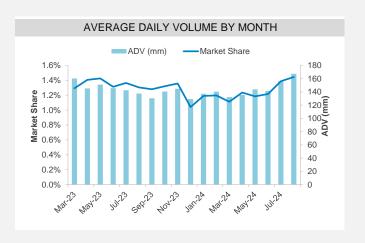
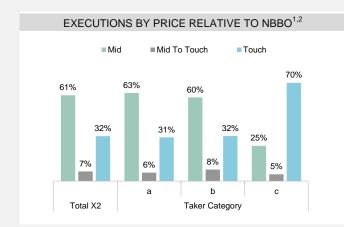
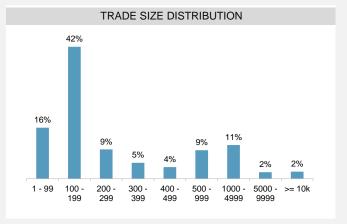


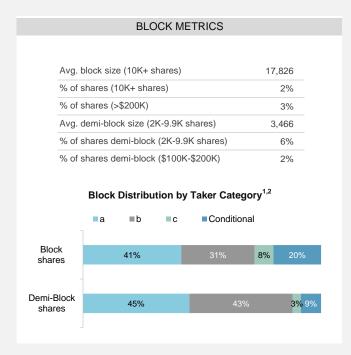
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# Avg. daily volume (mm) Total shares executed (mm) Avg. daily notional (\$mm) Avg. daily notional (\$mm) Total symbols traded Market share 1.46%











<sup>1</sup> Sigma X<sup>2</sup>s Counterparty Classification Framework segments liquidity-taking Participants into three Taker Categories based on an objective post-trade mark-out analysis performed by GSCO. Please see additional Notes & Definitions on page 3.

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DISTRIBUTION BY	<b>ORDER TYPE</b>
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Order Type	Executed Shares	% Executed Shares	Average Trade Size	Average Spread (bps)	
Peg Mid	4,255,024,588	57.8%	96	10.39	
Limit	2,155,930,417	29.3%	59	10.24	
Peg Primary	735,764,865	10.0%	49	5.12	
Peg Market	212,489,986	2.9%	77	11.12	

DISTRIBI	ITION	BY TAKER	CATEGO	$RV^{1,2}$

Taker Category	Executed Shares	% Executed Shares	Average Trade Size	Average Spread (bps)	Average Short Term Mark-out (% of spread)
a	1,928,691,791	53.6%	61	10.47	2.8%
b	1,575,590,042	43.8%	100	9.44	15.8%
С	94,920,102	2.6%	84	4.32	40.5%

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Contra Category Requested	Taker Category	Executed Shares	% Executed Shares	Average Trade Size	Average Spread (bps)	Average Short Term Mark-out (% of spread)
а		1,093,377,662	30.4%	56	8.76	-5.9%
	а	1,093,377,662	100.0%	56	8.76	-5.9%
b		1,583,978,149	44.0%	80	10.88	-9.5%
	а	479,859,996	30.3%	59	13.23	-0.1%
	b	1,104,118,153	69.7%	96	9.59	-16.6%
С		921,846,124	25.6%	99	8.44	-11.2%
	а	355,454,133	38.6%	90	9.44	-1.6%
	_ b	471,471,889	51.1%	112	8.93	-13.0%
	С	94,920,102	10.3%	84	4.32	-40.5%



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Taker Category segmentation, based upon an objective post-trade mark-out analysis, was initiated on July 17, 2017. Figures referenced here represent Taker Category data for the last 18 months. GSCO performs and refreshes the mark-out analysis routinely.

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### How do we define executions by price relative to NBBO?

Price relative to NBBO is determined by the NBBO of Sigma  $X^2$  at the time of execution. Executions at NBB or NBO are executed at the national best bid or offer respectively. Executions at Mid are executed directly at the midpoint. Executions at Inside are executed within the NBBO excluding the midpoint.

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### How is liquidity-taking and liquidity-providing defined?

Orders in Sigma  $X^2$  are treated as liquidity-taking or liquidity-providing orders based on their time of order arrival. When Sigma  $X^2$  assesses two orders for a potential match, the liquidity-providing order is the order that was first-in-time, and the liquidity-taking order is the order that was second-in-time.

