

Quality report of EFG Bank von Ernst AG 2021

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This EFG Bank von Ernst AG report on the best execution quality obtained is a summary of the evaluations and conclusions arising from the monitoring of the execution quality achieved during the past calendar year by the brokers to whom EFG Bank von Ernst AG has forwarded client orders and orders from asset management mandates for execution.

EFG Bank von Ernst AG is neither a member of nor a participant in a trading venue and does not execute any client orders itself. Instead, it exclusively forwards orders for execution to EFG Bank AG for further proceeding. (external brokers).

This report covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021.

The EFG Bank von Ernst AG quality report has therefore been prepared in a uniform manner for all financial instrument classes. EFG Bank von Ernst AG exclusively commissions brokers with the execution of client orders that apply the MiFID II requirements with respect to best execution.

1. Execution criteria

In accordance with MiFID II and in providing best execution, the Bank will take into account your characteristics as a client (including your categorisation), the characteristics of your order, the characteristics of the financial instruments that are the subject of that order and the characteristics of the execution venues to which that order can be directed. However, the relative importance of any one or several of the aforementioned criteria may vary on a case-by-case basis as a result of the diversity of the markets, financial instruments and order types. The nature of your order and any specific instruction linked to that order may also limit the choice in the selection of the execution venue.

The following execution factors will generally be taken into account to determine in which way the order can be executed:

- The price of the financial instrument
- The execution costs of the transaction
- The need for timely execution
- The likelihood of execution and settlement
- The size and the nature of the financial transaction
- The liquidity of the market
- The order type
- Or any other consideration relevant to the execution of the order.

If you are a **private client** and in the absence of any specific instruction from you, the best possible result will generally be determined by reference to the total consideration payable, i. e. price and costs of execution.

All expenses incurred directly related to the execution such as execution venue fees, clearing and settlement fees and other fees paid to third parties, but excluding our own cost, will be taken into consideration.

Timely execution and settlement, the size and nature of the order, market impact and any other impact and any other implicit transaction costs may, at times, take precedence over the immediate price and cost consideration if they are instrumental in delivering the best possible result in terms of total consideration.

If you are a **professional client**, the price will ordinarily merit a high relative importance in obtaining the best possible result.

However, in some circumstances and for some clients, orders, financial instruments and markets, the Bank may reasonably determine that other execution factors are more important than the price in obtaining the best possible execution result. In the absence of any specific instructions, the Bank will determine at its own discretion the best balance between the aforementioned factors in order to provide the best execution.

No transactions were executed in the following financial instrument categories during the past year:

- Credit derivatives
- Securitised derivatives
- Contracts for differences
- Issue certificates

For the execution of orders, EFG Bank von Ernst AG (EFG Bank AG) will select the execution venue for a particular transaction as follows:

- when placing orders on a regulated market or a MTF (Multilateral Trading Facility), it will select the execution venue that it considers the most appropriate
- where a financial instrument is exclusively traded outside a regulated market or an MTF, it will place the order with the Issuer or another trading partner offering the conclusion of transactions in the relevant financial instrument
- where a financial instrument is traded both on and outside a regulated market or an MTF and subject to your express consent, it will place the order either in or outside the regulated market or MTF.

commissions selected brokers that use smart order routing, i.e. they have arrangements in place for order execution, on the basis of which compliance with the best execution policy in accordance with MiFID II is assured.

EFG Bank von Ernst AG cannot ensure the best execution of client orders if the client issues express instructions with respect to an order's or part of an order's execution venue. In such cases, EFG Bank von Ernst AG neither selects nor monitors the execution venue. The same applies to primary market transactions as well as the issuing and redemption of non-exchange-traded units in investment funds. With respect to the handling of extraordinary market conditions and technical system faults as well as the consolidation of orders (provided this is not generally disadvantageous to the client), please refer to the explanations provided in our brochure "General information on MiFID II".

2. Links, conflicts of interest and joint ownerships structures with respect to the commissioned brokers

EFG Bank von Ernst AG has described its principles as regards the handling of conflicts of interest in the brochure "MiFID II – information on dealing with potential conflicts of interest". The commissioned brokers are selected in accordance with these principles in a way that protects client interests and on the basis of uniform, non-discriminatory criteria. EFG Bank von Ernst AG has no stake in the commissioned brokers by EFG Bank AG and does not maintain any close ties with them.

3. Special agreements on made and received payments and discounts concluded with the Brokers

EFG Bank von Ernst AG has not entered into any agreements regarding payments or discounts with any of the execution venues and none of the counterparties..

4. Change to commissioned brokers

EFG Bank von Ernst AG has reviewed EFG Bank AG as sole provider of the service through which client orders or orders from asset management mandates are executed. Based on the findings from this inspection, no changes compared to the previous year are necessary. (see table: 100 % EFG Bank AG)

5. Use of tools for determining execution quality

EFG Bank von Ernst AG periodically reviews the execution quality of the investment firm commissioned. (EFG Bank AG) During this process, several samples of completed client orders are examined. In order to determine the execution quality, EFG Bank von Ernst AG also conducts ongoing market observations.