

Information on RBC Wealth Management Asia's Best Execution Policy



This document contains information on the Best Execution Policy for RBC Singapore Branch and Hong Kong Branch (collectively referred to as “RBC WM Asia” or “We”) and is designed to provide you with a general understanding of our best execution standards. This document does not relate to our services other than the execution services.

At RBC WM Asia, customers’ orders are placed and executed on the best available terms and comparable orders are also placed and executed in accordance with the time of receipt of such orders.

In general, RBC WM Asia’s Best Execution Policy covers all customers’ orders in all products (with the exception of mutual funds, private equity funds and hedge funds where they are traded via one counterparty only), regardless of the capacity which RBC WM Asia is acting in (i.e. whether as an agent or principal).

Order Placement and/or Execution

When placing/executing orders on your behalf, we take into account the following factors when determining how to obtain the best possible result for you:

- Price;
- Speed and likelihood of execution;
- Costs;
- Likelihood of settlement;
- Order size;
- Nature of the order; and
- Other factors such as the nature of the relevant market, local regulatory requirements, prevailing market conditions and potential market impact.

When determining the relative importance of each factor, the following are taken into consideration:

- The characteristics of the order;
- The types of products placed or executed; and
- The characteristics of the execution venues or brokers which the order is directed to.

Generally, we consider the price at which the order is executed to be the most important execution factor for our customers. However, there may be circumstances where the price is not the dominant execution factor for the transaction; for example, for transactions in illiquid securities, the likelihood of execution and settlement may be given precedence over price should it be instrumental in delivering the best possible outcome.

In selecting an execution venue or broker to place or execute your order, we will take into account the respective merits of each venue or broker. There may be instances where we will execute with a main/preferred broker as the time and cost incurred in considering more than one broker outweigh any possible improvement in the quality of the execution of your order.

In certain markets and subject to any specific instructions that may

be given by our customers, we may, exclusively or otherwise, transmit an order we receive to affiliates, connected parties and third parties for execution. In doing so, we will comply with the considerations set out in our Best Execution Policy.

There may be some instances (such as system failures, disrupted markets, sole broker/ lead for a particular market/ product) where it may be necessary to execute your order in a different manner to what is documented in our Best Execution Policy. In such instances, we will still seek to achieve the best possible result available for you in the prevailing circumstances.

Where you provide a specific instruction

Our ability to achieve the best possible result, and hence our obligation to do so, will be limited to the extent that we are following a specific instruction from you. For example, where we are given specific instructions on the selection of a particular issuer, this may prevent us from achieving the best possible terms for the order. Where any instruction relates to only part of the order, we will continue to apply our Best Execution Policy, where possible, to those aspects of the order not covered by the specific instruction.

Monitoring and review

Order execution is monitored pre- and post-trade on an ongoing basis and is subject to regular sampling, testing and evidencing against best execution criteria to ensure the best possible result is obtained for you. We ensure that we select appropriate benchmarks and thresholds that determine the quality of execution that should be achieved.

We will carry out periodic reviews of our Best Execution Policy to ensure that it remains relevant. Material changes to the Best Execution Policy will be communicated via an update to this document.

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