

**WHAT DOES "BEST EXECUTION" MEAN?:**

When executing trades we recognise the importance of achieving the best possible result on behalf of our clients. Our commitment is to act fairly and with integrity when taking all reasonable steps in obtaining the best possible result using our own commercial experience and judgement after taking into account all relevant execution factors as described below.

**BEST EXECUTION FACTORS:**

In achieving best execution we take into account a number of factors. These include: -

- a) Price;
- b) Costs of execution;
- c) Likelihood of execution and settlement of the trade;
- d) Speed of execution;
- e) Size;
- f) The type of financial instrument being traded;
- g) The characteristics of the execution venues;
- h) Any other consideration relevant to the execution of the trade.

Generally, when executing trades on behalf of our clients, we consider that security of clients' assets is paramount and therefore, whilst price and costs are key factors, the main factor when considering best execution is the likelihood of execution and settlement. In some circumstances, for certain orders or financial instruments, we may determine that the relative importance assigned to the above execution factors will need to change in order to obtain the best possible result for our clients.

**BEST EXECUTION VENUES:**

When executing trades on behalf of our clients, we always transmit orders to a third party broker or to the product provider. Depending on the financial instrument the trade may be executed on a regulated market in the UK, such as the London Stock Exchange, Euronext.liffe or on a regulated market overseas such as the NASDAQ in the United States.

We review periodically the brokers that we use to ensure that these entities are providing best execution taking into account all trades executed during the review period. We take a number of factors into consideration when deciding our choice of third party broker including the quality and cost of clearing and settlement of trade, creditworthiness and depth of liquidity, as well as costs and prices available.

Where it appears in a particular case that better execution is available from a third party broker that we do not ordinarily use, we may use such other broker on a case-by-case basis.

When we deal in Collective Investment Schemes (most notably Unit Trusts and Open-Ended Investment Companies) we will deal directly with the product provider. For Collective Investment Schemes which are supported by providers of electronic platforms, the trade is executed with the product provider via the electronic trading platform provider.

**CLIENT INSTRUCTIONS:**

Should you give us specific instructions as to the execution of an order you wish us to undertake on your behalf, we will execute the order strictly in accordance with those specific instructions. Please note that this may prevent us from taking the steps we have implemented in this Policy to obtain the best possible result for the execution of that order.

**POLICY REVIEW:**

We review our Policy periodically and whenever a material change occurs which could affect our ability to continue to obtain the best possible result for our clients. You should note that it is not always possible to make an effective comparison of execution performance because reliable data is not always available for some markets. A copy of our most current Policy can be accessed from our website [www.barmacuk.com](http://www.barmacuk.com) or on request.

**CONSENT TO OUR POLICY:**

We are required to obtain your prior consent to this Policy. **Thus we will deem that you have provided such consent where we receive an order to execute a transaction on or after 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007.**

Should you have any questions relating to our Best Execution Policy, please write to **The Compliance Manager at Barmac Asset Management Limited, 27a Lidget Hill, Pudsey, Leeds, LS28 7LG or:-**



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