

# **Morgan Stanley's Canada Equity Order Handling & Routing Practices**

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## **1. Hours of Operation**

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## **Canadian Equity Marketplaces that MS Canada Accesses: Hours of Operation**

### **List of protected marketplaces**

The orders displayed on the following marketplaces are protected because either the marketplace meets the market share threshold and/or the orders are for securities that are listed by and traded on that marketplace:

| <b>Marketplace</b> | <b>Standard Trading Hours</b> | <b>Status</b> | <b>Reason Protected</b>                   |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---|
| CSE                | 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*       | Protected     | Meets market share threshold <sup>3</sup> |
| Nasdaq CXC         | 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.        | Protected     | Meets market share threshold <sup>3</sup> |
| Nasdaq CX2         | 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.        | Protected     | Meets market share threshold <sup>3</sup> |
| OMEGA              | 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.        | Protected     | Meets market share threshold <sup>3</sup> |
| TSX                | 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.        | Protected     | Meets market share threshold <sup>3</sup> |

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<sup>3</sup> [Reports of Market Share by Marketplace | IIROC](#)

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| TSX VENTURE | 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  | Protected | Meets market share threshold <sup>3</sup> |
| NEO-L       | 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.* | Protected | Meets market share threshold <sup>3</sup> |

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### List of unprotected marketplaces

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## 2. Order Routing Behaviour

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## 3. Day Orders

An order that is only valid on and for the day it is entered is a Day Order ("Day Order"). Day Orders will generally be valid and traded until the closing of the market on which they are routed, which is 4:00 p.m. ET with the exception of SORTPP orders which are valid until 5:00 p.m.

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#### **5. Market and Limit Orders**

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#### **6. Market on Close (“MOC”) Orders**

MOC market and limit orders are only available on the TSX and TSX-Venture and can generally be entered into the MOC book from 7:00 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. Once the MOC imbalance is published, offsetting MOC limit orders can be entered into the MOC book on the opposite side of the imbalance (if the symbol has an imbalance) between 3:50 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and potentially 4:00 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. (if the price movement is invoked). There is no guarantee that the MOC order will be completed and client’s may not know the price and volume of execution until the closing price has been calculated and published. Further detail related to MOC orders can be found at <https://app.tmx.com/new-moc/>

#### **7. Orders with Special Terms ( “OST”)**

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