

Pursuant to CMN Resolution No. 4,373, foreign investors must fulfill the following requirements before engaging in financial transactions:

- appoint at least one representative in Brazil with powers to perform actions relating to the foreign investment;
- appoint an authorized custodian in Brazil for the investments, which must be a financial institution duly authorized by the Central Bank and the CVM;
- complete the appropriate foreign investor registration form;
- through its representative, register as a foreign investor with the CVM; and
- register its foreign investment with the Central Bank.

In addition, an investor operating under the provisions of CMN Resolution No. 4,373 must be registered with the Brazilian Internal Revenue Service (*Receita Federal do Brasil*) pursuant to Normative Ruling No. 1,863/2018, as amended, which also provides specific obligations regarding the disclosure of information on individuals authorized to legally represent a foreign investor in Brazil as well as the chain of corporate interest up to the individual deemed as their ultimate beneficiary or up to one of the entities mentioned in the corresponding legislation, which includes publicly-held companies domiciled in Brazil.

This registration process is undertaken by the investor's legal representative in Brazil. Non-Brazilian investors should consult their own tax advisors regarding the consequences of Normative Ruling No. 1,863/2018.

Securities and other financial assets held by foreign investors pursuant to CMN Resolution No. 4,373 must be registered or maintained in deposit accounts or under the custody of an entity duly licensed by the Central Bank or the CVM. In addition, securities trading is restricted to transactions carried out on stock exchanges or through organized over-the-counter markets licensed by the CVM, except for subscription, bonification, conversion of debentures into common shares, securities indexes, purchase and sale of investment funds quotas and, if permitted by the CVM, going private transactions, canceling or suspension of trading, public offerings of securities, etc., as detailed by CVM Instruction No. 560, dated March 27, 2015. Moreover, the offshore transfer or assignment of the securities or other financial assets held by foreign investors pursuant to CMN Resolution No. 4,373 is prohibited, except for transfers resulting from a corporate reorganization, or occurring upon the death of an investor by operation of law or will.

Investors under CMN Resolution No. 4,373 who are not resident in a Low or Nil Taxation Jurisdiction (i.e., a country that does not impose income tax or where the maximum income tax rate is lower than 20%) are entitled to favorable tax treatment.

Foreign investors may also invest directly under Law No. 4,131/1962, and may sell their shares in both private and open market transactions, but these investors are subject to less favorable tax treatment on gains than investors under CMN Resolution No. 4,373. A foreign direct investor under Law No. 4,131/1962 must: (1) register as a foreign direct investor with the Central Bank; (2) obtain a Brazilian identification number from the Brazilian tax authorities; (3) appoint a tax representative in Brazil; and (4) appoint a representative in Brazil for service of process in respect of suits based on Brazilian Corporate Law. For additional information on Brazilian tax consequences of investing in the Sendas common shares, see "E. Taxation—Material Brazilian Tax Consequences."

E. Taxation

The following discussion contains a description of the material Brazilian and U.S. federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the Sendas common shares or the Sendas ADSs. The following discussion is not intended to constitute a complete analysis of all tax consequences relating to the acquisition, ownership and disposition of our common shares. You should consult your own tax advisor concerning the tax consequences of your particular situation, as well as any tax consequences that may arise under the laws of any state, local, foreign or other taxing jurisdiction.

Material Brazilian Tax Consequences

The following discussion describes the material Brazilian tax consequences relating to the purchase, ownership and disposal of Sendas common shares and Sendas ADSs by persons that are not domiciled in Brazil for tax purposes (“Non-Resident Holders”).

It does not purport to be a comprehensive discussion of all the tax consequences that may be relevant to these matters, and it is not applicable to all categories of investors, some of which may be subject to special tax rules not specifically addressed herein. It is based upon the tax laws of Brazil, in effect as of the date of this annual report, which are subject to change and to differing interpretations. Any change in the applicable Brazilian laws and regulations may impact the consequences described below.

