

**RTS 28 Quality of Execution Annual Report**

**Firm:** Scotiabank Europe plc (SBE)

**Calendar Year Disclosure Period:** 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

**Date:** 30 April 2021

**Summary of classes of instruments included in this report, and class of instruments not included in this report (because the Firm has not executed client orders in that class of instruments):**

Classes of instruments included in this report	Classes of instruments not included in this report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Debt instruments – Bonds</i></li> <li>• <i>Debt instruments - Money markets instruments</i></li> <li>• <i>Interest rates derivatives - Swaps, forwards, and other interest rates derivatives</i></li> <li>• <i>Interest rates derivatives - Futures and options admitted to trading on a trading venue</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Commodities derivatives and emission allowances Derivatives - Options and Futures admitted to trading on a trading venue</i></li> <li>• <i>Commodities derivatives and emission allowances Derivatives - Other commodities derivatives and emission allowances derivatives</i></li> <li>• <i>Currency Derivatives - Futures and options admitted to trading on a trading venue</i></li> <li>• <i>Currency Derivatives - Swaps, forwards, and other currency derivatives</i></li> <li>• <i>Exchange traded products (Exchange</i></li> <li>• <i>Equities – Shares &amp; Depositary Receipts - Tick size liquidity band 1 and 2 (from 0 to 79 trades per day)</i></li> <li>• <i>Equities – Shares &amp; Depositary Receipts - Tick size liquidity band 3 and 4 (from 80 to 1999 trades per day)</i></li> <li>• <i>Equities – Shares &amp; Depositary Receipts - Tick size liquidity band 5 and 6 (from 2000 trades per day)</i></li> <li>• <i>traded funds, exchange traded notes and exchange traded commodities)</i></li> <li>• <i>Equity Derivatives - Options and Futures admitted to trading on a trading venue</i></li> <li>• <i>Equity Derivatives - Swaps and other equity derivatives</i></li> <li>• <i>Credit Derivatives - Futures and options admitted to trading on a trading venue</i></li> <li>• <i>Credit Derivatives - Other credit derivatives</i></li> <li>• <i>Structured finance instruments</i></li> <li>• <i>Securitized Derivatives - Warrants and Certificate Derivatives</i></li> <li>• <i>Securitized Derivatives - Other securitized derivatives</i></li> <li>• <i>Contracts for difference</i></li> <li>• <i>Emission allowances</i></li> <li>• <i>Other instruments</i></li> </ul>

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<b>(c) a description of any specific arrangements with any execution venues regarding payments made or received, discounts, rebates or non-monetary benefits received;</b>	<p><i>Payment for order flow is the historical practice whereby an investment firm that executes Client orders receives commission from both the Client as well as the counterparty that executed the trade. The FCA has stated that it considers that payment for order flow arrangements create a conflict of interest between the firm and its clients and as such these arrangements are unlikely to be compatible with the FCA rules</i></p>

	<p>on inducements.</p> <p>SBE is prohibited from entering into any payment for order flow arrangements.</p> <p>All required disclosures of arrangements with execution venues can be found here – <a href="http://www.gbm.scotiabank.com/AboutUs/AB_Global_Presence.htm">http://www.gbm.scotiabank.com/AboutUs/AB_Global_Presence.htm</a></p>
<b>(d) an explanation of the factors that led to a change in the list of execution venues listed in the firm's execution policy, if such a change occurred;</b>	N/A no such change occurred during the disclosure period.
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