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Mercado Libre

NASDAQ: MELI

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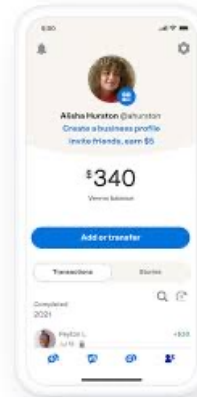
Implied Upside: 36.1%

Recommendation: BUY

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What do all of these products have in common?



Mercado Libre



Mercado Libre (NASDAQ: MELI) is the dominant integrated commerce and fintech platform in Latin America, poised to capture a massive underpenetrated market with ~25%+ revenue CAGR through 2028

Company Overview

E-Commerce Marketplace

- Connects buyers & sellers across Latin America
- Revenue:
 - Transaction fees (~21% take rate)
 - Ads & seller services
- In-house logistics (**Mercado Envios**)
- ~50% of shipments same/next day

Fintech Platform (Mercado Pago)

- Digital wallet (on + off platform)
- Revenue:
 - Payments
 - Credit (consumer + merchant)
 - Financial services
- Rapid growth in users + credit



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The Amazon + PayPal of Latin America

Why it's Hard to Replicate



Logistics
Network



Payments
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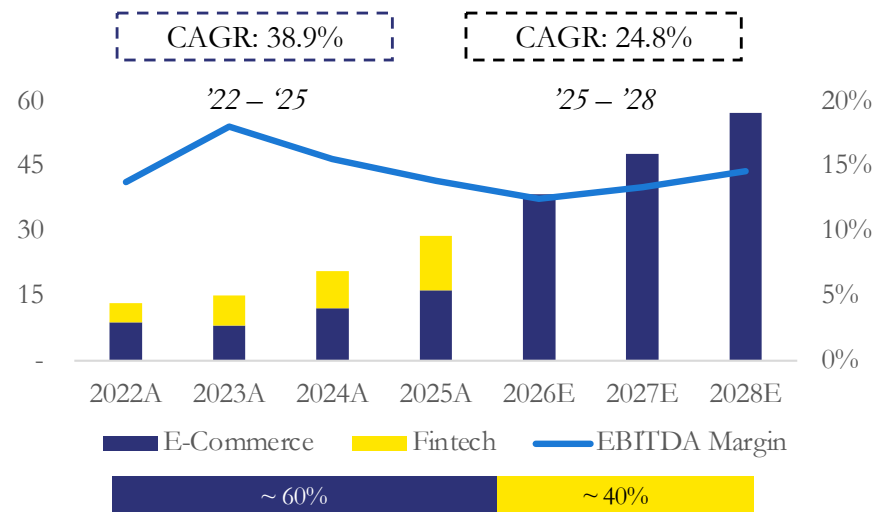


Proprietary
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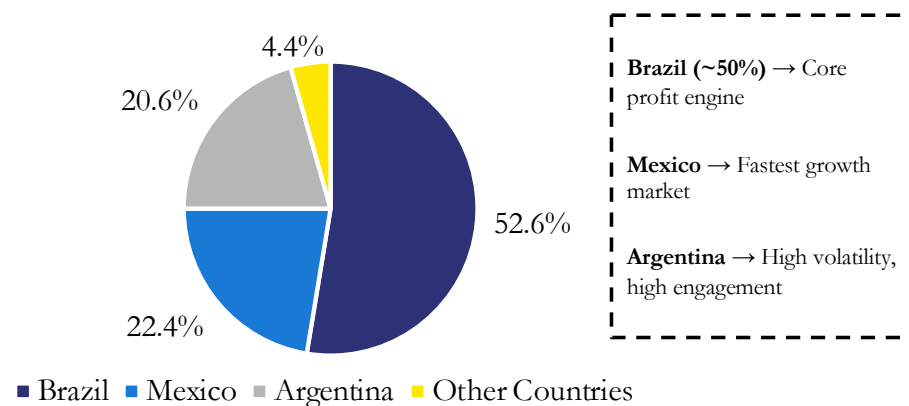


Credit
Underwriting

Revenue by Segment (\$bn)



Geographic Breakdown





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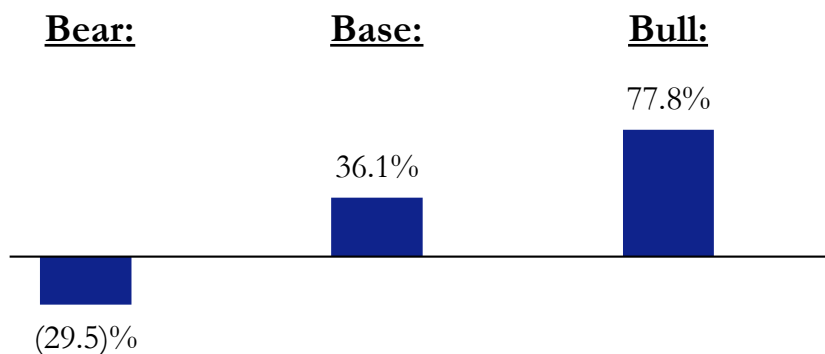
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The Flywheel Moat



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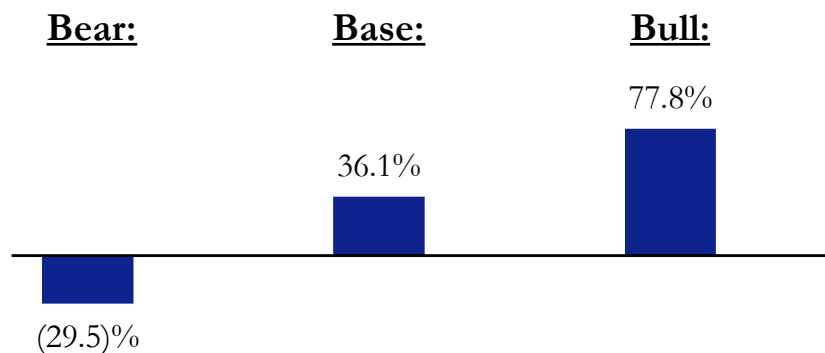
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Massive Credit Gap in Latin America

Despite rising account penetration across Latin America, access to formal credit remains limited, with a large portion of the population relying on informal financing—creating a significant opportunity for digital-first lenders

Situation Overview

Limited Access to Formal Credit

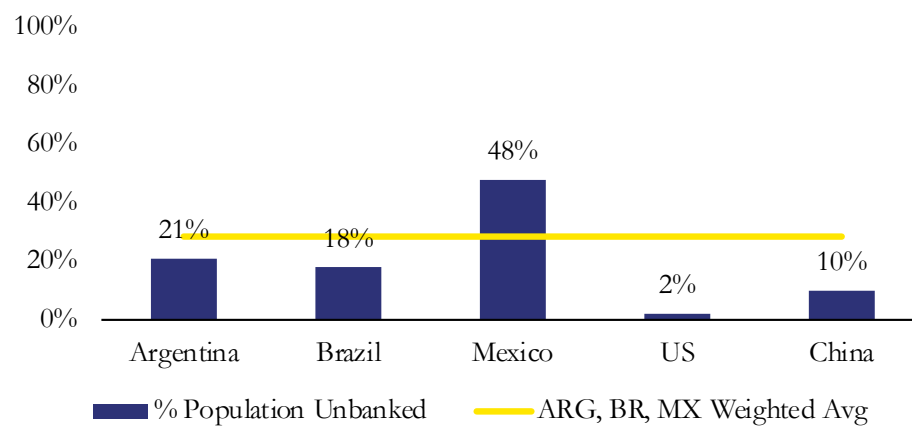
- Formal borrowing penetration remains low across LatAm despite rising account ownership
- Consumers and SMBs rely heavily on informal or alternative financing

