

# Best Execution Information

HSBC Private Bank (Luxembourg) S.A.

## MiFID II Best Execution Report

The Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID II) requires investment firms who execute client orders to summarise and publish the top five execution venues in terms of trading volumes, for each class of financial instrument, where they executed client orders in the preceding year, as well as information on the quality of execution obtained.

This report is a summary of the analysis and conclusion drawn from HSBC Private Bank's (Luxembourg) SA detailed monitoring of the quality of execution obtained on the execution venues where all client orders were executed in 2020.

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## 1. Commodity Derivatives

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

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 LONDON (MP6I5ZYZBEU3UXPYFY54)	100.00%	100.00%	N/A	N/A	0.00%

When receiving and executing Client orders, HSBC traders use their best judgment to achieve the optimal balance amongst the following factors:

- Speed - The time between receiving an order and its execution.
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There are three categories of costs which trading desks takes into account in evaluating "total consideration":

- Implicit costs: these costs are variable and unknown before a trade. They include the spread, the market impact of a trade, and the opportunity costs of a trade (related to operational constraints, market timing issues, and missed trade costs). These costs depend fundamentally on the trade characteristics, the prevailing market conditions as well as the speed of execution.

- Explicit external costs, which include commissions, fees, taxes, exchange fees, clearing and settlement costs, or any other costs passed onto the Client by intermediaries participating on the transaction; and
- Explicit internal costs, which represent HSBC's remuneration through its commission or spread.

Whilst total consideration is of primary importance in achieving best execution, other factors identified above may also be instrumental in delivering the best possible execution result to the Client. Therefore, in evaluating the relative importance of all factors, HSBC will also take into account:

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HSBC does not have any price arrangement with any execution venues. Where trading desk does not trade a particular instrument with a full range of counterparties and use only HSBC Global Banking and Markets ("GB&M")

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or a third party to execute client orders, HSBC is considered to be in a closed architecture environment. This requires HSBC, on a best efforts basis, to compare the prices obtained from GB&M with an alternative available pricing source (e.g. via Bloomberg or Reuters) for those financial instruments where this information is readily publicly available. Where HSBC believes that the price provided by GB&M or a third party is not competitive or where there is no directly comparable investment (when dealing with simple products/structures), HSBC informs clients on a best efforts basis and where achievable obtain the client's consent before executing the transaction with GB&M or a third party.

There was no change in the list of execution venues compared to previous year.

Trading desk doesn't treat categories of clients differently.

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To avoid concentration of risk in external entities, exposure limits by counterparties were defined and are monitored prior to any trade.

The trader best price selection is potentially limited then by exposure threshold defined by credit risk function.

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## 2. Currency Derivatives

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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 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 PB (Suisse) Geneva (549300LM7URE8RZR5X06 )	100.00%	100.00%	N/A	N/A	0.00%

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## 3. Debt Instruments

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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 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
UBS AG (BFM8T61CT2L1QCEMIK50)	13.57%	14.70 %	12.25%	2.45%	0.00%
HSBC BANK PLC LONDON (MP6I5ZYZBEU3UXPYFY54)	10.34%	4.90%	0.91%	3.99%	0.00%
CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS LDN	7.67%	4.45%	0.91%	3.54%	0.00%
JP MORGAN SEC LONDON	6.21%	5.26%	1.63%	3.63%	0.00%
NOMURA INTL PLC LONDON (DGQCSV2PHVF7I2743539)	4.32%	2.27%	1.36%	0.91%	0.00%

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HSBC/PBLU does not have any price arrangement with any execution venues.

The list of execution venues listed have change slightly with the new inclusion of Citigroup and JP Morgan when Goldman Sachs and Merrill Lynch have been allocated lower volumes this year. This is the result of our best execution process for specific orders received from our clients during the reporting period.

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## 4. Equities - Shares and Depository Receipts

### 4.1. Tick size liquidity bands 1 and 2 (from 0 to 79 trades per day)

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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 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 SECURITIES LDN (MP6I5ZYZBEU3UXPYFY54)	51.76%	50.15%	3.01%	47.15%	0.00%
HSBC SECURITIES NEW YORK (CYYGQCGNHMHPSMRL3R97)	42.83%	48.07%	5.86%	42.21%	0.00%
CITIGROUP GLOB MKTS LDN (XKZZ2JZF41MRHTR1V493)	3.91%	0.23%	0%	0.23%	0.00%
RBC EUROPE LONDON (TXDSU46SXBWIGJ8G8E98)	0.91%	1.16%	0%	1.16%	0.00%
CITIGROUP GLOB MKTS NY (MNUM2BPBDO7JBLYG310)	0.37%	0.15%	0%	0.15%	0.00%

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HSBC/PBLU does not have any price arrangement with any execution venues.

No significant change in the list of execution venues listed when compared to previous reporting period.

