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APAC Algorithmic Trading Capabilities

Liquidity-seeking strategies

BofA TagAlgo[™]

BofA TagAlgo^M is a signal-driven liquidity seeking strategy. It dynamically adjusts trading tactics using a combination of signals, including stock's relative return against benchmark index or its return itself. The algorithm is calibrated with 3 urgency modes, allowing traders to express their own views on alpha and/or urgency whilst having an understanding of the expected participation rates.

Urgency	Min%*	Max%*	Open Auction	Close Auction	Aim to Complete
Low (L)	5%	10%	Yes	Yes	Optional
Med (M)	10%	20%	Yes	Yes	Optional
High (H)	20%	30%	Yes	Yes	Optional

* BofA TagAlgo[™] will choose the above defaults unless overridden on the ticket or through a customization

INSTINCT®

INSTINCT® combines stock specific characteristics and Urgency to determine the ideal average participation rate. The algorithm continuously monitors real-time order book dynamics using the instinct signaling framework to minimize market impact. With 5 urgency levels at your disposal, take full control of your execution with a simple parameter change.

Urgency	Min%**	Max%**	Open Auction	Close Auction	Aim to Complete
1	5%	10%	Yes	Yes	Optional
2	10%	20%	Yes	Yes	Optional
3	20%	30%	Yes	Yes	Optional
4	30%	35%	Yes	Yes	Optional

** INSTINCT® will choose the above defaults unless overridden on the ticket or through a customization

Other Liquidity-seeking strategies

Algo	Urgency	Description	Open Auction	Close Auction
INSTINCT®	5	Intelligently take volume within your limit price	Yes	Yes
GETDONE (Urgent strategy,	Low (L)	High sensitivity to impact.	Yes	Yes
hits/lifts quotes, refreshes)	Med (M)	Medium sensitivity to impact.	Yes	Yes
renesnes)	High (H)	Low sensitivity to impact.	Yes	Yes



APAC Algorithmic Trading Capabilities (contd.)

Spread Capture

PiAlgo®

PiAlgo[®] is a passive spread capture algorithm that will cross the spread only when the price is likely to move away. Use Urgency to set your willingness to cross the spread and talk to your Electronic Trading representative for customization options.

Participative/Schedule-based strategies

Participative/Schedule-based algos are intended to execute an order against industry standard benchmarks such as VWAP, interval volume and the closing auction.

Algo	Urgency	Description	Target Participation***	Open Auction	Close Auction
VWAP		Volume Weighted Average Price.		Yes	Yes
POV		Percentage of Volume.		Yes	Yes
Dynamic POV		Uses a dynamic reference price as the trigger for when to Speed Up.		Yes	Yes
TWAP		Time Weighted Average Price.		Yes	Yes
	L	QMOC is designed to minimize slip- page to the close price benchmark as well as the probability of leaving residual shares.	20%	No	Yes
QMOC	М	The strategy uses stock and order specific characteristics including a real-time volume signal to optimize the trade schedule to your target close participation rate with those objectives in mind.	25%	No	Yes
QINIOC	Н		30%	No	Yes
	MOC Only	Submits order when the auction starts; the mode can be used any time during the trading session.		No	Yes

*** Target % of closing auction



APAC Algorithmic Trading Capabilities (contd.)

Advanced strategies

MosaicAlgo®

MosaicAlgo® is a machine learning algorithm that utilizes order and stock characteristics together with Transaction Cost Analysis (TCA) data to determine the optimal strategy for execution.

Urgency	Min%	Max%	Open Auction	Close Auction	Aim to Complete
Low (L)	5%	10%	Yes	Yes	Optional
Med (M)	10%	20%	Yes	Yes	Optional
High (H)	20%	30%	Yes	Yes	Optional

Other strategies

Algo	Description	Open Auction	Close Auction	Aim to Complete
SMA	Direct Smart Router Access.	Yes	Yes	Yes
BlockSeeker	Dark router, accesses internal and external Liquidity	No	No	No



BofA TagAlgo™ | Relative Trading I/S

What it does

BofA TagAlgo[™] is a signal-driven liquidity seeking strategy. It dynamically adjusts trading tactics using a combination of signals, including stock's relative return against benchmark index or its return itself. The algorithm is calibrated with 3 urgency modes, allowing traders to express their own views on alpha and/or urgency whilst having an understanding of the expected participation rates.

