



Panama Stock Exchange

Company Profile

Name of Stock Exchange	Bolsa de Valores de Panamá
Country/Region	Panamá, Republic of Panama
Name of CEO	Olga Cantillo.
Capital (US\$)	\$806,184
Number of Officers and Employees	21
Ownership and Governance (Main Shareholders)	Latinex, Holdings Inc. (100%)

Brief History

In 1989, when Panama was passing through the worst political and economic crisis in its republican history, a group of businessmen conceived one of the most needed projects in the local financial market: the founding a stock exchange. This private sector initiative sought a centralized trading mechanism whereby the forces of supply and demand for securities could operate transparently and freely. In line with this objective, the Panama Stock Exchange, Inc. [Bolsa de Valores de Panamá, S.A. or BVP] was created. On the 26th of June of 1990, the BVP held its first trading session, marking a new stage in the development of the securities market in Panama. During the decade of the 90's, the BVP consolidated its position in the local competitive financial brokerage market, as more participants joined the BVP as seat holders or as Issuers and Investors. New institutions evolved to support the growth of the securities market. This led to an increase in trading volume, year after year, growing from US\$ 3.3 million in the year 1990 to US\$ 8,530 million in the year 2019. This growth was the result of a positive business environment, characterized by the return to political stability, together with far-reaching economic reforms, as well as the adoption of equal tax treatment for the different financial instruments, which eliminated the tax bias that existed until 1991 and which held back the development of the securities market.

Parallel with these developments, the BVP sought to modernize the local securities market by creating a securities liquidation and custody entity. This effort led to the creation of the Central Latinoamericana de Valores, S.A. (Latin Clear), which started operations in 1997 to provide clearing and liquidation services for stock exchange operations through its electronic systems (instead of by manually means), thus making it possible to reduce operational risks and to efficiently liquidate and clear securities transactions.



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Practices and Procedures

Trading

Days	Monday - Friday
Hours	10am – 3pm
Market segmentation	Primary market – Secondary market - Reurchases
System	NASDAQ Matching Engine.
Mechanisms	Multiple price continuous auction – Auto Fit
Market-maker/Specialists	Yes
Instruments	Stock Market: Common stocks, preferred, investments funds. Debt: VCN's (short term), Corporate bonds, corporate notes, Social, Green and Sustainable (SGS) Bonds Government: treasury bonds, treasury notes, treasury bills.
Currency	US \$
Real time information	Basic Data

Clearing & Settlement

Central Depository	Yes
Period	T+2
Registered	Yes
Settlement	Yes
Clearing	Yes
DVP	Yes
Clearing Institution	Central Latinoamericana de Valores, S.A. (Latin Clear)
Risk Sharing	No
Margin/Lending	No
Custodians	Latin Clear

Taxes

Cash Dividends	10%
Interest Income	No
Capital Gains	No

Structure & Regulations

Legal	Publicly traded entity. Self-regulated under supervision of the Superintendence of the Securities Market
Regulation	Self
Securities market regulations	Exchange, Superintendence of the Securities Market
Trading rules	Exchange, Superintendence of the Securities Market
Surveillance	Yes
Corporate actions	Yes
Trading halts regulations	Yes
Investor protection	Yes



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Foreign Participation

Foreign investors	Allowed
Investment limitations	No
Repatriation	No

Minimum Listing Requirements

No

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Remarks

In an Extraordinary Shareholders Assembly held on Thursday, October 22, 2009, the shareholders of Bolsa de Valores de Panamá, S.A.(BVP) approved a corporate reorganization, by which BVP and Latin Clear, would constitute a holding company, consolidating in this, all the shareholders of both companies.

Both BVP and Latin Clear, would remain as companies with separate operations and management but with common shareholders. This Corporate Reorganization holds all assets, liabilities, licenses, permits, rights and obligations of the old company.

In May 2017, BVP and El Salvador Stock Exchange had their first transaction in an integrated market between both countries.

The integration between the exchanges of El Salvador and Panama has shown wide benefits. From First transaction in 2017 until the end of 2019, more than \$ 149 million were negotiated through the successful execution of 778 operations.

In January 2019 BVP officially replaced the previous transactional platform, SITREL, and launched the more modern platform NASDAQ ME.

On August 7, 2019, Agreement 1-2019 was published, by which the figure of "Recurring Issuer" was created, shortening the registration time of securities.

In August 2019, the first Green Bond was issued in BVP by the Inter-American Corporation for Financing Infrastructure (CIFI). Likewise, in October 2019 we reaffirmed our goal towards better corporate practices after the publication of the Guidelines for the Issuance of Social, Green and Sustainable Securities.