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It has been ten years since HR Ratings obtained its authorization from the Mexican government's Comisión Nacional Bancaria y de Valores (CNBV) to issue credit ratings on debt operations. Due to this, the ratings issued by HR Ratings can now be used by Mexican pension funds (or Afores) as a basis for making their investment decisions, according to pension fund investment regulations.

Thanks to its sustained growth, HR Ratings today serves approximately 400 clients and has 1,310 outstanding ratings. Under the leadership of Alberto Ramos and Aníbal Habeica, the agency has consolidated its position as the second leading provider of rating services within the Mexican market. "We are very pleased and proud of the effort and commitment of the entire HR Ratings team," commented Fernando Montes de Oca, HR Ratings CEO.

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- Total transparency
- Dynamic forward-looking analysis
- Continuous follow up

HR Ratings expects to continue leading the industry by offering the highest added value to its clients and investors, with continued growth and product innovation, with a view to be a benchmark in the global market.

In 2007, HR Ratings obtained its initial authorization from the CNBV in Mexico. In 2012 it became the first Latin American rating agency and the tenth to be registered by the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to issue credit ratings of government securities in the United States. In November 2014, HR Ratings became the first Latin American credit rating agency (CRA) to be certified by the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA). In 2016, HR Ratings obtained its registration from the SEC to issue ratings for financial and corporate institutions.

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