**Transforming Counterparty Management** 

**Organizing Best Execution** 

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## Counterparty Management. Transformed.

Our PLIA platform and approach can bridge the information gap between asset managers and counterparties. We can help organize and centralize all counterparty interactions.

# We provide a centralized and secure platform to manage information and interactions:



#### Communication

We help streamline and control the flow of information necessary for asset managers to integrate best execution and oversight in their process.



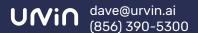
#### Insights

Our sentiment analysis and back-end Al technology will allow clients to extract material response changes and trends over time.



#### Risk Management

We help mange all venue preferences, trading tolerances and limits, and outlier reporting in one platform to better communicate and confirm risk controls.



# Best Execution. Organized.

Replace informal or haphazard processes with a new standard in organization. From trade errors to broker votes, gifts & entertainment to minutes and action-items, Urvin.Compliance can support the entire Best Execution process.

We provide a centralized and secure platform to manage your regular and rigorous best execution process:



#### **Best Execution Committee Support**

Organize all of your documents and reports for monthly or quarterly Best Execution Committee meetings, and automate material generation.



#### Regulatory Updates

Receive regular market structure and regulatory updates, customized by region, from experts with decades of experience.



#### **Future-Proof Your Organization**

Centralize all your Best Execution information to safeguard your firm from future audits and examinations, eliminate problems when personnel leave.



## **Fundamental Problems**

#### Current challenges:



#### **Hundreds of Counterparties**

Non-standardized responses, different operating models, complex relationships.



#### Market Structure Complexities

Potential conflicts of interest, complicated global interconnectedness, increased number of venues.



#### **Increased Regulations**

Lack of global standards, heightened best execution expectations, more enforcement actions.

#### The numbers:

448

Unique broker-dealers on the Urvin.Compliance Platform

100+

Number of global stock exchanges and trading venues

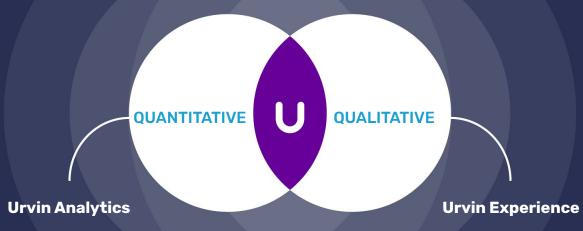
73%

The one year increase in SEC penalties in 2018 from \$832mIn to \$1.44bIn

## **Our Approach**

#### Best of Both Worlds

We can combine quantitative and qualitative measures to transform the counterparty management process



We have experience making sense of large data sets, measuring transaction costs, and utilizing Al and machine learning techniques We bring decades of experience as head of global trading, market structure advising, and best execution consulting

## **Our Difference**



Unparalleled experience and expertise



Deep network of users and experience to crowd source enhancements



Robust communication and messaging capabilities will be streamlined



Highest standards in security and data privacy



Access to unique Al technology for increasing efficiency and automation



### **Our Team**

#### Leadership Team

- Bill Stephenson (US): Former Franklin Templeton Global Head of Trading, Founder AIR Summit, FinTech Investor and Business Development Consultant
- Dave Lauer (US): TCA and Best Ex Consultant, HFT at Citadel and Allston Trading, Tech Architecture at IEX, Co-Founder Healthy Markets, sits on FINRA Market Reg and Aequitas Board of Directors, testified before US Senate & SEC
- Amy Scott (UK): 20 years experience in FinTech, Former Co-Founder at FIX CITY (ioinet)
- Mark Bedworth (UK): 35 years in AI, including MI6
- Pete Herzog (Spain): World renown information security expert, working for large multinationals, governments and militaries



## **Recent Experience**

#### Organizations



#### Healthy Markets and Franklin Templeton

Bill and Dave drove for industry standardization through improved questionnaires, independent evaluation and analysis



#### Plia

Plia was founded in 2014 and has been a leader in compliance management



#### Plia Advisory Board

The Advisory Board was created as part of the relationship with the Plato Partnership to deliver a due diligence platform to the European market

#### The numbers:

40

Years of experience

\$8.3T

AUM of 2019 Plia Clients

\$12.5T

AUM of 2020 Plia Advisory Board

## **High-Level Approach**

#### Goals

- Improve and streamline the counterparty due diligence process
- Add features to create a single-point interface for counterparty interactions, across regions and asset classes
- Leverage technology to improve experience, automate where possible
- Leverage deep experience and expertise of Urvin.Compliance Leadership Team

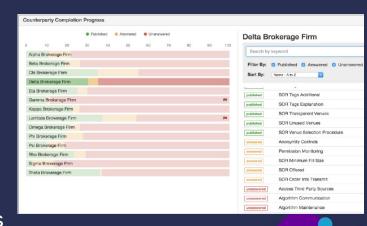
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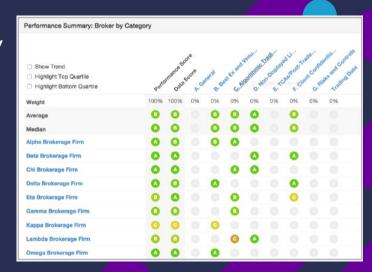
- The PLIA platform and can leverage associated network benefits including a large network of brokers
- Form regional working groups comprised of both buyside and sellside firms to understand the needs and priorities of each, build features for both
- Urvin AI is focused on natural language understanding; many other opportunities to improve user experience
- Offer services to help reduce burden on both buyside and sellside

