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Order Execution Policy

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Saranac Partners Limited (“Saranac Partners”) is required to put in place arrangements to enable it to deliver best execution, as defined in MiFID and the rules of the UK Financial Conduct Authority (the “FCA”). This is Saranac Partners’ Order Execution Policy (the “Policy”). These obligations apply to both Retail and Professional clients. Saranac Partners will review its execution policy at least annually.

1. Order Execution Background

For the purposes of the Policy, a client is defined as any individual account that has been established with Saranac Partners and that is authorised to trade as per the client onboarding policy. An order for the purposes of the Policy is an instruction to buy or sell a financial instrument, where Saranac Partners is acting as the discretionary manager for a client or as directed by a client. Saranac Partners act as agent to all client orders for the purposes of the policy and Saranac Partners does not trade for its own principle account.

2. Obligation for best execution

The best execution regime requires investment firms to take all sufficient steps to obtain the best possible result for their clients when transacting in financial instruments. The extent of these obligations will vary depending upon the firm’s role in the execution of the transaction.

Where Saranac Partners passes orders in financial instruments directly to Credit Suisse for execution, Saranac Partners is required to operate in the client’s “best interests”. If Saranac Partners chooses to execute the order directly with an execution venue, which is then settled by Credit Suisse, it is Saranac Partners responsibility to obtain best execution, on your behalf. In this case Saranac Partners owes clients’ “best execution”.

Where Saranac Partners gives specific trading instructions to a third party to execute in a certain way on a client’s behalf, Saranac Partners takes responsibility these specific instructions and their impact upon execution quality. For example we may choose to split a large order into smaller shapes, or direct a transaction to a specific counter party where we believe it is in the best interests of the client. Saranac Partners will record this instruction and ensure that it is adhered to by the relevant execution venue. Saranac Partners will keep under review the impact that specific instructions have upon execution quality as part of its monitoring procedures.

Where Saranac partners is constrained in choice of execution venue by client choice of custodian (directed transactions) Saranac Partners is reliant on those venues taking all sufficient steps outlined in their order execution policy

3. Procedures relating to specific instructions received

In the event that Saranac Partners accepts specific instructions from a client as to how they wish an order to be executed we will record and follow those instructions. In fulfilling these instructions Saranac Partners may be prevented from taking steps that have been implemented in this policy to obtain the best possible result. Saranac Partners will not induce a client to instruct it to execute an order in a particular way where Saranac Partners ought reasonably to know that the instruction is likely to prevent it from obtaining the best possible result for the client.

4. General Execution factors considered by the Firm

Whilst Saranac Partners will endeavour to obtain the best available result in carrying out each client order, this does not mean obtaining the best possible result for each individual order on a transaction-by-transaction basis. It does mean that Saranac Partners is obliged to apply these policies to each order with a view to obtaining the best possible result in accordance with this Policy.

As part of the Saranac Partners terms of business, all clients give express consent for their orders to be executed on their behalf outside a regulated market or multi-lateral trading venue (“MTF”) / Organised Trading Facility (“OTF”) where it is reasonable believed to be in the clients best interests to do so.

Saranac Partners will direct transactions to your custodian as the primary trading venue for all asset types. Exceptionally Saranac Partners may look to add specific trading instructions or select a specific venue (where possible) for the following asset types where we reasonably believe this to be in the best interests of the client considering the criteria listed below.

4.1 Transferable Securities (Equities and Fixed Income)

In respect of transferable securities Saranac Partners places significant reliance on the venues listed in Appendix 1 and may add specific trading instructions.

The primary drivers in selection of venue are:

- Price
- Likelihood / quality of execution
- Impact of execution on market

Other Factors include:

- Responsiveness
- Counterparty Risk
- Quality of reporting execution quality

4.2 Structured Products

In respect of Structured Products Saranac Partners places significant reliance on the venues listed in Appendix 1. Saranac Partners will select venues that provide clients with access to a wide variety of products issued by a broad range of counterparties as well as offering a responsive service.

The primary drivers in selection of venue are:

- Price
- Credit quality

Other Factors include:

- Speed of quoting
- Minimum Size
- Ongoing support and administration

4.3 Structured Deposits

In respect of Structured Deposits Saranac Partners places significant reliance on the venues listed in Appendix 1. Saranac Partners will select venues that provide clients with access to a wide variety of products issued by a broad range of counterparties as well as offering a responsive service.

The primary drivers in selection of venue are:

- Price
- Credit quality

Other Factors include:

- Speed of quoting
- Minimum Size
- Ongoing support and administration

Saranac Partners does not operate any algorithms for its trading directly however has access to algorithmic trading strategies through some of its execution venues. Exceptionally Saranac may look to instruct a venue to use one of these strategies where we reasonably believe this to be in the best interests of the client considering the criteria listed below.

- Impact of execution on market
- Likelihood / quality of execution

5. Order handling, including aggregation and allocation

Orders made on behalf of clients must be executed in a prompt, fair and expeditious manner, with prompt and accurate records. Comparable orders should be carried out sequentially and promptly unless the order's characteristics or prevailing market conditions make this impracticable, or the interests of the client requires otherwise.

Client orders may only be aggregated where it is considered unlikely that the aggregation will generally work to the disadvantage of any one client. It is disclosed to clients in their client agreement that the effect of aggregation may work to the client's disadvantage in relation to a particular order.

Where aggregations occur any allocations must be made in accordance with Saranac Partners' Allocation Policy. This includes appropriate records being made of the proposed allocation on a pre-trade basis and post execution basis. The Allocation Policy contains procedures designed to prevent unfair precedence being given to a client, re-allocation to the detriment of another client, and, deals with partial executions. Clients may request that Saranac Partners demonstrate compliance with the Policy.

6. Execution Venues

Saranac Partners passes the majority of orders for financial instruments to your custodian's nominated venue for execution. However, in respect of Structured Products Saranac Partners may choose to execute the order directly with an alternative execution venue, which is then settled by your custodian.

For details of execution venues utilised by Saranac Partners for execution by product please refer to Appendix 1. This list will be updated for time-to-time, as the venues utilised change.

7. Monitoring Arrangements

Saranac Partners will monitor the effectiveness of its order execution arrangements and the Policy on an ongoing basis. Where Saranac Partners passes orders to third parties for execution, without taking steps that affect execution quality, it is not the Firm's role to duplicate the monitoring efforts of the executing entities. Consequently, the monitoring will focus upon the third party's regulatory (or contractual) obligations and the arrangements that they have in place including, as appropriate, their own Order Execution Policy, to obtain best execution.

Saranac Partners responsibility is to monitor the venues execution quality not less than annually via their publicly available reports alongside the above ongoing monitoring and issue our own statement annually to our website covering the top five venues we have dealt with and how they have been assessed for providing best execution.

Appendix 1 Execution Venues

Credit Suisse

(Credit Suisse UK and Credit Suisse Guernsey depending on booking centre)

Transferable Securities

Money Market Instruments

Units in Collective Investment Undertakings

Options, Futures, Swaps, Forward Rate Agreements

Derivative Instruments for the transfer of credit risk

Contracts for Differences

Structured Products

Structured Deposits

Leonteq GmbH

Structured Products

Natixis

Structured Products

JP Morgan Private Wealth

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