

MAE and Matba Rofex Announce Their Intent to Merge

We are pleased to announce that Mercado Abierto Electrónico S.A. (MAE) and Matba Rofex S.A. (Matba Rofex) have agreed to initiate a merger process, consolidating their leadership position in the securities and derivatives markets. This historic amalgamation will result in a stronger, more efficient, and diversified Continuing Company, with 50-50 percent shareholding.

Synergies and Benefits of the Combination

The combination project between MAE and Matba Rofex stems from a shared vision aimed at maximizing the strengths of both institutions and providing a competitive and efficient market. In line with international trends, it is necessary to consolidate the sector in search of synergies, enhanced technology, increased liquidity and trading depth, and streamlined settlement processes. The benefits of this union are multiple and significant:

- **Financial Integration:** It will combine the trading of derivatives on forex, fixed income, agricultural products, and other commodities with the spot trading of the underlying assets, providing a comprehensive platform that connects various products and sectors to enhance the offering of financial services.
- **Technological Innovation:** The combination of research and technological development efforts will accelerate innovation and offer cutting-edge solutions to all market participants.
- **Transparency and Price Formation:** The merged entity will continue to ensure integrity and transparency in price formation, a fundamental pillar of market confidence and stability.
- **Federal Reach:** The resulting entity will have a stronger federal presence, enabling a wider variety of financial services to the banking, stock market, and grain sectors across Argentina.
- **Expertise Consolidation:** The business combination will integrate the knowledge and skills accumulated by both organizations, strengthening the competence of the Continuing Company's management team. This process will result in a more comprehensive and specialized service offering, benefiting our clients with higher quality and broader solutions.
- **Operational Synergy:** The combination of operations will allow for resource and process optimization, improved efficiency, and lower operational costs.

Trajectory and Leadership

Matba Rofex, born out of the merger of two organizations with more than a century of experience, has been a pioneer in trading financial and agricultural futures and options in the region, offering advanced price hedging tools and developing cutting-edge technology for the full cycle of market interaction.

On the other hand, since its inception in 1989, MAE has positioned itself as the leading wholesale market for trading securities and foreign exchange in Argentina, offering a wide range of financial instruments including fixed income, equities, currencies, interest rates, repos, and derivatives.

Commitment to the Future

The merger of MAE and Matba Rofex marks the beginning of a new era for the local capital market, where the private sector's growing need for more and better financial services will require more competition and economic freedom. This union will strengthen the financial infrastructure, increase the number of users accessing investment and hedging instruments, and ensure free price formation to drive Argentina's economic growth along this new and challenging stage.

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This release is just an initial step in the merger communication process. The merger is still subject to the fulfillment of legal requirements and the corresponding corporate and regulatory approvals. Further details will be provided as the combination process progresses.