Structural Credit Gap

- Domestic credit / GDP significantly below developed markets
- Thin-file consumers excluded from traditional underwriting systems



Unbanked Population



Compared to most developed countries, Latin American citizens lack traditional bank accounts, services, and credit access, creating a critical credit gap

Lack of Credit Access

Lingering Informal Economies

More than half of Latin America's workforce is employed in **informal economies** which make up 33% of the regions GDP



Rampant Skepticism

With some of the **highest rates of fraudulence**, banks tend to be extremely cautious when approving transactions thus **prioritizing cash**



Insufficient Documentation

Traditional banks in the region are unwilling to supply undocumented workers with accounts, making them **unable to engage in ecommerce**



MELI's Solution

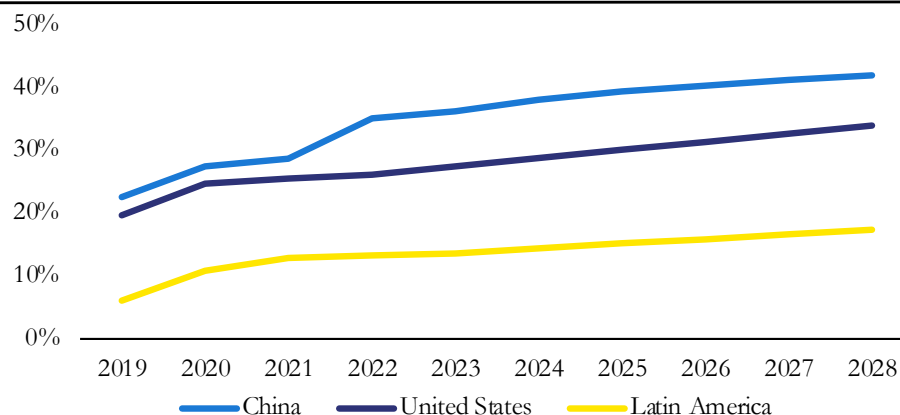
In-house credit scoring system from proprietary data allows them to grant access to customers underserved by financial institutions



Room to Expand

Despite rapid growth over the last decade, Latin America remains largely underpenetrated with regards to ecommerce and access to financial services leaving Mercado Libre ample untapped room to continue expanding its services and deepening its competitive moat

Retail Ecommerce Penetration



LatAm's ecommerce platform traditionally lags a decade behind the U.S. but is still expected to **grow 54%** from \$151 bn to over **\$232 bn in 2028**

MELI is Already Capturing the Credit Opportunity

Fintech Scale

\$12.5B

Loan Portfolio
+90% YoY

Deposits

77.9M

Fintech MAU's
+27% YoY

Credit Growth

35%

Current AUM
+~90% YoY

Ecommerce Traffic by Country



MELI's Revenue Growth Rate Q4'2025



48%



23%



56%

Despite their long presence in this region, MELI continues to extract value from Brazil, Mexico and Argentina at **unprecedented rates**

How MELI Monetizes the Credit Gap

1

Transition from Cash to Credit

MELI offers users digital accounts based on marketplace transaction history rather than traditional credit history and has reached **upwards of 61 mm MAUs**

2

Assured Transaction Certainty

In a region historically lagging behind in ecommerce infrastructure, MELI has laid down the foundation to **ensure timely product delivery** across the continent

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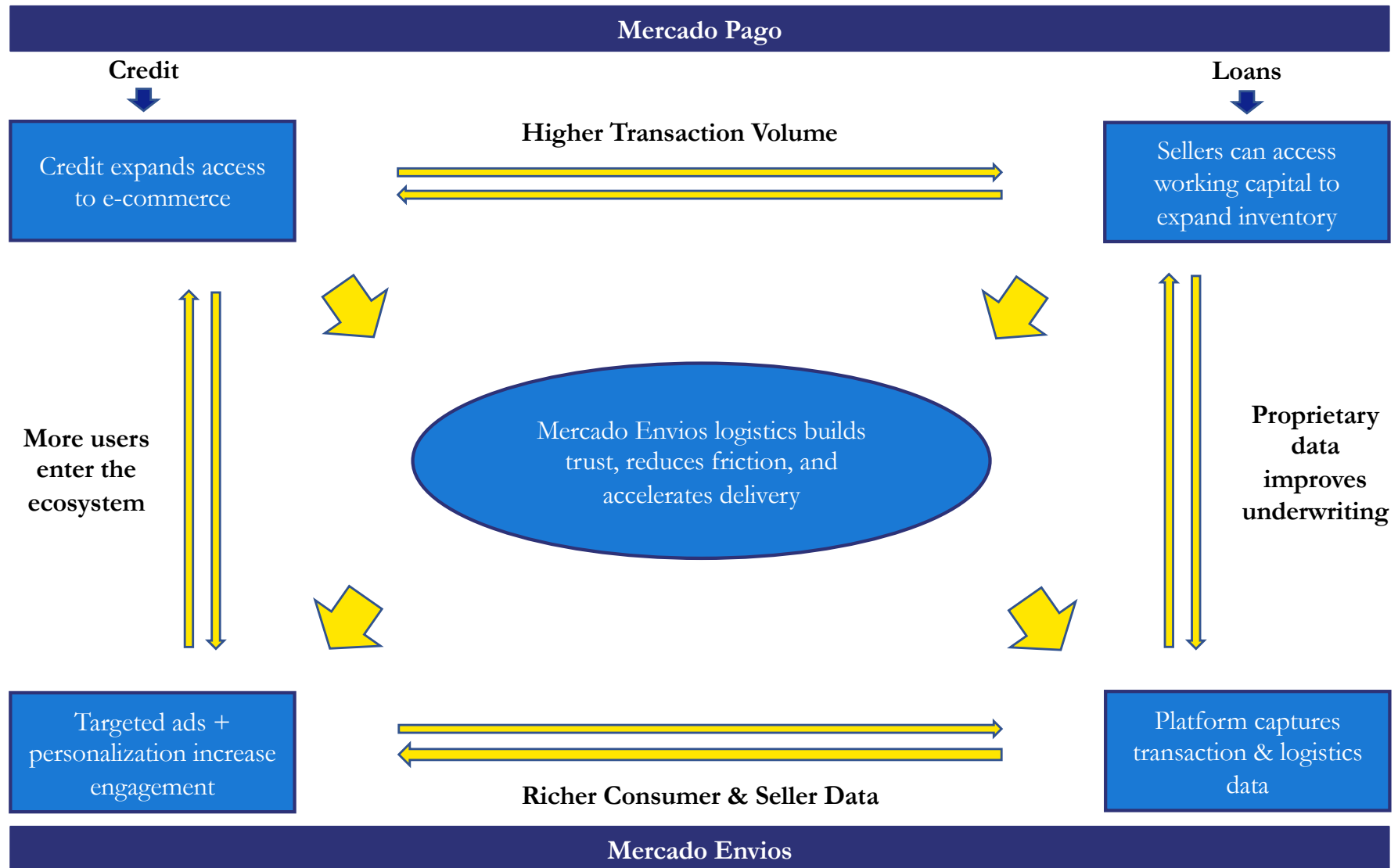
Defined Framework in Underpenetrated Market

Having entered in 1999 when ecommerce was essentially nonexistent, MELI has the tools to penetrate a region where physical commerce is **~85% of retail spend**



