# **ESG Bond Annual Report**

LG Electronics 2024 Sustainability Bond

# BETTER LIFE FOR ALL



# I. LG Electronics Overview

### **Company Overview**

### **Introduction to the Corporation**

Name	LG Electronics Inc		
Headquarters	LG Twin Towers, 128 Yeoui-daero, Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul, Korea		
Industry	Manufacturing		
Major Products	Refrigerators, Washing Machines, Air Conditioners, Vacuum Cleaners, TVs, Audio Sound Systems, Automotive Components, Monitors, PCs, Signage, etc.		
CEO	William (Joowan) Cho		
Foundation	October 1, 1958		
Credit Rating	S&P: BBB (Stable) / Moody's: Baa2 (Positive)		
Sales	USD 64.3 billion		
Operating Income	USD 2.5 billion		
Total Assets	USD 48.1 billion		
Total Liabilities	USD 29.6 billion		
Total Equity	USD 18.5 billion		

<sup>\*</sup> As of 2024FY / Figures based on Consolidated Financial Statements / Exchange rate: USD 1 = KRW 1,365

LG Electronics Inc. ("LGE" or "the Company") is a USD 64.3 billion sales global manufacturing company that produces major products including household appliances, electronics, automotive components, and others. Established in 1958, LGE employs 72,813 people as of December 31, 2023. As a flagship member of the LG group, LG Corporation is LGE's largest shareholder and currently holds 34.34%. The National Pension Service holds 7.60% as of the December 31, 2024.

### Status of Shareholders Holding 5% or more

Shareholder	Number of Shares	Shareholding Ratio (%)
LG Corp	56,189,953	34.34
National Pension Service	12,433,525	7.60

Headquartered in Seoul, South Korea, the Company operates across the H&A (Home Appliance & Air Solution / Accounts for 38% of Sales), HE (Home Entertainment / Accounts for 17% of Sales), VS (Vehicle component Solutions / Accounts for 12% of Sales), and BS (Business Solutions / Accounts for 7% of Sales) divisions. and operates 145 business sites globally, with 60% of sales generated from overseas.

### **Global Sales Composition**

Region	Sales (KRW 100 mn)	Sales (USD bn)	Proportion (%)
Korea	356,758	26.14	40.7%
Americas	228,959	16.77	26.1%
Europe	136,229	9.98	15.5%
Asia, Africa & Others	155,336	11.38	17.7%
Total	877,282	64.3	100.0%

<sup>\*</sup> As of 2024FY / Exchange rate: USD 1 = KRW 1,365

Source: 2024 LG Electronics Annual Report

# II. LG Electronics' Commitment to ESG

Since declaring the environmental policy in 1994, LGE has been committed to achieving sustainability. LGE has established detailed strategies to achieve an objectives set below.

### 3C Strategies for the Planet -

### 01 Carbon Neutrality

- Achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2030
- Achieving 100% renewable energy at all business sites by 2050, as an RE100 participant

### 02 Circularity

- Having achieved a goal of 95% waste recycling rate, LGE targets to maintain 95% or higher
- LGE continues to use environmentally friendly materials for product manufacturing and packing

### 03 Clean Technology

 LGE is reducing GHG emission intensity at the product use stage through high-efficiency energy products

### 3D Strategies for People

### 01 Decent Workplace

- Achieving zero critical nonconformances at 100% of production sites by 2030
- Evaluate the suitability of the ESG management of suppliers and provide related training and consulting

### 02 Diversity & Inclusion

 Target to increase 'ratio of disabled persons in employment to 3.5% in Korea and 25.5% of female employees on a global basis by 2030

### 03 Design for All

 Improve the accessibility of product and service, including the provision of sign language counseling, braille sticker, comfort kit, etc.

### Sustainable Business

LGE has been taking steps to implement sustainability across its entire business including energy, electric vehicles, Accessibility and Environmental ecosystem.

