

# Quality of Execution Report

Credit Derivatives – Futures and Options admitted to trading on a trading venue

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## Investment Services – Portfolio Management / Reception and Transmission, Professional Clients

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Top five execution brokers ranked in terms of trading volumes (descending order)	Proportion of volume traded as a percentage of total	Proportion of orders executed as a percentage of total	Percentage of Passive orders	Percentage of Aggressive orders	Percentage of Directed orders
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.– MBNUM2BPBDO7JBLYG310	47.56%	17.03%	100%	0%	0%
Goldman Sachs & Co - FOR8UP27PHTHYVLBNG30	31.51%	53.53%	100%	0%	0%
JP Morgan Securities LLC - ZBUT11V806EZRVTWT807	14.67%	22.04%	100%	0%	0%
UBS AG Luxembourg – BFM8T61CT2L1QCEMIK50	5.76%	4.09%	100%	0%	0%
Deutsche Bank AG - 7LTFWZYICNSX8D621K86	0.32%	1.61%	100%	0%	0%

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## Investment Services – Order Execution, Professional Clients

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Top five execution venues ranked in terms of trading volumes (descending order)	Proportion of volume traded as a percentage of total	Proportion of orders executed as a percentage of total	Percentage of Passive orders	Percentage of Aggressive orders	Percentage of Directed orders
BMTF - Bloomberg Trading Facility Limited	97.49%	96.99%	100%	0%	0%
HBFR - HSBC France	1.38%	1.32%	0%	100%	0%
DBAG - Deutsche Bank AG	1.13%	1.69%	0%	100%	0%

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- Where the Percentage of Aggressive orders is 100%, the trades were executed through a broker who is a systematic internalizer (SI). Any broker acting as an SI is considered an execution venue

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## Portfolio Management / Reception and Transmission

Neuberger Berman Europe Limited (NBAMIL) has published for each class of financial instrument, that it has either traded in or placed with a counterparty for execution, a summary of its analysis and the conclusions drawn from detailed monitoring of the quality of execution obtained for all client orders during 2023.

The following qualitative information is a summary analysis based on NBAMIL, and relevant Neuberger Berman group affiliates, detailed ongoing monitoring of execution quality for **Credit Derivatives** including **Futures and Options admitted to trading on a trading venue**.

Requirement	
A. an explanation of the relative importance NBAMIL and its group affiliates gave to the execution factors of price, costs, speed, likelihood or execution or any other consideration including qualitative factors when assessing the quality of execution;	<p>NBAMIL's central focus is the best execution for all its clients. The considerations which NBAMIL will take account of when trading credit derivatives (futures and options admitted to trading on a trading venue) are a combination of the following execution factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Price – Various costs can include, but are not limited to; commissions, holdings costs and financing costs associated with this asset class. NBAMIL is continually engaged in price discovery with available counterparties</li><li>▪ Speed of execution – the speed with which counterparties show an executable price. When timing of execution and defined market levels are prioritized by the portfolio managers, the first available price may be taken, as long as it is within expected tolerance limits</li><li>▪ Market impact – the ability of the counterparty to absorb the trade without impacting the wider market through information leakage</li><li>▪ Consistency – in respect of pricing, speed of execution, reliability (robustness of electronic systems and ability to show competitive prices during times of high market volatility) and the operational aspects of order execution – interaction with middle-office, system and settlement issues, as well as connectivity.</li></ul> <p>The relative importance of the execution factors above is variable, depending on market conditions and other considerations. That said, the particular combination of total consideration (price of the instrument and costs of execution, both implicit and explicit) and size are usually the most considered factors when setting our execution strategy. Our goal will always be to treat all of our clients fairly in achieving the best possible execution outcome.</p>

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<p>B. description of any close links, conflicts of interests, and common ownerships with respect to any execution venues used to execute orders;</p>	<p>NBAMIL and/or any other Neuberger Berman group affiliates do not trade with or have any close links or common ownership with any execution venues or counterparties used to execute orders.</p>
<p>C. a description of any specific arrangements with any execution venues regarding payments made or received, discounts, rebates or nonmonetary benefits received;</p>	<p>NBAMIL and/or any other Neuberger Berman group affiliates will not receive payments, discounts or rebates in its derivative trading arrangements managed by NBAMIL. Certain non-monetary benefits may be given and/or received by NBAMIL employees, but in all cases will comply with internal policies which deal with gifts/entertainment, and potential conflict of interest scenarios that may arise as a result.</p>
<p>D. an explanation of the factors that led to a change in the list of execution venues listed in NBAMIL's execution policy, if such a change occurred;</p>	<p>Having been initially approved, a counterparty will remain on NBAMIL's approved list of execution brokers and be subject to an ongoing monitoring process. This includes, but is not limited to, an assessment of creditworthiness and financial stability, a review of the execution services provided, and the counterparty's ability to trade effectively on our client's behalf. Each counterparty we use are dependent on their execution capabilities fitting the needs of a specific order, such as liquidity, market impact and certainty of execution. Counterparties will be removed from our list where they are found to be consistently delivering poor execution.</p> <p>The majority of the trading activity (99.50%) remains with top brokers Citigroup Global Markets Inc, Goldman Sachs &amp; Co, JPMorgan Securities LLC, and UBS AG Luxembourg.</p>
<p>E. an explanation of how order execution differs according to client categorisation, where NBAMIL treats categories of clients differently and where it may affect the order execution arrangements;</p>	<p>All NBAMIL clients are treated the same. However, the efficiency of NBAMIL's process can be constrained for certain clients by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The availability of counterparties due to limited legal arrangements in place (i.e. ISDA Master Agreements and CSA), which may impact the ability to trade efficiently in block trades on behalf of several accounts.</li> <li>• Counterparty risk limits – where clients require counterparty risk exposure controls, trading could be constrained and mean less flexibility to trade. In some cases, certain trades may be split among several different counterparties in</li> </ul>

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	<p>order to limit concentration risk, but this may not provide for best execution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Limited venue and/or counterparty availability – certain clients may limit the ability to transact to certain venues or counterparties. In such cases, any decision to execute or place an order with a particular counterparty or venue will be made from the available set of counterparties/venues for that client.</li> </ul>
<p>F. an explanation of whether other criteria were given precedence over immediate price and cost when executing retail client orders and how these other criteria were instrumental in delivering the best possible result in terms of the total consideration to the client;</p>	<p>This is not applicable, as NBAMIL does not execute retail client orders.</p>
<p>G. an explanation of how NBAMIL has used any data or tools relating to the quality of execution, including any data published under Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/575 – RTS27;</p>	<p>Trading data is used by NBAMIL in its assessment of execution quality. This includes reviewing best prices available at time of execution and evaluation of competitive quotes. Where limitations have been imposed either through limited Legal Agreements in place, or through client restriction, then this may have an impact on the quality of execution obtained. RTS27 reports are not used in any analysis to establish the quality of execution.</p>
<p>H. where applicable, an explanation of how NBEL has used output of a consolidated tape provider.</p>	<p>This is not applicable, as there are currently no consolidated tape providers in Europe providing this data.</p>

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