legal risk and/or the appearance of improper or inappropriate conduct on the part of Insiders, and are prohibited, restricted or discouraged as follows:
- a. *Short Sales* – Short sales of a security (i.e., the sale of a security that the seller does not own) and “selling short against the box” (i.e., a sale with a delayed delivery) directly or indirectly by Company Persons are prohibited under this Policy. Short sales by their nature signal to the market possible bad news about MercadoLibre or a general lack of confidence in MercadoLibre’s prospects and reflect an expectation that the value of MercadoLibre Securities will decline. In addition, short sales are effectively a bet against MercadoLibre’s success and may reduce the Insider’s incentive to improve MercadoLibre’s performance. Short sales may also create a suspicion that the Insider is engaged in insider trading.
 - b. *Publicly Traded Options* – A put is an option to sell a security at a specific price before a set date, and a call is an option or right to buy a security at a specific price before a set date. Generally, put options are purchased when a person believes the value of a security will fall, and call options are purchased when a person believes the value of a security will rise. A transaction in options is, in effect, a bet on the short-term movement of MercadoLibre’s securities, and therefore creates the appearance of trading by an Insider on the basis of material non-public information. Transactions in options may also focus an Insider’s attention on short-term performance at the expense of MercadoLibre’s long-term objectives. Accordingly, transactions by Insiders in publicly-traded or privately-created options on MercadoLibre Securities, such as puts and calls, and other derivative securities that change value based on the price of MercadoLibre Securities are strongly discouraged. Further, any orders with brokers should not extend beyond any open “window” and be cancellable upon an imposition of any “blackout period.”
 - c. *Hedging Transactions* – A “hedge” is a transaction that is designed to decrease the risks associated with holding securities. A hedging transaction can take many forms and may involve puts, calls, collars, swaps, forward sale contracts, exchange funds, and similar arrangements or instruments designed to hedge or offset decreases in the market value of securities. Certain forms of hedging or monetization transactions, including zero-cost collars, equity swaps, exchange funds and forward sale contracts, allow a stockholder to lock in much of the value of his or her stock holdings, often in exchange for all or part of the potential for upside appreciation in the stock. Because hedging transactions may reduce the rewards associated with holding MercadoLibre Securities, they may decrease your incentive to see the value of MercadoLibre Securities increase and result in a divergence in your interests from those of MercadoLibre and its stockholders. Hedging transactions may also send a negative message to the market. In addition, any Company Person who enters into a 10b5-1 trading plan (discussed below) is required to comply with Rule 10b5-1(c)(1)(i)(C) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Exchange Act”), which provides that certain corresponding or hedging transactions or positions with regard to the securities covered by a 10b5-1 trading plan eliminate the protections afforded by Rule 10b5-1. For these reasons, Insiders are strongly discouraged from engaging in hedging transactions involving MercadoLibre Securities.

- d. *Margin Accounts and Pledges* – Securities held in a margin account may be sold by the broker without the customer's consent if the customer fails to meet a margin call. Similarly, securities pledged (or hypothecated) as collateral for a loan may be sold in foreclosure if the borrower defaults on the loan. A margin sale or foreclosure, even though not initiated at your request, is still considered a sale for your benefit and, if made at a time when you are aware of material non-public information or are otherwise not permitted to trade, may result in inadvertent insider trading violations, Section 16 violations (for officers and directors), violations of this Policy, and unfavorable publicity for you and MercadoLibre. For these reasons, Insiders are strongly discouraged from holding MercadoLibre Securities in a margin account or otherwise pledging MercadoLibre Securities in any way including as collateral for a loan.

The restrictions and prohibitions in this Section A apply at all times *even if* the relevant Insider or Company Person, as applicable, is not in possession of material non-public information. For the avoidance of doubt, the execution of any of the transactions described in this Section A is prohibited if the relevant Insider is in possession of material non-public information.

While Company Persons who are not Insiders are not prohibited from engaging in the above transactions if the transaction is otherwise made in compliance with applicable law and the other provisions of this Policy, MercadoLibre strongly discourages all such persons from engaging in any such transactions because of the possible appearance of impropriety and heightened risk that may result.

- B. Blackout Periods. This Policy defines a "blackout period" as a period of time during which MercadoLibre Insiders are prohibited from trading in MercadoLibre Securities under any circumstances, and a "window" as a period of time during which trading in MercadoLibre Securities by such persons is generally allowed, provided required pre-clearance procedures are followed when applicable and such persons do not possess any knowledge of material, non-public information.

