



BEST EXECUTION POLICY

Principles for the execution of orders
Summary

1. Objective

According to the Austrian Securities Supervision Act (Wertpapieraufsichtsgesetz 2007) every investment firm is required to draw up a Best Execution Policy. The objective of the Best Execution Policy is to achieve the best possible result for the client when executing orders. In order to guarantee this, the Best Execution Policy records the execution venues for each financial instrument which consistently deliver the best possible results. Other criteria crucial to the selection of these venues are also defined in the Best Execution Policy.

2. Selection criteria

In order to ensure the best possible execution for clients, Deutsche Bank Österreich AG sets the following criteria as the basis for selecting execution venues (the order is determined by the weighting given to the criteria):

1. Price and costs
2. Likelihood of execution and settlement
3. Speed of execution and settlement

These criteria are valid for all financial instruments, types of order and client groups. Other criteria, such as the scope of execution and the type of order, are thus implicitly satisfied. In the case of a specific instruction by the client, the existing regulations for executing the order do not have to be applied.

Deutsche Bank Österreich AG has concluded a Service Level Agreement with Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie. S.C.A. (SOP Lux) regarding the execution of securities transactions. Therefore all securities transactions will be executed via SOP Lux, for which the following provisions apply.

3. Evaluation of execution venues or third parties and determination of execution methods

Shares in Germany

SOP Lux electronically directs all orders for the German stock market to Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie. KGaA (Frankfurt) (SOP DE). This guarantees the best possible execution, taking the above-mentioned criteria into consideration.

For index stocks the electronic Xetra trading system offers the highest liquidity and the best value execution. For second-line stocks the regional trading floors are preferred.

Shares from other countries

As a rule, shares from other countries are traded on their home country exchange. The location of the depository is significant when selecting the best execution venue for selling.

Wherever possible, orders are placed by means of smart order routing systems and via direct market access (DMA) brokers if possible, in order to achieve the best price.

For markets for which has no access via DMA, counterparties guaranteeing the best possible execution are chosen.

If the shares are traded on a German exchange, SOP DE offers the most favourable terms.



Investment funds

If possible, fund orders are executed via the FundSettle trading platform or the online order system of Global Treasury Fund Advisory of RZB AG. If this is not possible, fund orders are executed in the traditional manual way via the appropriate transfer agent.

Funds quoted on the stock exchange, in particular ETFs, are traded on their home country exchange in the same way as shares. For larger orders, and with the agreement of the client, direct trading can also take place with a designated market maker.

Securitised derivatives

Securitised derivatives are executed with the issuer if possible. If the issuer declines the order due to insufficient volume, it will be executed via SOP DE on the respective trading exchange. If a security is in the subscription phase it will be subscribed directly with the issuer.

Bonds

Bonds are usually settled via net trading among banks, using a market maker trading system if possible, or by telephone trading.

Money market instruments

Forward foreign exchange contracts are effected electronically with selected banks or via Reuters Dealing.

Exchange-traded derivatives

Exchange-traded derivatives are effected on their respective trading exchanges via DMA access or by telephone.

OTC derivatives

For OTC derivatives the terms and costs are agreed directly between client and bank, so that a clear declaration of intent exists on the part of the client.

The full paper of the Best Execution Policy will be provided to you on request by your account manager at any time.