2014 Equity Trading Desk Staffing and Budgets

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Executive Summary:

This report provides detailed information from equity investors across the globe, including helpful benchmark data such as:

- Annual trading desk budget information
- Trading desk staffing information
- OMS/EMS usage
- TCA usage

Graphic slides include:

- Methodology
- 2014 Trading Desk Budget Information
- 2014 Trading Desk Budget Breakdown Information
- The global head of trading is responsible for the daily oversight
- Among equity trading desks
- The role of equity traders continues to evolve
- Cross-Asset Products Traded by Equity Traders
- On average, there is a preference for a single platform
- Transaction Cost Analysis continues to play a pivotal role

Methodology:

Research is based on online interviews conducted from August through September 2014 with 199 buy-side equity traders. The data in this report is based upon aggregated results from individuals participating in the study.

Buy-side institutional investors were asked to provide quantitative and qualitative evaluations on important market trends like trading desk budget totals, budget allocations, staffing, OMS usage, EMS usage, and TCA usage.

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