



2022 SUSTAINABILITY BOND REPORT

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Message from the CFO

In 2022, Mercado Libre continued to grow vigorously throughout Latin America. Every business unit showed robust outcomes highlighted by the fact that, for the first time, active users amounted to 148 million at the end of the fourth quarter, completing 36 purchases per second in the marketplace and 173 transactions per second through Mercado Pago.

Our sustained growth enables us to foster and enhance all the positive socioeconomic impacts of our business, driving the commercial and financial inclusion of thousands of entrepreneurs, and contributing to the prosperity of our communities through technological transformation and inclusion. Still, we know this growth underscores our responsibility to be increasingly efficient and innovative in our strategies to reduce our environmental impact throughout the value chain.

With this challenge in mind, we issued our first-ever sustainability bond of USD 400 million in January 2021, which currently has 42% of its proceeds allocated. We want to share our main achievements of 2022.

EDUCATION AND DIGITAL INCLUSION

We continued to invest in youth training and education in order to increase their access to technology and employment. We extended the scope of programs such as “Conectadas”—which trained 1,400 girls aged 14 to 18 in Latin America—and “Redes al Futuro”— which impacted 906 young people.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

This year we increased sevenfold our bond allocation in order to expand the renewable energy consumption of our fulfillment centers, migrating an additional 10 sites (8 in Brazil, Mexico and Chile) to 100% renewables.

REGENERATION AND CONSERVATION

We already allocated USD 5 million of our USD 10 million 2022 commitment which allowed us to expand our program in Brazil with three new projects and adding our first in Mexico. This puts an additional 3300 hectares into restoration, equivalent to 3 million trees. We have also launched our first open request for proposals throughout the region in order to identify projects to allocate the remaining USD 5 million from our 2022 commitment.

ACCESS TO FINANCE

Approximately 58.15% of proceeds in 2022 helped SMEs and entrepreneurs grow their businesses by facilitating access to credit and funding. Nearly 70% of these funds were targeted to microenterprises that normally have limited access to the traditional banking system.

CLEAN TRANSPORTATION

At this report’s closing, we have increased our electric fleet to 797 units, of which 300 are already in operation, and installed over 200 charging docks, representing a total allocation of USD 8.61 million.

When we issued the sustainability bond in early 2021, we anticipated allocating a significant percentage of its proceeds to eligible projects meeting the Clean Transportation criteria described in our Sustainability Bond Framework since this approach is consistent with our efforts to decarbonize our operations. This is why we have increased our investment in this area over ninefold.

However, our ability to execute agile investment in this area has run into certain market restrictions fueled by the current geopolitical global context, causing a lack availability of suitable charging docks and electric vehicles in the region. As a result, and after careful consideration, we have decided to extend the time period during which we intend to allocate such proceeds by an additional year.

We believe that transitioning to electric mobility is a key driver towards a low carbon economy and although we are facing political and macroeconomic challenges we remain committed to reducing day after day our environmental footprint.

PEDRO ARNT
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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About our Sustainability Bond

Our Sustainability Bond

The Sustainability Bond was launched two years ago. This year, an aggregate amount of USD 104.62 million has been allocated to triple impact projects driving the sustainable development of our business and the region.

Our first Sustainability Bond was issued in January 2021, for an aggregate principal amount of USD 400 million. It is a five-year investment paying a fixed rate interest of 2.375% per year. The relevant net proceeds will be used to fund and develop projects with environmental and social goals, accounted for in this document.

The information in this report will include the allocation of proceeds from the Sustainability Bond to date and the expected impact of these investments. We anticipate allocating the aggregate proceeds within 48 months as from the date of bond issue.

About our Sustainability Bond

Issuer	Mercado Libre
Issue date	January 14, 2021
Currency	USD
Tenor	2021-2026
Issued amount	USD 400.000.000
Net proceeds	USD 398.712.500
Use of proceeds	Funding or refinancing new or ongoing projects with a positive economic, social and environmental impact
Coupon rate	2.375 % per year

Sustainable Bond Framework

Use of proceeds

Proceeds have been and will always be used to fund or refinance new or ongoing projects with a positive economic, social and environmental impact, aligned with the framework of our sustainability strategy priorities.

REDUCTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT

Increase the use of renewable energies, sustainable packaging materials and mobility, and support energy efficiency projects.

FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Provide SMEs and entrepreneurs access to financing.


SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

Foster education and training to reduce the digital gap and help the young access the labor market.

These may include investments and funded expenditures, by Mercado Libre or any of its subsidiaries, disbursed up to 24 months before the bond issue.

With the Sustainable Bond, we want to leverage the capital market to accelerate the transition into a new economy in harmony with society and nature.