The Flywheel Model

Mercado Libre's ecosystem creates a self-reinforcing, sustainable flywheel that repeatedly drives user growth, transaction volume, and monetization

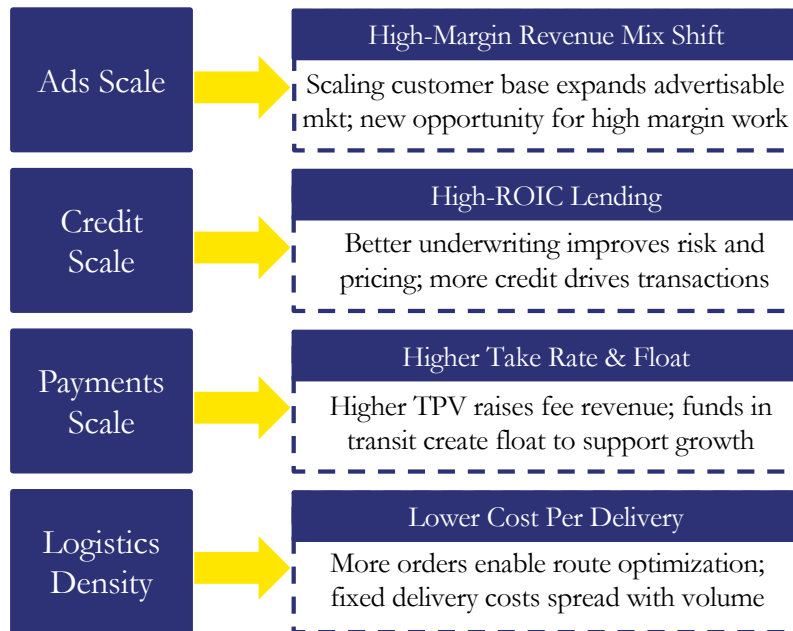




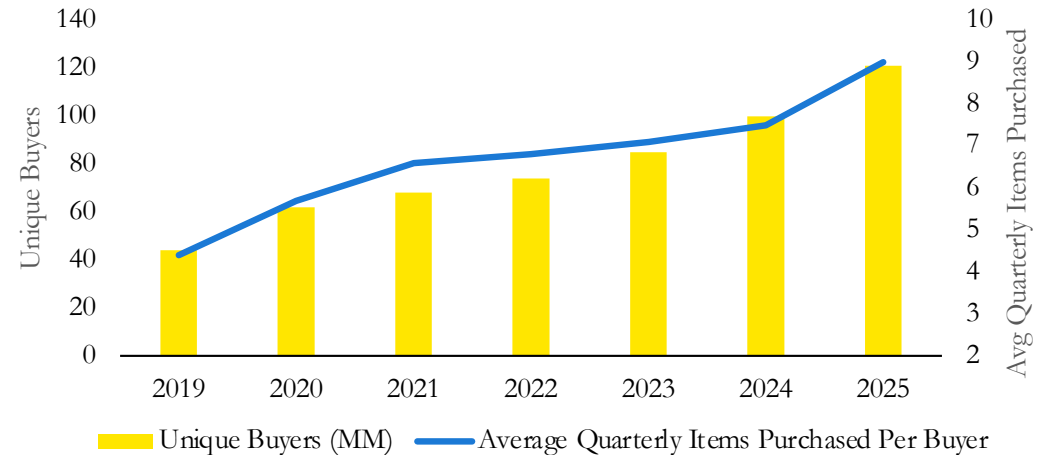
Flywheel Ecosystem Compounds Growth

An early focus on steady investment into developing an integrated logistics, ecommerce, and fintech platform has allowed Mercado Libre to reduce common barriers to entry in the region, increase trust between buyers and sellers, and create a pathway to capture new users

Operating Leverage From Improving Scale

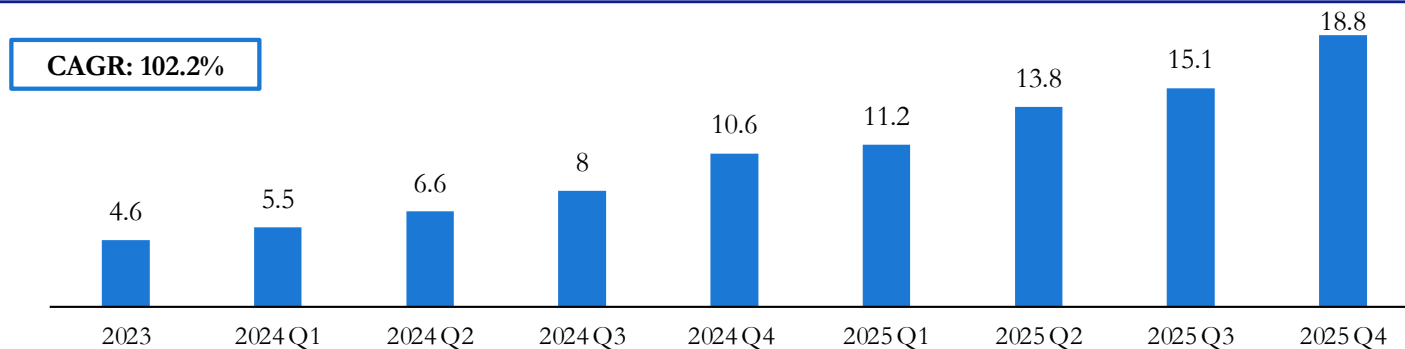


Compounding Growth By Increasing Engagement



The flywheel compounds as the ecosystem scales: **more buyers and higher purchase frequency increase transaction density**, strengthening sellers, payments, logistics, credit, and ads, while the **resulting data improves underwriting**, enabling **more credit** that **increases purchasing power** and inventory, driving **further transactions** and lending

Mercado Pago AUM (\$bn)



High CAGR growth of AUM highlights the flywheel in action:

Transaction Growth → Wallet Adoption → **Capital Expansion** → More Commerce

Why Now?



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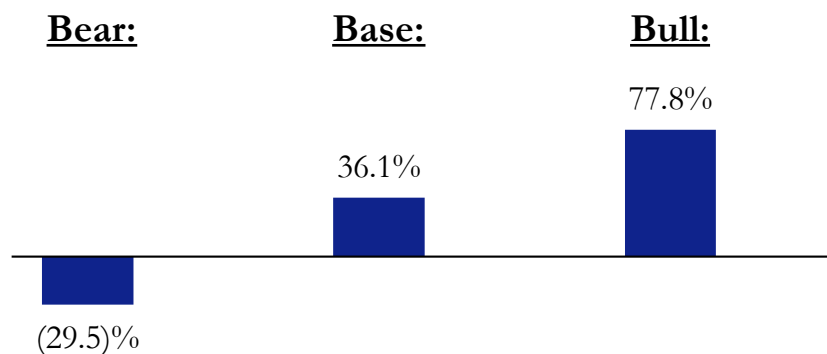
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Cost Absorption Deepens Moat

Given market competition and the importance of free shipping in driving e-commerce growth, MELI reduced free shipping thresholds to grow their customer base, deepening their moat at the expense of short-term margin compression

Strategic Rationale

Fending Off Foreign Competition

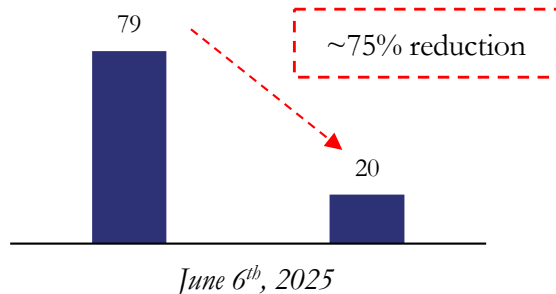


Foreign competitors entering the Latam market have prompted MELI to **lever their logistical cost advantages**

Free Shipping Driving E-Commerce Growth

“Free shipping has been **one of the most important pillars** of our value proposition for a decade.” – Q4’25 Letter to Shareholders

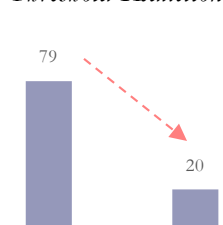
Free Shipping Threshold Reduction



Why It Makes Sense for MELI...