### What is average spread?

Average spread is the average difference in bid and ask prices measured in bps at execution time.

# How do we define block distribution by Taker Category?

Block distribution by Taker Category defines the percentage of total executed shares that are executed in block size by each Taker Category ("a", "b" or "c"). Block trades are defined as executions comprised of 10K+ shares and demi-block trades are defined as executions comprised of 2K-9.999K shares.

### How are Sectors and market comparisons determined?

Sectors are based on MSCI GICS classification and show the distribution of executed shares in Sigma X<sup>2</sup> along with a similar distribution for consolidated US Equity market. The market-wide volumes are obtained from Bloomberg. ETFs are shown as its own segment. Due to security symbology/mapping differences, and similar data-related issues, all sector percentage calculations are approximate.

## How are order types classified?

Upon receipt of each order, Sigma  $X^2$  will determine and apply an "Assigned Limit Price." The Assigned Limit Price of an order is the highest price for a buy order (lowest for a sell order) at which the order may be executed at or within the National Best Bid and Offer ("NBBO") after applying the constraints selected by the Participant (e.g., limit price or peg type). Assigned Limit Prices will be reevaluated and updated as may be necessary with each change in the NBBO.

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Market Peg orders are pegged to the far side of the NBBO (e.g., best offer for buy order). Limit orders, which are determined by the Participant, are posted to the Sigma  $X^2$  order book with an Assigned Limit Price equal to the order's Limit Price with the following exception: Orders with prices outside the NBBO (i.e., at prices higher than the NBBO for buy orders and lower than the NBBO for sell orders) are given an Assigned Limit Price at the NBBO. For example, if the NBBO is \$10.00 x \$10.02, a buy order with a limit price of \$10.03 will have an Assigned Limit Price of \$10.02.

### What is average short-term mark-out?

The average short-term mark-out is a calculation of notionally-weighted average "mark-outs" (in bps) divided by notionally-weighted average spread (in bps). A "mark-out" is a standardized assessment of the short term price movement in a security (i.e., impact on the security's mid-quote) that is measured within a particular time horizon surrounding an execution.

### How are Taker Categories defined?

Order flow for liquidity-taking orders placed by a Participant is mapped into three Taker Categories (i.e. "a," "b" and "c") based on a post-trade mark-out analysis performed by GSCO. The mark-out analysis is a standardized assessment, across all securities, of the short-term price movement in a security (i.e., impact on the security's mid-quote) that is measured within a particular time horizon surrounding an execution. As further described in Sigma X²'s Form ATS-N, GSCO performs and refreshes the mark-out analysis for all liquidity-taking orders on approximately a monthly basis (and for new order flow, on an ad-hoc basis). In addition, GSCO may periodically, as needed, reassess and modify the factors used to determine the three Taker Categories. On April 3, 2020, GSCO modified the metrics used to determine the Taker Categories, and continues its routine monitoring of the Counterparty Classification Framework. On May 10, 2022, Sigma X² began offering Conditional Orders. Counterparty Classification, as described in Form ATS-N, does not apply to Conditional orders.

### How are Contra Categories defined?

Sigma  $X^2$  offers Participants the ability to restrict the interaction of their liquidity-providing orders with a specified category (or categories) of liquidity-taking orders (i.e., Taker Categories "a," "b," or "c") through the designation of a "Contra Category." A Participant's Contra Category selection ("a," "b," or "c") for a liquidity-providing order determines the Taker Category (or Taker Categories) with which the liquidity-providing order may interact. When a Participant sending a liquidity-providing order selects Contra Category "a," the Participant's order will only interact with Taker Category "a" or ders. If a Participant sending a liquidity-providing order selects Contra Category "b," the Participant's order may potentially interact with Taker Category "a" or "b" orders. If a Participant sending a liquidity-providing order selects Contra Category "c," the Participant's order may potentially interact with Taker Category "a," "b," or "c" orders. Subscribers that route liquidity-providing orders and have not selected a Contra Category will be defaulted to Contra Category "c".





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