Customization Options

Access to a number of customizations including, but not limited to:

- Urgency bands to setup participation rates different from the algo default
- Must complete
- Dark overlay settings
- Market specific, order specific customizations
- Algo switches

The Key Dynamics

Trader Urgency

Trader chooses Urgency level, which drives min/max participation in lit venues.

Parameters

Start/End Time	:	Order Start/End Time (Default: Time of submission, market open/close)
Min/Max % Volume	:	Controls the Min and Max participation rate
Scaling	:	Reversion/Neutral/Momentum (Default: Reversion)
Benchmark	:	Participate based on relative performance (Default: Index)
Stock Reference Price		Explicit stock price for Stock Benchmark
Urgency*	:	Low (5-10%), Medium (10-20%), High (20-30%) (Default: Medium)
Aim To Complete	:	Maximizes participation to aim for completion (Default: Not enabled)
Auction Participation	:	Selects auctions to participate in (Default: All)
GetDone Price	:	Price where the order will look to complete (Default: Not enabled)
GetDone %	:	Percent of the order to complete at GetDone Price (Default: 100%)

 BofA TagAlgo[™] will choose the above defaults unless overridden on the ticket or through a customization

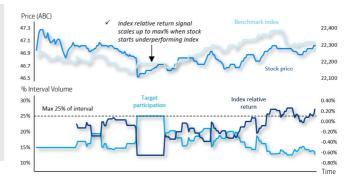
Optimizing Target & Tolerance

Dynamically adjusts its target participation & tolerance, based on signals, including:

- 1. Current Price deviation from short-term and long-term price
- 2. Stock's relative return against benchmark index or its return itself
- 3. Stock's relative return against open and arrival price.

Example

"Buy 100,000 shares of ABC, BofA TagAlgo™, maximum 25% of volume"



Good for

- Orders where you are benchmarked to implementation shortfall with a target participation rate
- Dynamic scaling according to stock or index relative performance
- · Liquidity seeking

Watch out for

• Does not guarantee completion – use 'Aim to Complete' where required



INSTINCT[®] | Signal Driven I/S

What it does

INSTINCT® combines stock specific characteristics and urgency to determine the ideal average participation rate. The algorithm continuously monitors real-time order book dynamics using the instinct signaling framework to minimize market impact. With 5 urgency levels at your disposal, take full control of your execution with a simple parameter change.

Customization Options

Access to a number of INSTINCT® customizations including, but not limited to:

- Urgency bands to setup participation rates different from the algo default
- Must complete
- Dark overlay settings
- Market specific, order specific customizations
- Algo switches

Good for

 The go-to algorithm for smart participation and flexibility

Watch out for

 Urgency 5 will be aggressive, use limits

The Key Dynamics

Trader chooses Urgency 1-4, which drives min/max participation in lit venues. INSTINCT-5, when selected, is the same as the GetDone strategy.

Parameters

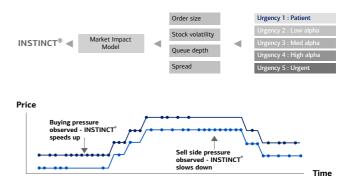
Start/End Time Max % Volume	:	Order Start/End Time (Default: Time of submission, market open/close) Controls the maximum participation rate 1=5-10%, 2=10-20%, 3=20-30%. 4=30-35%, 5=GetDone (Default: 3)
Urgency Aim To Complete Auction Participation	:	 1=5-10%, 2=10-20%, 3=20-30%. 4=30-55%, 5=detDone (Default: 3) Maximizes participation to aim for completion (Default: Not enabled) Selects auctions to participate in (Default: All)
GetDone %	:	Price where the order will look to complete (Default: Not enabled) Percent of the order to complete at GetDone Price (Default: 100%)

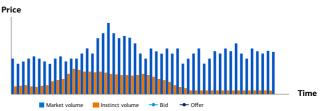
Example

"Buy 1,000,000 shares of ABC, INSTINCT® 3, with a 110 limit"

Trading speed optimization

- On order arrival, Instinct optimizes its target participation & speed band through the following steps: 1. Estimate optimal trading speed by solving proprietary market impact model with target market impact
- 2. Find speed band based on urgency, order size and min/max% volume cap using pre-defined formula
- 3. Finalize target participation rate to ensure the optimal trading speed falls into the speed band found







PiAlgo[®] | Spread Capture

What it does

PiAlgo® is a passive spread capture algorithm that will cross the spread only when the price is likely to move away.

