

Introduction

This report (the ‘Report’) provides a summary of the analysis made in the course of our best execution monitoring, together with a list of the top five brokers used to execute retail and professional client orders in each class of financial instrument, as provided for in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/576 of 8 June 2016 supplementing Directive 2014/65/EU (“MiFID II”).

This Report is prepared having regard to the following business specifics of Veles International Limited (‘VIL’ or ‘we’) that existed in 2023:

- We are neither a participant of any trading venue nor acting ourselves as a systematic internaliser or a liquidity provider. We therefore always transmit client orders for execution to our *brokers* or, with respect to certain financial instruments, execute clients order with OTC counterparties acting as a liquidity provider;
- We select our brokers on the basis of their high reliability (including good regulatory record and the history of seamless mutual cooperation), vast experience and reputation on the respective financial market, sound financial position and reasonable cost of services (fees). We also take into account the execution factors pertinent to particular classes of financial instrument, as specified below in this Report. To this effect we pay due attention to the Best Execution Policies provided to us by our brokers. The complete list of brokers that may be used by VIL is outlined in the Annex 2 of our Order Execution Policy (<http://veles-international.com/en/Services/Regulations>);
- We specialise on servicing clients who have substantial skills and knowledge in the field of investments on the markets mentioned above;
- On February 24, 2023, following the announcement of the US Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (‘OFAC’) the Company was added to the Specially Designated Nationals (‘SDN’) List. This subjected the Company to an asset freeze as per Executive Order 14024. The Company’s operations and business relationships were highly impacted due to its SDN status.

It follows from the considerations listed above that the information on quality of VIL’s execution of client orders has certain features common to different classes of financial instruments as presented below in the section ‘*Summary Analysis. Common Part*’. The information on the particular instrument execution factors taken into account in the process of selection of a broker, as well as the statistics related to the top 5 venues (liquidity providers) used in 2023, is presented in the relevant section/table ‘*Summary Analysis. {Class of Financial instrument}*’.

Since we do not enter orders into order books of execution venues ourselves delegating this to our brokers, all the orders in the tables are classified as directed orders.

Summary Analysis. Common Part

Description of close links, conflicts of interests, and common ownerships

VIL did not have in 2023 any close links, conflicts of interests, or common ownerships with respect to any broker used to execute client orders except as provided for in this sub-section below.

Description of specific arrangements regarding payments made or received, discounts, rebates or non-monetary benefits received ('Inducements')

VIL did not pay or receive in 2023 any Inducements which may have led to a conflict of interest always acting in accordance with its Conflicts of Interest Policy and Inducements Policy (<http://veles-international.com/en/Services/Regulations>). Only a proper brokerage and custodial fees were routinely paid.

Explanation of the factors that led to a change in the list of execution venues/brokers listed in the firm's execution policy

No such changes occurred in 2023

Explanation of how order execution differs according to client categorisation, where the firm treats categories of clients differently and where it may affect the order execution arrangements

Execution factors are applied by VIL, when executing client orders, in light of client categorisation. The factors are ranked by their relative importance for the quality of execution of orders related to particular class of financial instrument as outlined below. This is primarily the case with respect to retail clients. For professional clients the particular order of importance may differ on a case-by-case basis taking into account the client's particular needs and preferences (indicated by the client).

For professional clients, price and cost are generally two separate execution factors. For professional clients price is generally the factor of primary importance for VIL to choose the execution venue (the execution broker should indicate this approach in its Best Execution Policy), with cost being taken into account as a factor balancing against other execution factors. Indication to this effect in the client order or known client preferences will be followed. However, there may be circumstances where price is no longer the dominant execution factor; for example, for transactions in less liquid securities, likelihood of execution or the size of order become more important.

For retail clients, the best possible result will be determined in terms of the total consideration, representing the price of the financial instrument plus the costs directly related to execution. Total consideration will take precedence over all other factors.

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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

See the sub-section above and further details (if any) specified with respect to particular instrument below.

Explanation of how the investment firm has used any data or tools relating to the quality of execution, including any data published under Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/575

Where there was no specific instruction provided by the client and there was more than one execution venue operating in the respective financial instrument on the relevant financial market, VIL relied on the best execution arrangements of its execution brokers.