The tax consequences described below do not take into account tax treaties entered into by Brazil and other countries. The discussion also does not address any tax consequences under the tax laws of any state or locality of Brazil, except if otherwise stated herein.

Although there is presently no income tax treaty between Brazil and the United States, the tax authorities of the two countries have had discussions that may culminate in such a treaty. No assurance can be given, however, as to whether or when a tax treaty will enter into force or how such a treaty would affect a U.S. holder of Sendas common shares or Sendas ADSs.

You are advised to consult your own tax advisor with respect to the Spin-Off or an investment in Sendas common shares or Sendas ADSs in light of your particular investment circumstances.

Taxation of Dividends

Dividends paid by a Brazilian corporation, such as the us, to a Non-Brazilian Holder of common shares or ADSs are currently not subject to withholding income tax (“WHT”) in Brazil to the extent that such amounts are related to profits generated on or after January 1, 1996. Dividends paid from profits generated before January 1, 1996 may be subject to WHT at variable rates, according to the tax legislation applicable to each corresponding year.

Law No. 11,638, dated December 28, 2007 (“Law No. 11,638”) significantly changed the Brazilian Corporate Law in order to align Brazilian generally accepted accounting principles with IFRS. Nonetheless, Law No. 11,941, dated May 27, 2009, introduced the Transitory Tax Regime (“RTT”), in order to render neutral, from a tax perspective, all the changes provided by Law No. 11,638. Under the RTT, for tax purposes, legal entities should observe the accounting methods and criteria that were effective on December 31, 2007.

Profits determined pursuant to Law No. 11,638 (“IFRS Profits”), may differ from the profits calculated pursuant to the accounting methods and criteria as effective on December 31, 2007 (“2007 Profits”).

While it was general market practice to distribute exempted dividends with reference to the IFRS Profits, Rule No. 1,397, issued by the Brazilian tax authorities on September 16, 2013, established that legal entities should observe the 2007 Profits in order to determine the amount of profits that could be distributed as exempted income to their beneficiaries.

Any profits paid in excess of said 2007 Profits (“Excess Dividends”), should, in the tax authorities’ view and in the specific case of Non-Resident Holders, be subject to the following rules of taxation: (1) 15.0% WHT, in case of beneficiaries domiciled abroad, but not in a Low or Nil Tax Jurisdiction, and (2) 25.0% WHT, in the case of beneficiaries domiciled in a Low or Nil Tax Jurisdiction.

In order to mitigate potential disputes on the subject, Law No. 12,973, dated May 13, 2014 ("Law No. 12, 973"), in addition to revoking the RTT, introduced a new set of tax rules (the "New Brazilian Tax Regime"), including new provisions with respect to Excess Dividends. Under these new provisions: (1) Excess Dividends related to profits assessed from 2008 to 2013 are exempt; (2) potential disputes remain concerning the Excess Dividends related to 2014 profits, since Law No. 12,973 has not expressly excluded those amounts from taxation and Rule No. 1,492, issued by the Brazilian tax authorities on September 17, 2014, established they are subject to taxation when distributed by companies which have not elected to apply the New Brazilian Tax Regime in 2014; and (3) as of 2015, as the New Brazilian Tax Regime is mandatory and has completely replaced the RTT, dividends calculated based on IFRS Profits should be considered fully exempt.

Finally, there is currently legislation pending before the Brazilian Congress discussing the taxation of dividends. It is not possible to predict if the taxation of dividends will be effectively approved by the Brazilian Congress and how such taxation would be implemented.

Distribution of Interest on Shareholders' Equity

Law No. 9,249, dated December 26, 1995, as amended, allows a Brazilian corporation, such as us, to make payments to shareholders of interest on shareholders' equity as an alternative to carrying out dividend distributions and treat those payments as a deductible expense for the purposes of calculating Brazilian corporate income tax and social contribution on net income.