Customization Options

Access to a number of PiAlgo® customizations including, but not limited to:

• Must Complete

Good for

 Orders where you are benchmarked to implementation shortfall without a strict participation target or shortterm alpha expectation

Watch out for

- Orders with short-term alpha
- Does not guarantee completion (Aim-To-Complete is easily configured)
- Orders with a GetDone may exceed your Max%
- Adherence to Min% is not guaranteed

The Key Dynamics

Use Urgency to set your willingness to cross the spread and talk to your Electronic Trading representative for customization options.

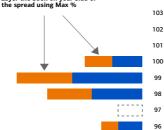
Parameters

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et % of near touch book size and Max % for the order (Default: 20%)
s willingness to pay the spread (Default: Medium)
pation to aim for completion (Default: Not enabled)
participate in (Default: All)
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Example



"Buy 100,000 shares of ABC using a benchmark of Arrival."



3. All 3 core conditions have to be met for any Alpha Trigger to be able to fire:

- ✓ Spreads are tight
- ✓ Book is imbalanced against you
- \checkmark Last trade was on the far touch



2. Use Urgency and Min % to control your willingness to pay the spread

Low urgency - always queue passively and will not cross the spread

Medium urgency – will cross the spread when the core conditions are met while counting only far touch volume

High urgency – will cross the spread when the core conditions are met while counting all volume



VWAP | Volume Weighted Average Price

What it does

VWAP executes an order over a specified time interval using forecasted volume to try and outperform the Interval Volume Weighted Average Price.

Event days handling

Volume curves are adjusted by default on multiple event days, including on month ends. All adjustments are stock specific. Speak to your coverage to discuss options for turning off auto adjustments to curves.

Customization Options

Access to a number of VWAP customizations including, but not limited to:

- Tilting of the curve (frontload or backload)
- Maximize spread capture
- Early completion
- Market specific, order specific customizations
- · Algo switches to VWAP

Good for

- Where order completion is a priority but minimizing impact is more important than strict adherence to a VWAP profile
- Orders where you have a directional view (that prices will move in your favor) i.e. prices moving lower/higher for buys/sells

Watch out for

- Orders with GetDone Price may exceed your Max % Volume
- When trading for a name currently in delayed open, MOO volume will additionally include expected volume between order start time and market open time

The Key Dynamics

VWAP Curve Construction

The strategy creates a target schedule based on order size, stock specific volume curve, and other stock specific characteristics relevant in Asia (e.g. queue time). Throughout the day, dynamic adjustments are applied to the target based on observed real-time volume changes.

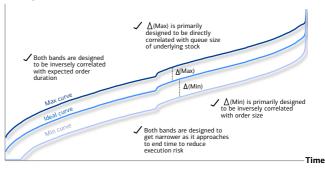
Parameters

Start/End Time	:	Order Start/End Time (Default: Time of submission, market open/close)
Max % Volume	;	Controls the maximum participation rate
Urgency	;	Low; Medium; High (Default: Medium)
Auction Participation	;	Selects auctions to participate in (Default: All)
Speed Up Price	;	Price level to trigger Speed Up (Default: Not enabled)
Speed Up Target %	;	Target % of volume when Speed Up is triggered
GetDone Price	;	Price where the order will look to complete (Default: Not enabled)
GetDone %	:	Percent of the order to complete at GetDone Price (Default: 100%)

Example

"Buy 100,000 shares of ABC, VWAP over the day. Do not exceed 20% of volume."

% Complete



Opportunistic Signals

The strategy utilizes real-time order-book driven signals to identify spread crossing opportunities in order to reduce opportunity cost while maximizing passive fill rates, combined with the ability to schedule execution over a specified time period.

Child order optimization

BofA's VWAP strategy dynamically sizes child orders based on projected volume and stock specific intra-day volatility, allowing the algo to dynamically adjust an order's trade schedule.

Posting logic and order placement model utilizes real-time monitoring of queue length, cancelation rates (e.g. China), and order constraints (e.g. Max% of volume) before new slices are created.