- a. *Quarterly Blackout Periods*

As each quarter progresses, Insiders are increasingly likely to possess material, non-public information about the expected financial results for that quarter. The blackout period is *designed* to decrease the chances of inappropriate trading activity and prohibits trading in MercadoLibre Securities by any Insider during that period.

The blackout period begins every MercadoLibre fiscal quarter on the fifteenth day of the last month of that quarter, and lasts through the end of the second trading day following public disclosure of the financial results for that quarter.

Example: The MercadoLibre first quarter ends on March 31. The blackout period for the first quarter of the year begins on March 15 and continues until two trading days have passed subsequent to the release of the Q1 results. So if the results were released on May 5 — a Wednesday for the purposes of the example — the blackout period would remain in effect on Thursday, May 6 and Friday, May 7. On Monday, May 10, Insiders could trade in MercadoLibre Securities if and only if they are not in possession of material non-public information at that time. Such trading could continue until June 15, when the blackout period for the second quarter of the fiscal year would begin.

- b. *The Window*

The "window" during each fiscal quarter in which it is generally permissible for Insiders without knowledge of material, non-public information to trade MercadoLibre Securities starts on the third trading day following public disclosure of the previous quarter's financial results and ends on the fourteenth day of the third month of the fiscal quarter. Also, any Insider that is a party to an unexecuted trade order must terminate the trade order effective upon the close of the "window," and in no event shall a trade order remain open past this time period. **Trading in MercadoLibre Securities during a trading window should not be considered a "safe harbor," and Insiders should use good judgement at all times.**

c. *Special Blackout Periods*

In addition to the standard blackout period, MercadoLibre may, from time to time, direct or advise certain Company Persons to suspend trading because of developments that are known to MercadoLibre, but have not yet been disclosed to the public. In such a case, not only should the relevant Company Persons refrain from trading if instructed, but the fact that they have been instructed or advised to do so itself is considered material, non-public information and should not be disclosed to any other person or entity.

d. *Modification of a Blackout Period*

MercadoLibre may shorten, suspend, terminate or extend any blackout period at such time and for such duration as it deems appropriate given the relevant circumstances. Any persons affected by such a modification will be appropriately notified.

Certain Exceptions

The following routine transactions, within the limits described, are generally not subject to the restrictions on trading in this Policy. MercadoLibre reserves, though, the right to prohibit any such transaction as it, in its sole discretion, deems necessary.

- A. Sales to Non-Affiliated Third Parties. Company Persons may, with the approval of the board of directors of MercadoLibre (the "Board of Directors") (or its designee) and the General Counsel (or its designee) (which approval may be conditioned upon any terms and/or conditions that may, from time to time, be required by the board or the General Counsel, in each of their sole discretion), sell to non-affiliated third parties the right to purchase shares of MercadoLibre common stock then held by such Company Person; provided, that: (1) the exercise price of such right is greater than or equal to the then prevailing market price and (2) such sale is otherwise executed in conformity with this Policy and applicable law.
- B. Stock Option Exercises. This Policy does not apply to the exercise of any employee stock options, whereby a Company Person pays out-of-pocket to exercise and hold the stock, or to the "net exercise" of a tax withholding right pursuant to which a Company Person elects to have MercadoLibre withhold shares subject to an option to satisfy tax-withholding requirements. This Policy does apply, however, to any sale of shares as part of a broker-assisted cashless exercise of an option or any other market sale for the purpose of generating the cash needed to pay the exercise price of an option.
- C. Employee Stock Purchase Plan. This Policy does not apply to purchases of MercadoLibre stock resulting from a Company Person's periodic contribution of money to an employee stock purchase plan pursuant to the election made by such Company Person at the time of enrollment in such plan. This Policy does apply, however, to (1) an election to participate in an employee stock purchase plan for any enrollment period, (2) sales of MercadoLibre stock purchased pursuant to an employee stock purchase plan and (3) an election to increase or decrease the amount of automatic periodic contributions by payroll deduction to an employee stock purchase plan.
- D. Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Unit Awards. This Policy does not apply to the vesting and settlement of restricted stock and restricted stock units, or the withholding or sale of stock back to MercadoLibre to satisfy tax withholding obligations upon the vesting of any restricted stock or restricted stock units. The Policy does apply, however, to any market sale of stock after vesting.

