

# Cash Equities IOI Disclaimer

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## Asia<sup>1</sup>

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Additionally, please note:

- ◆ We may use C:1 (Client Natural – Block) or C:2 (Client Natural – Working) IOIs to represent customer orders where they have been received by us, whether or not these orders are working in the market.
- ◆ When we communicate H:1 (House Position - Unwind) and H:2 (House Position – Wanted) IOIs our intention is to enter these positions and not to replace or unwind (respectively) same day any resulting positions.
- ◆ IOIs are refreshed on a timely basis but not on a real time basis. While our IOIs are intended to reflect our existing orders/axes it is possible that due to changing circumstances an outstanding IOI may not accurately represent the status of an order at that specific point in time.
- ◆ We adopt a client tiering approach in relation to the dissemination of IOIs.

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Additionally, please note:

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## Americas<sup>2</sup>

Americas trading desks please refer to: <https://www.gbm.hsbc.com/solutions/markets/equities>

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