For tax purposes, this interest is limited to the daily variation of the *pro rata* variation of the long term interest rate as determined by the Central Bank from time to time applied to certain equity accounts, and the amount of the distribution may not exceed the greater of:

- 50% of net income (after the deduction of the social contribution on net income and before taking into account the provision for corporate income tax and the amounts attributable to shareholders as interest on shareholders' equity) for the period in respect of which the payment is made; or
- 50% of the sum of retained profits and profits reserves for the year prior to the year in respect of which the payment is made.

Payments of interest on shareholders' equity to a Non-Resident Holder are subject to WHT at the rate of 15.0%, or 25.0% if the Non-Resident Holder is domiciled in a Low or Nil Tax Jurisdiction.

These payments may be included, at their net value, as part of any mandatory dividend. To the extent that such payments are accounted for as part of the mandatory dividend, under current Brazilian law, we are obliged to distribute to shareholders an additional amount sufficient to ensure that the net amount received by the shareholders, after payment by us of applicable WHT, plus the amount of declared dividends, is at least equal to the mandatory dividend. The distribution of interest on shareholders' equity must be proposed by our board of directors and is subject to subsequent ratification by the shareholders at the shareholders' meeting.

Capital Gains

Sale of Sendas ADSs

According to Law No. 10,833, dated December 29, 2003 ("Law No. 10,833"), capital gains earned on the disposal of assets located in Brazil by a Non-Resident Holder, whether to another Non-Resident Holder or to a Brazilian Resident Holder (defined as a person that is domiciled in Brazil for tax purposes, as defined by the applicable Brazilian tax legislation) are subject to taxation in Brazil.

Our understanding is that ADSs do not qualify as assets located in Brazil for the purposes of Law No. 10,833 because they represent securities issued and renegotiated in an offshore exchange market and, therefore, should not be subject to the Brazilian WHT. However, considering the lack of any judicial court ruling in respect thereto, we cannot assure you of how tax authorities and Brazilian courts would interpret the definition of assets located in Brazil in connection with the taxation of gains realized by a Non-Resident Holder on the disposal of Sendas ADSs to another Non-Resident Holder. If the Sendas ADSs are deemed to be assets located in Brazil, gains recognized by a Non-Resident Holder from the sale or other disposition to either a non-resident or a resident in Brazil may be subject to income tax in Brazil as further described below.

Conversion of Sendas ADS into Sendas Common Shares

Although there is no clear regulatory guidance, the cancellation of Sendas ADSs and receipt of the underlying Sendas common shares should not subject a Non-Resident Holder to Brazilian tax. Non-Resident Holders may cancel their Sendas ADSs, receive the underlying Sendas common shares, sell such Sendas common shares on a Brazilian stock exchange and remit abroad the proceeds of the sale, according to the regulations of the Central Bank.

Upon receipt of the underlying Sendas common shares upon the cancellation of Sendas ADSs, a Non-Resident Holder may also elect to register with the Central Bank the U.S. dollar value of such Sendas common shares as a foreign portfolio investment under Resolution No. 4,373, which will entitle them to the tax treatment described below.

Alternatively, a Non-Resident Holder is also entitled to register with the Central Bank the U.S. dollar value of such Sendas common shares as a foreign direct investment under Law No. 4,131/62, in which case the respective sale would be subject to the tax treatment applicable to transactions carried out of by a Non-Resident Holder that is not registered before Brazil's Central Bank and CVM in accordance with Resolution No. 4,373.

Sale of Sendas Common Shares

Capital gains assessed on a Non-Resident Holder on the disposition of Sendas common shares carried out on a Brazilian stock exchange are:

- exempt from income tax when realized by a Non-Resident Holder that: (1) has registered its investment in Brazil with the Central Bank under the rules of CMN Resolution No. 4,373(a "4,373 Holder"); and (2) is not resident or domiciled in a Low or Nil Tax Jurisdiction;
- subject to income tax at a rate of 15.0% in the case of gains realized by a Non-Resident Holder that: (1) is a 4,373 Holder; and (2) is resident or domiciled in a Low or Nil Tax Jurisdiction. In this case, a withholding income tax of 0.005% of the sale value shall be applicable and withheld by the intermediary institution (i.e., a broker) that receives the order directly from the Non-Resident Holder, which can be later offset against any income tax due on the capital gain earned by the Non-Resident Holder; or
- subject to income tax at a rate of up to 25.0% in the case of gains realized by a Non-Resident Holder that: (1) is not a 4,373 holder; and (2) is resident or domiciled in a Low or Nil Tax Jurisdiction. In this case, a withholding income tax of 0.005% of the sale value shall be applicable and withheld by the intermediary institution (i.e., a broker) that receives the order directly from the Non-Resident Holder, which can be later offset against any income tax due on the capital gain earned by the Non-Resident Holder.

Any other gains assessed on a sale or disposition of Sendas common shares that is not carried out on a Brazilian stock exchange are subject to: (1) income tax at a rate ranging from 15.0% up to 22.5% when realized by a Non-Resident Holder that (A) has registered its investment as a foreign direct investment under Law No. 4,131/62 (a "4,131 Holder"); and (B) is not resident or domiciled in a Low Tax Jurisdiction; and (2) income tax at a rate of 25.0% when realized by a 4,131 Holder that is domiciled or resident in a Low Tax Jurisdiction. If these gains are related to transactions conducted on the Brazilian non-organized over-the-counter market with intermediation, a WHT of 0.005% on the sale value will also apply and can be used to offset the income tax due on the capital gain.

Under Brazilian legislation, there are legal grounds to support that the disposition of shares of a Brazilian entity by a 4,373 Holder outside the Brazilian stock exchange should be subject to a rate of 15.0%. This is mainly because Section 81 of Law No. 8,981, dated January 20, 1995, as extended by Section 16 Provisional Measure 2,189-49/01, provides for a Special Tax Regime to 4,373 Holders by means of which: (1) capital gains earned by 4,373 Holders are exempt, to the extent capital gains are considered to be the positive results obtained from transactions carried out on the stock exchange; and (2) in all other cases applies the taxation at the 15.0% WHT rate. Notwithstanding, Brazilian custodian agents usually do not accept this view and require the tax treatment applicable to 4,131 Holders (i.e., progressive WHT rates ranging from 15.0% up to 22.5%) on disposition of Brazilian assets carried out outside the stock exchange. There is a Ruling surrounding the matter, but it still leaves room for interpretation. Administrative and judicial precedents are inexistent.

Any exercise of preemptive rights relating to Sendas common shares or Sendas ADSs will not be subject to Brazilian withholding income tax. Any gain on the sale or assignment of preemptive rights relating to Sendas common shares by the Sendas Depositary on behalf of holders of Sendas ADSs will be subject to Brazilian income taxation according to the same rules applicable to the sale or disposal of Sendas common shares.

In the case of a redemption of common shares or a capital reduction by a Brazilian corporation, such as us, the positive difference between the amount received by a Non-Resident Holder and the acquisition cost of the common shares redeemed, including common shares underlying common ADSs, is treated as a capital gain derived from the sale or exchange of shares not carried out on a Brazilian stock exchange market, and is therefore subject to income tax at the specific rates detailed above, depending on the nature of the investment and the location of the investor.

As a general rule, the gains realized as a result of the disposal of common shares, including these underlying common ADSs, is the positive difference between the amount realized on the sale or exchange of the common shares and their acquisition cost.

There is no assurance that the current preferential treatment for a Non-Resident Holder of Sendas ADSs and a 4,373 Holder of Sendas common shares will continue or that it will not change in the future.

Conversion of Sendas Common Shares into Sendas ADSs

The deposit of Sendas common shares into the Sendas ADS program and issuance of Sendas ADSs may subject a Non-Resident Holder to Brazilian income tax on capital gains if the amount previously registered with the Central Bank as a foreign investment in Sendas common shares or, in the case of other market investors under Resolution No. 4,373, the acquisition cost of the Sendas common shares, as the case may be, is lower than:

- the average price per Sendas common share on the B3 on the day of deposit; or
- if no Sendas common shares were sold on that day, the average price on the B3 during the 15 preceding trading sessions.