### **Energy**

### Efficient ESS with a high level of Confidence

 LGE's ESS has improved the efficiency of PCS (Power Conversion System) and minimized electricity losses





Centralized Control Solution

Individual Control Solution

### **Vehicles**

### Space-Customized EV Charging Solutions

 LGE introduced three EV charging solutions (7kW, 100kW, 200kW) optimized for various spaces





**EV Charging Solutions** 

### Accessibility

### Comfort Kit for Home Appliances

 Using an advisory group of people with different disabilities, LGE developed the comfort kit which can be attached to exiting products to boost user experience



Water, Waste and Ecosystem Restoration

### Water-Soluble Glass

 LGE is developing a water-soluble glass which changes to a mineral ions when dissolved in water.
 Such can be utilized to help algae grow in the ocean, restoring marine ecosystems



Water-Soluble Glass

# II. LG Electronics' Commitment to ESG (Cont'd)

### LG Electronics Sustainable Finance Framework

### Overview

As a leading global institution, LGE is committed to generating sustainable impact internationally. LGE's sustainability agenda enables the company to translate business activities into meaningful global contributions, which forms the foundation of The LGE Sustainable Finance Framework.

The LGE Sustainable Finance Framework ("Framework") sets out the governance and processes under which LG Electronics intends to issue Green, Social or Sustainability ("GSS") bonds, loans, and other debt-like instruments and in doing so contribute to positive environmental and social impacts. The net proceeds of any GSS finance instruments or an equivalent amount will be allocated for the financing or refinancing of eligible green and/or social projects, upon the supervision of LGE's Sustainable Finance Working Group.

The Framework aligns with International Capital Markets Association ("ICMA") Green Bond Principles (2021) and Social Bond Principles (2023), Loan Market Association ("LMA"), Asia Pacific Loan Market Association ("APLMA"), Loan Syndications and Trading Association ("LSTA"), Green Loan Principles (2021), Social Loan Principles (2023), and adopts the following key pillars:

### **Use of Proceeds**

 The proceeds will be used to finance or refinance LGE's green and/ or social projects

### **Process for Project Evaluation & Selection**

Eligible projects will be reviewed by LGE's Sustainable Finance Working Group (SFWG), which consists of Finance and ESG teams

### Management of **Proceeds**

- LGE will track the allocation of proceeds to eligible projects with a separate ledger
- 36-month lookback period for OPEX as per EU Green Bond Standard

### Reporting

 LGE commits to publish a post-issuance report annually, covering allocation and impact reporting

### **External Review**

LGE may engage an independent third party to conduct post-issuance assurance on the allocation & reporting

### Use of Proceeds

The net proceeds raised under the Framework or an equivalent amount will be used to finance or refinance in whole in part, expenditure on projects that are consistent with the eligibility criteria. For use of proceeds, The Framework specifies the allocation of proceeds to eligible Green and Social projects in line with UN SDGs, including investment for Eco-certified Products, Green Building and providing financial support to socially vulnerable groups.

# **Eligible Green Projects**









Renewable

Energy





Access to Essential

Services - Education

Circular Economy **Eco-Certified Products** 

Energy Efficiency





and Empowerment

Socioeconomic Advancement



Green **Buildings** 



Sustainable Water and Wastewater Management



Pollution Prevention and Control



Clean Transportation

**Employment Generation** 

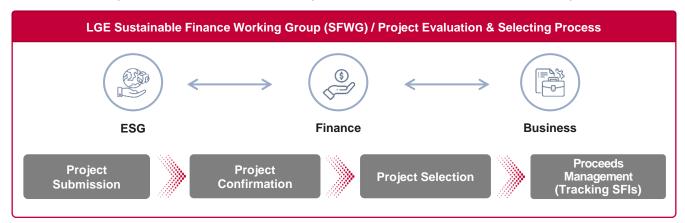
**Eligible Social Projects** 

# II. LG Electronics' Commitment to ESG (Cont'd)

### LG Electronics Sustainable Finance Framework (Cont'd) -

### Sustainable Finance Working Group / Project Evaluation & Selecting Process

LGE's Sustainable Finance Working Group ("SFWG") has been established to closely review, approve, and monitor the use of proceeds upon initial project selection, which followed by post issuance report of proceeds' allocation and impact. SFWG consists of senior representatives from the Finance and ESG department.