“We are **not trying to optimize short-term margin**. We manage the business from a long-term perspective.” – Martin de Los Santos, CFO

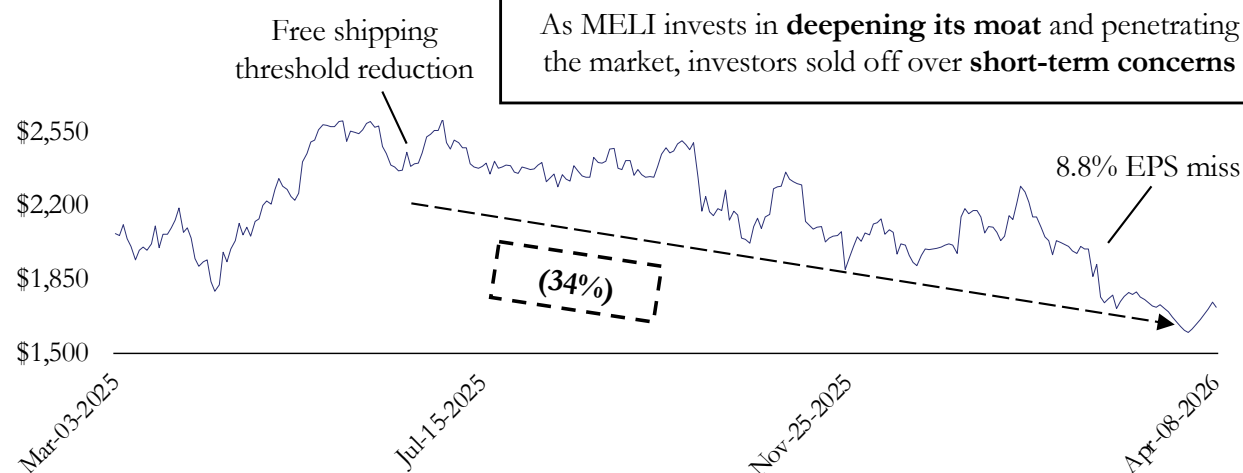
Threshold Reduction



Q4’25 YoY Results



...Despite Investor Shortsightedness





Shift Towards Rational Competition

Investors have sold out of pessimism about take rate cuts; however, these cuts are necessary to preserve MELI's logistics moat and in the long run will help to maintain operating advantages over competitors

How Sea Limited (SE) Rate Hikes Benefit MELI

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Competitor Cuts Rates

Primary Competitor SE lowers take rates to win market share, MELI **forced to match rates** & lower its shipping threshold



SE Faces **immense pressure** to maintain profitability & margins from global investors

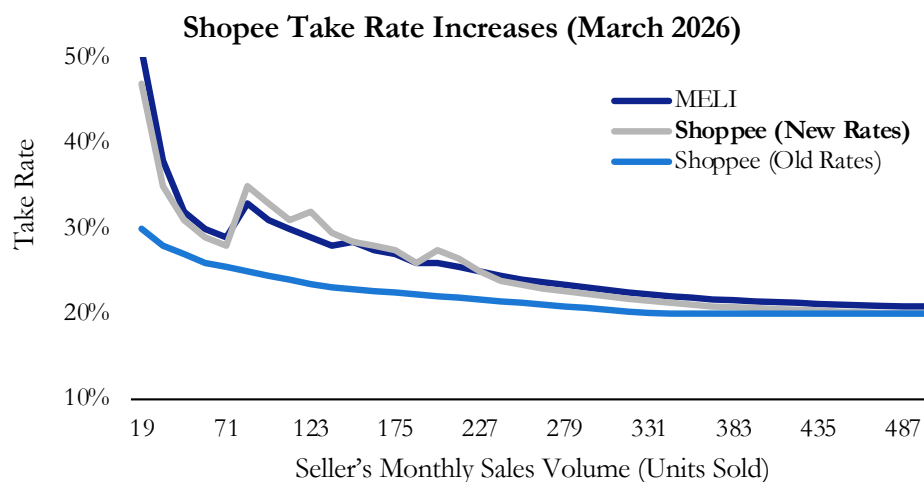


SE begins **prioritizing profitability** over market share first strategy

Investor pressure prevents SE from market share takeover

2

Rate Cut Subsidies Dry Up, Competitor Raises Take Rates



SE raises take rates to match MELI. MELI (#1 player) **no longer needs to lower take rates** to defend market share

Downward pressure on MELI take rates eases pressure on margins

3

MELI Margin Recovery

Without take rate ceiling, MELI can **expand margins** without losing volume



MELI and SE operate at same price point, but MELI **benefits from superior logistics**



MELI won't need to ease take rates and shipping thresholds as greatly as street predicts

MELI's top and bottom line outperform, moat strengthens



A Proven Playbook

MELI's margin sacrifice leading to moat expansion is a repeated, proven pattern. Their lowering take rates, combined with investment, will serve to strengthen their moat and profitability long-term

A History of Reinvestment

2017–2019 <i>Free Shipping Launch</i>	2024 <i>Logistics Investment Cycle</i>	2025–Present <i>Free Shipping Threshold Cut</i>
THE DECISION Launched free shipping in Brazil and Mexico, absorbing fulfillment costs entirely	THE DECISION Accelerated warehouse build-out, credit expansion (+77% YoY), and logistics capex	THE DECISION Cut Brazil free shipping threshold from R\$79 → R\$19 to defend against Temu and Shein
SHORT-TERM PAIN ~9pts gross margin compression (63% → 54% in one year)	SHORT-TERM PAIN ~9.5pts op. margin contraction (Q3 2024 vs prior year)	SHORT-TERM PAIN ~5–6pts op. margin compression; stock –33% from ATH
LONG-TERM OUTCOME • 9× stock return by 2020 • 29% GMV CAGR (2018–2023) • 95% of deliveries in-house by 2024	LONG-TERM OUTCOME • Margins fully recovered in 2 quarters • Q1 2025 op. margin: 13.5% (+5.9pts YoY) • Record quarterly op. income: \$820M	LONG-TERM OUTCOME • GMV items sold: +45% YoY (Q4 2025) • Record new buyers added • Market share gains in Brazil & Mexico
ORIGIN OF THE MOAT	FULLY RECOVERED	IN PROGRESS

"We would not be a \$50B+ GMV company today if not for building our logistics infrastructure and launching free shipping in 2017. We think this is the same case now."

