

# SEC Rule 606 Report Disclosure Second Quarter 2019

Firstrade Securities Inc. (Firstrade) has prepared this report pursuant to a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission rule requiring all brokerage firms to make available to the public quarterly reports about their order routing practices.

The report provides information on the routing of "non-directed orders" – any order that the customer has not specifically instructed to be routed to a particular venue for execution. For these non-directed orders, Firstrade has selected the execution venue on behalf of its customers.

The report is divided into four sections:

- 1. Securities Listed on the NYSE
- 2. Securities Listed on Nasdaq
- 3. Securities Listed on the NYSE MKT Exchange or Regional Exchanges
- 4. Exchange-listed Options

For each section, this report identifies the venues most often selected by Firstrade, sets forth the percentage of various types of orders routed to the venues, and discusses the material aspects of Firstrade's relationship with the venues.

Questions regarding this report should be addressed to the Firstrade Compliance Department.



## 1. Securities Listed on the NYSE

For quarter ending 06/30/2019				
Routing Venue	Non-Directed Orders	Market Orders	Limit Orders	Other Orders
Apex Clearing Corporation	90.95%	90.51%	92.37%	83.14%
Citadel	9.05%	9.49%	8.63%	16.86%

## **NYSE Summary Statistics:**

100% of customer orders were non-directed orders 35.09% of total non-directed client orders were market orders 63.51% of total non-directed client orders were limit orders 1.39% of total non-directed client orders were other orders

## Information concerning significant venues:

**Apex Clearing Corporation** – Firstrade Securities Inc. receives payment from Apex Clearing Corporation for directing order flow of securities listed on the NYSE to this venue. Payments received from Apex Clearing Corporation averaged \$0.0011 per share for order flow executed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Q 2019. For additional detailed Routing Information, please refer to: Apex Clearing Corporation, <u>https://www.apexclearing.com/disclosures/sec-rule-606-and-607/</u>

**Citadel Securities, LLC** – Firstrade Securities Inc. receives payment from Citadel Securities, LLC for directing order flow of securities listed on the NYSE to this venue. Payments received from Citadel Securities, LLC averaged \$0.0011 per share for order flow executed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Q 2019. For additional detailed Routing Information, please refer to: Citadel Securities, https://www.citadelsecurities.com/rule-605-statement/

# 2. Securities Listed on Nasdaq

For quarter ending 06/30/2019				
Routing Venue	Non-Directed Orders	Market Orders	Limit Orders	Other Orders
Apex Clearing Corporation	92.44%	91.21%	93.26%	88.04%
Citadel	7.56%	8.79%	6.74%	11.96%

### **Nasdaq Summary Statistics:**

100% of customer orders were non-directed orders 36.52% of total non-directed client orders were market orders 62.04% of total non-directed client orders were limit orders 1.43% of total non-directed client orders were other orders

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**Citadel Securities, LLC** – Firstrade Securities Inc. receives payment from Citadel Securities, LLC for directing order flow of securities listed on the Nasdaq to this venue. Payments received from Citadel Securities, LLC averaged \$0.0011 per share for order flow executed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Q 2019. For additional detailed Routing Information, please refer to: Citadel Securities, https://www.citadelsecurities.com/rule-605-statement/



# 3. Securities Listed on the NYSE MKT Exchange or Regional Exchanges

For quarter ending 06/30/2019				
Routing Venue	Non-Directed Orders	Market Orders	Limit Orders	Other Orders
Apex Clearing Corporation	92.34%	91.95%	92.73%	78.58%
Citadel	7.66%	8.05%	7.27%	21.42%

### NYSE MKT Exchange and Regional Exchange Summary Statistics:

100% of customer orders were non-directed orders

30.50% of total non-directed client orders were market orders

68.44% of total non-directed client orders were limit orders

1.06% of total non-directed client orders were other orders

## Information concerning significant venues:

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## 4. Exchange-listed options

For quarter ending 06/30/2019				
Routing Venue	Non-Directed Orders	Market Orders	Limit Orders	Other Orders
Apex Clearing Corporation	53.50%	43.12%	55.15%	53.72%
Volant	46.50%	56.88%	44.85%	46.28%

### **Exchange-listed Option Summary Statistics:**

100% of total customer orders were non-directed orders

13.57% of total non-directed client orders were market orders

85.71% of total non-directed client orders were limit orders

0.72% of total non-directed client orders were other orders

### Information concerning significant venues:

**Apex Clearing Corporation** – Firstrade Securities Inc. receives payment from Apex Clearing Corporation for directing order flow of exchange-listed options to this venue. Payments received from Apex Clearing Corporation averaged \$0.1658 per contract for order flow executed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Q 2019. For additional detailed Routing Information, please refer to: Apex Clearing Corporation, <u>https://www.apexclearing.com/disclosures/sec-rule-606-and-607/</u>

**Volant Execution, LLC** - Firstrade Securities Inc. receives payment from Volant Execution, LLC for directing order flow of exchange-listed options to this venue. Payments received from Volant Execution, LLC averaged \$0.4 per contract for order flow executed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Q 2019. For additional detailed Routing Information, please refer to: Volant Execution, LLC, <a href="https://volanttrading.com/index.php/execution-services/">https://volanttrading.com/index.php/execution-services/</a>