For new issuances, Finance team will coordinate and compile the submission of identified projects for the SFWG's review. The identified projects' environmental and/or social credentials will be obtained and confirmed via liaison with relevant business partners and internal departments. The SFWG will consider potential projects, assess their eligibility, and may approve those that qualify as eligible.

### Reporting

LGE will publish a post-issuance report annually, or more frequently in case of material developments. The reporting will provide the following information:

## Reporting Standards **Allocation Reporting Impact Reporting** Allocation amount by eligible category and relevant SDGs

- Allocation amount by geography
- Proportion between financing and refinancing
- Project examples, subject to confidentiality

Subject to data availability, ICMA Harmonized Framework for Impact Reporting to be referenced

i.e. number of green buildings & type of certifications, % in recycled materials in product

### External Review (DNV)

LGE has engaged DNV to provide external review to assess that the Framework is in line with relevant Principles and guidelines. DNV has assessed that the Framework meets the LGE's Criteria and Principles.

Category	DNV's Comments	
Use of Proceeds	Eligible categories outlined in the Framework are consistent with the categories outlined in the Principles	
Process for	Project evaluation and selection process described in the Framework is	
Project Evaluation and Selection	appropriate and aligned with market practice	
Management of Proceeds	Proceeds arising from the future issuances will be appropriately manage	
Reporting	LGE's reporting is aligned with the relevant Principles	
Overall	LGE's Sustainable Finance Framework meets the criteria established in the Protocol and are aligned with the Principles	

# III. LG Electronics 2024 Sustainability Bond Overview

### **Transaction Summary**

Issuer	LG Electronics		
Issuer Ratings (M/S/F)	Baa2 (stable/ BBB (stable) / BBB (stable)		
Issue Ratings (M/S)	Baa2 / BBB		
Format, Structure	144A/Reg S, Senior Unsecured		
Tenor	3-year	5-year (Sustainability)	
Currency, Size	USD 500 million	USD 300 million	
Issue Date	24 April 2024	24 April 2024	
Maturity Date	24 April 2027	24 April 2029	
Coupon	5.625%	5.625%	

### **Key Aspects**

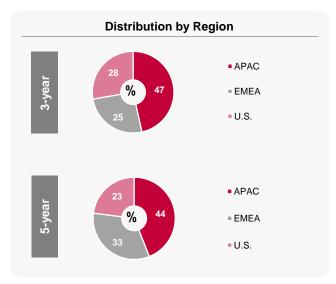
On April 18th, 2024, LGE was able to build up solid Indication of Interests and made decision to make its return to the international capital markets in 17 years with USD 800 mn 3 and 5Y Reg S/144a deal. The deal marks LGE's first USD public issuance in 17 years since 2007, and its first public foreign currency bond issuance in 12 years, following CHF 215 mn size bond issuance in 2012.

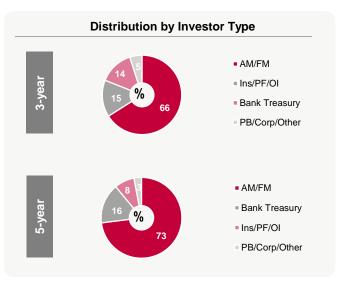
LGE was able to successfully closed the transaction, despite an unfavorable bond issuance environment at the time, marked by diminished expectations of U.S. base rate cut and escalating conflicts in the Middle East. This success was attributed to LGE's strong financial performance, its standing as the world's leading home appliance company and the company's effort to diversify business areas which were valued by investors.

The proceeds for the LGE's Sustainability bonds are intended to be used for eco-friendly investments, such as green buildings.

### **Deal Stats**

LGE released IPG at T+135 and T+150 area, representing NIC of ~35 bps to start. Within 30 mins, combined books reached over USD 2.0 bn as all the IOIs firmed up. The books continued to build strongly and reached USD 4.5 bn around noon HKT. LGE released FPG at Asia close, armed with a peak order book of approximately USD 10 bn, which allowed LGE to tighten aggressively by 40 bps.