— MELI Management, Q2 2025



Mercado Envios: Superior Logistics

Despite the market's doubts, MELI's heavy investment in logistics has strengthened their moat, enabling them to sustain lower take rates and shipping thresholds, gain market share, and financially outperform competitors

Amazon-esque Investment Strategy



- MELI reinvests cash in logistics to deepen its moat, with **CAPEX tripling since 2023**

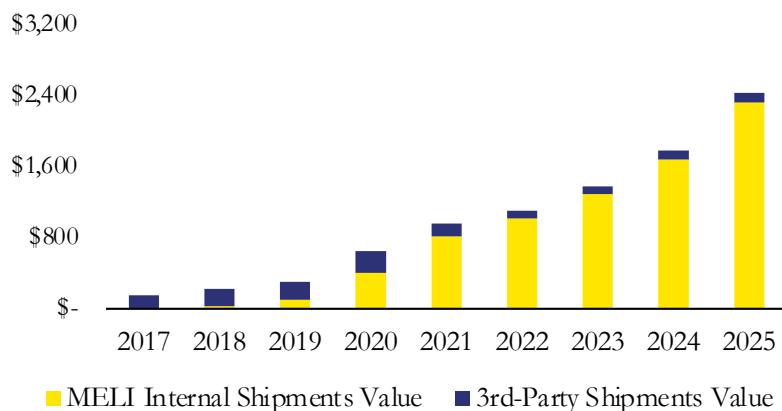


- Pledged additional \$2bn+** to logistics buildout by 2028, reflecting a continued commitment to growth



- While some see this as a sign of weakness, it is a **strategic necessity to deepen their moat**

Internalized Logistics Drive Efficiency



~95% of shipping is internal, **spreading out fixed shipping costs**, eliminating middlemen, and improving service quality

Logistics MOAT

Air Superiority: MELI-Air

Bypasses LatAm infrastructure challenges with **exclusive air cargo contracts**

Fulfillment Leadership

Manages ~50% of sellers' inventory, driving efficiency and lowering distribution times.

Unmatched Scale

MELI surpasses competitors in scale. In Brazil along **MELI – 42**, Shopee- 16, Amazon – 12 (fulfillment centers)

"MELI Places" Proximity

7000+ independent neighborhood stores used for distribution & returns - reducing **last-mile friction**

Investment Pays Off...

Strategic Results

Unit shipping costs **down 12% YoY** in Mexico

42% YoY 2025 items sold increase following threshold reduction

75% of items delivered **<48 hours**

Strengthened Moat

Unmatched density **cuts unit costs** and **increases service quality**

Taken with MELI's other offerings, their logistics **provide more value to sellers**

Dominate Competition

MELI logistics **enable profitability** at lower thresholds / take rates

Logistic efficiency **defends MELI from long term price wars** and competition

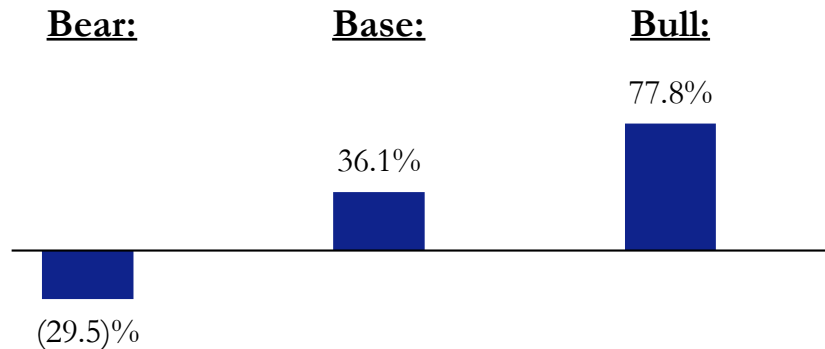


What You Need to Believe



Mercado Libre is uniquely positioned to capture new users in a historically underpenetrated Latin America due to their established infrastructure, self-sustaining flywheel, and proprietary fintech data

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Appendix

Competitive Landscape



Latin American e-commerce is dominated by three players competing on logistics, price, and ecosystem scale



Global scale + logistics-first strategy

- Massive logistics footprint (200+ hubs, nationwide delivery expansion)
- Competes on **speed + Prime ecosystem**
- Aggressive free shipping (~R\$19 threshold)
- Strong seller + advertising flywheel



Price disruptor → shifting to profitability

- Historically **lowest price player (heavy subsidies)**
- Recently raised take rates **+5–11pp**
- Standardizing free shipping, reducing subsidies
- Lower ASP (~\$50) → focused on low-income consumers



Integrated ecosystem leader

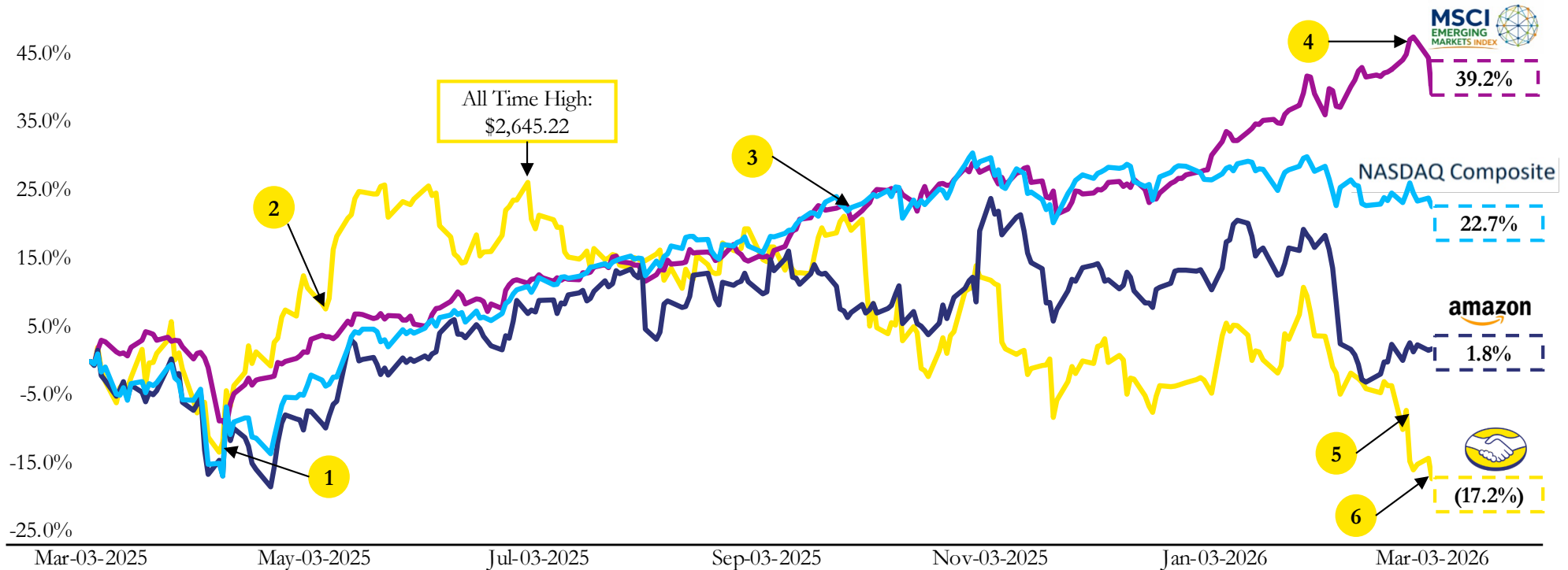
- Full-stack platform: **Marketplace + Payments + Logistics**
- Higher ASP (~\$150) → stronger monetization
- Logistics scale + fintech subsidize growth
- Monetizes via **ads + credit + take rate**

Only Mercado Libre combines **logistics, fintech, and marketplace** scale, creating a durable competitive moat



Annotated Stock Chart

As MELI expanded into new markets, while beating expectations, the stock price reached an all time high of \$2,645.22. However, as competition increased, while geopolitical tensions arose, margins have compressed, leading to a stock price decline