The difference between the amount previously registered, or the acquisition cost, as the case may be, and the average price of the Sendas common shares, calculated as set forth above, is considered a capital gain.

Discussion on Low or Nil Taxation Jurisdictions

On June 4, 2010, the Brazilian tax authorities enacted Normative Ruling No. 1,037 listing: (1) the countries and jurisdictions considered as Low or Nil Taxation Jurisdictions or where the local legislation does not allow access to information related to the shareholding composition of legal entities, to their ownership or to the identity of the effective beneficiary of the income attributed to non-residents; and (2) the privileged tax regimes, which definition is provided by Law No. 11,727, of June 23, 2008 ("Law No. 11,727").

A Low or Nil Taxation Jurisdiction is a country or location that: (1) does not impose taxation on income; (2) imposes income tax at a maximum rate lower than 20.0%; or (3) imposes restrictions on the disclosure of shareholding composition or the ownership of the investment. A regulation issued by the Brazilian tax authorities on November 28, 2014 (Ordinance No. 488, of 2014) decreased, from 20.0% to 17.0%, the minimum threshold for certain specific cases. The reduced 17.0% threshold applies only to countries and regimes aligned with international standards of fiscal transparency in accordance with rules to be established by the Brazilian tax authorities. Although Ordinance No. 488 has lowered the threshold rate, Normative Ruling No. 1,037, which identifies the countries considered to be Low or Nil Tax Jurisdictions and the locations considered as privileged tax regimes, has not been amended yet to reflect such threshold modification.

Law No. 11,727 created the concept of “privileged tax regimes,” which encompasses the countries and jurisdictions that: (1) do not tax income or tax it at a maximum rate lower than 20.0%; (2) grant tax advantages to a non-resident entity or individual (a) without the need to carry out a substantial economic activity in the country or jurisdiction, or (b) conditioned to the non-exercise of a substantial economic activity in the country or jurisdiction; (3) do not tax or tax proceeds generated abroad at a maximum rate lower than 20.0%; or (4) restrict the ownership disclosure of assets and ownership right or restrict disclosure about economic transactions carried out. Although we believe that the best interpretation of the current tax legislation is that the above mentioned “privileged tax regime” concept should apply solely for purposes of Brazilian transfer pricing and thin capitalization rules, among other rules that make express reference to the concepts, we can provide no assurance that tax authorities will not interpret the rules as applicable also to a Non-Resident Holder on payments of interest on shareholders’ equity.

Currently, the understanding of the Brazilian tax authorities is that the rate of 15.0% of WHT applies to payments made to beneficiaries resident in privileged tax regimes (Answer to Advance Tax Ruling Request COSIT No. 575, of December 20, 2017). In any case, if Brazilian tax authorities determine that payments made to a Non-Resident Holder under a privileged tax regime are subject to the same rules applicable to payments made to Non-Resident Holders located in a Low or Nil Tax Jurisdictions, the withholding income tax applicable to such payments could be assessed at a rate up to 25.0%.

We recommend investors to consult their own tax advisors from time to time to verify any possible tax consequence arising from Normative Ruling No. 1,037 and Law No. 11,727. If the Brazilian tax authorities determine that payments made to a Non-Resident Holder are considered to be made under a “privileged tax regime,” the WHT applicable to such payments could be assessed at a rate of up to 25.0%.

Other Brazilian Taxes

There are no Brazilian federal inheritance, gift or succession taxes applicable to the ownership, transfer or disposal of Sendas common shares or Sendas ADSs by a Non-Resident Holder. Gift and inheritance taxes, however, may be levied by some states on gifts made to or inheritances bestowed by the Non-Resident Holder on individuals or entities resident or domiciled within such states in Brazil. There is no Brazilian stamp, issue, registration or similar taxes or duties payable by a Non-Resident Holder of Sendas common shares or Sendas ADSs.

