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Is there a case for outsourcing your dealing desk?

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Excellence in execution leads to improved performance

Fund Manager

Fund Manager's Dealing Desk

- ✓ Source liquidity
- Distribute commissions
- Access to brokers' news flow and ideas

Monitor and control entire trading process











What the fund managers face

- α Performance pressure
- α Challenges of growth and scale
- α Pre-trade due diligence
- α Increasing technology costs + accelerating technology functionality
- α Unbundling research from execution commissions
- α Impact of dealing on overall fund performance
- α Value extraction

Lance Armstrong wins the Tour de France 2004 by a 61 second lead



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A day in the life of a fund management firm

June 2008							
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A day in the life of a fund management firm

Fund Manager					
Initial Fund Value	£10bn				
Improvement of execution costs x 10bps	£10m				
Management fee for £10m = 50bps	£50k				
Total Fees	£50k				

Hedge Fund Manager				
Initial Fund Value	£10bn			
Improvement of execution costs x 10bps	£10m			
Management fee for £10m @2%	£200k			
20% performance fee	£2m			
Total Fees	£2.2m			



The structure of an outsourced dealing desk

State-of-the-art technology

Unconflicted Proposition

No proprietary trading

No conflicts of interest

Experienced traders with international expertise



Why firms use outsourced dealing desks

- α Real-time management of overnight orders in international markets
- α Overflow desk support
- α Access to technology
- α Anonymity
- α Access to trading expertise
- Benchmarking

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"The business case for outsourcing dealing"



Research by investit.

Early findings:

- α Outsourcing can benefit not only small sized firms but also medium sized and larger firms could benefit
- α Some hedge funds have outsourced their dealing completely
- More traditional funds are realising the potential of addressing overnight deficiencies
- α Many firms considering outsourcing



Full findings due autumn 2008



What do you want to achieve? How can you improve your performance?

International coverage?

Reduced costs?

State-of-the-art technology?

Trading Expertise?

Benchmarking?

Overflow support?

Anonymity?

Is there a business case for outsourcing?



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