



Best Execution Statement

This document provides information on how Lime Trading Corp. (“Lime Trading”) seeks to obtain best execution for its customers when handling orders in equity and option securities. To do this, Lime Trading:

- Carefully considers the elements of order execution;
- Employs sophisticated technology to route, monitor, and execute orders; and
- Conducts regular and rigorous reviews of overall execution quality.

Duty of Best Execution

When you, as a customer of Lime Trading, place an order to buy or sell an equity or option security, Lime Trading seeks to obtain the most favorable terms reasonably available under prevailing market conditions at the time of execution. This is known as Best Execution. Best Execution requires that Lime Trading use reasonable diligence to ascertain the best market for the subject security. Among the factors used to determine whether reasonable diligence has been exercised are:

1. The character of the market for the security (e.g., price volatility, relative liquidity and pressure on available communications);
2. The size and type of transaction;
3. The number of markets checked;
4. The accessibility of the quotation; and
5. The terms and conditions of the order as communicated to Lime Trading.

The Execution Process

In order to fulfill Lime Trading’s Best Execution obligation and help reasonably determine the best market for a security, Lime Trading considers several factors, including, but not limited to:

1. Execution speed. This is particularly important in volatile markets. The impact of volatile markets on order execution is discussed below. Lime Trading seeks to provide customer orders with the fastest execution reasonably possible under existing market conditions.
2. Potential for price and size improvement. In equity markets in the United States and many other countries, firm quotations for stocks (which indicate to other dealers and investors the price is not negotiable) are published on a regular and continuous basis. The quotations consist of the prices and quantities at which market participants are willing to buy (bid) and sell (offer) stocks. Price improvement occurs when you receive an execution at a price lower than the best offer for a buy order, or a price higher than the best bid for a sell order (i.e., better than the national best bid or offer (“NBBO”). Lime Trading seeks to route customer orders to market centers that may execute trades at prices or sizes better than the NBBO.
3. Overall execution quality. When determining how and where to route or execute an order, Lime Trading draws upon numerous electronic linkages with a number of market participants, focusing on prompt and reliable execution. Lime Trading uses automated systems to route and execute customer orders. When an order is received, it will generally be routed to a market center. These market centers are ones Lime Trading reasonably believes will provide Best Execution. Lime Trading regularly monitors other potential execution venues and may route orders in exchange-listed or over the counter (OTC) securities to these other venues if it believes that such routing is consistent with Best Execution principles.



Review of Execution Quality

Lime Trading regularly and rigorously evaluates the overall quality of the executions received on customers' orders, taking into consideration the factors referenced above. Lime Trading makes decisions for order routing practices based on Lime Trading's regular and rigorous reviews of execution quality.

Customer Instructions

Lime Trading's execution process is designed to obtain the best overall result for the execution of orders on a consistent basis. If a customer provides specific order instructions to route an order to a particular market to which Lime Trading has access, Lime Trading is required to comply with the order instructions without regard to whether it is the best available market for the security. As such, Lime Trading will be deemed to have satisfied its Best Execution obligations in respect of that order. This is due to the fact that specific instructions from a customer may prevent Lime Trading from taking the necessary steps Lime Trading has designed and implemented to obtain Best Execution.

Payment for Order Flow

Lime Trading does not base equities or options order routing decisions on the receipt of payment for order flow or any other order routing inducements. Lime Trading effectively manages this potential conflict of interest by adhering to Lime Trading's duty to achieve best execution. In addition, Lime Trading provides customer disclosures regarding its payment for order flow practices and makes order routing determinations wholly independently from any rebates or similar payments that Lime Trading may receive.