Project selection criteria

PROJECTS	ELEGIBLE CRITERIA	SDG CONTRIBUTION
Reduction of our environmental footprint		
Clean Transportation	Procurement, maintenance, and operation of electric trucks and vehicles as well as associated infrastructure.	  
Land Conservation and Preservation	Nature regeneration projects with highly trusted conservation organizations, with a focus on key biomes of Latin America, to achieve third party tech-based verifications of the carbon capture results.	
Renewable Energy	Generation capacity and procurement of renewable energy including on-site wind and solar projects and power purchase agreements (PPAs) with renewable energy providers, including wind or solar projects and small hydro projects.	
Eco-efficient Sustainable Materials and Circular Economy Processes	Procurement and development of sustainable packaging materials.	 
Green Buildings	Design, construction, maintenance, or refurbishment of buildings that improve the environmental performance of our distribution centers and office facilities.	 
Energy Efficiency and Smart Metering	Improvement and optimization of energy efficiency through smart metering systems.	 
Waste Reduction Strategies	Waste reduction strategies as well as recycling programs or waste management optimization designed to reduce waste destined for landfill facilities.	 
Financial inclusion		
Access to Finance	Support SMEs communities in Latin America, providing entrepreneurs access to finance.	 
Social development and empowerment		
Socioeconomic Advancement and Empowerment through Education	Education initiatives to reduce the digital gap and promote the inclusion of young people in the job market.	   

Project management and selection

The Sustainability Financial Committee, which reports directly to the corporate CFO, identifies, assesses, and selects projects based on the above criteria, in agreement with the parameters defined for the sustainability bond.

The Committee also audits project investments made with the net proceeds from sales of the bond. In case net proceeds have not been allocated or reallocated, these funds are temporarily invested in cash, cash equivalents, or short-term debt securities, according to the company's policy on liquidity management.

Transparency and accountability

The following reporting instruments ensure a transparent and responsible traceability of investments:

SUSTAINALYTICS REPORT

Second-Party Opinion from Sustainalytics according to the framework and guidelines of the International Capital Market Association (ICMA), as detailed in its 'Handbook - Harmonized Framework for Impact Reporting (April 2020).'

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE USE OF PROCEEDS UP TO COMPLETE ALLOCATION

A report including the progress of the allocation of net proceeds and selected impact indicators, along with a statement from the Board showing the net proceeds allocated to sustainability projects.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Independent opinion by an auditing firm confirming the Board's statement.

Our ongoing pursuit of purpose

The positive impact of the entrepreneurial ecosystem

Inclusive development in Latin America

Climate change mitigation actions



Sustainability at MELI

We
continue
to promote
our
purpose.

We are driven by the purpose of democratizing commerce and financial services to transform the lives of millions of people across the region.

As the largest e-commerce and fintech technology company in Latin America and the ninth largest e-commerce platform in the world, we seek to give everyone the same opportunities, whether large corporations or small entrepreneurs, to reduce economic gaps and geographical distances.

We know that the best is yet to come, but we also know that a better future starts today, and requires teamwork: businesses, consumers, social organizations, governments, academia, and investors. We work every day with this idea in mind, looking forward to generating a positive and game-changing, cross-cutting impact.

Every unit and level of our company is led by this vision: we are an entrepreneurial team that believes in sustainability as a way of doing things. Our strategy embeds three main concepts and courses of action that reflect such a vision:

DEVELOPING AN IMPACTFUL ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM

We foster the commercial and financial inclusion of entrepreneurs with a positive social and environmental impact.

SUPPORT THE SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITIES

We focus on digital education, training, and inclusion.

MANAGE OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

We adopt special measures to prevent, reduce, and mitigate environmental impact throughout our value chain.

The *positive* impact of the entrepreneurial ecosystem

We believe that entrepreneurs and SMEs play a key role in driving sustainable socioeconomic development in Latin America. Their adaptability to meet new challenges and understand complex contexts provides them with a unique transformation capacity. Besides, Latin Americans nowadays prefer sustainable consumption and a healthier lifestyle.

This is why we strengthen the income-generating capacity, financial inclusion, and digital transformation of these players and support the development of entrepreneurs projects involving products with a positive socio-environmental impact.

- **We broadened the Sustainable Products section**, which fosters income generation for entrepreneurs projects having a positive socio-environmental impact, helping make their products available to millions of consumers.

- **We develop skills** so that more and more entrepreneurs and small producers can generate incomes through e-commerce, especially targeting population segments with limited access to our platforms due to geographical location, digital gaps, gender, or race.

- **We foster financial education and training** to help thousands of Latin American women entrepreneurs grow their businesses by incorporating financial management tools and access to credit.

We create value for entrepreneurs from the very heart of our business: our solutions ecosystem.



Inclusive development in Latin America

Social inclusion, along with education and training, are the foundations of our relationship with the communities in every country where we operate. We support initiatives seeking to reduce digital gaps and help increasingly more young people access opportunities in the world of knowledge economy, leading to a more inclusive future.

