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Morgan Stanley signs fund deal with LatAm giant, model portfolios planned

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Morgan Stanley Investment Management and SURA Inversiones have signed a deal that would give the Latin American firm's clients in Chile access to over a dozen of the US group's mutual funds.

The agreement will give the firm's Chilean brokerage and life insurances clients access to 17 of Morgan Stanley's mutual fund products across the fixed income and equities spaces, according to SUBA.

'Morgan Stanley Investment Management funds were available on the SURA Inversiones international platform for offshore money. Given the good demand of our clients to maintain offshore investments, we signed an alliance to make the funds public in the onshore market,' said Renzo Vercelli, vice president of voluntary business at SURA Asset Management Chile.

'In this way, we give many more retail clients access to an attractive and innovative offer of high-conviction funds and active management; something very necessary to seek value in volatile markets,' he added.

The list of funds which have been made available through the deal is as follows:

- Morgan Stanley Emerging Markets Corporate Debt
- Morgan Stanley Emerging Markets Debt
- Morgan Stanley Emerging Markets Domestic Debt
 Morgan Stanley Global Asset Backed Securities
- Morgan Stanley Global Bond
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Model portfolio plans

Vercelli added that SURA was creating model portfolios for its clients using Morgan Stanley's products which have five stars from fund ratings firm Morningstar. The model portfolios will include up to seven Morgan Stanley funds.

SURA has an open architecture product platform and has similar arrangements with BlackRock, Franklin Templeton, NN Investment Partners, IP Morgan and BTG Pactual.

The group's businesses in Mexico and Uruguay also have agreements with Morgan Stanley, according to Vercelli.

SURA Asset Management has a presence across Latin America in Chile, Mexico, Colombia, Peru, El Salvador and Uruguay. It had \$148bn in assets under administration according to its latest figures published at the end of 2019.

In July of last year, the firm <u>finalized its acquisition</u> of a Colombian

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