# GUIDELINES BEST EXECUTION

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#### A. Client

- 1. Did the broker appropriately disclose to its client the available market prices of the security subject of the order?
- 2. Did the broker appropriately disclose to its client other alternative applicable securities?
- 3. Does the broker have adequate measures for documenting all information pertaining to the reception, execution or confirmation of orders?
- 4. When orders are taken by telephone, does the broker have adequate measures for documenting telephone conversations in connection with the reception, execution or confirmation of client orders?

#### B. Price

- 1. Did the broker execute the client's order based on the best bid or offer at that particular time?
- 2. Did the broker check all trading boards (Auto Order and Negotiated) for the best bid or offer?

## C. Promptness of Execution

- 1. Was the client's order posted immediately from the time such order was communicated by the client to the broker?
- 2. Did the broker have and utilize available and appropriate systems and technology to enable it to execute the client's order promptly?

## D. Likelihood of Execution and Settlement

- 1. For trading on the Auto Order Board, does the broker update its counterparty limits?
- 2. Did the broker check its counterparty limits at the start of the day?
- 3. Does the broker have sufficient securities/proper amount of cash on hand at the time the client's order is due for settlement (for transactions settling via DvP mode)?
- 4. Does the broker have access to the appropriate settlement and clearing systems?

### E. Transaction Costs

1. Did the broker unbundle its fees to the transaction?