
NASDAQ OMX Armenia Introduces Exchange Market For REPO Trading And Mechanism For Manual Trades

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NASDAQ OMX Armenia launched two new markets based on the Armenian Stock Exchange (Armex) trading platform - for repurchase agreements (REPO) on corporate securities, and for manual trades, the company's press service reported Monday.

NASDAQ OMX Armenia introduced the new markets as part of its efforts to enhance exchange trading opportunities in the country, says the report.

According to the report, the launch of these two mechanisms covers another two important segments of the securities market and has become possible through close collaboration with all market participants.

"REPO trading that has previously been done directly among banks and investment companies is one of the stock exchange's long awaited new products. Through REPO and reverse REPO trades market participants are able to get funds against collateralized securities, and vice versa. The exchange platform now in place for REPO agreements simplifies the trade execution process, makes it fully automated, more secure, and helps substantially reduce the time required to complete a trade," says the press release.

By launching an exchange mechanism for manual trades, NASDAQ OMX Armenia brings into regulation the over-the-counter (OTC) market for corporate securities. Such manual trades that were more likely to be executed off-exchange can from now on be done through the manual trades mechanism, according to the rules of the stock exchange. Again, the new mechanism implies significantly more flexibility and efficiency for the parties involved.

All Armex member investment companies and banks automatically get access to the newly introduced REPO and manual trade markets. Trading in both these markets will open at 11:00am and close at 3:00pm each business day.

As of December 2008, instruments traded via Armex trading platform include stocks, corporate and government bonds, currency, and REPOs.

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In January 2008, Nordic exchange operator OMX Group acquired 100% of shares of the Armenian Stock Exchange (Armex) and the Central Depository of Armenia (CDA). After the combination of NASDAQ and OMX in March 2008, Armex and CDA have become fully owned by the NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc.
