

Venezuela becomes full member of Mercosur

Mercosur, South America's biggest trade bloc, has welcomed Venezuela as its newest member. But business leaders fear the move could undermine their efforts to ease trade and promote ties with other blocs

- Full members
- Associate members

Mercosur's combined market encompasses over 270m people and accounts for more than three-quarters of continent's economy



FULL MEMBERS FACTFILE

ARGENTINA



BRAZIL



PARAGUAY



URUGUAY



VENEZUELA



*Population	40.8m	196.7m	6.7m	3.4m	29.3m
*GDP	\$446.0bn	\$2,476.7bn	\$23.9bn	\$46.7bn	\$316.5bn
**Current account balance	-\$0.3bn	-\$63.5bn	-\$0.9bn	-\$1.1bn	\$27.2bn

*World Bank (2011)

**CIA World Factbook (2011)

Source: Mercosur

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