



## **Execution Quality Summary Statement 2021**

## 1. INTRODUCTION

IC Markets (EU) Ltd (hereinafter, the “**Company**”) is an Investment Firm incorporated and registered under the laws of the Republic of Cyprus, with registration number HE356877. The Company is authorized and regulated by the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (hereinafter “**CySEC**”) under the license number 362/18.

This is the **Execution Quality Summary Statement** (hereinafter, the “**Statement**”) prepared in accordance with:

- (a) article 28(6) of the Investment Services and Activities and Regulated Markets Law of 2017, transposing European Directive 2014/65/EU (herewith “MiFID II”) into local legislation and
- (b) the provisions of Delegated Regulation EU 2017/576 supplementing MiFID II.

IC Markets (EU) Ltd strives to obtain the best possible outcome for client orders. The Company monitors the effectiveness of the order execution arrangements and processes analysed in the [Order Execution Policy](#) and it regularly assesses whether the execution venues utilised by it continue to provide the best possible results for client orders. This report provides a summary of the analysis and conclusions drawn from the detailed monitoring of the quality of execution obtained when executing client orders.

If you have any questions about this Statement or the Order Execution Policy, please contact us at [support@icmarkets.eu](mailto:support@icmarkets.eu).

## 2. PUBLICATION OF EXECUTION VENUES

The Company is dealing on own account as principal at all times and therefore is the sole execution venue for all its retail and professional clients’ orders.

## 3. INFORMATION ON THE TOP FIVE EXECUTION VENUES

The information relating to retail clients is presented in [Table 1](#) and the information about professional clients is presented in [Table 2](#).

## 4. EXPLANATION OF THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE GIVEN BY THE COMPANY TO THE VARIOUS EXECUTION FACTORS

In the pursue of Best Execution outcomes, in the absence of any specific instructions from the client, the Company considers the following execution factors:

- price,
- costs,
- speed,
- likelihood of execution and settlement,
- size,
- nature or
- any other consideration relevant to the execution of the order

In the case of Retail Clients, in applying the best execution principle and in the normal course of business, we determine the best possible result in terms of total consideration. Total consideration represents the

price of the financial instrument and the costs relating to execution, which include all expenses incurred by the client which are directly relating to the execution of the order, including execution venue fees, clearing and settlement fees and any other fees paid to third parties involved in the execution of the order. These costs do not include our own commission, spread or margin. We may take the other execution factors into account where they are instrumental in delivering the best possible result (in terms of total consideration) for the retail Client.

It should also be noted that the Company has, in the vast majority of cases, not made any distinction between how the orders of Retail and Professional clients are treated.

The application of the best execution is neither a guarantee that the best price will be obtained nor a guarantee that the transaction will be executed in full.

For further details in relation to the weight given by the Company to various execution factors, please refer to the Company's [Order Execution Policy](#).

## **5. CLOSE LINKS, CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS AND COMMON OWNERSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO ANY EXECUTION VENUES USED TO EXECUTE ORDERS**

The Company does not have any close-links, conflicts, and common ownerships with respect to any execution venues used to execute orders as the Company is the sole execution venue for all its clients' orders. The Company's approach to identify and prevent or manage conflicts of interest, which may arise during the course of its business activities is set out in the [Conflicts of Interest Policy](#).

## **6. ARRANGEMENTS WITH EXECUTION VENUES REGARDING PAYMENTS MADE OR RECEIVED, DISCOUNTS, REBATES OR NON-MONETARY BENEFITS RECEIVED**

Since the Company is the sole execution venue for the execution of Clients' orders, there are no specific arrangements with any execution venues regarding payments made or received, discounts, rebates or non-monetary benefits received.

The Company adds a mark-up on the spread of the underlying CFD as received from its liquidity providers prior to offering it to its Clients.

The quoted price includes any spread and/or margin above the price at which the Company may be able to transact in the market. We may take into account a number of factors in quoting a price, including the following:

- the risk that the Company assumes under the transaction
- operational costs
- counterparty, capital, and funding related costs
- fees and costs that arise during the execution and lifetime of the transaction
- the level of service provided to the Client
- other factors specific to the Client

The relative weight and significance of each of these factors may vary from transaction to transaction. It is the responsibility of the Client to determine whether or not to accept the quoted all-in price.

## 7. CHANGE IN THE LIST OF EXECUTION VENUES

There has been no change in the list of execution venues listed in the Company's [Order Execution Policy](#).

## 8. ORDER EXECUTION IN RELATION TO CLIENT CATEGORISATION

The Company has not made any distinction between how the orders of Retail and Professional clients are treated. In recognition that professional clients are also relying on the Company to provide Best Execution, the Company predominantly used total consideration as the benchmark for assessing execution quality also in the case of professional clients. Nevertheless, in certain cases, the Company's determination of the relative importance of the execution factors differed from retail clients and the likelihood of execution took precedence over price.

For further details in relation to the weight given by the Company to various execution factors, please refer to the Company's [Order Execution Policy](#).

## 9. OTHER CRITERIA GIVEN PRECEDENCE OVER IMMEDIATE PRICE AND COST IN THE CASE OF RETAIL CLIENTS

Total consideration was the only benchmark used for the execution of retail client orders.

## 10. DATA OR TOOLS USED TO ASSESS QUALITY OF EXECUTION

The Company monitors its execution arrangements described in this Statement and the [Order Execution Policy](#) in order to identify any deficiencies and to assess whether there is a need to modify the arrangements. This monitoring includes the monitoring of the performance of associated parties and other third parties whom we may engage in the future for the execution of client orders.

The Company monitors on an ongoing basis its execution arrangements, in essence the liquidity providers from which it sources prices and which are used for the hedging of the positions taken on the Company's books, by checking the orders executed and evaluating the quality of execution achieved for each liquidity provider, taking into consideration the below:

- Price updates (ticks per minute)
- Latency (speed of execution – time from reception to execution)
- Market depth of the venues from which prices are sourced with respect to all CFDs offered
- Price freezing or halts
- Spreads widening
- Any possibility of wrongly matched orders
- Technology – connectivity of platforms with the liquidity providers
- Comparison of pricing (for the quotes provided pre-execution and the price obtained post execution) with independent price data providers such as Bloomberg, Thomson Reuters etc.
- Slippage monitoring (where occurs to be balanced and reasonably justified)

The Company's Brokerage Department is monitoring the above metrics in coordination with the IT Department and reports to the Senior Management of the Company at least on a weekly basis.

The above monitoring procedure is under the review of the Control functions of the Company, namely the Compliance and Internal Audit functions, which report their findings and recommendations directly to the Board of Directors of the Company on an annual basis at least.

The conclusion that is derived from the evaluation of the Company's execution arrangements during the year under review and the prices that the Company quotes to its clients is that prices are competitive and that the terms of execution of client orders are in accordance to the best interest of its clients.

## **11. USE OF THE OUTPUT OF A CONSOLIDATED TAPE PROVIDER**

The Company has not made use of the output of any consolidated tape provider established under Article 65 of Directive 2014/65/EU during the year in review.

Table 1 below illustrates information regarding Retail Clients and Table 2 illustrates information regarding Professional Clients.

**Table 1 – Retail Clients**

Class of Instrument	Contracts for Difference (CFDs)				
Notification if < 1 average trade per business day in the previous year	No				
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
IC Markets (EU) Ltd (LEI: 549300O8CKXT0AKIWS77)	100%	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Table 2 – Professional Clients**

Class of Instrument	Contracts for Difference (CFDs)				
Notification if < 1 average trade per business day in the previous year	No				
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
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