THE BUENOS AIRES SECURITIES MARKET

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Buenos Aires Securities Market

- A corporation (sociedad anónima) founded in 1929.
- Stock capital composed of 183 shares listed on the Buenos Aires stock exchange.
- In charge of settling and securing stock market transactions.
- Central counterparty.

MAIN FUNCTIONS



- Trading
- Settlement
- Securing
- Monitoring
- Central Counterparty
- Risk oversight and management
- Rule-issuing authority (a self-regulated entity)
- Brokerage firms auditor
- Disciplinary authority.

CENTRAL COUNTERPARTY TASKS AND FEATURES



- •To standardize and automate the capture of transactions and post-transaction processing.
- •To create a "golden register" for each transaction.
- •To issue a standard set of trading conditions so that legal risk is minimized.
- To provide sound systems of payment
- •To keep confidentiality after completion of transaction.

CENTRAL COUNTERPARTY

(Continuation)



- To net payments and settlements
- To mitigate a counterparty's credit risk and facilitate multilateral exposure netting
- To render counterparty's risk analysis unnecessary
- To act until the transaction expires.
- It is subject to effective and transparent regulations and supervision
- Member of CCP12

GUARANTEE OF TRANSACTION SETTLEMENTS

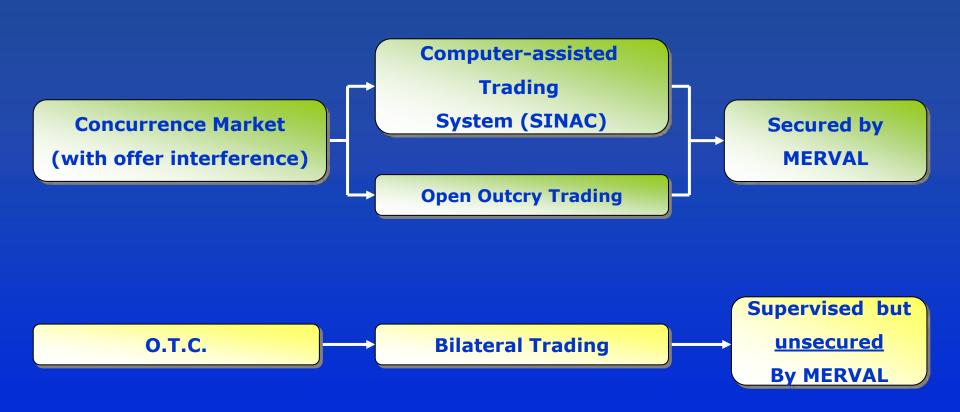


Multilateral Offsetting – Netting



TRADING SYSTEM









- Equity Securities
- Fixed-income Securities
- Financial Trusts
- Corporate Bonds
- Deferred Payment Checks
- CEVA (Certificate of Securities)
- CEDEARs
- Quota-holder of private mutual funds
- ADRs
- Indices

TRANSACTIONS IN THE STOCK MARKET SYSTEM





FORWARD

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SECURITIES LOAN
SHORT SALE
OPTIONS (Call & Put)

MAT. OVER T+3

FORWARD TRANSACTIONS RISK ANALYSIS



 Value at Risk (VAR): its main objective is to measure market risk.

Quota Committee: its main function is to set up operating quotas. For the forward trading in authorized securities, Stock Brokers and Brokerage Firms are allocated a quota for each MERVAL share of their own.

- Guarantees
 - Cash
 - Appraised equity securities and fixed-income securities.
 - Foreign exchange.
 - Bank guarantees and others approved by the Board.
- Guarantee replacement
- Guarantee margin replacement

RISK Analysis



- The Buenos Aires Securities Market requires a fixed percentage of the transaction as collateral based on the list comprising the asset:
 - Equity securities: lists 1 to 5, maximum appraisal 80%, minimum 40%, minimum margin 10% and maximum 30%
 - Fixed-income securities: lists 1 to 3, maximum appraisal 90%, minimum 70%, minimum margin 10% and maximum 30%

RISK analysis



Market Risk	Credit Risk (payment liability)	Liquidity Risk
Intraday valuation of guarantees. Price volatility and fluctuations.	Guarantee portfolio diversification.	Access to credit facilities of securities /Repos - conversion of assets into cash
Application of margins to instruments	Limits per type of instruments and issues.	Banking credit lines
Transaction collateralization Individual guarantees Collective guarantees		