1 MELI decided to invest in the untapped Brazilian market by spending \$5.8 billion and hiring 14,000 people, mainly focusing on logistics and fintech services

2 The stock price increased significantly as MELI reported better Q1 2025 earnings calls as they beat expectations on EPS, revenue and margins

3 Competitive pressure increased as Amazon announced significant investments in Brazil announcing it is a top investment target

4 Software and AI overvaluation fears have rattled investors, who flocked to emerging markets, which profited, all the while MELI has not followed suit

5 Geopolitical tensions in Venezuela, Mexico, and Iran leave investors worried due to potential supply chain issues and consumer spending

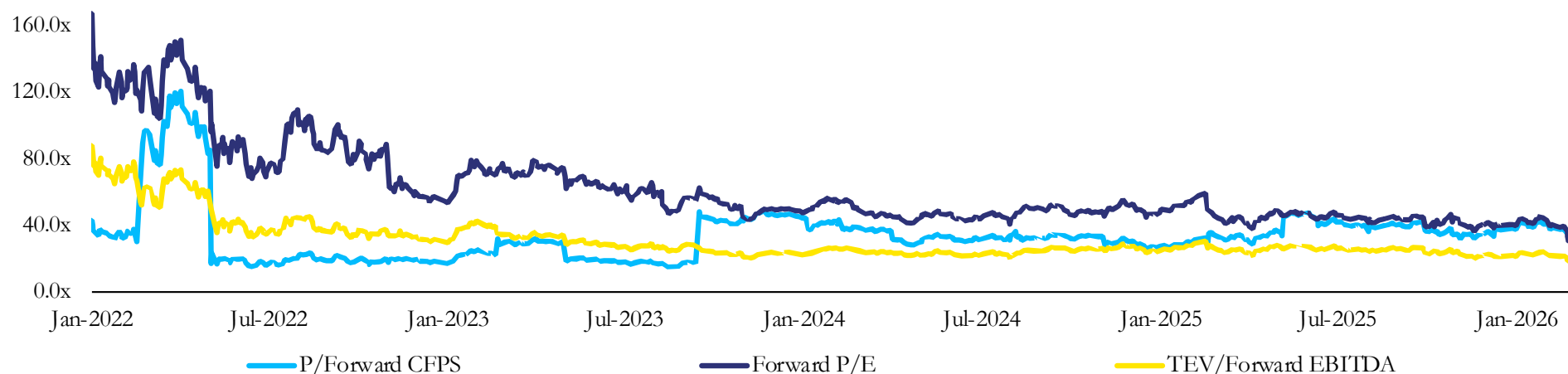
6 The stock price dropped recently due to a Q4 2025 earnings miss in which MELI missed on EPS expectations, despite beating on revenue



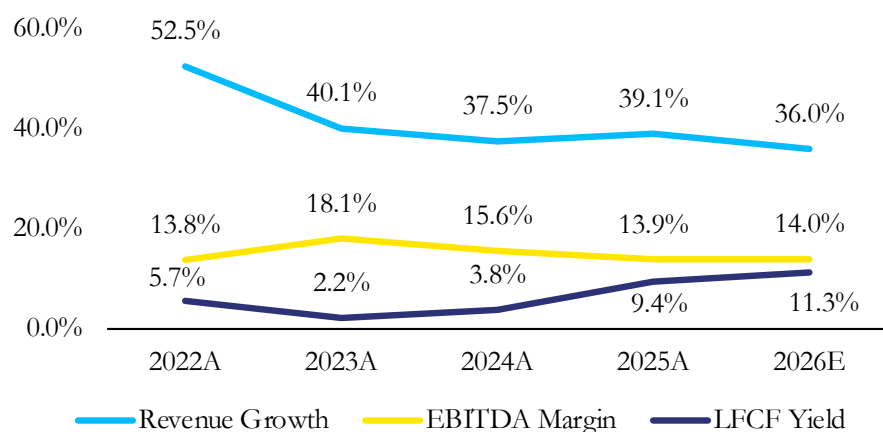
Too Cheap Too Handle...

While Multiples have compressed, while revenue growth has relatively slowed down and absolute financial numbers have increased, we believe that the current valuation does not reflect the industry-strong revenue growth and margin expansion story

MELI Multiple Evolution



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- Valuation multiples have significantly decreased since 2022, making the stock extremely **cheap**

2

- Although revenue growth has decreased, while absolute numbers increased, **revenue growth** is still **outpacing any other Ecommerce business**

3

- Furthermore, with margins expanding, we believe that the current multiples do not reflect the revenue and margin expansion story



Risks and Mitigants

Despite facing various risks related to competition and global macroeconomic factors, we believe the MELI's model is prepared to mitigate competitive pressures and market volatility.

Risk	Mitigant	Risk	Mitigant
Amazon in Brazil	25+ years of regional expertise; 1M+ sqm fulfillment in Brazil; 95% deliveries in-house — a network Amazon is years from replicating at equivalent scale and unit economics	EM Currency & Macro	FX weakness already suppresses reported USD numbers — any reversion is a pure earnings tailwind; Mercado Fondo drives platform engagement specifically in high-inflation environments
Price & Take Rate Wars	Shopee is already raising take rates after years of subsidization — evidence MELI's moat is forcing competitors to rationalize economics rather than pricing MELI down	Margin Recovery Execution	Identical playbook executed in 2017–19 and 2024; Q4 2025 items sold +45% YoY and record buyer additions confirm the demand response is already materializing
Credit Portfolio Tail Risk	Proprietary transaction data gives MELI an underwriting edge unavailable to traditional banks; NPLs stable through 90% YoY credit growth; management has shown willingness to slow in downturns	Regulatory & Political Risk	18-country diversification buffers single-market shocks; cross-border trade regulation trend is favorable — targeting the structural cost advantages of Chinese platforms



