

## Summary of the achieved quality of execution ("quality report") for the year 2023

This document contains a summary of the analyses and conclusions from the monitoring of the execution quality achieved for the relevant execution venues where client orders were executed in 2023, depending on the category of financial instruments.

### I. Explanation of the relative importance of the execution factors

When selecting execution venues, the Bank takes into account the type of client order, the characteristics of the client or financial instrument and the following criteria (sorted by importance):

- **High weighting:**
  - Price of the financial instrument
  - Costs of executing the order
  - Scope of the order
- **Medium weighting:**
  - Speed and probability of execution
- **Low weighting:**
  - Probability of execution and settlement
  - Qualitative factors (e.g. emergency backup)

### II. Description of any affiliations, ownership and conflicts of interest in relation to the relevant execution venues

There are no close connections, ownership or conflicts of interest in relation to all execution venues where orders have been executed.

### III. Description of special arrangements with the relevant stock exchanges/execution venues in relation to payments or rebates received

Marcard, Stein & Co does not receive any rebates, discounts or other monetary or non-monetary benefits from the execution venues or their operating companies.

### IV. Description of changes in the weighting of the valuation factors in relation to the execution on stock exchanges

No changes were made to the criteria or their weighting in 2023.

## **V. Description of the extent to which order execution differs depending on client categorisation and client category**

Marcard, Stein & Co executes client orders in accordance with the "Principles for Executing Financial Instrument Orders" (hereinafter: Execution Principles).

These principles apply to private individuals that are our investment banking clients (investment clients within the meaning of article 67, paragraph 3 of the German Securities Trading Act) and professional clients that are our investment banking clients (professional clients within the meaning of article 67, paragraph. 2 of the German Securities Trading Act); both investment and professional clients will hereinafter be referred to as clients.

When selecting execution venues, the Bank assumes that the client primarily wishes to obtain the best possible price, taking into account all costs associated with the execution transaction. As securities are generally subject to price fluctuations and therefore a price development to the detriment of the client cannot be ruled out over time after the order has been placed, execution venues are primarily considered if full execution is probable and possible in a timely manner due to sufficient liquidity conditions.

In the case of investment clients, the best possible result in the execution of orders is based exclusively on the total fee.

## **VI. Description of whether criteria other than price and costs are prioritised when executing orders from private clients**

In the case of investment clients, the best possible result when executing orders is based on the total fee, which is calculated from the price of the financial instrument and all costs associated with executing the order. The client instructs the Bank at which execution venues his order has to be executed.

## **VII. Description of how Marcard, Stein & Co has used any data and tools to determine the quality of execution**

Freely accessible market and stock exchange data are used to determine the execution venues.

In addition to the annual review of the Execution Principles, the bank also determines and publishes a Top 5 Report on the most important trading venues in terms of trading volume. This report refers to the executed client orders of the previous year and is differentiated by client group and asset class.

## **VIII. Explanation of how Marcard, Stein & Co has utilised information from a consolidated tape provider**

Information from a consolidated tape provider within the meaning of Article 65 of Directive 2014/65/EU has not been used.