TWAP | Time Weighted Average Price

What it does

TWAP schedules execution of an order evenly over a specified time period.

Customization Options

Access to a number of TWAP customizations including, but not limited to:

- · Maximize spread capture
- Early completion
- Market specific, order specific customizations

Good for

- Keeping dollar neutral on buy versus sell baskets
- Names with unstable volume profiles

Watch out for

- TWAP will pay the spread more than VWAP in long queue names
- Use price and volume limits to avoid pushing prices
- Orders with GetDone Price may exceed your Max % Volume
- When trading for a name currently in delayed open, MOO volume will additionally include expected volume between order start time and market open time

The Key Dynamics

The Auction Participation parameter allows you to opt in or out of open and close periods on the fly. Use GetDone features to complete an order at a specified price.

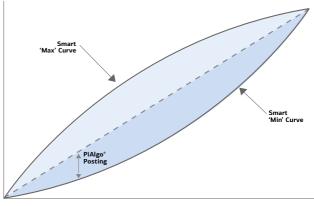
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Example

"Buy 100,000 shares of ABC, TWAP over the day. Do not exceed 20% of volume."

% Complete



Time



POV | Percentage of Volume

What it does

POV targets a user-specified percentage of market volume.

Good for

- Keeping pace with market volume
- Utilizing the Speed Up function to take advantage of favorable prices

Watch out for

- Completion is not guaranteed
- Orders with a GetDone Price may exceed your Target % Volume

The Key Dynamics

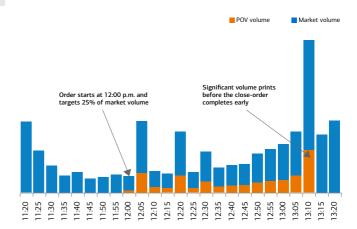
Fair value and Gradual Catch Up logic protects you against unexpected price or volume spikes. Take advantage of price moves in your favor by setting a Speed Up Price and target participation.

Parameters

Start/End Time	: Order Start/End Time (Default: Time of submission, market open/close)	
Target % Volume	: Sets the target participation rate	
Auction Participation	: Selects auctions to participate in (Default: All)	
Speed Up Price	: Price level to trigger Speed Up (Default: Not enabled)	
Speed Up Target %	: Target % of volume when Speed Up is triggered	
GetDone Price	tDone Price : Price where the order will look to complete (Default: Not enabled)	
GetDone %	: Percent of the order to complete at GetDone Price (Default: 100%)	
GetDone Price	: Price where the order will look to complete (Default: Not enabled)	

Example

"Buy 1 million shares of ABC, be 25% of market volume from 12 p.m."





Dynamic | Two-way Switching Algo

What it does

Switch between Strategy A and Strategy B when a dynamic reference price is triggered.

Good for

· Dynamically switching participation based on real time price movement

Watch out for

- · Completion is not guaranteed
- Orders with a GetDone Price may exceed your Target % volume.

The Key Dynamics

Strategy A is a choice of either VWAP or one of IS/Inline strategy. Strategy B is a choice triggered when specified 'Price Condition' is true. The switch will only take place once the underlying price trigger has been met for a pre-configured period of time. Strategy will allow switching back when condition is untrue for the said period of time.

Parameters

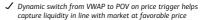
Start/End Time Base Strategy (Leg-1) Trigger Strategy (Leg-2) Ref Price Offset Ref Price Leg-1 Target % Leg 2 Target % Speed Up To Order % GetDone Price	Order Start/End Time (<i>Default: Time of submission, market open/close</i>) Strategy A, the base strategy – POV/VWAP/TagAlgo/PiAlgo/TWAP Offset in bps, (+) value is aggressive, (-) value is passive vs. Ref Price Dynamic reference price to trigger the strategy switch Target% for Strategy A Target% for Strategy B Switch (or remain) as Strategy A when executed shares > up to % of order quantity Price where the order will look to complete (<i>Default: Not enabled</i>)
GetDone %	: Price where the order will look to complete (<i>Default: Not enabled</i>) : Percentage of the order to complete at GetDone Price (<i>Default:</i> 100%)

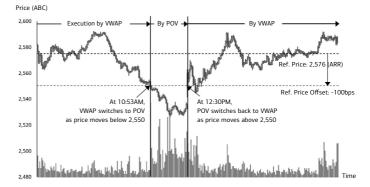
Reference Price Examples

- AVG : Average Price
- VSOT : VWAP since the order is trading
- VWAP : All day VWAP for the particular security
- : Previous closing price PCL
- OPN : Opening price
- ARR : Arrival mid price

Example

"Buy 100,000 shares of ABC, BofA Dynamic, switching from VWAP to POV using Ref Price=ARR, Ref Price Offset=-100bps.







