

## Order Execution Policy Disclosure Statement for Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd., London branch

Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd., London branch (the "Bank") has produced an Order Execution Policy (the "Order Execution Policy") in order to comply with the FSA Rules implementing the EU Markets in Financial Instruments Directive ("MiFID"). This document summarises the Bank's Order Execution Policy.

### **Duty of Best Execution**

When executing orders on your behalf in relation to financial instruments falling within the scope of MiFID, the Bank will take all reasonable steps to achieve what is called "best execution" of your orders. This means that the Bank has in place the Order Execution Policy as well as procedures that are designed to obtain the best possible result for your orders, subject to and taking into account any specific instructions from you, the nature of your orders and the nature of the markets and products concerned. Set out below is information on the execution factors that the Bank will take into account when executing orders on your behalf.

The Bank's commitment to provide you with "best execution" does not mean that it owes you any fiduciary responsibilities over and above the specific regulatory obligations placed upon the Bank or as may be otherwise contracted between you and the Bank.

### **Scope of Policy (Products)**

The Order Execution Policy applies to those financial instruments executed by the Bank that fall within the scope of MiFID. These are limited to:

- Money Market instruments
- OTC interest rate derivatives (including Options, Futures, Swaps and structured products)
- OTC currency derivatives (including Options, Futures, FX Swaps and NDF'S)
- OTC Commodity Derivatives

### **Scope of Policy (Orders)**

The Bank owes a duty of best execution when it "executes orders on your behalf". The Bank will be executing orders on your behalf where you legitimately rely on the Bank to protect your interests in relation to the pricing or other aspects of the transaction that may be affected by the choices made by the Bank when executing the order. As such, the Bank will not be "executing orders on your behalf" where you approach the Bank for a 'request for quote', i.e. when you contact the Bank and ask for a quote for a particular transaction.

Where you provide the Bank with a specific instruction in relation to your entire order, or any particular aspect of your order, the Bank will execute the order in accordance with your instructions. However, please note that where you provide the Bank with a specific instruction this may prevent the Bank from following some or all of the steps in the Order Execution Policy that are designed to obtain the best possible result for the execution of your orders. In following your instructions the Bank will be deemed to have taken all reasonable steps to provide the best possible result in respect of the order or aspect of the order covered by your specific instructions.

### **Execution Factors**

In the absence of any specific instructions from you, the Bank will take into account the following factors ("**Execution Factors**") when executing an order on your behalf:

- Price;
- Speed of execution;
- Size of order;
- Likelihood of execution and settlement;
- Costs (including cost of structuring products, cost of capital, processing costs and legal costs);
- Nature of your order;
- Any other relevant factor (including market liquidity, availability of market information and market volatility).

The Bank determines the relative importance of each Execution Factor using the following execution criteria ("**Execution Criteria**"):

- Your characteristics (for example, whether you have been classified as a Professional Client or a Retail Client);
- The nature of the order which you have given us; and
- The characteristics of the relevant financial instrument.

The above Execution Factors are listed in the order of importance that will normally be applied to an order that the Bank executes on your behalf. However, the Bank may change the order of importance assigned to the Execution Factors if, in its opinion, you will receive a better execution result.

If you are a Retail Client, the Bank will determine the best possible result for you in terms of the "total consideration" of the order, representing the price that the order will be executed at and all costs related to the execution of the order, including execution venue fees, clearing and settlement fees and all other fees paid to third parties arising from the execution of the order.

### **Execution Venues**

The products covered by the Order Execution Policy are limited to (see section Scope of Policy (Products)). The Bank will always enter into money market instruments and OTC transactions with you as principal for its own account. As such, the Bank will be the sole execution venue for all transactions between you and the Bank.

### **Review of Execution Policy and Information Sources**

The Bank will monitor the effectiveness of its order execution arrangements on an ongoing basis to identify and implement any appropriate improvements (including a review of all sources of information used to price OTC derivatives and money market transactions) and it will undertake a review of the Order Execution Policy on at least an annual basis. The Bank will notify you of any material changes to the above description of its order execution arrangements and Order Execution Policy.

### **Consent**

The Bank is required to obtain your consent to the Order Execution Policy. By giving an order to the Bank after 1 November 2007, you confirm your acceptance of the Order Execution Policy.