

# **MEXICO** LATAM's Largest Online Payments Marketplace

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## The Mexican market



Mexico, with a vibrant history, enthic diversity, and rich natural resources, is the world's 15th largest economy. It is also among the world's most open economies. Through its Free Trade Agreements (FTA), it has access to over 50 countries. Mexican FTAs with the EU comprise 22.9% of global GDP.<sup>1</sup> The Pacific Alliance, of which Mexico is a key member, represents over 40% of LATAM (Latin American) and Caribbean GDP.<sup>2</sup>

The Mexican economy has grown 2.1% over the past decade, driven by responsible fiscal, financial, and commercial policymaking. After an economic contraction in 2020, Mexico bounced back with 4.8% growth 2021.<sup>3</sup> The country's development strategy is based on promoting private investment in important sectors, increasing the number of trade agreements with other countries, and encouraging consumption through financial inclusion and social programs. The Mexican economy is expected to grow by:

3.4% in 2022

3.5% in 2023



Mexico's gross domestic product expanded 1.6% year-on-year in Q1 of 2022.<sup>8</sup> The country's retail sales grew 6.3% in February 2022, and consumer spending is expected to grow 1.9% over the year. Ecommerce is projected to account for 15% of total retail sales in Mexico by 2023.<sup>9</sup>

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## Why do business in Mexico

### Strong and large domestic market

The country's population of over 130 million provides a strong user base. Ecommerce has become a part of everyday life.<sup>16</sup>



Mexico was the highest ranked country in LATAM in the ease of doing business index in 2020

#### High internet connectivity

Mexico's high internet connectivity growth provides an ideal ecosystem for the growth of the ecommerce sector.



Mexican households are expected to have fixed internet services by the end of 2022<sup>21</sup>

#### A manufacturing powerhouse

Over 27% of exports in Mexico comprise medium to high-technology products and components.<sup>22</sup> This is higher than in countries like Germany and South Korea.





# Sectors with the most exciting growth potential

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Fintech

Online Gambling

Ecommerce

#### **Fintech**

Mexico has one of the largest fintech ecosystems in LATAM. Despite economic uncertainties during the pandemic, Mexican fintech companies managed to raise \$567 million in funding in 2020, representing 20% of the entire LATAM region.<sup>33</sup>

The fintech industry in Mexico remains ripe for disruption.

- Oligopolistic banking structure
- Skilled and young entrepreneurial community
- Huge VC funding from Silicon Valley

Low financial inclusion

#### Players in the Mexican fintech sector:

- Challenger banks
- Digital payments
- Digital lending
- InvestTech
- InsureTech
- Open Banking
- Super apps

#### Growth in the fintech ecosystem



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