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### LAZADA GROUP RELEASES FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG) IMPACT REPORT

Lazada's first ESG impact report commemorates its tenth anniversary and mark the Group's commitment to building a sustainable business and creating positive impact

**SINGAPORE, 31 OCTOBER 2022 –** Southeast Asia's leading eCommerce platform, Lazada, today released its first Environment, Social, and Governance (ESG) Impact report, <u>Shaping the Future of the Digital Economy for 2022</u>. The report details the company's efforts to leverage eCommerce as a force for good to uplift communities, champion accountable and sustainable business practices and manage its impact on the environment.

"As Lazada celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, we also celebrate 10 years of digital commerce in Southeast Asia. It is also a timely milestone to release our first ESG Impact report and I am pleased to share our progress in accelerating the growth of digital commerce in the region and making a difference through our operations," said James Dong, Chief Executive Officer, Lazada Group. "This report is only the start of our journey. I am looking forward to stronger collaborations with our partners and stakeholders around how we can leverage our position as a leading eCommerce platform to shape the future of a sustainable digital ecosystem."

The report unveils the company's ESG framework and its four core pillars: Empowering Communities, Future-Ready Workforce, Responsible Stewardship, and Effective Governance. It highlights many notable achievements for the company under these pillars, including:

#### • Empowering Communities:

- Positive socio-economic impact to support development across the region: Across its six markets, Lazada created 1.1 million economic opportunities <sup>1</sup> within its ecosystem of sellers, digital commerce enablers, third-party logistics partners and dedicated employees.
- Provision of services, infrastructure and capacity-building for the empowerment of Southeast Asian communities:
  - Lazada's commitment is to give back to societies and communities in recovery efforts and building a more resilient society. Initiatives such as Lazada's COVID-19 and disaster relief responses across the markets have been in place since its early years.
  - Lazada works with local stakeholders to develop programs that support women in their journeys to becoming entrepreneurs and celebrates female entrepreneurs who have overcome obstacles to grow their businesses successfully with Lazada. In March 2022, Lazada honored the achievements of 18 female entrepreneurs across the region on Lazada's platform with the <u>Lazada Forward Women Awards 2022</u>.

#### Future-Ready Workforce:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As of 31 March 2022



- A diverse and inclusive work environment for employees: In the past two years, overall workforce across the Group has grown by 18%. Women make up 43% of Lazada's workforce, a higher percentage than that of the overall technology industry in Southeast Asia at 32%<sup>2</sup>.
- Development of skillsets and knowledge for the broader digital talent pool: Lazada established initiatives such as Lazada University, an exclusive education program to empower its sellers, and the Lazada Learning Festival 2022, the biggest virtual learning festival in Southeast Asia to educate and engage with the general public.

#### • Responsible Stewardship:

- Lower carbon footprint: Lazada introduced a baseline carbon inventory to identify key sources of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission across its operations. The results from the carbon inventory exercises will serve to enhance Lazada's decarbonization roadmap in the coming years and align with global ambitions to reduce GHG emissions.
- Reduced material uses and engage in a circular economy: RedMart, Lazada Singapore's grocery arm, avoided approximately 30 tons of virgin plastic alone by switching RedMart Label water bottles to 100% recycled PET materials.

#### Effective Governance

- Strengthened cybersecurity measures: Lazada is one of the few eCommerce platforms in Southeast Asia to be certified against the ISO 27001:2013 standards, an international standard for information security that sets out a holistic approach to securing the confidentiality.
- Best practices for intellectual property protection and processes: Lazada is the first Southeast Asian digital commerce company with a dedicated Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Protection Team. In March 2020, the team piloted a proactive detection and takedown of counterfeit goods, which resulted in 98% of proactive removals occurring before a transaction took place in 2021.

"The progress we made in the last few years has laid the groundwork for sustained success and momentum as we push forward with our ESG impact," said Frank Luo, Chief Financial Officer, Lazada Group. "As Southeast Asia's pioneer digital commerce platform, we are committed to enabling a sustainable and healthy ecosystem that connects buyers and sellers. Our approach is to adopt an 'ecosystem mindset', by increasing collaboration with our partners and stakeholders along our value chain to create a positive impact."

Most recently, Lazada Logistics in Indonesia was also honored as the winner of the Responsible Consumption and Production (Plastic) category under the <u>B20 Sustainability 4.0 Awards</u>, a joint European-Indonesian project and a side event of B20 Indonesia 2022. The prestigious awards celebrate businesses and individuals that embed sustainable practices in their strategies and processes by embracing the environment and societies in their agenda.

Lazada's FY2022 ESG Impact Report has been prepared with reference to the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards 2021<sup>3</sup>.

The full FY2022 ESG Impact Report: Shaping the Future of the Digital Economy can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Boston Consulting Group, Boosting Women in Technology in Southeast Asia (2020)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Editor's Note for more details



#### **Editor's Note:**

- Lazada's FY2022 ESG Impact Report details its ESG approach and performance across the Group's operations in six countries Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam and the operations of its subsidiary, RedMart in Singapore for the reporting period of 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 ("FY2022"), unless otherwise stated.
- This report also includes data from the prior reporting period of 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 ("FY2021") for comparison where applicable.
- The GRI Standards was selected as it is the most widely adopted global standard among businesses
  to report on sustainability matters across comparable criteria. A detailed GRI Standards content index
  is provided at the end of the report (page 58).

#### **About Lazada Group**

Lazada Group is Southeast Asia's pioneer eCommerce platform. For the last 10 years, Lazada has been accelerating progress in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam through commerce and technology. Today, a thriving local ecosystem links about 160 million active users to more than one million actively-selling sellers every month, who are transacting safely and securely via trusted payments channels and Lazada Wallet, receiving parcels through a homegrown logistics network that has become the largest in the region.

With a vision to achieve USD100 billion annual GMV, Lazada aims to serve 300 million shoppers by 2030, and be the best at enabling brands and sellers in digitalizing their businesses.

In 2022, the Lazada Foundation was set up to empower youths and women for the digital future, close the gender digital divide and uplifting communities by creating positive impact. More information can be found here <a href="https://group.lazada.com/en/foundation/">https://group.lazada.com/en/foundation/</a>.

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**FY2022 ESG IMPACT REPORT:** 

# SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

As a leading digital commerce business in Southeast Asia, Lazada is committed to building a stronger economy by leveraging digital commerce as a force for good to uplift communities, championing accountable and sustainable business practices and managing our impact on the environment.



### EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

Providing the necessary jobs, services, infrastructure, and capacity-building for the empowerment of Southeast Asian communities across our network, supporting economic development across the region.

More than

1.1 Million

economic opportunities<sup>1</sup> created by Lazada's platform

<sup>1</sup>Monthly active sellers, digital commerce enablers, third-party logistics partners and employees.

## FUTURE-READY WORKFORCE

Fostering a safe and inclusive work environment for our employees, and developing the skill sets and knowledge of our broader talent pool to stay resilient in a fast-changing world.

growth in workforce with 43% women and over 35 nationalities<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> As of 31 Mar 2022

### RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

Managing our impact on the environment with strategies that lower our carbon footprint, reduce our material use of natural resources and engage in a circular economy.

Gons
of virgin plastic avoided by switching RedMart Label water bottles to 100% recycled PET material in 2021

## EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

Implementing effective governance structures as a foundation of Lazada's success, with a focus on strengthening our cybersecurity and intellectual property protection practices and processes.

# Certified against ISO27001:2013

Information Security Management System standards



