



# **Order Execution Policy**

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## 1. Introduction

Amana Capital LTD (hereinafter referred to as 'Amana' or 'the Company') is an Investment firm, authorized and regulated by the Cyprus securities and exchange commission ('CySEC'), with license No. **155/11**.

The company is registered in the republic of Cyprus with the department of registrar of companies under number HE 281953. Its registered office is at Kristelina House, 3rd Floor, Office 302 12 Archiepiskopou Makariou III, Mesa Geitonia 4000, Limassol.

Amana Capital LTD is governed by the markets in financial instruments directive II (MiFID II - EU directive 2014/65/EU), implemented in Cyprus with the Investment services and activities and regulated markets law of 2007 (Law 144(1) (2007)) as amended from time to time.

Under the above legislation, the company is required to take all reasonable steps to obtain the best possible result (or "Best Execution") on behalf of its clients either when receiving and transmitting orders for execution or when executing such orders. These rules require Cyprus Investment firms to put in place a relevant order execution policy which sets out how it will obtain overall trading results for its clients, and to provide appropriate information to its clients in that regard.

The policy applies to retail and professional clients. In case the client was categorized by the company as eligible counterpart, or has opted to be categorized as such, he/she may not be subject to section 6 of the Policy.

The policy applies to financial Instruments including stocks, bonds, exchange traded funds ("ETFs"), futures, options (OTC and exchange traded), contracts for difference ("CFDs"), certificates, warrants and mutual funds.

This policy forms part of the client agreement. Therefore, by entering into the client agreement with the company, you are also agreeing to the terms of our order execution policy relating to financial instruments provided by the company. The contract specifications are available online at:

<https://www.amanacapital.com.cy/pdf/ProductSpecifications.pdf>

## 2. Scope and services

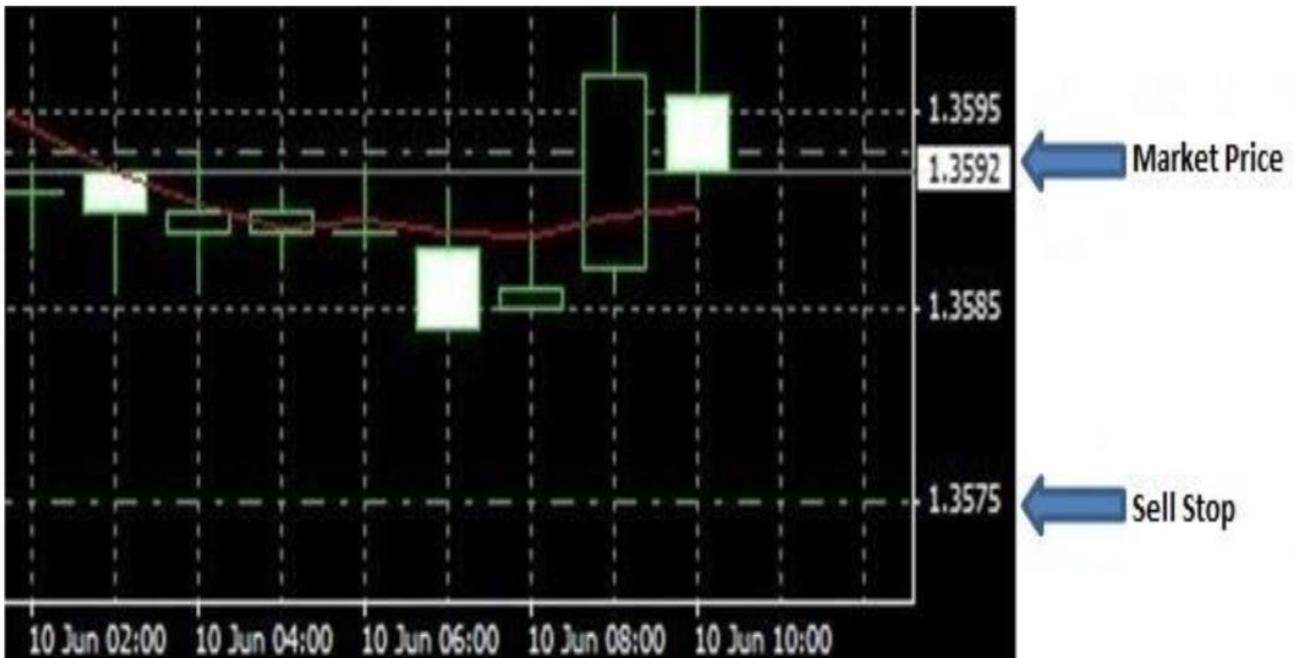
This policy applies when executing transactions with the client for the financial Instruments provided by the company. The financial Instruments provided by the company are contracts for difference; it is at the company's discretion to decide which types of financial Instruments to make available and to publish the prices at which these can be traded. The company, through its trading platform, provides the client with live streaming prices, "Quotes" as received from its third-party liquidity providers. The company is always the counterparty to every trade; therefore, if the client decides to open a position then that position can only be closed with the company.

