

## RTS 28 Quality of Execution Annual Report

**Firm:** Brigade Capital UK LLP (the “Firm”)

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The Markets in Financial Instruments Directive and the Markets in Financial Instruments Regulation (together, “MiFID2”), and Regulatory Technical Standard (“RTS”) 28 (Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/576), as implemented in the UK, require MiFID investment firms to publish on an annual basis: (i) a list of their top 5 execution venues (including brokers) in terms of trading volumes for all executed client orders per class of financial instruments; (ii) a list of their top 5 execution venues (including brokers) in terms of trading volumes for all executed client orders in securities financing transactions per class of financial instruments; and (iii) for each class of financial instrument, a summary of the analysis and conclusions they draw from their monitoring of the quality of execution obtained on execution venues (including brokers) where they executed all client orders in the previous year.

**Summary of classes of instruments included in this report, and class of instruments not included in this report (because the Firm has not executed client orders in that class of instruments):**

Classes of instruments included in this report	Classes of instruments not included in this report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equities – Shares &amp; Depositary Receipts                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tick size liquidity bands 5 and 6 (from 2000 trades per day)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Debt instruments                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bonds</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Credit derivatives                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Futures and options admitted to trading on a trading venue</li> <li>○ Other credit derivatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Securities financing transactions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equities – Shares &amp; Depositary Receipts                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tick size liquidity bands 3 and 4 (from 80 to 1999 trades per day)</li> <li>○ Tick size liquidity band 1 and 2 (from 0 to 79 trades per day)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Debt instruments                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Money markets instruments</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Interest rates derivatives                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Futures and options admitted to trading on a trading venue</li> <li>○ Swaps, forwards, and other interest rates derivatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Currency derivatives                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Futures and options admitted to trading on a trading venue</li> <li>○ Swaps, forwards, and other currency derivatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Structured finance instruments</li> <li>• Equity Derivatives                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Options and Futures admitted to trading on a trading venue</li> <li>○ Swaps and other equity derivatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Securitized Derivatives                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Warrants and Certificate Derivatives</li> <li>○ Other securitized derivatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Commodities derivatives and emission allowances Derivatives                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Options and Futures admitted to trading on a trading venue</li> <li>○ Other commodities derivatives and emission allowances derivatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Contracts for difference</li> <li>• Exchange traded products (Exchange traded funds, exchange traded notes and exchange traded commodities)</li> <li>• Emission allowances</li> </ul>

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<b>General observations</b>	<p>The Firm executed all trades directly on an execution venue (which for these purposes includes OTC counterparties). The Firm's top 5 execution venues by trading volume are disclosed by separate document (the "Top 5 Report").</p> <p>The entities listed in the Top 5 Report were selected based on the quality of executions obtainable, with consideration given to the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Price - For standard UK market orders, and in normal market conditions, the Firm may poll different execution venues (using automatic execution technology) to identify the best terms available at the point of trading for the equity concerned. Other orders, including those relating to international equities, that cannot be executed automatically will be dealt manually with another regulated firm or via a Multilateral Trading Facility (MTF). This involves a manual search for reference trading prices via market data feeds or by comparing prices offered by other market participants. When an appropriate counterparty is identified, the price is negotiated manually and executed on the best terms identified for the order in question. This may occur off-exchange.</li> <li>• Other execution factors - The following factors may have taken precedence over price in the following circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Speed – Where necessary around a particular event (e.g. an earnings update that we think will be different from market expectations).</li> <li>○ Likelihood of execution – In circumstances where the liquidity/illiquidity for the instrument required it and/or where there was uncertainty in a trader's ability to execute.</li> <li>○ Order size - As per "Likelihood of execution" above.</li> <li>○ Nature – This is a broad category. There are a number of circumstances that could cause these factors to take precedent over price (e.g. relationship with dealer; etc.).</li> <li>○ Market Discretion - Where necessary to minimise third party knowledge of our intended trade and/or position.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Execution factors</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summary of analysis</b></p> <p>The relative importance of the execution factors was determined as follows, in accordance with the Firm's execution policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The characteristics of the client including the categorisation of the client as professional;</li> <li>○ The characteristics of the client order (if there is a client order);</li> <li>○ The characteristics of financial instruments that are the subject of that client order; and</li> <li>○ The characteristics of the execution venues or brokers to which that order can be directed.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Conclusion</b></p> <p>The relative importance given to the execution factors was in line with the Firm's order execution policy.</p>

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<b>Close links, conflicts of interest and common ownership with respect to execution venues</b>	<b>Close links and common ownership</b> The Firm has no close links or common ownership with any executing broker or venue.	<b>Close links</b> N/A
	<b>Conflicts of interest</b> The Firm has a conflicts of interest policy designed to identify and mitigate any potential conflicts of interest which may affect the quality of execution. The Firm is not aware of any conflicts of interest that would impact its ability to achieve best execution.	To the extent that the Firm becomes aware of any conflict of interest, it shall be handled in accordance with the Firm's conflict of interest policy.
<b>Specific arrangements with execution venues regarding payments made or received, discounts, rebates or non-monetary benefits received</b>	The Firm has research services agreements in place with certain brokers/dealers that it trades with and which are paid for by the Firm. The Firm also receives non-monetary benefits from time to time from certain execution venues/brokers, to the extent permitted by the applicable rules. All such arrangements are required to comply with the Firm's policies on inducements, gifts/entertainment, investment research and conflicts of interest, designed to ensure that such arrangements do not create potential conflicts of interest.	The Firm follows its policies and procedures in line with its regulatory obligations in relation to such arrangements. In addition, these arrangements do not influence the Firm's selection of execution brokers/dealers or its ability to achieve best execution.
<b>Factors leading to a change in the list of execution venues listed in the order execution policy</b>	The Firm updates its list of approved execution venues and brokers from time to time dependent on whether the addition or removal of a venue or broker is considered beneficial to the Firm in facilitating best execution.	The Firm considers the quantitative and qualitative factors set out in the Firm's best execution policy when considering such updates.
<b>Differentiation across client categories</b>	N/A - all of the Firm's clients are professional clients.	N/A
<b>Use of data / tools relating to quality of execution</b>	The Firm monitors the quality of execution taking several factors into account and using data and/or tools where considered appropriate.  While RTS 27 data is now published by venues and relevant brokers, the Firm considers the format of the data is difficult to use/assess in terms of facilitating a comparative analysis of the performance of the relevant brokers and venues. As such, the Firm has not used such RTS 27 data in monitoring/assessing the quality of execution. The Firm will keep this approach under review.	N/A
<b>Use of consolidated tape provider output</b>	The Firm did not utilise any output from any EU-authorized consolidated tape provider during the reporting period.	N/A
<b>Use of DEA</b>	N/A	