IS | Implementation Shortfall

What it does

IS aims to minimize market impact versus arrival by dynamically adjusting target participation

Good for

- · Targeting an arrival price benchmark based on your preferred trading style
- · When you have a view on price movement

Watch out for

· Completion is not guaranteed · Orders with a GetDone Price may exceed your Max% Volume

The Key Dynamics

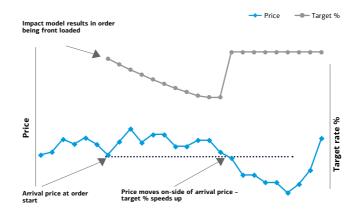
Target participation is adjusted using both a user specified trading style (Reversion/Momentum/ Neutral) and a proprietary market impact model.

Parameters

Start/End Time	: Order Start/End Time (Default: Time of submission, market open/close)
Min/Max% Volume	: Controls the min/max participation rate
Scaling	: Reversion/Neutral/Momentum (Default: Neutral)
Urgency	: Low Risk (target 10%)/ Medium Risk (target 20%)/ High Risk (target 30%) (Default: Medium)
Auction Participation	: Selects auctions to participate in (Default: All)
GetDone Price	: Price where the order will look to complete (Default: Not enabled)
GetDone %	: Percent of the order to complete at GetDone Price (Default: 100%)

Example

"Buy 250,000 shares of ABC, IS with Reversion scaling."





QMOC | Quantitative Market on Close

What it does

QMOC targets the closing price by scheduling trading based on order size, stock volatility and trader urgency.

Event days handling

Volume curves are adjusted by default on multiple event days, including on month ends. All adjustments are stock specific. Speak to your coverage to discuss options for turning off auto adjustments to curves.

The Key Dynamics

Select an urgency of High or Low to start later or to start earlier in the trading day. You can limit your participation to the closing auction period only by selecting MOC only.

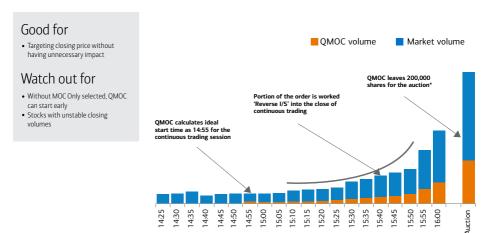
Parameters

Start/End Time	
Urgency	
Max% Volume	
Auction Limit vs Last (bps)	
Auction Participation	

- : Order Start Time (Default: QMOC calculated Start Time)
- : Low (Start Early)/Medium/High (Start Later) (Default: Medium)
- : Controls the max participation rate
- : Re-strike limit price with reference to last trade price in continuous (Default: Off)
- : MOC Only (Default: Off)

Example

"Buy 500,000 shares of ABC, market on close. Happy to start early to reduce market impact."



SMA | Smart Market Access

What it does

SMA is a Direct Market Access (DMA) strategy that adheres to the market microstructure and exchange rules across Asia Pacific.

Good for

- Direct access to the order book
- Earning the spread (Peg)
- Limiting market impact by hiding your true order size (Iceberg)

Watch out for

- Use limit prices to avoid market impact
- Completion is not guaranteed
- Stock price momentum against you when using Peg

The Key Dynamics

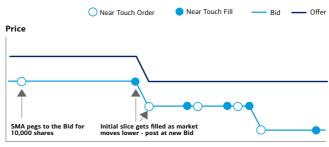
SMA offers Iceberg and Peg functionality. Set a display size to only show a portion of your order at one time. Select a Peg To price and optional Peg Offset to follow a prevailing market price.