Where applicable, an explanation of how the investment firm has used output of a consolidated tape provider established under Article 65 of Directive 2014/65/EU

Not applicable

Summary Analysis. Equities - Shares & Depositary Receipts

Relevant execution factors (priority descending)

1. price (*plus costs for retail clients*)
2. likelihood of execution
3. size of the order
4. costs (*for professional clients*)
5. speed of execution

However, for convertible bond transactions, VIL will prioritise execution factors as follows:

1. price (*plus costs for retail clients*)
2. speed of execution
3. size of the order
4. costs (*for professional clients*)
5. likelihood of execution

In relation to a market order speed of execution (primary factor) and size of the order (secondary factor) are the most important execution factors.

Top five brokers – Equities

Table 1 – Retail clients

Class of Instrument		Tick size liquidity bands <u>1</u> and <u>2</u> (from 0 to 79 trades per day)		
Top five brokers ranked in terms of trading volumes (in descending order)	LEI	Proportion of volume traded as a percentage of total in that class	Proportion of orders executed as a percentage of total in that class	Percentage of directed orders *
Emirates Investment Bank PJSC	5299008NWWU6T9JK1P82	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%

Table II – Professional clients

Class of Instrument		Tick size liquidity bands <u>1 and 2</u> (from 0 to 79 trades per day)		
Top five brokers ranked in terms of trading volumes (in descending order)	LEI	Proportion of volume traded as a percentage of total in that class	Proportion of orders executed as a percentage of total in that class	Percentage of directed orders *
Credit Suisse AG, Switzerland	ANGGYXNX0JLX3X63JN86	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%

Table I – Retail clients

Class of Instrument		Tick size liquidity bands <u>3 and 4</u> (from 80 to 1999 trades per day)		
Top five brokers ranked in terms of trading volumes (in descending order)	LEI	Proportion of volume traded as a percentage of total in that class	Proportion of orders executed as a percentage of total in that class	Percentage of directed orders *
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Table II – Professional clients

Class of Instrument		Tick size liquidity bands <u>3 and 4</u> (from 80 to 1999 trades per day)		
Top five brokers ranked in terms of trading volumes (in descending order)	LEI	Proportion of volume traded as a percentage of total in that class	Proportion of orders executed as a percentage of total in that class	Percentage of directed orders *
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Table I – Retail clients

Class of Instrument		Tick size liquidity bands 5 and 6 (from 2000 trades per day)		
Top five brokers ranked in terms of trading volumes (in descending order)	LEI	Proportion of volume traded as a percentage of total in that class	Proportion of orders executed as a percentage of total in that class	Percentage of directed orders *
Emirates Investment Bank PJSC	5299008NWWU6T9JK1P82	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%
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Table II – Professional clients

Class of Instrument		Tick size liquidity bands 5 and 6 (from 2000 trades per day)		
Top five brokers ranked in terms of trading volumes (in descending order)	LEI	Proportion of volume traded as a percentage of total in that class	Proportion of orders executed as a percentage of total in that class	Percentage of directed orders *
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Summary Analysis. Other instruments (Exchange Traded Products)

Relevant execution factors (priority descending)

1. price (*plus costs for retail clients*)
2. likelihood of execution (this will include quality of the fund (risk vs return), its underlying assets and management, AUM, etc.)
3. size of the order
4. costs (*for professional clients*)
5. speed of execution

Top five brokers – Exchange traded products

Table I – Retail clients

Class of Instrument	LEI	Exchange traded products		
		Proportion of volume traded as a percentage of total in that class	Proportion of orders executed as a percentage of total in that class	Percentage of directed orders
Top five execution venues ranked in terms of trading volumes (in descending order)				
Emirates Investment Bank PJSC	5299008NWWU6T9JK1P82	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%
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Table II – Professional clients

Class of Instrument	LEI	Exchange traded products		
		Proportion of volume traded as a percentage of total in that class	Proportion of orders executed as a percentage of total in that class	Percentage of directed orders
Top five execution venues ranked in terms of trading volumes (in descending order)				
AK Jensen Limited	213800QH1824YW4EQO06	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%
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