We help people and social organizations uncover the potential of tech solutions and support them to be trained in key digital skills.

Our education and training initiatives aim to:

- Drive the development of digital knowledge building and democratize people's access to STEM skills.
- Foster women's access to the tech world.
- Strengthen young people's skills to find their first job.

We work collaboratively with specialized organizations to go far beyond offering education and training in technical and socio-emotional skills: we seek to foster the development of key skills for digital citizens in the 21st century.

We know that civil organizations play a key role in creating more democratic and equitable societies. To help them achieve this goal and enhance their impact, we put at their disposal our tech platforms and solutions through Mercado Libre Solidario. In doing so, we strengthen their digital inclusion and fundraising capacity to multiply opportunities and promote the culture of digital donation in Latin America.

Climate change mitigation actions

We are fully aware of the environmental impact that the current electronic commerce growth entails. Climate action is a responsibility that no sector of the economy, including e-commerce and logistics, should avoid. The efficiency and innovation required to meet some structural challenges call for joint efforts by all stakeholders.

Having a leading role in this transformation process in Latin America, we rise to the challenge of promoting and fostering dialogue, driving the necessary innovation to speed up change.

Our environmental strategy is based on four pillars:

ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Increase our energy efficiency and the use of energy from clean and renewable sources, aiming to migrate 100% of our operations in our distribution centers to this kind of resource.

SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

Reduce the impact of our logistics operations, particularly aiming to increase our electric freight fleet, use low-carbon fuels, and adopt innovative solutions throughout our value chain.

CIRCULARITY OF MATERIALS

Implement processes to recover materials from our operations, using tests and implementing innovative and scalable packaging solutions to reduce environmental impact.

REGENERATION AND CONSERVATION

Combat climate change and protect biodiversity in the region by investing in projects that support the regeneration and conservation of emblematic biomes in Latin America, generating high-quality and high-integrity carbon credits and fostering the empowerment of local communities.