### 3. Order type definitions

**Buy stop:** this is an order to buy at a specified price ('the stop price') that is higher than the current market price.



**Sell stop:** This is an order to sell at a specified price ('the stop price') that is lower than the current market price.



**Buy limit:** This is an order to buy at a specified price ('the limit price') that is lower than the current market price.



**Sell limit:** this is an order to sell at a specified price ('the limit price') that is higher than the current market price.



**Stop loss:** this is an order that may be attached to an already open position to close a position at a specified price ('the stop loss price'). A 'stop loss' may be used to minimize losses.

**Take profit:** this is an order that may be attached to an already open position to close a position at a specified price ('the take profit price'). A 'take profit' may be used to secure profits.

## 4. Execution elements

**Prices:** Amana receives price feeds from reputable price feed service providers. Having reliable price feeds from reliable price feed providers is important especially during abnormal market conditions such as times of extreme volatility; under these conditions and even if a certain number of liquidity providers decide to widen the spreads or stop quoting prices at all, the Company is still able to provide clients with competitive prices.

**Re-quoting:** this is the practice of providing a secondary quote to the client after an 'instant order' has been submitted; the client must agree to this quote before the order is executed. Amana will re- quote 'instant orders' if the requested price originally specified by the client is not available. The secondary quote provided to the client is the next available price received by Amana from its third-party liquidity providers. Amana does not re-quote 'pending orders'.

**Instant execution** to either buy or sell at the "ask" or "bid" price (respectively) placed in the trading terminal by the client requesting to execute will be only executed if the price requested is available still in the market. Should the price have changed a re-quote is sent back to the trading terminal.

Amana applies instant execution to all spot Forex and spot Metals (Gold & Silver).

**Market execution** to either buy or sell at the "ask" or "bid" price (respectively) is placed in the trading terminal by the client requesting to execute will be executed at the best available price on the market at the time of execution, hence there are no re-quotes.

Amana applies market execution to all futures products e.g. currencies, Indices, metals, energy and commodities.

**Trailing Stop:** A stop order that can be set at a defined percentage away from a security's current market price. A trailing stop for a long position would be set below the security's current market price; for a short position, it would be set above the current price. A trailing stop is designed to protect gains by enabling a trade to remain open and continue to profit as long as the price is moving in the right direction. But closing the trade if the price changes direction by a specified percentage.

Bearing in mind that trailing stop operates in the client terminal and in the server (it does not act in the same way as the stop loss and take profit), if the terminal is offline it will not work.

**Slippage:** at the time that an order is presented for execution, the specific price requested by the client may not be available; therefore, the order will be executed close to, or a number of pips away from the client's requested price. If the execution price is better than the price requested by the client this is referred to as 'positive slippage'. In contrast, if the execution price is worse than the price requested by the client this is referred to as 'negative slippage'. Please be advised that 'slippage' is a normal market practice and a regular feature of the foreign exchange markets under conditions\* such as illiquidity and volatility due to news announcements, economic events and market openings. Amana automated execution software does not operate based on any individual parameters related to the execution of orders through any specific client accounts.

**Commission:** the client shall be charged commission when trading CFDs on futures contracts; further information is available online at: <https://amanacapital.com.cy//pdf/product-specifications.pdf>

**Mark-up (Spread):** in the context of MetaTrader 4 and/or MetaTrader 5, the clients shall be charged a mark-up per product above the prices received by the company from its liquidity providers.