Additional Procedures and Guidelines

Transactions under Rule 10b5-1 Plans

Implementation of a contract, instruction, or written trading plan ("Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan") under Rule 10b5-1 ("Rule 10b5-1") under the Exchange Act allows a person to enter into a binding contract to purchase or sell stock of MercadoLibre, instruct another person to purchase or sell such securities for the instructing person's account or adopt a written plan for trading such securities, so long as the contract, instruction, or written trading plan specifies the dates, prices and amounts of the planned trades or establishes a written formula or algorithm for those purposes or places the discretion for determining dates, prices and amounts in another person who is not, at the time of the transaction, in possession of material non-public information, in each case in accordance with the specific requirements of Rule 10b5-1. Trades executed pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan that meets the requirements listed below and that comply with Rule 10b5-1 may generally be executed even though the person who established the plan may be in possession of material non-public information at the time of the trade.

A Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan may only be established when a person is not in possession of material non-public information and when a blackout period is not in effect. Anyone subject to this Policy who wishes to enter into a Rule 10b5-1 plan must submit the trading plan to the General Counsel for prior, written approval. Subsequent modifications to or termination of any Rule 10b5-1 plan must also be pre-approved by the General Counsel.

Whether or not pre-approval will be granted will depend on all the facts and circumstances at the time, but the following guidelines should be kept in mind:

- The contract, instruction, or written trading plan must be in writing and entered into only when a blackout period is not in effect and when the individual is not in possession of material non-public information;
- The contract, instruction, or written trading plan must be given or entered into in good faith and not as part of a plan or scheme to evade the anti-fraud rules under the federal securities laws and the person who enters into the contract, instruction, or plan shall have acted in good faith with respect to the contract, instruction or plan;
- If the person who entered into the contract, instruction, or written trading plan is
 - o a director or officer of MercadoLibre, no purchases or sales may commence until expiration of a cooling-off period consisting of the later of: (i) ninety (90) days after the adoption of the contract, instruction, or plan or (ii) two business days following the disclosure of MercadoLibre's financial results in a Form 10-Q or Form 10-K for the completed fiscal quarter in which the plan was adopted (but, in any event, this required cooling-off period is subject to a maximum of 120 days after adoption of the contract, instruction, or written plan); or
 - o otherwise not a director or officer of MercadoLibre, no purchases or sales may commence until the expiration of a cooling-off period that is thirty (30) days after the adoption of the contract, instruction or written plan.
- Any written trading plan executed by a director or officer of MercadoLibre must include a representation in the plan certifying that, on the date of adoption of the plan: (i) the individual director or officer is not aware of any material nonpublic information about MercadoLibre or MercadoLibre Securities; and (ii) the individual director or officer is adopting the plan in good faith and not as part of a plan or scheme to evade the prohibitions of Rule 10b5-1;
- The individual may not have more than one contract, instruction or written trading plan in effect at any given time, and no transactions may be effected outside the plan, except that a series of separate contracts, a later-commencing contract and sell-to-cover transactions are permissible provided in each case that such contracts or transactions comply with the requirements under Rule 10b5-1(c)(1)(ii)(D) of the Exchange Act;

- If the contract, instruction, or written trading plan is a “single-trade plan,”¹ the person who entered into the contract, instruction, or plan must not have adopted a contract, instruction, or written trading plan during the prior 12-month period that: (i) was designed to effect the open-market purchase or sale of all of the MercadoLibre Securities covered by such prior contract, instruction or plan, in a single transaction; and (ii) would otherwise qualify for the affirmative defense under Rule 10b5-1 of the Exchange Act.
- The trading plan must permit its termination by MercadoLibre at any time when it believes that trading pursuant to its terms may not lawfully occur;
- The trading plan should, in the absence of special circumstances, be for a period of not less than 3-6 months;
- The trading plan should provide for relatively simple pricing parameters (e.g., limit orders), rather than complex formulae for determining when trading under the plan may occur and at what price;
- The trading plan may generally not be terminated or amended once it is executed to avoid calling into question the original “bona fides” of the plan; any amendment must be made only during a non-blackout period when the person is not in possession of material non-public information. Modifications of a contract, instruction or written plan that constitute a termination of such contract, instruction or written plan and the adoption of a new contract, instruction or written plan (and which will be subject to the cooling-off periods described above) include: (i) a modification or change to the amount, price, or timing of the purchase or sale of the MercadoLibre Securities underlying a contract, instruction, or written plan, and (ii) the substitution or removal of a broker that is executing trades pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 arrangement on behalf of the person.
- Trading plans do not obviate the need for Insiders to file Form 144 or Forms 3, 4 or 5 and the fact that a reported transaction was made or is to be made pursuant to a trading plan should be noted on the applicable Form; and

A copy of the executed version of any pre-cleared trading plan must be provided to MercadoLibre for retention in accordance with its record retention policy.