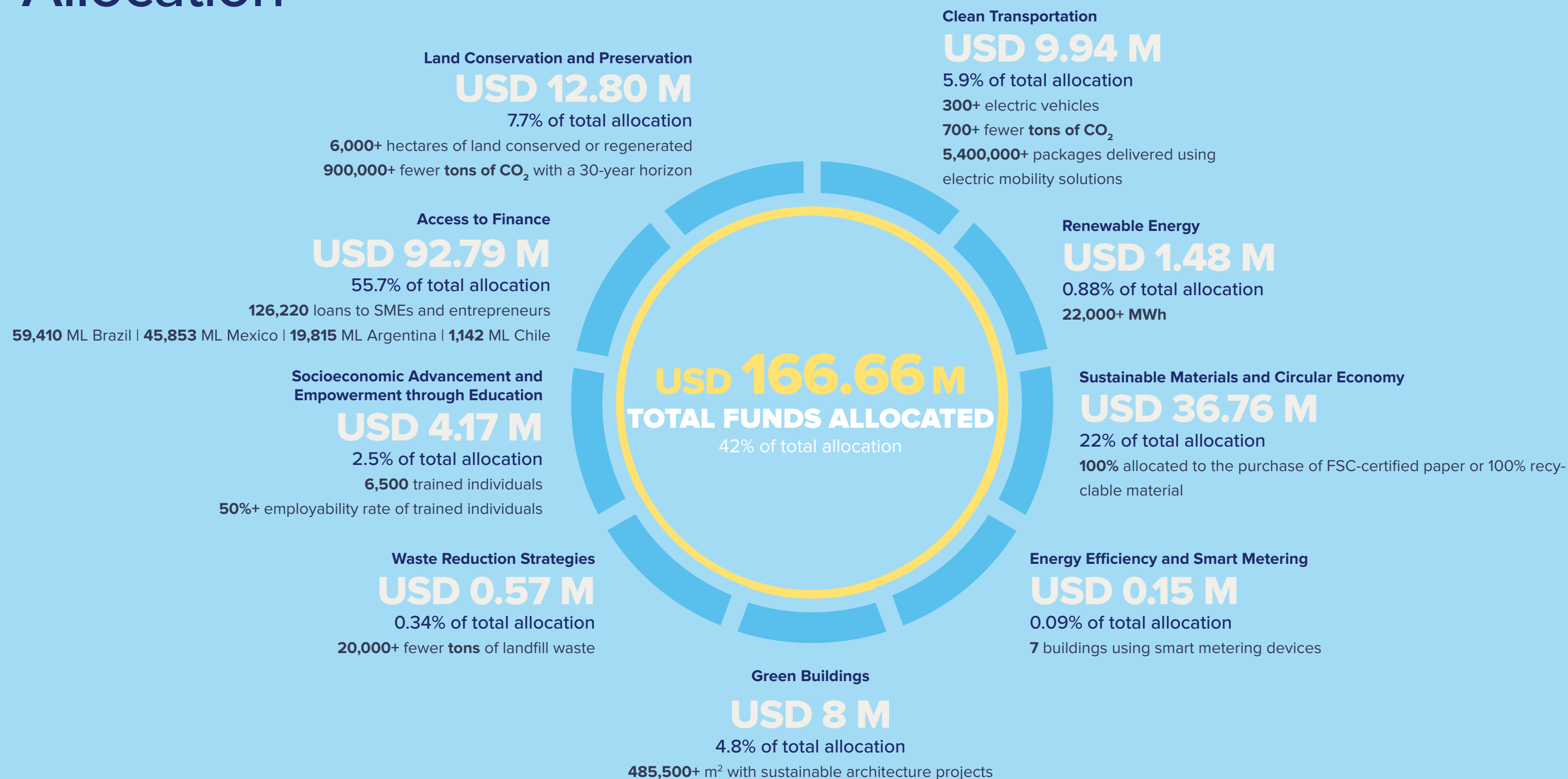
Sustainability Bond Allocation

Allocation per country



Impact Report and Allocation of proceeds

Sustainability Bond Allocation



Allocation per country

USD
79.01M
MEXICO
47.41% of total allocation

USD
59.95M
BRAZIL
35.97% of total allocation

USD
18.35M
ARGENTINA
11.01% of total allocation

USD
8.24M
CHILE
4.94% of total allocation

USD
1.11M
COLOMBIA
0.67% of total allocation

- Clean Transportation
- ⬢ Access to Finance
- ✕ Waste Reduction Strategies
- Energy Efficiency and Smart Metering
- ▲ Socioeconomic Advancement and Empowerment through Education
- Sustainable Materials and Circular Economy
- + Renewable Energy
- Land Conservation and Preservation
- ★ Green Buildings



Regenera América

Clean Transportation

Sustainable Materials and Circular Economy

Renewable Energy

Green Buildings

Access to Finance

Socioeconomic Advancement and

Empowerment through Education



Main projects and impact

Regenera América

A year of expansion for our regeneration and conservation program targeting emblematic Latin American biomes.

In 2022, we broadened the scope of our program for the regeneration and conservation of native emblematic ecosystems in Latin America, expanding the “Regenera América” to the biomes in Mexico, and adding more conserved and regenerated areas in Brazil. In 2022, we committed USD 10 million in addition to USD 7.8 million in 2021. We allocated USD 5 million to date to expand the Corridors of Life project in Brazil and to support four new initiatives —one in Mexico and three in Brazil. For the next remaining USD 5 million, we launched a regional call for proposals in conjunction with Pachama so that organizations from all over Latam can apply by submitting biome restoration and/or conservation projects to be funded.

The “Regenera América” program fosters the regeneration and conservation of emblematic biomes in Latin America. It finances projects that protect the region’s biodiversity and capture carbon. We joined efforts with local communities, experts, and farmers that use state-of-the-art technology and nature-based solutions to help mitigate the progression of climate change impact, while preserving biodiversity and contributing to people’s well-being.

In 2022, a process to restore 3,300 hectares of forest was launched: more than 500,000 trees were actively planted and more than 4 million trees were passively restored.

For the design, assembly, and monitoring of these projects, we teamed up with the tech startup Pachama, our strategic partner in the development of forest restoration and conservation projects, to convert them into carbon projects through its technology. Pachama develops innovative solutions based on AI for real-time forest monitoring and carbon

footprint to issue credits. Its work is based on obtaining satellite images that provide more traceability and transparent information in a scalable manner.

In Mexico, we partnered with Toroto, a leading environmental company that works with nature-based solutions to face the climate crisis. Toroto designs forestry and regenerative agriculture projects that use carbon compensation as an effective way to help local communities develop sustainable land management approaches.

Since this project was launched, restoration processes across 6,000+ hectares of forest are ongoing. These will enable forest carbon capture for an estimated 900,000+ tons of CO₂ in 30 years.



USD

5M

**TOTAL
ALLOCATION**

3,325

hectares

of land conserved/restored

215,069

tons of CO₂

avoided or eliminated with a
30-year horizon



New

Llanos de Apán

HIDALGO, MEXICO

3,125 hectares will be restored to hold back the increasing erosion of the area and improve the aquifer's health: 120,000 native trees will be planted for active restoration—covering 3% of hectares—and the remaining 97% of the area will be restored passively. This initiative comprises activities regarding soil conservation, water body restoration, and community-based environmental education and training. Project implementation is expected to bring direct and indirect benefits to more than 1,000 families.



New

Corredor Pau Brasil

BAHIA, BRAZIL

Restoration of 70 hectares of Atlantic Forest by planting native trees in the Brazilian state of Bahia, supporting the creation of a biological corridor between two national parks and the plantation of 116,000 trees. Local indigenous communities participate in this project through tree farming associations engaged in restoration activities. The project also supports three plant nurseries and promotes the creation of 10 local direct jobs.