#### **Current Platform**

Urvin.Compliance Acquired Plia on Nov 1, 2019

- Operational since 2014, with current users/clients in the US, Europe and Asia
- Questionnaire management, sharing, progress monitoring, audit trail
- Workflow management and approval hierarchy
- Data requests, including automatic recurring requests
- Consolidated dashboard of all counterparty information
- Grading / Scoring of questionnaire responses





### **Current Platform**

#### PLIA supports **MiFID II Best Execution** Requirements:

- Provides framework for a formal process
- Ensures execution arrangements are monitored and reviewed on an ongoing basis
- Enables updates and change notifications for material changes to execution arrangements or policy
- Monitor information to improve process and identify deficiencies
- Trade exception review and approval
- Record keeping and reporting

### **Current Platform**

Urvin.Compliance supports **HK SFC Code of Conduct** supervisory rules:

- Provides a mechanism and framework to supervise systems and orders through electronic trading systems
- Helps to manage and supervise the design, development, testing and operations of electronic trading systems
- Ensures the adequacy of trading systems and the appropriateness of their reliability, security and contingencies
- Provides proper record keeping on design, development and deployment of electronic trading systems
- Helps ensure controls are reasonably designed and systems operate in the interest of the integrity of the market

### **Near-Term Enhancement**

PLIA is focused on helping make **SEC 606(b)(3)** data valuable to the best execution process:

- Potential fiduciary obligation to request 606(b)(3) trade data beginning on January 2, 2020
- Automate periodic requests to brokers for 606 trade data
- Visualize metrics, compare broker routing performance, overlay fees and rebates
- Integrate third-party TCA data for additional performance context
- Access to anonymized benchmark data across all Urvin.Compliance users (opt-in only)

## **Near-Term Enhancements**

PLIA is focused on simple near-term enhancements:

- User interface and experience improvements to streamline application usage and intuitiveness
- Questionnaire management improvements
  - Standardized templates
  - Desk-level and simplified customization
- Secure document storage for KYC and Legal T&C
- Analytics
  - Regulatory Reports (EU RTS & US Rule 606)
  - Improved TCA integration



#### **New Potential Features**

#### PLIA is dedicated to offering the below features in 2020:

- Risk Limit Management
  - Multi-level risk limits (trader, desk, broker, firm)
  - Customizable limit types, including order size, position size and entry rate
- Buyside Counterparty configurations
  - Algo customizations
  - ELP/SI preferences
  - ATS/MTF routing preferences
- Sellside Counterparty configurations
  - Retrieve buyside client preferences & change alerts
  - Counterparty set-up by region and/or asset class
  - Document portal for T&C management and distribution
- CSA reconciliation and document storage
  - Commission rate documentation
  - CSA/CCA setup and split information



#### **New Potential Features**

#### PLIA is dedicated to offering the below features in 2020:

- User and Counterparty group management focused on federating users and counterparties by region, product, segment or customized grouping
- Messaging and Communication
  - Simplified asynchronous interface for messaging on the Urvin.Compliance platform, complete with audit and retention features, search, alert and many-to-many options
  - Integration with 3rd party messaging platforms, such as Symphony
- Firm information portal to include key contacts, org charts, coverage, trader authorizations, LEI, Large Trader ID, disaster recovery protocols, etc.
- Protocol standardization for information exchange and API-accessible functionality for custom integrations
- Best Execution/TCA report aggregation and standardization
  - Ability for brokers to delete/replace certain reports with the most up-to-date data
  - Functionality that will record communication on specific reports (i.e outlier commentary)



## **Empowering Best Execution**

PLIA is building features to power your quarterly Best Execution Committee to satisfy regular and rigorous reviews:

- Trade error tracking and reporting
- Broker vote facility
- Gifts and Entertainment tracking and reporting
- TCA integrations for automated trade outlier analysis and reporting
- Regional and asset class-focused market structure updates, broker-specific enforcement action review
- Store Best Ex Committee minutes, flag follow-up items

17 • Best Ex Committee material generation and distribution

## **Services and Analytics**

Urvin.Compliance is uniquely positioned to offer value-add services and analytics:

- Professional services
  - Questionnaire response review, scoring and risk assessment
  - Best Execution policy, procedure and practice reviews
  - TCA and Outlier reviews
- Proprietary AI that understands unstructured data, allowing for automated analysis of questionnaire responses, comparisons across brokers.
- Independent review and consultation of sellside questionnaire responses
- Other types of due diligence or risk monitoring, such as vendor management, counterparty credit, cybersecurity, liquidity oversight, etc.

## Support

#### Our standard support model will be extended:

- Current support model is 8am 5pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. We use Zendesk for logging and tracking support requests.
- European clients will be serviced with local support personnel.
- Standard response times are 4 hours for Critical Issues, or within 24 hours for all other issues.
- After-hours support packages will be offered with additional fees.
- Asian support will be brought up commensurate with regional adoption.



Better protect your organization with centralized oversight of counterparty information. Simplify your Best Execution Processes.

