

Broker Selection Policy

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Executive Summary

Objectives of the policy

Aecus Partners is not a member of a financial market and therefore does not directly execute orders on these markets. The company transmits orders to licensed brokers or investment service providers (ISPs), who are responsible for their execution. Aecus Partners does not always know, in advance, the exact place where the orders will finally be executed.

List of Authorised Execution ISPs

Aecus Partners has drawn up an internal list of authorised and unauthorised brokers and ISPs. This list must be regularly updated.

Selecting Execution ISPs

The selection policy is designed to select the dealers and counterparties that will achieve the best possible outcome for clients. The authorization process comprises two steps:

1. A thorough review ("due diligence") to verify that the PSI meets Aecus Partners' requirements (prudence, professionalism, reputation, good conduct, etc.).
2. A final validation by the Management Committee.

To ensure the best execution of orders, Aecus Partners takes into account several criteria when selecting its intermediaries, including:

- The financial strength of the counterparty;
- Its own order execution policy;
- Being classified as a "Professional" client or, at the very least, assurances that it will benefit from the best possible execution;
- The overall quality of the relationship with the intermediary;
- The costs and security of settlement/delivery, as well as the quality of the administrative processes (back-office).

The selected intermediaries must make every effort to achieve the best results when executing the orders transmitted, taking into account, among other things, the following:

- The price;
- The cost of the transaction;
- The speed of processing;
- The likelihood of execution;
- The size and nature of the order;
- Any other relevant aspects, such as the choice of execution venue, market impact, validity period or operational risk.

No transaction may be carried out with an unauthorised intermediary, except with the express and reasoned authorisation of a Managing Director of Aecus Partners.

Criteria for evaluating performance

Aecus Partners has tools to regularly assess the quality of execution of its intermediaries. Order execution information is always accessible, which makes it possible to check the relevance of the services provided and their compliance with the execution policy.

Intermediaries are evaluated throughout the business relationship according to several criteria, both quantitative and qualitative. Managers assign scores from 0 to 5 for each of the following criteria:

- Price/cost of the transaction;
- Quality of execution;
- Ability to execute an order in its entirety;
- Quality of administrative services (confirmation time, payment, delivery, etc.);
- General quality of the business relationship.

The scores are used to establish a ranking of counterparties, updated at least once a year. The Managing Directors are responsible for the maintaining the scores.

The full policy on selection, execution and research is available upon request from Aecus Partners.