

# Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith Inc. - Held NMS Stocks and Options Order Routing Public Report

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## S&P 500 Stocks

### Summary

Non-Directed Orders as % of All Orders	Market Orders as % of Non-Directed Orders	Marketable Limit Orders as % of Non- Directed Orders	Non-Marketable Limit Orders as % of Non- Directed Orders	Other Orders as % of Non-Directed Orders
100.00	80.97	3.21	13.21	2.61

### Venues

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BofA Securities, Inc.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000

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## Non-S&P 500 Stocks

### Summary

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100.00	74.80	4.77	16.09	4.33

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#### Options Summary

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100.00	24.79	10.21	63.95	1.06

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100.00	81.49	3.21	11.94	3.36

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### Non-S&P 500 Stocks

## Summary

Non-Directed Orders as % of All Orders	Market Orders as % of Non-Directed Orders	Marketable Limit Orders as % of Non- Directed Orders	Non-Marketable Limit Orders as % of Non- Directed Orders	Other Orders as % of Non-Directed Orders
100.00	73.34	4.98	16.67	5.01

## Venues

Venue - Non-directed Order Flow	Non-Directed Orders (%)	Market Orders (%)	Marketable Limit Orders (%)	Non-Marketable Limit Orders (%)	Other Orders (%)	Net Payment Paid/Received for Market Orders(USD)	Net Payment Paid/Received for Market Orders(cents per hundred shares)	Net Payment Paid/Received for Marketable Limit Orders(USD)	Net Payment Paid/Received for Marketable Limit Orders(cents per hundred shares)	Net Payment Paid/Received for Non-Marketable Limit Orders(USD)	Net Payment Paid/Received for Non-Marketable Limit Orders(cents per hundred shares)	Net Payment Paid/Received for Other Orders(USD)	Net Payment Paid/Received for Other Orders(cents per hundred shares)
BofA Securities, Inc.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000

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## Options

## Summary

Non-Directed Orders as % of All Orders	Market Orders as % of Non-Directed Orders	Marketable Limit Orders as % of Non- Directed Orders	Non-Marketable Limit Orders as % of Non- Directed Orders	Other Orders as % of Non-Directed Orders
100.00	24.62	10.40	63.95	1.04

## Venues

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BofA Securities, Inc.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000	0.00	0.0000

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