Income Statement

For Fiscal Year	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024A	2025A	2026P	2027P	2028P	2029P	2030P	2031P	2032P
Period Ending:	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	12/31/2022	12/31/2023	12/31/2024	12/31/2025	12/31/2026	12/31/2027	12/31/2028	12/31/2029	12/31/2030	12/31/2031	12/31/2032
\$ in millions, unless otherwise specified													
Net service revenues and financial income	3,690	6,149	9,442	13,617	18,638	25,286	33,125	42,400	52,999	64,659	77,591	91,558	106,207
% growth		66.6%	53.6%	44.2%	36.9%	35.7%	31.0%	28.0%	25.0%	22.0%	20.0%	18.0%	16.0%
Net product revenues	284	920	1,095	1,490	2,139	3,607	5,014	6,894	9,272	12,193	15,729	19,976	24,970
% growth		223.9%	19.0%	36.1%	43.6%	68.6%	39.0%	37.5%	34.5%	31.5%	29.0%	27.0%	25.0%
Net revenues and financial income	3,974	7,069	10,537	15,107	20,777	28,893	38,138	49,293	62,272	76,852	93,320	111,533	131,177
% growth		77.9%	49.1%	43.4%	37.5%	39.1%	32.0%	29.2%	26.3%	23.4%	21.4%	19.5%	17.6%
Cost of net revenues and financial expenses	(2,265)	(4,064)	(5,374)	(7,517)	(11,200)	(16,035)	(20,976)	(27,111)	(33,938)	(41,885)	(50,393)	(60,228)	(70,180)
Gross Profit	1,709	3,005	5,163	7,590	9,577	12,858	17,162	22,182	28,334	34,968	42,927	51,305	60,997
% margin	43.0%	42.5%	49.0%	50.2%	46.1%	44.5%	45.0%	45.0%	45.5%	45.5%	46.0%	46.0%	46.5%
Operating expenses:													
Product and technology development	(353)	(590)	(1,099)	(1,831)	(1,934)	(2,269)	(3,242)	(4,091)	(5,044)	(6,225)	(7,372)	(8,700)	(10,232)
Sales and marketing	(768)	(1,074)	(1,296)	(1,736)	(2,191)	(3,219)	(4,386)	(5,669)	(7,037)	(8,607)	(10,452)	(12,380)	(14,429)
Provision for doubtful accounts	(133)	(435)	(1,073)	(1,050)	(1,858)	(3,091)	(4,019)	(5,212)	(6,708)	(8,533)	(10,825)	(13,679)	(17,218)
General and administrative	(327)	(465)	(661)	(766)	(963)	(1,078)	(1,793)	(2,366)	(2,989)	(3,535)	(4,293)	(5,019)	(5,772)
Total operating expenses	(1,581)	(2,564)	(4,129)	(5,383)	(6,946)	(9,657)	(13,439)	(17,338)	(21,777)	(26,901)	(32,942)	(39,778)	(47,651)
Income from operations (EBIT)	128	441	1,034	2,207	2,631	3,201	3,723	4,844	6,556	8,067	9,985	11,527	13,346
Other income (expenses):													
Interest income and other financial gains, net	103	138	265	135	148	138	155	163	167	151	154	155	157
Interest expense and other financial losses	(107)	(229)	(321)	(174)	(165)	(160)	(193)	(193)	(193)	(193)	(193)	(193)	(193)
Foreign currency losses, net	(43)	(109)	(198)	(615)	(182)	(337)	(166)	(212)	(265)	(323)	(388)	(458)	(531)
Net income before income tax expense and equity in earnings of unconsolidated entity	81	241	780	1,553	2,432	2,842	3,520	4,603	6,266	7,702	9,558	11,031	12,780
Income tax expense	(82)	(149)	(298)	(569)	(521)	(845)	(1,117)	(1,453)	(1,967)	(2,420)	(2,996)	(3,458)	(4,004)
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entity	--	(9)	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Net Income	(1)	83	482	987	1,911	1,997	2,403	3,149	4,299	5,282	6,563	7,573	8,776
% growth		\$200.0%	450.7%	104.8%	93.6%	4.5%	20.3%	31.1%	36.5%	22.6%	24.2%	15.4%	15.9%
% margin	0.0%	1.2%	4.6%	6.5%	9.2%	6.9%	6.3%	6.4%	6.9%	6.9%	7.0%	6.8%	6.7%



Balance Sheet (Assets)

For Fiscal Year	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024A	2025A
As of:	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	12/31/2022	12/31/2023	12/31/2024	12/31/2025
<i>\$ in millions, unless otherwise specified</i>						
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	1,856	2,585	1,910	2,556	2,635	3,670
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	652	1,063	1,453	1,292	2,064	9,867
Short-term investments	--	--	2,339	3,480	4,485	2,629
Short-term investments (602,193 and 636,949 held in guarantee)	1,241	810	--	--	--	--
Accounts receivable, net	50	98	130	156	255	369
Credit card receivables and other means of payments, net	863	1,839	2,946	3,632	5,288	6,893
Loans receivable, net of allowances of \$3,057 and \$1,630	--	--	--	--	4,716	8,855
Loans receivable, net of allowances of \$1,042 and \$1,074	--	--	1,704	2,629	--	--
Loans receivable, net	385	1,199	--	--	--	--
Prepaid expenses	28	40	--	--	--	--
Inventories	118	253	152	238	296	570
Customer crypto-assets safeguarding assets	--	--	15	34	--	--
Other assets	153	287	304	277	403	720
Total Current Assets	5,347	8,175	10,953	14,294	20,142	33,573
Long-term investments	166	89	322	162	1,203	1,764
Credit card receivables and other means of payments, net	--	--	--	--	--	153
Loans receivable, net of allowances of \$86 and \$48	--	--	--	--	179	510
Loans receivable, net of allowances of \$42 and \$30	--	--	32	65	--	--
Loans receivable, net	17	61	--	--	--	--
Property and equipment, net	392	807	993	1,250	1,380	2,303
Operating lease right-of-use assets	303	461	656	899	1,098	2,201
Goodwill	85	148	153	163	149	163
Intangible assets, net	14	45	25	11	12	33
Intangible assets at fair value	--	--	--	24	49	--
Deferred tax assets	135	181	346	710	802	1,541
Other assets	68	134	256	68	182	426
Total Non-Current Assets	1,180	1,926	2,783	3,352	5,054	9,094
Total Assets	6,526	10,101	13,736	17,646	25,196	42,667



Balance Sheet (Equity and Liabilities)

Liabilities						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	767	1,036	1,393	2,117	3,196	4,502
Funds payable to customers	1,695	2,393	3,454	4,475	6,954	13,029
Amounts payable due to credit and debit card transactions	38	337	483	1,072	1,923	3,584
Salaries and social security payable	207	313	401	545	727	916
Taxes payable	216	291	414	477	525	1,140
Loans payable and other financial liabilities	548	1,285	2,131	2,292	2,828	4,623
Operating lease liabilities	55	92	142	166	241	430
Customer crypto-assets safeguarding liabilities	--	--	15	34	--	--
Other liabilities	109	88	129	119	209	409
Total Current Liabilities	3,636	5,837	8,562	11,297	16,603	28,633
Amounts payable due to credit and debit card transactions	--	4	5	20	41	187
Salaries and social security payable	50	20	--	--	--	--
Loans payable and other financial liabilities	861	2,233	2,627	2,203	2,887	4,570
Operating lease liabilities	244	372	514	672	894	1,769
Deferred tax liabilities	64	62	106	183	204	372
Other liabilities	20	41	95	200	216	388
Total Non-Current Liabilities	1,239	2,733	3,347	3,278	4,242	7,286
Total Liabilities	4,875	8,569	11,909	14,575	20,845	35,919
Equity						
Common stock, 0.001 par value, \$110,000,000 shares authorized, \$50,697,182 and \$50,697,375 shares issued and outstanding	--	--	--	--	--	--
Common stock, 0.001 par value, 110,000,000 shares authorized, 50,697,442 and 50,257,751 shares issued and outstanding	--	--	--	--	--	--
Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 110,000,000 shares authorized, 50,418,980 and 49,869,727 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020	0	0	--	--	--	--
Additional paid-in capital	1,861	2,439	2,309	1,770	1,770	1,771
Treasury stock, 225,931 and 225,474 shares	(55)	(790)	(931)	(310)	(311)	(312)
Retained earnings	314	397	913	1,901	3,812	5,809
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(468)	(515)	(464)	(290)	(920)	(520)
Total Equity	1,652	1,532	1,827	3,071	4,351	6,748
Total Liabilities & Equity	6,526	10,101	13,736	17,646	25,196	42,667