New

Aguas do Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

Restoration of 70 hectares of Atlantic Forest by planting 116,000 native trees, supporting the protection of the river basins in the area. This project supports three plant nurseries and entails the creation of 20 direct jobs and 50 indirect jobs in the area. Besides, the local organization implementing the project, Instituto Terra de Preservação Ambiental (ITPA), carries out educational activities for the young, and trains women so that they can run plant nurseries to generate their own income.



New

Café Apuí

AMAZONAS, BRAZIL

In the municipality of Apui, we support a pilot project to restore 10 hectares of forest with agroforestry systems using native species and coffee in one of the most deforested areas in the Amazonia. The project helps 30 local families generate income from the sale of organic coffee and from carbon captured by their agroforestry systems, which results in a more sustainable and resilient system over time.



Extension

Corredores de vida

SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL

We extended the project launched in 2021, by restoring 50 new hectares with 100,000 native trees, promoting work for 50 local families. Pontal do Paranapanema is a southeastern area in Brazil covering more than 18,000 hectares and including 32 cities west of São Paulo. In the last 50 years, the area has been subject to heavy deforestation and forest fragmentation. Corredores de Vida was selected as “the best carbon credit project in the world” by the 2022 VCM (Volunteer Carbon Market) ranking.

Clean Transportation

In a challenging context, characterized by restrictions in the electric mobility market and the inadequacy of charge points, we keep on supporting sustainable mobility across Latin America: we multiplied the investment by six times compared to 2021. Thanks to combined efforts with the main players in the logistics sector of Latin America and the huge efforts of our teams, we have one of the largest electric fleets in the region.

One of our key milestones in 2022 was the launch of our charge points for electric vehicles in Mexico, Brazil, and Chile. We set up more than 200 charge points for electric last-mile vehicles in distribution centers in the three countries.

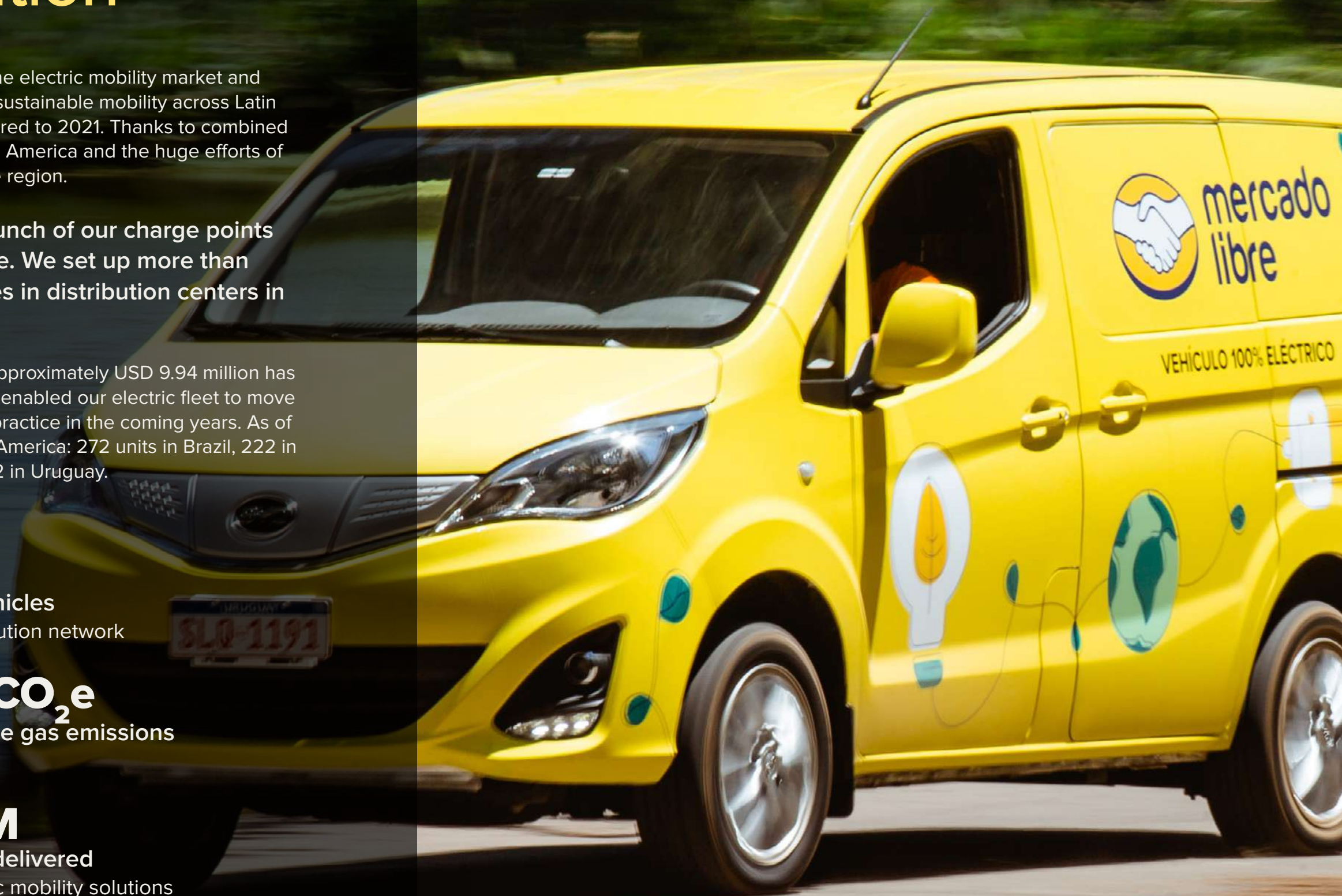
Since we started our transition into sustainable mobility, approximately USD 9.94 million has been spent to use more than 300 electric vehicles, which enabled our electric fleet to move more than 4,6 million packages. We plan to escalate this practice in the coming years. As of the closure date of this report, we have 797 units in Latin America: 272 units in Brazil, 222 in Mexico, 92 in Colombia, 204 in Chile, 5 in Argentina and 2 in Uruguay.

