Portfolio Trading - Preserving Value in Execution

From portfolio design through post trade analysis, portfolio trading preserves value. The Portfolio Trading Strategies group utilizes sophisticated pre-trade analysis, best in class execution and monitoring systems, coupled with access to a vast and deep global network of liquidity and market inputs to preserve portfolio value in trading process.

Rebalancing your portfolio?
How can one control the implicit costs of trading? How does one combine current market dynamics and liquidity with the unique alpha of your portfolio to optimally create an execution schedule?

Citi's Best Execution Consulting Services (BECS) online pre-trade is the industry standard for execution planning. BECS analyzes market liquidity, volatility and spreads as well as factor and risk exposures. We use this to create an optimal execution schedule that optimally balances the inherent trade-off between liquidity and opportunity costs. A variety of algorithms and crossing networks can be utilized to minimize the execution footprint while simultaneously controlling a wide variety of execution variables.

The citi advantage
Citi Portfolio Trading uses the most widely accepted pre-trade planning software, is an exchange member in all (MSCI) Developed and Emerging markets and has an expansive global network of dedicated portfolio trading professionals to analyze and execute portfolio trades on a 24 hour basis.

The process

Analyze
With client objectives and constraints in mind, Citi conducts a thorough pre-trade analysis, utilizing BECS to provide realistic transaction cost forecasts based on empirical market specific models. Live input from trading teams globally help fine tune strategies.

Plan
With an understanding of a portfolio's characteristics including beta, tracking, liquidity & market capitalization, sector, factor and momentum exposure we suggest the optimal algorithm or route.

Execute
Portfolio Trading sales professionals manage the entire transaction process, from inception through post trade. Our systems are standardized globally ensuring consistent best execution and real-time performance monitoring.

Settle
Citi processes over $3 trillion in transactions every day, with transition transactions flowing seamlessly through our network.

With employees on the ground in more than 100 different countries, operational risk is minimized every step of the transition.

Benefits at a glance
- The industry's largest international network, spanning 100 countries
- Average spread capture in Citi Match over 70%
- Full transparency around both pre and post trade analyses
- Dedicated portfolio trading staff in seven countries
- Dedicated middle and back office support and technology
- Full suite of hedging instruments: ETFs, futures, swaps, options, funded notes
- Top industry rankings in portfolio trading volume and quality

Measure
We believe post-trade analysis is a crucial part of the execution process. Measuring performance against prior close, open, VWAP and last sale given a pre-trade estimated impact cost are necessary to ensure quality execution results.