Cash Flow Statement – Operating Activities

For Fiscal Year	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024A	2025A
Period Ending:	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	12/31/2022	12/31/2023	12/31/2024	12/31/2025
<i>\$ in millions, unless otherwise specified</i>						
Cash Flows From Operations						
Net income (loss)	(1)	83	482	987	1,911	1,997
<u>Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities</u>						
Impairment of equity securities held at cost	--	--	--	--	--	19
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated entity	--	9	--	(3)	--	--
Unrealized foreign currency losses, net	89	91	411	487	286	457
Impairment of digital assets	--	9	12	--	--	--
Depreciation and amortization	105	204	403	524	617	818
Accrued interest income / Accrued interest, financial income and other revenues	(46)	(36)	(166)	(311)	(415)	(1,216)
Non cash interest expense, convertible notes amortization of debt discount and amortization of debt issuance costs and other charges	15	86	137	113	114	396
Provision for doubtful accounts	133	435	1,073	1,050	1,858	3,091
Provisions for contingencies	--	--	--	335	176	106
Results on derivative instruments	(2)	--	66	39	(42)	117
Results on digital assets at fair value	--	--	--	(14)	(25)	(10)
Settlement of the call option	--	(11)	--	--	--	--
Stock-based compensation expense - restricted shares	1	1	1	--	--	--
Sale of fixed assets and intangible assets	4	--	--	--	--	--
Long-Term Retention Program accrued compensation	130	89	84	167	261	303
Deferred income taxes	(70)	(29)	(97)	(284)	(243)	(469)
<u>Changes in assets and liabilities</u>						
Accounts receivable	12	(26)	(71)	(1,413)	(2,687)	(1,508)
Credit card receivables and other means of payments	(522)	(1,063)	(1,084)	--	--	--
Prepaid expenses	16	(13)	3	--	--	--
Inventories	(107)	(142)	114	(69)	(113)	(235)
Other assets	(114)	(175)	(90)	(55)	(308)	(491)
Payables and accrued expenses	584	380	449	1,225	1,595	1,487
Funds payable to customers	901	808	1,044	1,502	3,605	5,341
Amounts payable due to credit and debit card transactions	37	309	128	693	1,213	1,592
Other liabilities	(35)	(79)	(82)	80	75	145
Operating lease liabilities	--	--	--	(168)	(189)	(408)
Interest received from investments	52	35	123	255	229	584
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,182	965	2,940	5,140	7,918	12,116



Cash Flow Statement – Investing and Financing Activities

Cash Flows From Investing Activities

Purchases of investments	(5,200)	(7,371)	(12,694)	(18,936)	(16,710)	(14,754)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	5,533	7,801	11,023	18,100	13,962	16,590
Payments for acquired businesses, net of cash acquired	(7)	(51)	--	--	(6)	--
Capital contributions in joint ventures	--	(5)	--	--	--	--
Receipts from settlements of derivative instruments	18	6	1	--	29	3
Payments from settlements of derivative instruments	(4)	(20)	(45)	(58)	(14)	(91)
Purchases of intangible assets	--	(36)	(1)	--	--	--
Changes in principle loans receivable, net	(345)	(1,348)	(1,701)	(2,047)	(4,688)	(6,659)
Investments of property and equipment	(247)	(573)	(454)	--	--	--
Investments in property and equipment, intangible assets and intangible assets at fair value	--	--	--	(509)	(860)	(1,343)
Proceeds from sales of intangible assets at fair value	--	--	--	--	--	75

Net cash used in investing activities	(252)	(1,597)	(3,871)	(3,450)	(8,287)	(6,179)
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Cash Flows From Financing Activities

Purchase of convertible note capped calls	(307)	(101)	--	--	--	--
Exercise of Convertible Notes	--	(3)	--	--	--	--
Payments on repurchase of the 2028 notes	--	(1,865)	--	--	--	--
Unwind of convertible note capped calls	--	397	--	--	--	--
Proceeds from loans payable and other financial liabilities	2,396	9,262	17,017	24,963	19,472	44,050
Payments on loans payable and other financing liabilities	(1,785)	(6,782)	(15,933)	(24,841)	(17,461)	(41,088)
Payments of finance lease obligations	(5)	(17)	(20)	(33)	(51)	(57)
Common Stock repurchased	(54)	(486)	(148)	(356)	(1)	(1)
Dividends paid of preferred stock	(3)	--	--	--	--	--
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net	--	1,520	--	--	--	--

Net cash provided (used in) by financing activities	242	1,925	916	(267)	1,959	2,904
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Effect of exchange rates on cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents	(115)	(153)	(270)	(938)	(739)	(3)
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Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents	1,057	1,140	(285)	485	851	8,838
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Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	1,451	2,508	3,648	3,363	3,848	4,699
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Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	2,508	3,648	3,363	3,848	4,699	13,537
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% growth	72.8%	45.5%	-7.8%	14.4%	22.1%	188.1%
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DCF Output

Terminal Value	
Perpetuity Growth Method	
2030 UFCF	13,050.5
Terminal Growth Rate	2.0%
Terminal Value	143,704.7
Present Value of Terminal Value	\$86,804.2

Enterprise Value	
Perpetuity Growth Method	
PV of Projection Period	31,526.3
PV of Terminal Value	86,804.2
Implied TEV	118,330.5
(-) Debt	(6,339.0)
(+) Cash	3,670.0
Implied Equity Value	115,661.5
Shares Outstanding	50.7
Share Price	\$2,281.29

Terminal Value	
Exit Multiple Method	
2030 EBITDA	12,765.0
EV/EBITDA Exit Multiple	13.0x
Terminal Value	165,944.4
Present Value of Terminal Value	\$100,238.0

Enterprise Value	
Exit Multiple Method	
PV of Projection Period	31,526.3
PV of Terminal Value	100,238.0
Implied TEV	131,764.3
(-) Debt	(6,339.0)
(+) Cash	3,670.0
Implied Equity Value	129,095.3
Shares Outstanding	50.7
Share Price	\$2,546.26

Blended Implied Share Price	
Perpetuity Growth Method	\$2,281.29
Exit Multiple Method	\$2,546.26
RL Blended Share Price	\$2,413.78
Current Share Price	\$1,773.96
% Change	36.1%

WACC



Capital Structure (\$mm)					
Debt Tranche	Coupon	Maturity	Amount	% Total	Weighted Rate
2028 Senior Unsecured Loan	4.668%	09/27/2028	3,000.0	26.3%	1.229%
2031 Sustainability Notes	3.125%	01/14/2031	535.6	4.7%	0.147%
2033 Senior Notes	4.900%	01/15/2033	750.0	6.6%	0.323%
Other Debt & Lease Obligations			7,106.4	62.4%	3.369%
Total Debt			11,392.0	100.0%	5.067%

Credit Metrics	
Interest Expense	160 <i>*From Income Statement</i>
Net Debt	5,093 <i>*Cash of \$6,299mm per Bloomberg</i>
NTM EBITDA	4,905 <i>*Bloomberg 2026E consensus</i>
Interest Coverage Ratio	30.7x
Net Leverage Ratio	1.04x
Credit Rating	BBB- / Baa <i>*S&P / Moody's</i>

WACC Calculation			
Component	Weight	Cost	Weighted
Equity	88.4%	12.28%	10.85%
Debt (After-Tax)	11.6%	3.56%	0.41%
WACC			11.26%

Market Snapshot

Current Share Price	\$1,710.37
Shares Outstanding (mm)	50.7
Market Cap (\$mm)	86,716
Total Debt (\$mm)	11,392
Total Capitalization	98,108
Debt / Total Capitalization	11.6%
Equity / Total Capitalization	88.4%

Cost of Debt

Pre-Tax Cost of Debt	5.07%
Tax Rate	29.73%
After-Tax Cost of Debt	3.56%

Cost of Equity (CAPM)

Risk-Free Rate (10Y UST)	4.33%
Beta (Bloomberg Adjusted)	0.99
Market Risk Premium	5.50%
Country Risk Premium (LatAm)	2.50%
Cost of Equity	12.28%