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USD
8.61M
TOTAL
ALLOCATION

300+
electric vehicles
in the distribution network

580 tCO₂e
Greenhouse gas emissions
mitigated

4.6+ M
Packages delivered
using electric mobility solutions



Sustainable Materials and Circular Economy

By implementing packaging technologies and solutions, we contribute to the circularity of materials, mitigate the impact of using materials, and become more efficient and innovative in the management of available resources. This is why in 2022 we allocated 19% of proceeds from the sustainability bond to this strategic pillar of our sustainability plan.

Our shipping boxes are made with 100% Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)-certified cardboard—which lets us have full traceability along the whole value chain—or else they are 100% recycled boxes. We increased the use of recycled plastic for our e-commerce envelopes, and keep on working on the incorporation of materials suitable for making compost at home.

The bonds allocated to this matter are dedicated to the purchase of boxes that are 100% made of certified or recycled cardboard.

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USD
19.85 M
TOTAL ALLOCATION

100%
spend assigned
to paper purchase

100%
recyclable content
in packaging material



Renewable Energy

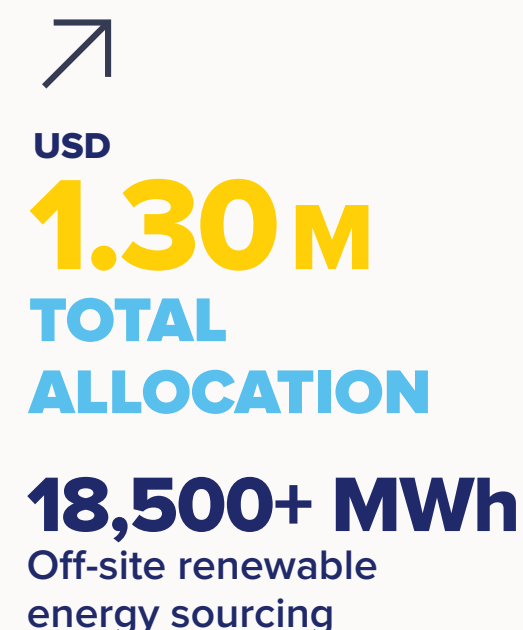
We make our best efforts for our operations to be 100% powered by renewable energies. We have developed a pluriannual program for the installation of on-site solar power infrastructure and the execution of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) to buy clean energy generated outside our facilities.

In 2022, we added 5 new sites powered by renewable energies in Brazil, 1 in Chile, and 1 in Mexico.

Our Brazil operations in Cajamar (SP), Extrema (MG), Barueri (SP), and Campinas (SP) are powered by wind turbines, solar panels, and small hydropower plants. In addition, two other distribution centers are powered by renewable energies in Louveira (SP) and Cajamar (SP). In this city, we have more than one logistics operation center.

In 2022, in Mexico, we conducted the largest migration into the wholesale electricity market in the country, fully powered by solar energy generated at a solar park in Aguascalientes. Besides, we launched our distribution center in Quilicura (Chile), powered 100% by renewable energies. This operation consumes 400,000 kWh of energy per month, which helps reduce our carbon footprint.

During this year, we also allocated USD 1.30 M to generate more than 18,500 MWh per year.



Green Buildings

We design our workspaces based on sustainable criteria that help us reduce the environmental impact of our operations. Our sustainable architecture projects aim to design, build, maintain, or restore buildings that can improve the environmental performance of our distribution centers and offices. This bond funded sustainable architecture projects for an aggregate amount of USD 8 million.