Each Company Person adopting the trading plan is solely responsible for compliance with Rule 10b5-1 and ensuring that the trading plan meets the other conditions described above. Each Company Person also remains individually responsible for compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations on insider trading and remain subject to disciplinary action for any violations of this Policy, regardless of whether a trading plan has been adopted. MercadoLibre does not undertake any obligation to approve any trading plan or ensure that a trading plan filed with MercadoLibre complies with Rule 10b5-1. MercadoLibre may publicly disclose information regarding trading plans that are entered into.

Although Rule 10b5-1 may help Company Persons avoid liability under Rule 10b-5, it does not eliminate the requirements and prohibitions contained in other relevant securities laws. Also, the Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan does not liberate an Insider from complying with the Section 16 reporting requirements and short-swing liability rules under the Exchange Act as discussed later in this Policy; therefore, directors and executive officers must immediately report all transactions executed under the Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan to the General Counsel. Company Persons must provide the General Counsel with all information relating to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan or transaction executed thereunder that is necessary to properly prepare MercadoLibre’s quarterly and annual reports filed with the SEC.

MercadoLibre strongly recommends a person seeking to adopt a trading plan consult a personal attorney prior to its adoption.

Pre-Clearance of Trades and Speculative Transactions

Notwithstanding anything in this Policy to the contrary, because Insiders are likely to obtain material nonpublic information on a regular basis, MercadoLibre requires all such persons to refrain from trading in MercadoLibre Securities or entering into any of the speculative transactions described in clauses (b) through (d) of Part II.A. of this Policy (the “Specified Speculative Transactions”), even during the trading window, unless they shall have first notified the General Counsel or his designee of each particular trade and received written permission to trade.

¹ A single-trade plan is one that is “designed to effect” a single transaction. It would not include a plan that gives an agent discretion as to whether to execute the plan as a single transaction or as multiple transactions. Also, a plan that provides that the agent’s future acts will depend on events or data not known at the time the plan is entered into (e.g., a plan providing for the agent to conduct transactions at certain stock prices) or that might reasonably foreseeably result in multiple transactions is not a single-trade plan.

A request for pre-clearance should be made (i) with respect to trading in MercadoLibre Securities, at least two (2) business days in advance of the proposed transaction and (ii) with respect to the Specified Speculative Transactions, at least two weeks prior to the proposed execution of documents evidencing the proposed transaction. A form for such purposes is provided as Attachment A hereto and may be submitted to the General Counsel or his designee by email. To the extent that a particular trade or Specified Speculative Transaction is not consummated within 7 (seven) calendar days following the date that the pre-clearance was granted, the Insiders may no longer rely on any prior approvals and shall be required to submit a new request to the General Counsel or his designee for renewed approval. Promptly upon consummation of any approved trade or Specified Speculative Transaction, Insiders must notify the General Counsel of such event. However, any Insider subject to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan generally is not restricted by a pre-clearance requirement for trades made under the plan after the plan is in effect. MercadoLibre will notify all Insiders of their pre-clearance obligations.

Pre-clearance of trades or Specified Speculative Transactions should not be confused with the broader prohibition on trading when in possession of material, non-public information described in this Policy. Regardless of whether Insiders have received pre-clearance for a trades or Specified Speculative Transaction, they may not trade in MercadoLibre Securities if they are in actual possession of material, non- public information about MercadoLibre.

Individual Responsibility

All Company Persons have the individual responsibility to comply with this Policy. A Company Person may, from time to time, have to forgo a proposed transaction in MercadoLibre Securities even if he or she planned to make the transaction before learning of the material non-public information. While the General Counsel can and should be consulted regarding the application of this Policy, including the appropriateness of engaging in a particular transaction at a particular time, the responsibility for adhering to this Policy and avoiding unlawful transactions, and ensuring that related persons (as described above) do the same, rests with each Company Person.