## 5. Order type execution

**Instant / Market Order:** this is an order to either buy or sell at the 'ask' or 'bid' price (respectively) as it appears in the quotes flow at the time the client presents the order for execution.

### Pending Order(s):

**Stop orders:** this is an order to buy or sell once the market reaches the 'stop price'. Once the market reaches the 'stop price' the 'stop order' is triggered and treated as a 'market order'. If the 'stop order' is not triggered it shall remain in the system until a later date subject to the conditions described in the 'Good till Cancel' section. In terms of contracts for difference ('CFDs') on FX, spot metals and futures 'stop orders' should be placed a minimum number of pips away from the current market price.

**Stop loss:** this is an order to minimize losses. Once the market reaches the 'stop loss price' the order is triggered and treated as a 'market order'. If the 'stop loss' is not triggered it shall remain in the system until a later date. In terms of CFDs on FX, spot metals and futures 'stop loss' should be placed a minimum number of pips away from the current market price.

**Limit orders:** this is an order to buy or sell once the market reaches the 'limit price'. Once the market reaches the 'limit price' the 'limit order' is triggered and executed at the 'limit price' or better. If the 'limit order' is not triggered it shall remain in the system until a later date subject to the conditions described in the 'Good till Cancel' section. In terms of CFDs on FX, spot metals and futures 'limit orders' should be placed a minimum number of pips away from the current market price.

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\* Please note that this is not an exhaustive list.

**Take profit:** this is an order to secure profits. Once the market reaches the 'take profit price' the order is triggered and treated as a 'limit order'. If the 'take profit' is not triggered it shall remain in the system until a later date. In terms of CFDs on FX, spot metals and futures 'take profit' should be placed a minimum number of pips away from the current market price.

**Pending order modification/cancellation:** the client may modify/cancel a 'pending order' if the market did not reach the level of the price specified by the client.

**NOTE:** Most of the orders shall be automatically executed by Meta Trader 4 and/or MetaTrader5, as described above. But, it should be noted that Amana reserves the right, at its absolute discretion, to manually execute in whole or in part an order of 5 lots or above, for major currency pairs; the same practice applies but for smaller size for orders on minor currency pairs and other products.

## 6. Negative Balance Protection

Amana Capital Ltd offers all retail clients negative balance protection. This means that retail clients will not lose more than the amounts they invested with the company, except in cases where they have used illicit methods to create it.

## 7. Margin and Leverage

Depending on the instrument traded with Amana, the account leverage ranges from 2:1 to 30:1. In such leveraged trading, the margin amount is held in deposit while the trade is open.

At Margin Level of 100% (one hundred percent), the Firm has the discretion to begin closing positions starting from the most unprofitable one without the Client's consent or any prior Written Notice to him. In addition, at Margin Level of 50% (fifty percent), the Firm's system shall automatically begin closing positions at market price, starting from the most unprofitable one without the Client's consent or any prior Written Notice to him. Unleveraged positions, but not derivatives such as CFDs, will be closed out automatically by the Firm's system when Margin Level reaches 0.1%. In order to determine if the Client has breached this clause, any sums referred to therein which are not denominated in the Currency of the Client Account shall be treated as if they were denominated in the Currency of the Client Account by converting them into the Currency of the Client Account at the relevant exchange rate for spot dealings in the foreign exchange market.

## 8. Best execution

The company shall take all reasonable steps to obtain the best possible result for its clients taking into account the following factors when executing clients orders against the company's quoted prices. Prices, costs and currency conversion carry the highest importance when executing transactions for our clients.

## Price

- a. Bid - Ask spread: For any given financial Instrument the company will quote two prices: the higher price (ASK) at which the client can buy (go long) that financial Instrument, and the lower price (BID) at which the client can sell (go short) that financial Instrument; collectively referred to as the company's prices. The difference between the lower and the higher price of a given financial Instrument is the spread.
- b. Pending orders: Such orders as buy limit, buy stop and stop loss/take profit for opened short position are executed at ASK price. Such orders as Sell Limit, sell stop and Stop Loss/Take profit for opened long position are executed at BID price.
- c. The company's price for a given financial Instrument is calculated by reference to the price of the relevant underlying financial instrument, which the company obtains from the price service providers. The company updates its prices as frequently as the limitations of technology and communications links allow. The company will not quote any price outside company's operations time (see execution venue below) therefore no orders can be placed by the client during that time.