Parameters

Start/End Time	: Order Start/End Time (Default: Time of submission, market open/close)
Display	: Quantity of shares to display at the Peg or Limit (Default: SMA calculated)
Peg To	: Price point to Peg to Mid/Bid/Offer/Near/Far Touch (Default: Off)
Peg Offset	: Price (in ticks) to adjust your selected Peg To (Default: 0)
Auction Participation	: Selects auctions to participate in (Default: All)

Example

"Buy 50,000 shares of ABC, peg to the bid and only show 10,000 shares at a time."



Time







GetDone | Liquidity Seeking

What it does

GetDone is a liquidity seeking strategy that looks to intelligently take volume within your limit price.

Good for

- Semi-automatic trading or level trading for better performance
- Liquidity taking with control

Watch out for

- Unintended impact use tight limits
- Does not guarantee completion

The Key Dynamics

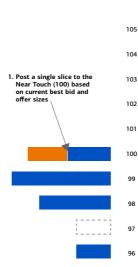
By using the Urgency parameter, you have the ability to alter how much of the far touch you take at a time, providing liquidity seeking with increased control.

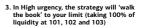
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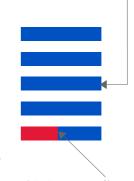
Start/End Time	: Order Start/End Time (Default: Time of submission, market open/close)
Max% Volume	: Controls the maximum participation rate
Urgency	: Increases far touch liquidity taking percentage. Low (30%), Medium (50%), High (100%)
	(Default: Medium)
Allow Post	: Allow posting (Default: Yes)
Auction Participation	: Selects auctions to participate in (Default: All)

Example

"Buy 100,000 shares of ABC actively up to a limit of 103, happy to post."







 Use Urgency to control how much of the Far Touch you take at a time. In Low and Medium urgency, the strategy will not 'walk the book', it will take 30% and 50% of the Far Touch respectively



Blockseeker | Dark Only Strategy

What it does

Blockseeker is a dark only strategy that can access both Instinct X® (Japan only) and external exchange dark liquidity venues (Australia only).

Customization Options

- · Counterparty selection in the Instinct X® dark pool
- Venue selection in Japan

The Key Dynamics

Set a Cross Price to peg the order to Mid/Near/Far Touch and a 'Min Cross Ouantity' to avoid fills below a specified size Minimum Execution Quantity (MEQ).

Parameters

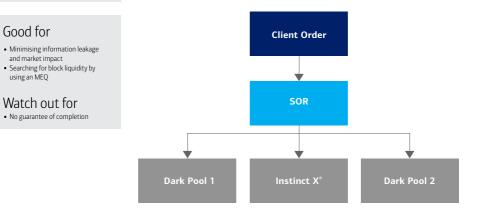
Start/End Time	: Order Start/End Time (
Min Cross Quantity	: Minimum fill size in nu
Cross Limit Price	: Peg to Mid/Bid/Offer/N

(Default: Time of submission, market open/close) imber of shares (Default: 1)

Near/Far Touch (Default: Mid)

Example

"Buy 1 million shares of ABC, dark only and peg to the Mid Price. Use an MEQ of 100,000 shares."





MosaicAlgo® | Machine Learning

What it does

MosaicAlgo® is a machine learning algorithm that determine the optimal strategy for execution.

Good for

· Optimizing execution performance when not bound by a specific strategy

Watch out for

 Trade constraints will narrow down the pool of available algorithms

The Key Dynamics

MosiacAlgo® utilizes order and stock characteristics together with Transaction Cost Analysis (TCA) data to determine the optimal strategy for execution.

Parameters Start/End Time

Over The Day

Aim To Complete

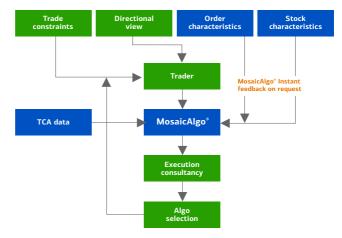
GetDone Price

GetDone %

Urgency

- : Order Start/End Time (Default: Time of submission, market open/close) Min/Max% Volume
 - : Controls the min/max participation rate
 - : Only VWAP or TWAP strategies will be used when selected (Default: Not enabled)
 - : Low; Medium; High (Default: Medium)
- Auction Participation : Selects auctions to participate in (Default: All)
 - : Maximizes participation to aim for completion (Default: Not enabled)
 - : Price where the order will look to complete (Default: Not enabled)
 - : Percent of the order to complete at GetDone Price (Default: 100%)

Execution Value Chain





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