We obtained the LEED certification for two offices in Argentina. The certification assesses the selection of building materials, energy efficiency building management, the use of alternative energy sources, the improvement of indoor environmental quality, water-use efficiency, and the sustainable development of outdoor communal areas.

We are making progress in implementing architecture projects to change some of the buildings where we operate. For example, in Argentina, we used thermal insulation solutions and installed fans to optimize the circulation of natural air, reach a comfortable temperature, and reduce air conditioning use, which will result in energy savings. At the end of this report, we developed sustainable architecture projects impacting 485,500 m².



We know that the *best* is yet to come, but *also that* this future is being **built today.**

Access to Finance

Our mission is to democratize access to money. By making financial services available to SMEs and individuals, we want to help them grow and progress. A core focus of our purpose is the development of technologies to overcome financial gaps in Latin America. This is a key instrument to combat poverty, promote the transition from the informal to the formal economy, and foster social and economic development.

Through Mercado Pago, we make it possible for increasingly more people and businesses to get connected and operate in the formal economy. We offer solutions enabling basic financial transactions, and access to credit and savings.



USD

60.84M**TOTAL
ALLOCATION****110,976**Loans
to SMEs and entrepreneurs

Financing SMEs and entrepreneurs

Mercado Crédito offers financing solutions to entrepreneurs and SMEs that do not have access to credit in the traditional financial system, thus contributing to financial inclusion. Mercado Crédito aims to grant access to affordable and safe loans for everyone to harness their financial lives regardless of gender, place of residence, or financial situation.

Access to credit was designed with a broad scope in mind, ranging from including those without a banking score to simplifying loan application processes. Using AI-based tech solutions and scoring systems, we help entities overcome these barriers to easily access credit online, in a simple, quick, and safe manner.

The democratization of access to money in Latin America is a core focus of our purpose. This is why in 2022 a major portion of the proceeds from the sustainability bond was invested in this fundamental course of action, allocating 58.2% of its proceeds.

USD 60.84 million from proceeds were used to grant 110.976 loans to SMEs and entrepreneurs. Most of them did not have access to any financing system. In addition to Argentina, Brasil y Mexico, in 2022 we extended the program to entrepreneurs and SMEs in Chile.

Socioeconomic Advancement and Empowerment through Education

We contribute to the communities in which we are present through training proposals that seek to reduce digital gaps, generate access to opportunities for knowledge and open a more inclusive future for young people.

Our initiatives include training in technical or disciplinary areas and socio-emotional. They contribute to developing key competencies for the 21st century, such as teamwork, critical thinking, and the design of solutions to problems detected by the students. They also complement what is being learned in formal educational spaces and provide positive role models, especially of technological profiles that inspire and accompany young people's development.

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USD
1.03 M
TOTAL
ALLOCATION

1,500+
Trained students

50%+
Employability rate
of trained students



Conectadas

“Conectadas” is an immersive online free education and training program that seeks to help Latin American teenage girls discover all the opportunities they can find in the world of technology. We teamed up with Chicas en Tecnología and [reprograma] to address topics such as digital transformation, problem solving, user experience design, business development, and digital marketing. Students team up with other teenage girls in the region to design a project for their communities.

The program targets teenage girls aged 14 to 18. Approaching the IT world at this age has a positive impact on their self-perception. In addition, it opens up potential choices for their future based on the specific opportunities for both personal and career development offered by information technology. During this stage of adolescence, girls start thinking about their future. Offering them the possibility to keep up to date with IT activities is key for a positive perception of their potential achievements in this area.

The program has been implemented for two years now. In the second year, 1,400 women from more than 700 locations in Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru were enrolled. By 2022, 800 girls had participated in the program. Seventy percent of them came from non-metropolitan areas, 50% attended public schools, and 20% were from families receiving economic assistance from governments. These figures reflect the perspective of diversity embedded in the program and the program's potential for inclusion. Upon workshop completion, 90% of the girls say that they would like to get a degree in technology or keep on using technology for their activities, while 94% have a better knowledge of their career and development opportunities in the IT world.



Redes al Futuro

In 2022, we extended “Redes al Futuro” to reach the community of Colina, in Chile. The program had already been implemented in La Matanza (Argentina); Tepetzotlan, Apodaca, and El Salto (Mexico); Cajamar, Francisco Morato, Franco da Rocha, Perus, and Osasco (Brazil). In Chile, we trained 114 young people, 60 of whom have already started working at Mercado Libre.

“Redes al Futuro” provides education and training in key skills that are critical for young people to enter formal employment, including socio-emotional skills. This combination enables them to get a job, and maintain the job position or even develop a life plan for the future. We implemented the program in locations where we operate, leading an active role in the community’s development, and creating a stable and long-term connection among surrounding communities.

We implemented the program supported by Fundación Forge (Mexico), Instituto Aliança (Brazil), and Emplea (Chile), all NGOs aiming to train people, organizations, and communities for sustainable human development.