## Costs

For opening a position in some types of financial Instruments the client may be required to pay commission or other fees, if applicable; these amounts are disclosed in the contract specifications available in the company's website: <https://amanacapital.com.cy/pdf/product-specifications.pdf>

- a. Commissions: Commissions will be charged as a fixed amount and can be found on Amana website
- b. Financing fee: In the case of financing fees, the value of opened positions in some types of financial instruments is increased or reduced by a daily financing fee "swap" throughout the life of the contract. Financing fees (swap) are based on the overnight rate, which may vary, plus reasonable mark-up spread. The swap rate and mark-up could vary depending on the specific instrument and the overnight rate of currency.

The company reserve the right to apply interest rate swap on all open positions. Depending on the position held and the interest rates of the currency pair involved in a transaction the client may either be credited or debited with financing.

For all types of financial Instruments that the company offers, the commission and financing fees (if applied) are not incorporated into the company's quoted price and are instead charged explicitly to the client account.

### **Currency conversion**

The company may provide a currency conversion quote from the client's base currency to the currency of the relevant financial Instrument. This will not reflect an actual conversion of currency in the client's account, and serves the purpose of calculating consideration in the base currency only.

### **Speed of execution**

As explained in the 'Execution Venues' section of this policy, the Company acts as principal and not as agent on the client's behalf; therefore, the company is the sole execution venue for the execution of the client's orders for the Financial Instruments provided by the company. The company places a significant importance when executing client's orders and strives to offer high speed of execution within the limitations of technology and communications links. The use of wireless connection or dial-up connection or any other form of unstable connection at the client's end, may result in poor or interrupted connectivity or lack of signal strength causing delays in the transmission of data between the client and company's when using the company's electronic trading platform.

### **Likelihood of execution**

As it is explained in the execution venue section of this policy, the company acts as principal and not as agent on the client's behalf; therefore, the company is the sole execution venue for the execution of the client's orders for the financial Instruments provided by the company. However, the company relies on its price service providers for prices, therefore execution of the client's orders will depend on the pricing and available liquidity of the price feed providers. Although the company executes all orders placed by the clients, it reserves the right to decline at any time and with no prior notice an order of any type.

Orders: Market order, buy limit, sell limit, sell stop, buy stop, stop loss, take profit on financial Instrument are executed in the manner explained in 'Order Execution' section above. It should be noted that the price at which a trade is executed at may vary significantly from original requested price during abnormal market conditions. This may occur, for example, at the following cases:

- a. During Market opening,
- b. During news times,
- c. During volatile markets where prices may move significantly up or down and away from declared price,
- d. Where there is rapid price movement, if the price rises or falls in one trading session to such an extent that under the rules of the relevant exchange, trading is suspended or restricted,
- e. If there is insufficient liquidity for the execution of the specific volume at the declared price.

The company strives to provide the best possible price to its clients and makes every effort and necessary arrangements to do so.

### **Likelihood of settlement**

The Company shall proceed to a settlement of all transactions upon execution of such transactions.

### **Size of order**

The minimum size of an order is 1,000 units of base currency. The company reserves the right to decline an order as explained in the agreement entered with the client.

The company makes every effort to fill the order of the client irrespective of the volume. However, if this is achieved, it may be at a best available price, as the market liquidity may allow at the time of execution. (See 'Likelihood of Execution')

### **Market impact**

Some factors may affect rapidly the price of the underlying financial instruments from which the quoted company price for its financial Instruments is derived. These factors may influence some of the factors listed above. The company will take all reasonable steps to obtain the best possible result for its clients.

The company does not consider the factors above exhaustive and the order in which the above factors are presented shall not be taken as priority factor.

Nevertheless, whenever there is a specific instruction from the client the company shall make sure, that the client's order shall be executed following the specific instruction.

The company will determine the relative importance of the above factors by using its commercial judgment and experience in the light of the information available on the market and taking into account the criteria described below:

- a. The characteristics of the client including the categorization of the client as retail or professional;
- b. The characteristics of the client order;
- c. The characteristics of financial instruments that are the subject of that order;
- d. The characteristics of the execution venues to which that order can be directed.