Reporting Requirements and Other Liability Considerations

MercadoLibre's executive officers, members of the Board of Directors and certain stockholders are subject to reporting requirements under Sections 13 and 16(a) of the Exchange Act, as well as to liability and trading restrictions under Sections 16(b) and 16(c). Under these sections of the securities regulations, such persons must file certain forms with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") to disclose certain details with respect to their transactions in MercadoLibre Securities and are required to disgorge profits made from purchases and sales occurring within six months of each other.

Exchange Act Section 13 Acquisition Statements

Under Section 13 of the Exchange Act, any person or entity who becomes the beneficial owner of more than five percent (5%) of the outstanding shares of any class of stock of MercadoLibre must file an acquisition statement on Schedule 13G or 13D with the SEC and with MercadoLibre within ten (10) days after the transaction. The number of shares owned and the intentions of the acquirer must be disclosed on a Form 13D. If any material changes occur in the amount of stock held by a person or entity who has previously filed a Schedule 13D with respect to their ownership of MercadoLibre Securities, an amendment to that schedule must be filed with the SEC within ten (10) days after the transaction. In lieu of Schedule 13D and under certain circumstances, investors owning more than five percent (5%) of the outstanding shares of that class of MercadoLibre stock may file Schedule 13G with the SEC, provided such investors have not acquired or held the securities for the purpose of changing or influencing the control of the issuer. Schedule 13G is required to be updated annually.

"Beneficial ownership" is broadly defined to include both direct ownership of the stock and situations where a person has the power to vote or direct the voting of, or to dispose or direct the disposition of, the stock.

Exchange Act Section 16

Form 3

Pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, executive officers, members of the Board of Directors and beneficial owners of more than ten percent (10%) of MercadoLibre's outstanding stock ("Section 16 Persons") must publicly report their holdings of and transactions in MercadoLibre Securities. These persons are required to file an initial statement of their beneficial ownership of MercadoLibre's stock within ten (10) days of becoming Section 16 Persons. This form must be filed regardless of whether they hold any MercadoLibre Securities.

Form 4

Changes in beneficial ownership of MercadoLibre's stock, such as purchases or sales by Section 16 Persons must be reported to the SEC on Form 4 before the end of the second business day following the trade. To ensure compliance with all reporting requirements, a Section 16 Person must, on the date of any trade, provide the General Counsel with all information relating to the trade that is necessary to properly prepare a Form 4. A Section 16 Person must also execute a Form 4 (either individually or through a duly-authorized power of attorney) within a sufficient amount of time to allow the Form 4 to be filed with the SEC via EDGAR within the required timeframe.

Form 5

Certain transactions need not be reported on Form 4, but may instead be reported annually on Form 5. Such transactions include gifts, inheritances, bequests and certain small acquisitions of MercadoLibre Securities.

Section 16(b) Short Swing Liability

Section 16(b) imposes liability on Section 16 Persons for any profit derived by them as a result of a purchase and sale of MercadoLibre Securities occurring within any six (6) month period, regardless of whether the trading was actually based on material, non-public information. Any excess of the sale price over the purchase price is considered to be profit and is recoverable by MercadoLibre. It does not matter whether the purchase or sale occurred first, and it is not necessary for the same shares to be involved in each of the relevant transactions. Transactions are paired so as to extract the maximum profit by matching the lowest purchase price with the highest sale price within a six (6) month period. Losses cannot be offset against gains. The result is that liability may exist under Section 16(b) even though the relevant Section 16 Person's overall trading in MercadoLibre Securities resulted in a loss.

Section 16(c) Trading Restrictions

Section 16(c) of the Exchange Act prohibits Section 16 Persons from short-selling MercadoLibre Securities and as such no Section 16 Persons may engage in short sales. Generally, a short sale transaction involves an investor borrowing stock at the time of the short sale. If the seller can buy that stock later at a lower price, a profit results; if the price rises, a loss results. Similarly, Section 16 Persons may not take short positions in MercadoLibre Securities through options or other derivatives in circumstances in which a profit may result from a downward movement in the price of MercadoLibre Securities.

III. Potential Criminal and Civil Liability and/or Disciplinary Action

Criminal and Civil Liability

Pursuant to federal, state and foreign securities laws, persons engaging in transactions in a company's securities at a time when they have material non-public information regarding the company, or that disclose material non-public information or make recommendations or express opinions on the basis of material non-public information to a person who engages in transactions in that company's securities ("tipping"), may be subject to severe criminal penalties and civil liabilities, which apply to both U.S. citizens and non-U.S. citizens. MercadoLibre and its supervisory personnel also face potential civil and criminal liability if they fail to take appropriate steps to prevent illegal insider trading.