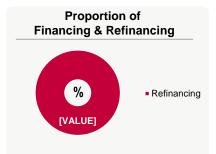
# IV. Allocation & Impact Reporting

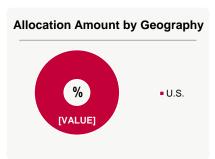
Based on the indicators outlined in the LGE Sustainable Finance Framework, the following is the allocation and reporting for LGE 2024 Sustainability Bond, which proceeds are allocated to green building category.

### Allocation Reporting -

ESG	Category	Supporting SDGs		Project	Amount of Allocated Proceeds (USD mn)	% of Total
Environmental	Green Building	9 MUSTRY, IMPOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE  SDG 9.4	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES  SDG 11c	North America Headquarters	300	100%
				Total	300	100%







<sup>\*</sup> LGE has decided to allocate 100% towards green projects after internal discussion/ procedure from its sustainability bond LGE will provide an updated post issuance report should there be an update in project allocation in the future

Proceeds of LGE 2024 Sustainability bond were allocated to the construction of LGEs' North America Headquarters, which qualifies as Eligible Green Project under LG's Sustainable Finance Framework. The Framework categorizes the project under the Green Building category, supporting SDG 9.4 and 11c. The proceeds were used to refinance the construction project in the U.S. region.

### Impact Reporting -

	Number of Green Buildings Constructed	Type of Green Building Certification	Area of Green Buildings Built	Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions Avoided
	1	LEED Platinum	Building: 32,575 square metres Parking Lot: 30,291 square metres	5,215,290 kgCO2e *
Total	1	LEED Platinum	62,866 Square metres	5,215,290 kgCO2e

<sup>\*</sup> The average annual GHG emissions avoided (30% less greenhouse gas emissions compared to regular buildings)

By setting the highest sustainable design & construction goals together with the Architect & Contractor, LGE was able to achieve LEED Platinum Certification on its North America Headquarters. The current operation of the green building follows all of the set required operation practices from the LEED Platinum Certification.

Source: Company Data 7

# **Green Project Overview**



Sustainable Construction

Methods

# LGE North America Headquarters

Building Area Stories Occupancy 62,866 square metres 5 1,440

Occupation Permit Date March 2020

Project Name	LGE North America Headquarters		
Location	111 Sylvan Ave, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632, United States		
Gross Floor Area	TBC		
		Certification Date	
Certification	LEED Platinum	March 24th, 2020	
Net Proceeds Allocated	USD 300mn (from its 5-year Sustainability Bonds Issuance in April 2024)		
One and Incompated Emblished	Number of Green Building Constructed	1	
Green Impact Highlights	Annual GHC Emissions Reduced or Avoided	5,215,290 kgCO2e	
	Continued power purchase of Green-e accredited Tradable Renewable Certificates (RECs) equal to 100% of the predicted annual electrical consumption		
Sustainable Building Operation Practices	<ul> <li>Continuing to provide appropriately sized dedicated areas for the collection and storage of materials for recycling</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Continuing to monitor &amp; prohibit smoking within 25 feet of entries, outdoor air intakes, and operable windows</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Continuing the Green Housekeeping program and Cleaning Policy. The policy follows the LEED-EB O+M Policy Model which includes detailed information regarding staff training, cleaning processes and chemicals</li> </ul>		
	Project has diverted 83.65% of the on-site generated	d construction waste from landfill	
	<ul> <li>20.01% of the total building materials, content, by va recycled materials</li> </ul>	lue, has been manufactured using	

agrifiber assemblies contain no added urea- formaldehyde resins

Source: Company Data

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21.56% of the total building material s value included materials and products that have

All adhesive and sealant products used on the inside of weatherproofing system and

All paint and coating products used on the inside of the weatherproofing system and

All composite wood and agrifiber products used on the interior of the building and all laminating adhesives used to fabricate on-site and shop-applied composite wood and

been manufactured and extracted within 500 miles of the project site

applied on sited comply with the VOC limits of the referenced standards

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