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MiFID II: Deutsche Bank's Position on Systematic Internalisers

Briefing Note

What is happening?

- MiFID II will apply the Systematic Internaliser (SI) and Trade Reporting regimes to trading in equities and equity derivatives starting from January 3rd, 2018.
- Investment firms trading Over the Counter (OTC) in instruments traded on European trading venues on a regular basis will be required to register as SIs in those instruments. Whether or not an investment firm deals on a 'regular basis' will be determined by comparing its OTC volumes with total EU trading volumes in that instrument over a defined period of time.
- ESMA has indicated that it will publish total EU trading volume data (to enable SI calculations to be made) for H1 2018 by August 1, 2018 and expects investment firms to comply from September 1, 2018. However, this does not mean that the SI regime is delayed and will be implemented from September 1, 2018 – this only means that it will be mandatory for investment firms to comply with the SI regime from this date.
- Regardless of their OTC volumes, investment firms will still be able to voluntarily 'opt-in' as SIs from January 3, 2018 as a means to comply with the trading obligation (for shares) and assume responsibility for real time publication (trade reporting) of OTC trades.

What is Deutsche Bank's (DB) position on SIs?

- As recently announced, DB is to voluntarily opt-in as an SI for bonds, derivatives and equities starting from January 3, 2018.
- As an SI in the instruments stated above, DB will need to comply with pre-trade transparency requirements. For more information on pre trade transparency requirements, please refer to our Global Market Structure Briefing Notes on equity derivatives and equities.

How does this help DB's clients post 3 January 2018?

- MiFID II will require real time publication of OTC trades in instruments traded on European trading venues. Generally speaking, the obligation to publish such trades is on the transacting party identified as the 'seller' in the transaction, unless the buyer in the transaction is an SI. Where a transaction takes place between an SI and a non-SI firm, the obligation to publish the trade is on the SI.
- When clients trade with DB in equities and equity derivatives the obligation to publish the trade report will always remain with DB, as DB will be an SI in all such instruments impacted by the trade reporting rules.

- This decision has been made taking into account the varying levels of readiness for MiFID II among DB's client base. DB remains committed in helping its clients transition smoothly into the new MiFID II world.

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