Taxation of Foreign Exchange Transactions (IOF/Exchange)

Pursuant to Decree No. 6,306/07, the conversion into foreign currency or the conversion into Brazilian currency of the proceeds received or remitted by a Brazilian entity from a foreign investment in the Brazilian securities market, including those in connection with the investment by a Non-Resident Holder in common shares and common ADSs, may be subject to the Tax on Foreign Exchange Transactions (“IOF/Exchange”). Currently, the applicable rate for almost all foreign currency exchange transactions is 0.38%. Currently, foreign currency exchange transactions carried out for the inflow of funds in Brazil for investment in the Brazilian financial and capital market made by a foreign investor (including a Non-Resident Holder, as applicable) are subject to IOF/Exchange at a 0% rate. The IOF/Exchange rate will also be 0% for the outflow of resources from Brazil related to these types of investments, including payments of dividends and interest on shareholders’ equity and the repatriation of funds invested in the Brazilian market. Furthermore, the IOF/Exchange is currently levied at a 0% rate for the conversion of ADSs into common shares held by foreign investors under the 4,373 Holders regime. In any case, the Brazilian government is permitted to increase the rate to a maximum of 25% at any time, with respect to future transactions. Any increase in the rate would not apply retroactively.

Tax on Bonds and Securities Transactions (IOF/Bonds)

Pursuant to Decree 6,306/07, the Tax on Bonds and Securities Transactions (“IOF/Bonds”), may be imposed on any transaction involving bonds and securities even if the transactions are performed on a Brazilian stock exchange. The rate of this tax for transactions involving common shares is currently 0%, but the Brazilian government may increase such rate up to 1.5% per day, with respect to future transactions. Currently, the issuance of depositary receipts traded outside of Brazil which underlying shares are issued by a Brazilian company and listed on a Brazilian stock exchange are also subject to IOF/Bonds at the 0% rate. Any increase in the rate would not apply retroactively.

Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences

In General

The following is a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences generally applicable to U.S. Holders (as defined below) of owning and disposing of the Sendas common shares or the Sendas ADSs (the “Sendas Shares”). This discussion is based on the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), the U.S. Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, administrative guidance and court decisions, in each case as of the date hereof, all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect, and to differing interpretations. This discussion addresses only those holders that hold their Sendas Shares as “capital assets” within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code (generally, property held for investment). This discussion does not address any aspect of non-U.S. tax law or U.S. state, local, alternative minimum, estate, gift or other tax law that may be applicable to a holder. This discussion does not constitute tax advice and does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to particular holders of Sendas Shares in light of their personal circumstances, or to any holders subject to special treatment under the Code, such as:

- banks, mutual funds and other financial institutions;
- real estate investment trusts and regulated investment companies;
- traders in securities who elect to apply a mark-to-market method of accounting;
- tax-exempt organizations or governmental organizations;
- insurance companies;
- dealers or brokers in securities or foreign currency;
- individual retirement and other deferred accounts;
- U.S. Holders whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar;
- U.S. expatriates and former citizens or long-term residents of the United States;
- “passive foreign investment companies” or “controlled foreign corporations,” and corporations that accumulate earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax;
- persons subject to the alternative minimum tax;
- U.S. Holders who own or are deemed to own 10% or more (by vote or value) of Sendas’s voting stock;
- persons who hold their shares as part of a straddle, hedging, conversion, constructive sale or other risk reduction transaction;
- persons who purchase or sell their shares as part of a wash sale for tax purposes;
- “S corporations,” partnerships or other entities or arrangements classified as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or other pass-through entities (and investors therein); and

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- persons who received their shares through the exercise of employee stock options or otherwise as compensation or through a tax-qualified retirement plan.

For purposes of this discussion, a “U.S. Holder” means a beneficial owner of Sendas Shares, that for U.S. federal income tax purposes is:

- an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation (or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- a trust if (i) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or (ii) the trust has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations to be treated as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If a partnership, including for this purpose any arrangement or entity that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, holds Sendas Shares, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. A holder that is a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes and the partners in such partnership are urged to consult their tax advisors about the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Spin-Off and the ownership and disposition of Sendas Shares.

