

## Top 5 Annual Reports and Evaluation of Execution Quality

April 2022

### 1) General information

In accordance with section 82 (9) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) Aquantum is obliged to provide information on the execution quality achieved in accordance with the requirements of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/576 of 8 June 2016 supplementing Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and Council on the basis of technical regulation standards for the annual publication of information by securities firms on the identity of trading venues and execution quality.

Orders in financial instruments were placed on best available terms, taking into account all relevant information, at all times. When executing an order, Aquantum must take all sufficient steps to obtain, the best possible result on a consistent basis by taking into account the following execution factors, such as:

- Price
- Costs of execution
- Speed of execution
- Likelihood of execution and settlement
- Size and liquidity
- Market circumstances
- Scope and nature of the order
- Any other consideration relevant to the execution of the order

Aquantum has selected brokers in compliance with all regulatory requirements and its Best Execution Policy while taking into account all applicable laws and regulations. If not pre-defined with the Client our selection of a particular broker to execute an order was based on a number of broker selection criteria, such as:

- Market access and familiarity
- Financial stability and creditworthiness
- Certainty of settlement
- Technological infrastructure including electronic interfaces for order placement
- Operational capabilities including service quality
- Reliability and integrity of maintaining confidentiality
- Compliance controls to protect Clients
- Pricing and costs for execution-only services
- Smart order routing logics and order execution algorithms
- Ability to produce customized reports or trade related data
- Special know-how

It has to be acknowledged that the possibility to select an execution venue for trading futures and options is fairly limited due to the fact that specific futures and options contracts are traded on specific trading venues only. When defining the futures and options market universe together with the Client in

investment management agreements, prospectuses, give-up agreements or in rules or articles of incorporation the trading venue must be considered as pre-defined due to its close association with the futures/options market selection.

If not pre-defined with the Client, Aquantum only relies on brokers with a MiFID II (“Markets in Financial Instruments Directive II”) compliant Best Execution Policy and which also have the ability to evidence Best Execution at our request.

## **2) Classes of financial instruments**

- a. Equities (shares & depositary receipts)** - No trading during the review period.
- b. Debt instruments** - No trading during the review period.
- c. Interest rates derivatives** - No trading during the review period.
- d. Credit derivatives** - No trading during the review period.
- e. Currency derivatives**

### **i. Explanation of the relative importance of the execution factors.**

During the review period, only futures admitted to trading on a trading venue (outside the European Union) were traded. Trading with the selected brokers was performed via recorded chat only. There was no verbal order placement. Selected brokers were used for execution-only services whereas the pricing structure was pre-defined. Qualitative broker selection criteria were monitored as part of ongoing business operations and the annual broker review. During the review period, the continuous broker control did not show any abnormalities.

### **ii. Description of any close links, conflicts of interests, and common ownerships with respect to any execution venues used to execute orders.**

Aquantum had no close links with selected brokers and there were no conflicts of interest with selected brokers.

### **iii. Description of any specific arrangements with any execution venues regarding payments made or received, discounts, rebates or non-monetary benefits received.**

There were no specific agreements regarding payments received/paid, discounts and rebates.

### **iv. Explanation of the factors that led to a change in the list of execution venues.**

There were no changes in the list of execution brokers in the review period.

### **v. Explanation of how order execution differs according to client categorization, where Aquantum treats categories of clients differently and where it may affect the order execution arrangements.**

As Aquantum has no “Private Clients” only the “Professional Client” categorization was relevant for assessing the quality of execution.

**vi. Explanation of whether other criteria were given precedence over immediate price and cost when executing retail client orders.**

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

Data or tools relating to the quality of execution, including any data published under Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/575 were not used for analyses purposes.

**viii. Explanation of how Aquantum has used output of a consolidated tape provider established under Article 65 of Directive 2014/65/EU.**

Output of a consolidated tape provider established under Article 65 of Directive 2014/65/EU was not used for analyses purposes.

**f. Structured finance instruments - No trading during the review period.**

**g. Equity derivatives**

**i. Explanation of the relative importance of the execution factors.**

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**h. Securitized derivatives - No trading during the review period.**

**i. Commodities derivatives and emission allowances derivatives**

**i. Explanation of the relative importance of the execution factors.**

During the review period, only futures admitted to trading on a trading venue (outside the European Union) were traded. Trading with the selected brokers was performed via electronic trading interfaces and front-end applications only. There was no verbal order placement. As the selected brokers were used for execution-only services, internal slippage analyses based on own data were carried out for the quantitative analysis of the execution quality. The slippage analyses did not reveal any specific abnormalities. Qualitative selection criteria were monitored as part of ongoing business operations and the annual broker review. During the review period, the continuous broker control did not show any abnormalities.

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- j. Contracts for difference** - No trading during the review period.
- k. Exchange traded products (Exchange traded funds, exchange traded notes and exchange traded commodities)** - No trading during the review period.
- l. Emission allowances** - No trading during the review period.
- m. Other instruments** - No trading during the review period.