## **Best Execution Information**

Summary of the analysis and conclusions drawn from HSBC UK Bank plc's (HSBC UK's) detailed monitoring of the quality of execution in 2018 for Private Banking clients.

## Class of Instrument: Equities – Shares and Depository Receipts

Notification if <1 average trade per business day in the previous year: N

Top five execution venues ranked in terms of trading volumes (descending order)	Proportion of volume traded as a percentage of total in that class	Proportion of orders executed as percentage of total in that class	Percentage of passive orders	Percentage of aggressive orders	Percentage of directed orders
HSBC Bank plc (MP6I5ZYZBEU3UXPYFY54)	100%	100%	N/A	N/A	0%

Relevant trades for the purpose of this class of instrument are Shares and Depository Receipts.

This report pertains solely to trades executed under the terms of Section B of the HSBC Private Bank (UK) Limited Investment Services Terms and Conditions (T&Cs), from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

Prior to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018, trades executed under the terms of the T&Cs were executed by HSBC Bank plc. Please refer to HSBC Bank plc's relevant RTS 28 report for information on how these trades were executed.

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Unless specifically instructed by clients, HSBC UK considered the following factors paramount in obtaining best execution (in order of priority):

- The price of the financial instrument and the costs related to execution were together considered the most important factors in providing best execution.
  The speed at which HSBC UK was able to execute client orders as this enabled HSBC UK to offer a price representative of the market at the time the
- 3. The size of the order, and the overall liquidity of the financial instrument being traded were taken into account to ensure that no unnecessary impact on the price was exerted during execution of the order.
- 4. Other factors considered were the likelihood of execution and settlement and counterparty risk. Counterparty risk from HSBC Bank plc was considered acceptable for our clients. In addition systems, controls and arrangements within HSBC Bank plc were considered to adequately address execution and settlement risk.

HSBC UK frequently monitored and reviewed trades in 2018 to ensure its best execution thresholds were maintained. On the basis of this monitoring HSBC UK remains satisfied that the arrangements it makes with respect to the execution of client orders for this class of instrument, enabled it to comply with its best execution obligations for retail clients. HSBC UK did not receive any payments, discounts, rebates or non-monetary benefits from HSBC Bank plc in connection with the above arrangements.

For the service of order execution HSBC UK treated all clients as retail clients; all execution decisions were made according to a single policy.

For information on the top five execution venues utilised by HSBC Bank plc when providing Best Execution to HSBC UK for Shares and Depository Receipts, please refer to HSBC Bank plc's relevant <u>RTS 28 report</u>.

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