In 2022, 906 young people from communities close to our distribution centers were enrolled. As of the date of closure of this report, 50% of the program graduates already had a job, 30% of whom joined Mercado Libre



Limited review Report

Independent Accountant's Report on Sustainability Bond Report 2022

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PURPOSE OF ASSIGNMENT

We issue a limited assurance report on whether the Sustainability Bond Allocation stated in the Sustainability Bond Report 2022 (“the Report”) issued by MercadoLibre, Inc. (“the Company”) was performed in accordance with the Use of Proceeds described in the Company’s Sustainability Bond Framework 2020 (“the Framework”).

As a result of force majeure events that arose during the last fiscal year, project’s execution pace has been significantly affected, so it is expected that the proceeds from the sale of the Company’s 2.375% Sustainability Notes due 2026 issued in January 14, 2021 (the “Sustainable Bond”) will not be fully allocated within 36 months from the date of issuance of the Sustainable Bond and, consequently, the project will not be completed in the time foreseen (3 years). Therefore, the Company’s Management has decided to maintain the eligibility criteria of the projects defined in the Framework and to extend by one year the period of time during which the Company intends to allocate the proceeds from the sale of the Sustainable Bond.

As of December 31, 2022, the Company has allocated a total of USD 166.66 million of the proceeds to eligible projects, corresponding to 42% of the total net proceeds (USD 398 million) from the sale of the Sustainable Bond. Of which, USD 62.04 million were allocated in the period between issuance and December 31, 2021, and USD 104.62 million were allocated in the year ended December 31, 2022, representing 16% and 26%, respectively, of the total net proceeds (USD 398 million) from the sale of the Sustainable Bond.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPANY’S MANAGEMENT

Company’s Management is responsible for collection, preparation, and presentation of the relevant information included in the Report in accordance with the Framework by establishing the basis and criteria for the preparation of the Report as well as defining, adapting, and maintaining internal control procedures on the supporting systems from which the information was obtained.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

We are responsible for providing an independent limited conclusion on the Sustainable Bond Allocation included in the Report (Section XX, page XX) based on the procedures we have performed and evidence we have obtained by the application of certain procedures described and summarized in the following paragraph.

PROFESSIONAL TASK

Our examination was conducted in accordance with section V.A of Technical Resolution No. 37 issued by the Argentine Federation of the Professional Council of Economic Sciences (hereinafter, “TR 37”) and consisted in applying certain procedures, insofar as we considered it necessary in the circumstances, in order to obtain limited assurance as to whether the contents of the Sustainability Bond Allocation included in the Report was prepared and presented in accordance with the provisions of the Framework and is free from material misstatements. TR 37 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements, as well as that we plan and execute our work in a way that allows us to issue this limited assurance report. The TR 37 adequately reflects the International Standard for Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000.

A limited assurance engagement consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for preparation of the Report and for the management of the proceeds from the sale of the Sustainable Bond and the process for selecting Eligible Projects, and applying other evidence gathering procedures to the information, as appropriate. The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are of a lesser extent than, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had we performed a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a reasonable assurance opinion about whether the Report has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Framework.

Procedures described below have been applied to the records and supporting documentation that were provided to us by the Company. Our task was based on the premise that the information provided is accurate, complete, legitimate, and free from fraud and other illegal acts, for which we have considered its appearance and formal structure.

For the purpose of our limited assurance work we performed the following procedures:

- Examined the requirements set out in the Sustainability Bond Framework 2020.
- Obtained the internal listing of projects to which proceeds from the sale of the Sustainable Bonds were allocated.
- Interviewed members of management of the Company responsible for processes, related to project evaluation and selection.
- Interviewed key personnel in charge of collecting the data and preparing the contents of the Report.
- Verified established procedures implemented by the company for each Project Category.
- Analysed the selection criteria applied to define eligible beneficiaries.
- Validating the monitoring of KPIs by project; including, review of calculation methodology, supporting documentation and scrutiny of information sources.
- Validation of supporting documentation by project, through analytical tests and other verification procedures.
- Monitored management and administration of proceeds.
- Performed percentage analysis of allocated proceeds disclosed in the Sustainability Bond Report 2022.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our limited assurance conclusion.

USE OF REPORT

Our responsibility in performing our assurance activities is to the Management of MercadoLibre, Inc., reporting to Stakeholders, only and in accordance with the terms of reference for this engagement as agreed with them. We do not therefore accept or assume any responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person or organisation. Any reliance any such third party may place on the Framework is entirely at its own risk. No statement is made as to whether the criteria are appropriate for any third-party purpose.

LIMITED ASSURANCE CONCLUSIONS

Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Sustainability Bond Allocation included in the Report, has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Use of Proceeds defined in the Framework.

**City of Buenos Aires, Argentina,
01/02/2023**

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