## **INTRODUCING ABAXX**

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Feb 2024





Jan 2024

Launching the first new commodity futures clearinghouse in over a decade next month

Initial focus on LNG and Battery Metals

Dec 2023

Nov 2023

Nickel sulfate futures contract developed with BHP and EV Manufacturers

## **ERA OF SMART COMMODITIES**

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Environmentally sustainable metals need to be priced better



Supply chains are complex, we need better data before we have better pricing



Before green premiums, we need "smart commodity premiums

## MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

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**Mission:** Abaxx provides better price benchmarks, technology, and tools for risk management to meet the commercial needs of the global commodities markets



Vision: Our vision is for Smarter Markets that support practical, market-based solutions to address the biggest challenges in global commodities trading



**Values:** Abaxx seeks to not only promote transparent price discovery, but to create markets that are simple, inexpensive, efficient, and accessible for all market participants

# MARKET SOLUTIONS OVERVIEW abaxx.



Abaxx Futures & Options



Abaxx Clearing



**Abaxx Market Services** 



Abaxx EFP+ Trading Platform



Infrastructure

# INITIAL PRODUCT OFFERING abaxx. **LNG** Carbon **Battery Metals** Gold

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# A NEW DIRECTION FOR FUTURES abaxx.

#### 1. Product Offerings

- 2. Product Development
- 3. Risk Management
- 4. Price Discovery in New Markets
- 5. Depth and Liquidity of Markets

#### **Opportunities**

Opportunity to provide **deep and complimentary product offerings** including physically settled contracts for the fast-growing energy transition markets

Opportunity to create high-quality products (with high hedge effectiveness) in close collaboration with market participant

Opportunity to provide a trading venue that leverages deep market experience and technology to provide better risk management and efficient physical settlement as a buyer/seller of last resort CCP

Opportunity to provide exchange trading venue that provides transparent price signals, allowing participants to better manage ongoing price risk

Opportunity to provide **deeply liquid markets** by bringing together welldesigned products on a focused trading venue, with efficient clearing and settlement

## WHY NOW?

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## 1. The Energy Transition

2. Regulatory and ESG

3. Volatility & LME

4. Market Structure

5. Product Innovation

#### **Factor / Trends**

The energy transition brings structural changes to the supply and demand of raw materials, realigning supply chains and allowing new market structures to emerge

Increased regulatory focus on commodities, including ESG concerns, creates opportunity to introduce new rule-compliant contract markets

Underlying structural problems at the LME and COMEX brought to the surface during recent market volatility

Market participants are searching for new approaches to hedging and collateral financing

Potential to innovate utilizing public ledgers, smart contracts, and digital assets to improve security, custody, clearing, and delivery