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## 4.2. Tick size liquidity bands 3 and 4 (from 80 to 1 999 trades per day)

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 SECURITIES LDN (MP6I5ZYBUEU3UXPYFY54)	68.97%	71.76%	11.21%	65.88%	0.00%
HSBC SECURITIES NEW YORK (CYYGQCGNHMHPSMRL3R97)	29.94%	27.45%	3.27%	21.57%	0.00%
HSBC FRANCE PARIS (LOHUI1NY1AZMJMD8LP67)	1.08%	1.40%	1.4%	0.00%	0.00%

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HSBC/PBLU does not have any price arrangement with any execution venues.

No significant change in the list of execution venues listed when compared to previous reporting period although there is the addition of new counterparty in the context of Brexit as more trades will be booked against this new created entity HSBC Continental Europe (HSBC France Paris) going forward.

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## 4.3. Tick size liquidity bands 5 and 6 (from 2 000 trades per day)

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HSBC SECURITIES LDN (MP6I5ZYZBEU3UXPYFY54)	56.33%	45.87%	6.92%	38.96%	0.00%
HSBC SECURITIES NEW YORK (CYYGQCGNHMHPSMRL3R97)	42.13%	52.65%	8.89%	43.75%	0.00%
HSBC FRANCE PARIS (LOHUI1NY1AZMJMD8LP67)	0.78%	0.25%	0%	0.25%	0.00%
KEPLER CHEUVREUX PARIS (9695005EOZG9X8IRJD84)	0.56%	0.11%	0.07%	0.04%	0.00%
RBC EUROPE LONDON (TXDSU46SXBWIGJ8G8E98)	0.08%	0.88%	0%	0.88%	0.00%

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## 5. Equity Derivatives

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 LONDON (MP6I5ZYBZEU3UXPYFY54)	100.00%	100.00%	29.19%	70.81%	0.00%

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HSBC does not have any price arrangement with any execution venues. Where trading desk does not trade a particular instrument with a full range of counterparties and use only HSBC Global Banking and Markets ("GB&M") or a third party to execute client orders, HSBC is considered to be in a closed architecture environment. This requires HSBC, on a best efforts basis, to compare the prices obtained from GB&M with an alternative available pricing source (e.g. via Bloomberg or Reuters) for those financial instruments where this information is readily publicly available.

Where HSBC believes that the price provided by GB&M or a third party is not competitive or where there is no directly comparable investment (when dealing with simple products/structures), HSBC informs clients on a best efforts basis and where achievable obtain the client's consent before executing the transaction with GB&M or a third party.

No change in the list of execution venues listed when compared to previous reporting period.

Trading desk doesn't treat categories of clients differently.

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HSBC do sample testing of its best execution policy. No breach to date have been detected.

# Best Execution Information

## 6. Exchange Traded Products

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

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HSBC SECURITIES LDN (MP6I5ZYBZEU3UXPYFY54)	72.45%	88.07%	0.27%	87.81%	0.00%
HSBC SECURITIES NEW YORK (CYYGQCGNHMHPSMRL3R97)	23.57%	10.86%	0.37%	10.49%	0.00%
KEPLER CHEUVREUX PARIS (9695005EOZG9X8IRJD84)	1.76%	0.53%	0.00%	0.53%	0.00%
CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKET (XKZZ2JZF41MRHTR1V493)	1.43%	0.27%	0.00%	0.27%	0.00%
GOLDMAN SACHS INTL LONDON ( W22LROWP2IHZNBB6K528)	0.44%	0.21%	0.00%	0.16%	0.00%

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HSBC/PBLU does not have any price arrangement with any execution venues.

No significant change in the list of execution venues listed when compared to previous reporting period except a small allocation to a new entity HSBC France Paris created in anticipation of Brexit.

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# Best Execution Information

## 7. Securitized Derivatives

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HSBC BANK PLC LONDON (MP6I5ZYZBEU3UXPYFY54)	40.44%	23.08%	7.69%	15.38%	00.00%
CREDIT AGRICOLE CORP PARIS (1VUV7VQFKUOQSJ21A208)	29.56%	6.15%	0%	6.15%	00.00%
SOCIETE GENERALE PARIS (O2RNE8IBXP4R0TD8PU41)	18.79%	7.69%	0%	7.69%	00.00%
VONTOBEL ZURICH (549300L7V4MGECYRM576)	6.23%	12.31%	9.23%	3.08%	00.00%
KEPLER CHEUVREUX PARIS (9695005EOZG9X8IRJD84)	2.58%	49.23%	35.38%	13.85%	0.00%

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## 8. Other Instruments

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EUROCLEAR BANK SA / NV (549300OZ46BRLZ8Y6F65)	61.42 %	78.97%	N/A	N/A	00.00%
HSBC FRANCE LUX BRANCH ()	34.81%	12.96%	N/A	N/A	00.00%
HSBC PB (Suisse) Geneva (549300LM7URE8RZR5X06 )	2.53%	5.74%	N/A	N/A	00.00%
MAITLAND LUXEMBOURG ( )	0.89%	1.26%	N/A	N/A	00.00%
HSBC S.S. (IRELAND) LTD (213800HVF4H4GD6WSK83)	0.27%	0.58%	N/A	N/A	00.00%

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