The SEC has imposed large penalties even when the disclosing person did not profit from the trading; there is no minimum amount of profit required for prosecution.

Disciplinary Action

Company Persons who violate this Policy will be subject to disciplinary action by MercadoLibre, which may include demotion and other disciplinary actions, including ineligibility for future participation in MercadoLibre's stock option or stock purchase plans or termination of employment. A violation of this Policy is not necessarily the same as a violation of law. In fact, for the reasons indicated above, this Policy is intended to be stricter than the law. MercadoLibre reserves the right to determine, on the basis of the information available to it, whether its policy has been violated. MercadoLibre may determine that specific conduct violates this Policy, whether or not the conduct also violates the law. It is not necessary for MercadoLibre to wait for the filing or conclusion of a civil or criminal action against the alleged violator before taking disciplinary action.

IV. Monitoring Compliance

The Legal and the Risk & Compliance Departments will monitor compliance with this Policy and the General Counsel will periodically review this Policy and consult, as necessary, with the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. In addition to the other duties of the Legal Department under this Policy, the Legal Department and/or the Risk & Compliance Department will be responsible for the following:

- Pre-clearing all transactions involving MercadoLibre Securities by Insiders in order to determine compliance with this Policy, insider trading laws, Section 16 of the Exchange Act and Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended;
- Serving as the designated recipient at MercadoLibre of copies of reports filed with the SEC by Section 16 Persons under Section 16 of the Exchange Act;
- Assisting in the preparation of Section 16 reports (Forms 3, 4 and 5) for Section 16 Persons;
- Sending quarterly reminders to Company Persons regarding the start and completion of the blackout periods;
- Sending notifications to Insiders and other affected persons regarding special blackout periods;
- Sending reminders to all Section 16 Persons about their obligations to report under Section 16;
- Periodically circulating this Policy (and/or a summary thereof) and coordinating training about this Policy to Company Persons;
- Promptly circulating this Policy and coordinating training to all persons who become Company Persons;
- Maintaining a current version of this Policy on MercadoLibre's intranet website; and
- Assisting MercadoLibre in implementing this Policy, including monitoring relevant changes in law, regulation or best practices and making appropriate changes to this Policy and related practices and procedures.

The General Counsel has ultimate responsibility for all matters pertaining to the interpretation and enforcement of this Policy.

V. Inquiries

Any person who has questions about MercadoLibre's Policy or is uncertain about the application of the policy to specific circumstances may contact MercadoLibre's General Counsel at jcimach@mercadolibre.com and gabriela.colombo@mercadolibre.com. However it is always important to understand that each person, and not MercadoLibre, is responsible for his or her compliance with this Policy and other United States federal and state securities laws, along with laws in the countries where we operate.

VI. Acknowledgement

All Company Persons must confirm in writing their understanding of, and intent to comply with, this Policy.

ATTACHMENT A

Form of Clearance Request

Name	
Title	
Proposed Transaction Date	
Type of Security Subject to the Transaction	
Type of Transaction (publicly traded options / hedging (please attach draft contract) / margin account (please attach draft contract) / pledging (please attach draft contract) / open market purchase or sale / privately negotiated purchase or sale / entry into 10b5-1 Plan (please attach draft plan) / gift)	
Number of Shares Involved (if applicable) (leave a range if unknown)	

Certification [Must be Included in each Request]

I acknowledge that by submitting this request via email, I hereby certify that:

- I have reviewed MercadoLibre's Insider Trading Policy
- I am not in possession of any material non-public information concerning MercadoLibre and / or its subsidiaries.
- I understand that material non-public information is information concerning MercadoLibre and / or its subsidiaries that (a) is not generally known to the public; and (b) if publicly known, would be likely to affect either the market price of MercadoLibre Securities or a person's decision to buy, sell or hold MercadoLibre Securities.
- I understand that if I trade while in possession of material non-public information, I may be subject to severe civil or criminal penalties, and may be subject to discipline by MercadoLibre up to and including termination for cause.
- I understand that if I become aware of any material non-public information concerning Mercado Libre prior to the requested trade, the trade may not be completed, even if clearance has been granted.
- I understand that this pre-clearance is for a limited time and is valid for a period of 7 calendar days.
- I understand that pre-clearance to enter into the transaction described in this form, if granted, is based on the information provided by me on this form.