The best possible result for a client shall be determined in terms of the total consideration, representing the price of the financial instrument and the costs related to execution, which shall include all expenses incurred by the client which are directly related to the execution of the order.

## **9. Execution Venues**

Execution venues are the entities with which the orders are placed or to which the company transmits orders for execution. For the purposes of orders for the financial Instrument provided by the company, the company

acts as principal and not as agent on the client's behalf; although the company may transmit client's orders for execution to third party liquidity providers, contractually the company is the sole counterparty to the client's trades and any execution of orders is done in the company's name, therefore the company is the sole execution venue for the execution of the client's orders.

The company places significant reliance to the abovementioned factors set out in paragraph 8 and their relative importance. It is the company's policy to maintain such internal procedures and principles in order to determine the relative importance of these factors and to act for the best interest of its clients and provide them the best possible result (or "best execution").

The client acknowledges that the transactions entered in financial Instruments with the company are not undertaken on a recognized exchange, rather they are undertaken through the company's trading platform and, accordingly, they may expose the client to greater risks than regulated exchange transactions. Therefore, the company may not execute an order, or it may change the opening or closing price of an order in certain cases including but not limited to instances of a technical failure of the trading platform. The terms and conditions and trading rules are established solely by the counterparty which in this case is the company. The client is obliged to close an open position of any given financial Instruments during the opening hours of the company's trading platform. The client also has to close any position with the same counterparty with whom it was originally entered into, thus the company.

The company ensures that no conflict of interest arises out of the selected liquidity providers. Amana does not receive any financial or non-financial benefits from the liquidity providers for the execution of Clients orders. The liquidity providers fee is based on trading volume.

In addition, Amana does not have close links or/and common ownerships with respect to its liquidity providers, which would infringe the requirements on conflicts of interest. Furthermore, the Company evaluates the liquidity provider based on the non-exhaustive list of criteria below:

- The regulatory status of the liquidity provider;
- Competitiveness of commission rates and spreads;
- Ability to deal with large volumes;
- Promptness of execution;
- Credit risk rating.

The Company operation time: round-the-clock from 00:00:01 Monday through to 00:00:00 Friday Server time. Non-working periods: from 00:00:01 Saturday through 00:00:00 Sunday server time. Holidays will be announced through the internal mail of the trading terminal supplied by the Company.

## 10. Monitor and review

The company will monitor and assess on a regular basis the effectiveness of this policy and the order of its order execution arrangements and, in particular, the execution quality of the procedures explained in the policy in order to deliver the best possible result for the client, and, where appropriate, the company reserves the right to correct any deficiencies in this policy and make improvements to its execution arrangements.

A review will of this policy be carried out whenever a material change occurs that affects the ability of the company to continue to the best possible result for the execution of its client orders on a consistent basis using the venues included in this policy.

The company will notify its affected clients on any material changes in its policy or order execution arrangements.

## 11. Client consent

When establishing a business relation with the client, the company is required to obtain the client's prior consent to this policy.

By entering into the client agreement, the client consents that is informed that any orders placed with the company for the Financial Instruments offered by the company, the company acts as the principal and the company is the sole Execution Venue which is a non-regulated market.

## 12. Important Information

CFDs are not eligible for sale in certain jurisdictions or countries. The Policy is not directed to any jurisdiction or country where its publication, availability or distribution would be contrary to local laws or regulations, including but not limited to the United States of America. The Policy does not constitute an offer, invitation or solicitation to buy or sell CFDs. It may not be reproduced or disclosed (in whole or in part) to any other person without prior written permission. The Policy is not intended to constitute the sole basis for the evaluation of the client's decision to trade in contracts for difference (CFDs).

Specific leverage limits or restrictions apply for retail clients. The company offers a maximum default leverage of 1:30. Lower maximum leverage limits apply depending on the underlying instruments traded. For more information please visit our website.

## 13. FAQs

Questions regarding the policy should be addressed, in the first instance, to the customer department:

**Email:** [supportcy@amanacapital.com](mailto:supportcy@amanacapital.com)

**Telephone:** 00357 25 257980

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