

# Citadel Europe LLP

MiFID II RTS 28 Best Execution Disclosure

Equities – Shares and Depositary Receipts - Liquidity Bands 3 & 4 – Transmitted

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**Quality of Execution Obtained on Execution Venues<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Firm</b>	Citadel Europe LLP	
<b>Disclosure Period</b>	1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018	
<b>Publication Date</b>	April 2019	
<b>Class of instrument</b>	Equities – Shares and Depositary Receipts - Liquidity Bands 3 & 4 - Transmitted	
	<b>Summary of Analysis</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
<b>Execution factors</b>	<p>The relative importance of the execution factors was determined by the following execution criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the characteristics of the Citadel Fund</li> <li>• the characteristics of the order (e.g. market or financing)</li> <li>• the characteristics of the financial instrument to which the order related (e.g. liquidity and transparency); and</li> <li>• the characteristics of the broker or trading venue/systematic internaliser/market maker/liquidity provider/ third country entity performing a similar function to which the order could be directed.</li> </ul>	<p>Given the liquidity of, and transparency for, these instruments the Firm considered price to be the most important execution factor when assessing quality of execution for market transactions. Therefore in monitoring quality of execution for these instruments, the Firm has used slippage as a tool to consider whether best execution has been provided by the execution venues.</p> <p>Please refer to the 'Equity Derivatives – Swaps and Other Equity Derivatives' and 'Contracts for Difference' Reports for commentary in relation to financing transactions.</p>
<b>Close links, conflicts of interest and common ownership with respect to execution venues<sup>2</sup></b>	<p><b>Close links</b> During the period under review certain orders were transmitted to the affiliate firm Citadel Advisors LLC to facilitate execution. These orders related to non-EMEA instruments.</p>	<p><b>Close links</b> These close links did not influence the Firm's selection of the execution venues as the Firm followed its Best Execution Policy and Conflicts of Interest Policy when selecting execution venues.</p>
	<p><b>Conflicts of interest</b> The Firm has no conflicts of interest to report.</p>	<p><b>Conflicts of interest</b> Not applicable</p>
	<p><b>Common ownerships</b> During the period under review certain orders were transmitted to the affiliate firm Citadel Advisors LLC to facilitate execution. These orders related to non-EMEA instruments.</p>	<p><b>Common ownerships</b> These common ownerships did not influence the Firm's selection of the execution venues as the Firm followed its Best Execution Policy and Conflicts of Interest Policy when selecting execution venues.</p>
<b>Specific arrangements with execution venues<sup>3</sup> regarding payments made or received, discounts, rebates or non-monetary benefits received</b>	<p>During the period under review payments were made to execution venues in respect of research, data and corporate access received. In addition, business gifts and entertainments were received. No payments, discounts or rebates were received from execution venues.</p>	<p>The Firm followed its internal policies in line with its regulatory obligations in relation to these arrangements. No issues were noted in respect of these payments made or non-monetary benefits received. In addition these arrangements did not influence the Firm's selection of execution venues, as the Firm followed its Best Execution Policy and Conflicts of Interest Policy when selecting execution venues.</p>

<sup>1</sup> This report has been produced in line with the requirements of the recast Markets in Financial Instruments Directive and Regulation (together, "MiFID II") and Regulatory Technical Standard ("RTS") 28, as implemented in the UK.

<sup>2</sup> For the purposes of this report, 'execution venue' means broker, trading venue, systematic internaliser, market maker, liquidity provider and/or third country entity performing a similar function.

<b>Factors leading to a change in the list of execution venues<sup>3</sup> listed in the order execution policy</b>	There were no changes to the list of execution venues referred to in the Firm's Best Execution Policy. However as a result of the ongoing monitoring of the quality of execution, the allocation of orders to the various execution venues changed throughout the period under review.	The factors leading to such changes were objective factors which were considered and applied by the Firm on an objective basis.
<b>Differentiation across client categories</b>	All of the Firm's clients are professional clients.	Not applicable
<b>Use of data / tools relating to quality of execution</b>	The Firm has used a variety of data and tools relating to quality of execution during the period under review in order to inform both its real-time and periodic assessments.	These objective factors were considered and applied by the Firm on an objective basis.
<b>Use of consolidated tape provider output</b>	There were no consolidated tape providers during the period under review.	Not applicable
<b>Use of Direct Electronic Access (DEA)</b>	<p>The list of Top 5 execution venues for this class of instrument includes brokers who provide the Firm with direct electronic access to trading venues.</p> <p>This broker is: Morgan Stanley.</p> <p>The trading venues accessed by the Firm using DEA for this instrument class were: CBOE, Turquoise, SIX Swiss, Nasdaq OMX, LSE, BME, Oslo, Milan, Xetra and Euronext.</p>	

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