I understand that pre-clearance of the requested transaction will not be issued if this form is not submitted to the General Counsel. Pre-clearances are subject to cancellation at the discretion of Mercado Libre. The submission of this form does not grant me or my affiliates clearance to trade. I must receive separate confirmation of clearance from the General Counsel (which will be evidenced by an approval via email of the pre-clearance form) after submission of this form. I certify that the information contained in this form is true and correct, and I understand and acknowledge that Mercado Libre will rely upon this form in reviewing my pre-clearance request.

Name: [●]

Review and Decision Response

I, [name] have reviewed the foregoing application and based on the information provided on your Clearance Request [approve / prohibit] the proposed trade(s).

[A Spanish language translation of the Form of Clearance Request Follows.]

ANEXO A

Forma de Solicitud de Autorización

Nombre	
Cargo	
Fecha de Transacción Propuesta	
Tipo de Títulos sujetos a la transacción	
Tipo de Transacción (<i>publicly traded options / hedging</i> (favor adjuntar borrador de contrato) / <i>margin account</i> (favor adjuntar borrador de contrato) / <i>pledging</i> (favor adjuntar borrador de contrato) / compra o venta privada o a través de la bolsa / ratificación de un Plan 10b5-1 (favor adjuntar borrador del plan) / regalo):	
Número de Acciones (si aplica) (de no conocer monto, indicar rango)	

Certificación [debe ser incluido en cada solicitud]

Reconozco al enviar la presente solicitud vía email que:

- he leído la Política de Insider Trading de MercadoLibre
- no estoy en posesión de ninguna información material no pública sobre MercadoLibre y/o sus subsidiarias.
- entiendo que la información material no pública es información sobre MercadoLibre y/o sus subsidiarias que (a) no se conoce generalmente por el público; y (b) si se conociera públicamente, tendría la tendencia de afectar o al precio de los Títulos MercadoLibre en el mercado o la decisión de un individuo de comprar, vender o no vender los Títulos MercadoLibre.
- entiendo que si compro o vendo Títulos de MercadoLibre mientras esté en posesión de información material no pública, podría estar sujeto a penas civiles o penales graves y a sanciones disciplinarias por parte de MercadoLibre, incluyendo la terminación por causa justificada.
- entiendo que si entro en posesión de información material no pública sobre Mercado Libre antes de ejecutar la transacción propuesta, la misma no podrá ser ejecutada, aun cuando ya se hubiese otorgado la autorización para realizar la transacción.
- entiendo que esta autorización es por tiempo limitado y válida por 7 días corridos.
- entiendo que en caso que se otorgue la autorización para ejecutar la transacción descrita en esta solicitud, el otorgamiento se hace sobre la base de la información he proporcionado en esta solicitud.

Reconozco que la autorización para la transacción propuesta no será otorgada si esta solicitud no es presentada al General Counsel. La autorización podrá ser cancelada a discreción de Mercado Libre. La presentación de esta solicitud no implica una autorización para realizar la transacción propuesta. Luego de presentar la solicitud yo tengo que recibir una confirmación por email del General Counsel autorizando la transacción. Reconozco que la información contenida en la presente solicitud es verdadera y correcta y que Mercado Libre se basará en esta solicitud para analizar si concede o no la autorización para realizar la transacción propuesta.

Nombre: [●]

respuesta de revisión y Decisión

Yo, [nombre] he revisado esta solicitud y de acuerdo a la información provista la Solicitud de Autorización apruebo / prohíbo (indicar uno) la(s) transacción(es) propuesta(s).

MercadoLibre, Inc.

LIST OF SUBSIDIARIES

All subsidiaries are wholly-owned, directly or indirectly, by MercadoLibre, Inc.