This discussion is for informational purposes only and is not tax advice. Holders of Sendas Shares should consult their tax advisors with respect to the U.S. federal income tax consequences to them of the Spin-Off and the ownership and disposition of Sendas Shares in light of their particular circumstances, as well as any tax consequences of such matters arising under the U.S. federal tax laws other than those pertaining to income tax, including estate or gift tax laws, or under any state, local or non-U.S. tax laws or under any applicable income tax treaty.

U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of Owning and Disposing of Sendas Shares

Distributions on Sendas Shares

Subject to the discussion below under “—Passive Foreign Investment Company,” the gross amount of any distribution that Sendas makes to a U.S. Holder with respect to Sendas Shares (including the amount of any taxes withheld therefrom) will generally be includible in such holder’s gross income, in the year actually or constructively received, as dividend income, but only to the extent that such distribution is paid out of Sendas’s current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles). To the extent that the amount of the distribution exceeds Sendas’s current and accumulated earnings and profits (as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles), such excess will be treated first as a tax-free return of a U.S. Holder’s tax basis in such holder’s Sendas Shares, and then, to the extent such excess amount exceeds such holder’s tax basis in such Sendas Shares, as capital gain. Sendas, however, may not calculate its earnings and profits under U.S. federal income tax principles. In that case, a U.S. Holder should expect that any distribution Sendas makes will be reported as a dividend even if such distribution would otherwise be treated as a tax-free return of capital or as capital gain under the rules described above. Dividends paid by Sendas will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction allowed to corporations in respect of dividends received from other U.S. corporations under the Code or for the lower rates applicable to “qualified dividend income” for non-corporate U.S. Holders.

Subject to certain conditions and limitations, non-U.S. taxes withheld, if any, from dividends on the Sendas Shares may be treated as foreign taxes eligible for a credit against the U.S. federal income tax liability of a U.S. Holder. For purposes of calculating the foreign tax credit, dividends paid on the Sendas Shares will be treated as income from sources outside the United States and will generally constitute passive category income. Further, in certain circumstances, if a U.S. Holder holds its Sendas Shares for less than a specified minimum period, the U.S. Holder will not be allowed a foreign tax credit for non-U.S. taxes imposed, if any, on dividends paid on its shares. The rules governing the foreign tax credit are complex. U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the availability of the foreign tax credit under their particular circumstances.

Dispositions of Sendas Shares

Subject to the discussion below under “—Passive Foreign Investment Company,” a U.S. Holder will generally recognize capital gain or loss on any sale, exchange, redemption, or other taxable disposition of its Sendas Shares in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized for the Shares and such U.S. Holder’s tax basis in the Shares (as determined above). Any such capital gain or loss will be long-term if the U.S. Holder’s holding period in the shares exceeds one year. Long-term capital gains of non-corporate taxpayers are generally eligible for reduced rates of taxation. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations. Any gain or loss generally will be treated as U.S. source gain or loss.

Passive Foreign Investment Company

A non-U.S. corporation will be classified as a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes in any taxable year in which the corporation satisfies either of the following requirements:

- at least 75% of its gross income is “passive income”; or
- at least 50% of the average gross fair market value of its assets is attributable to assets that produce “passive income” or are held for the production of “passive income.”

Passive income for this purpose generally includes dividends, interest, royalties, rents and gains from commodities and securities transactions. In addition, there is a look-through rule for investments in subsidiary corporations. Under this rule, if a non-U.S. corporation owns (directly or indirectly) at least 25% of another corporation, the non-U.S. corporation is treated as owning its proportionate share of the assets of the other corporation and earning its proportionate share of the income of the other corporation for purposes of determining if the non-U.S. foreign corporation is a PFIC.

