

## **RTS 28**

Under MiFID II a firm that undertakes investment transactions on behalf of its clients is required to publish details of its top 5 execution venues in terms of trading volumes, in each asset class in which is trades, for the previous year. It further requires that the firm provides a summary of the analysis and conclusions it has drawn from its monitoring of the quality of execution obtained on the execution venues in that year. The following information relates to the year ended 31 December 2020.

Class of Instrument	Equities	
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
Numis Securities	42.2%	34.4%
LEI:213800P3F4RT97WDSX47		
Winterflood Securities	24.1%	28.3%
LEI:8BRUP6V1DX3PIG2R0745		
Peel Hunt	6.7%	6.3%
LEI:5493007DWN0R4YBM4C84		
Investec	5.6%	6.2%
LEI:84S0VF8TSMH0T6D4K848		
Liberum	4.9%	7.9%
LEI:213800U6KUF87S1KCC03		

Requirement to Explain	Unicorn Response
An explanation of the relative importance the firm gave to the execution factors of price, costs, speed, and likelihood of execution or any other consideration including qualitative factors when assessing the quality of execution.	Unicorn places orders on behalf of its clients with its approved brokers for indirect execution. Orders are allocated to brokers on the basis of their perceived ability to achieve best execution, The brokers then have the discretion to execute orders in the way they see fit so long as they comply with their best execution obligations.
	Unicorn monitors the performance of its brokers' execution to ensure that its clients' orders have received the best possible

	result, having regard to such factors as price, cost, certainty,
	order size and impact, quality and settlement efficiency. The relative importance of these execution factors will depend on the characteristic of the order. When dealing with less liquid stocks, the ability to complete the size of the order and impact is considered as well as price. In most circumstances, the overall price and order size will be considered factors most relevant to its execution strategy.
A description of any close links, conflicts of interest and common ownerships with respect to any execution venues used to execute orders	Unicorn does not have any close links, conflicts of interests or common ownerships with respect to any brokers/execution venues used to execute its clients' orders
A description of any specific arrangements with any execution venues regarding payments made or received, discounts, rebates or non-monetary benefits received	Unicorn does not have any specific arrangements with any execution venues in respect of payments made or received, discounts, rebates or non-monetary benefits received
An explanation of the factors that led to a change in the list of execution venues listed in the firm's Execution Policy, if such a change occurred	There are no changes to note in the list of execution venues listed in Unicorn's Order Execution Policy. Brokers used by Unicorn are subject to periodic review covering dealing capability & efficiency, execution performance, financial status and their ability to settle trades on time.
An 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.	This is not applicable to Unicorn as it only has one category of client.
An 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 (RTS 27)	Unicorn regularly reviews its brokers' execution quality using third party software. Periodic review of settlement efficiency and financial stability is also undertaken. The monitoring and review during 2020 did not identify any significant shortfalls
Where applicable, an explanation of how we have used output of a consolidated tape provider	Unicorn does not use any output from consolidated tape providers.