Legal name	Jurisdiction
MercadoLibre S.R.L.	Argentina
DeRemate.com de Argentina S.A.	Argentina
Meli Log S.R.L.	Argentina
First Label S.R.L.	Argentina
Tech Pack S.R.L.	Argentina
MercadoPago Servicios de Procesamiento S.R.L.	Argentina
Interface Solutions S.R.L.	Argentina
Mercado Pago Inversiones S.R.L.	Argentina
Mercado Pago Asset Management S.A.	Argentina
MercadoLivre.com Atividades de Internet Ltda.	Brazil
Mercado Pago Instituição de Pagamento Ltda.	Brazil
eBazar.com.br Ltda.	Brazil
Meli Developers Brasil Ltda.	Brazil
Mercado Crédito Holding Financeira Ltda.	Brazil
Mercado Envios Transporte Ltda.	Brazil
Mercado Crédito Sociedade de Crédito, Financiamento e Investimento S.A.	Brazil
Mercado Pago Corretora de Seguros Ltda.	Brazil
Mercado Pago Distribuidora de Títulos e Valores Mobiliários Ltda.	Brazil
Kangu Transportes Ltda.	Brazil
Kangu Participações S.A.	Brazil
K2I Intermediação Ltda.	Brazil
MercadoLibre Chile Ltda.	Chile
Mercado Pago Operadora S.A.	Chile
Mercado Pago Emisora S.A.	Chile
Kangu Chile Limitada	Chile
Mercado Pago Corredores de Seguros SpA	Chile
Red de Pagos del Comercio Limitada	Chile
Mercado Pago Crypto S.A.	Chile
Mercado Pago Lending Limitada	Chile
MAJIADUO Business Consulting (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.	China
MercadoLibre Colombia Ltda.	Colombia
MercadoPago Colombia Ltda.	Colombia
Mercadopago S.A. Compañía de Financiamiento	Colombia
Kangu Tecnología Logística S.A.S.	Colombia
MercadoLibre Costa Rica S.R.L.	Costa Rica
MercadoLibre Ecuador Cia. Ltda.	Ecuador
Meli Participaciones, S.L.	Spain
Alice Biometrics, S.L.	Spain
MercadoLibre, S.A. de C.V., Institución de Fondos de Pago Electrónico	Mexico
DeRemate.com de México, S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
PSGAC, S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
Mercado Lending, S.A. de C.V.	Mexico
Meli Operaciones Logísticas II, S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
Meli Global Imports, S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
MP Agregador, S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico

Legal name	Jurisdiction
Mercado Insurtech Agente de Seguros, S.A. de C.V.	Mexico
MP Procesamiento de Pagos, S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
MercadoLibre Perú S.R.L.	Peru
MercadoPago Perú S.R.L.	Peru
Meli Uruguay S.R.L.	Uruguay
Tech Fund S.R.L	Uruguay
Deremate.com de Uruguay S.R.L.	Uruguay
Kiserty S.A.	Uruguay
MercadoPago Uruguay S.R.L.	Uruguay
Dirpul S.A.	Uruguay
Hammer.com, LLC	Delaware, USA
Servicios Administrativos y Comerciales, LLC	Delaware, USA
MercadoPago, LLC	Delaware, USA
Global Selling, LLC	Delaware, USA
Autopark, LLC	Delaware, USA
Autopark Classifieds, LLC	Delaware, USA
Marketplace Investments, LLC	Delaware, USA
Classifieds, LLC	Delaware, USA
SFSC, LLC	Delaware, USA
Meli Capital, LLC	Delaware, USA
Meli Capital Ventures, LLC	Cayman Islands

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the following Registration Statements:

1. Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-151063) pertaining to the 1999 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan of MercadoLibre, Inc.; and
2. Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-159891) pertaining to the 2009 Equity Compensation Plan of MercadoLibre, Inc.;

of our reports dated February 21, 2025, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of MercadoLibre, Inc., and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of MercadoLibre, Inc., included in this Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2024.

/s/ PISTRELLI, HENRY MARTIN Y ASOCIADOS S.A.

Member of Ernst & Young Global Limited

City of Buenos Aires, Argentina

February 21, 2025

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
RULE 13a 14(a) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Marcos Galperin, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 of MercadoLibre, Inc. (the "registrant");
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

February 21, 2025

By: /s/ Marcos Galperin

Marcos Galperin
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
RULE 13a 14(a) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Martín de los Santos, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 of MercadoLibre, Inc. (the “registrant”);
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant’s other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant’s most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant’s fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant’s other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant’s auditors and the audit committee of registrant’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting.

February 21, 2025

By: /s/ Martín de los Santos

Martín de los Santos
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K of MercadoLibre, Inc. (the "Company") for the year ended December 31, 2024, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Marcos Galperin, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

February 21, 2025

/s/ Marcos Galperin

Marcos Galperin
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely to accompany this report pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, and is not being filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing. A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K of MercadoLibre, Inc. (the "Company") for the year ended December 31, 2024, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Martín de los Santos, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

February 21, 2025

/s/ Martín de los Santos

Martín de los Santos

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely to accompany this report pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, and is not being filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing. A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.