Based upon the composition of our income, our assets and the nature of our business, we believe that we were not treated as PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes in 2020. Further, there can be no assurance that Sendas will not be considered to be a PFIC for any particular year because PFIC status is factual in nature, depends upon factors not wholly within Sendas’s control, generally cannot be determined until the close of the taxable year in question, and is determined annually. If Sendas were a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. Holder owned the Sendas Shares, gains recognized by such U.S. Holder on a sale or other disposition of the Shares would be allocated ratably over the U.S. Holder’s holding period for such Sendas Shares. The amount allocated to the taxable year of the sale or other disposition and to any year before Sendas became a PFIC would be taxed as ordinary income. The amount allocated to each other taxable year would be subject to tax at the highest rate in effect for individuals or corporations, as appropriate, and an interest charge would be imposed on the amount allocated to each such taxable year. Further, any distribution on the Sendas Shares in excess of 125% of the average of the annual distributions on such units or the underlying shares received by a U.S. Holder during the preceding three years or the U.S. Holder’s holding period, whichever is shorter, would be subject to taxation in the same manner as gain, as described immediately above. If Sendas is classified as a PFIC in any year that a U.S. Holder is a shareholder, Sendas generally will continue to be treated as a PFIC for that U.S. Holder in all succeeding years, even if Sendas ceases to satisfy the requirements of being a PFIC. If a U.S. Holder holds the Sendas Shares during any taxable year in which Sendas is a PFIC, that holder generally will be required to file an annual IRS Form 8621. Significant penalties are imposed for failure to file IRS Form 8621, and the failure to file such form may suspend the running of the statute of limitations. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisers regarding the application of the PFIC rules to their investment in the Sendas Shares.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

Payments of dividends to a U.S. Holder and proceeds from the sale or other disposition of Sendas Shares may, under certain circumstances, be subject to information reporting and backup withholding, unless the holder provides proof of an applicable exemption or, in the case of backup withholding, furnishes its taxpayer identification number and otherwise complies with all applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. Backup withholding is not an additional tax and generally will be allowed as a refund or credit against the holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

Foreign Asset Reporting

Certain U.S. Holders are required to report information relating to an interest in the Sendas Shares, subject to certain exceptions (including an exception for Shares held in accounts maintained by certain financial institutions) by filing IRS Form 8938 (Statement of Specified Foreign Financial Assets) with their U.S. federal income tax return. U.S. Holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding their information reporting obligations, if any, with respect to their ownership and disposition of Sendas Shares.

F. Dividends and Paying Agents

The dividend paying agent for shareholders is Banco Itaú Corretora de Valores S.A. For additional detail, see “–Memorandum and Articles of Association–Allocation of Net Profits and Distribution of Dividends–Distribution of Dividends” and “Item 8. Financial Information–A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information–Dividends and Dividend Policy.”

G. Statement by Experts

The consolidated financial statements of Sendas Distribuidora S.A. as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 and each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2020, appearing in this annual report have been audited by Ernst & Young Auditores Independentes S.S., independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon appearing elsewhere herein, and are included in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

H. Documents on Display

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Exchange Act. Accordingly, we are required to file reports and other information with the SEC, including annual reports on Form 20-F and periodic reports on Form 6-K. You may read and copy our periodic reports at the SEC's public reference room in Washington, D.C. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from commercial document retrieval services. Some of our SEC filings are also available at the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. Except as otherwise expressly indicated herein, any such information does not form part of this annual report.

The Sendas ADSs are listed on the NYSE under the ticker symbol “ASAI.” You may inspect any periodic reports and other information filed with or furnished to the SEC by us at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

As a foreign private issuer, we are exempt from the rules under the Exchange Act which prescribe the furnishing and content of proxy statements, and our officers, directors and principal shareholders are exempt from the reporting and “short-swing” profit recovery provisions contained in Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

We also file financial statements and other periodic reports with the CVM, including the *Formulário de Referência*, which is an annual report that is prepared and filed in accordance with CVM Instruction No. 480/09 and can be accessed through www.cvm.gov.br. Information from that website is not incorporated by reference into this document.