Reading stock prices



Stock quotes portray the willingness to buy and sell in a market. A Quote Board shows two columns, a 'Bid' or Buying column listed beside the 'Ask' or Selling column. Posted under each Buy or Sell columns are various prices and share sizes describing where buyers and sellers have lined up.

			QUOTE	BOARD		
	Buyers —			Se		
	Bid					
-		Size	Price	Price	Size	-
	4	93,000	4.1200	4.1400	230,000	3
	5	341,000	4.1100	4.1500	504,000	6
	10	345,000	4.1000	4.1600	700,000	5
	7	265,000	4.0900	4.1700	100,000	1
	6	123,000	4.0800	4.1800	200,000	6
# Pe Buyi	ople	# Shares Buying	Buying Prices	Selling Prices	# Shares Selling	# People Selling

To **BUY** shares quickly, look for the best selling price and see if there is enough shares to satisfy your buying demand. This in known as 'buying up' or buying 'at market'. The sample below shows the best selling price at 4.14 which has 230,000 shares available from which you can buy from.

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Bid			Ask			
Size		Price	Price Size			
4	93,000	4.1200	4.1400	230,000	3	
5	341,000	4.1100	4.1500	504,000	6	
10	345,000	4.1000	4.1600	700,000	5	
7	265,000	4.0900	4.1700	100,000	1	
6	123,000	4.0800	4.1800	200,000	6	

Best Selling Price

To **SELL** shares quickly, look for the best buying price and see if there is enough shares to satisfy your selling intent. This in known as 'selling down' or selling 'at market'. The sample below shows the best buying price at 4.12 which has 93,000 shares from which you can sell to.

Selling Down

Best Buying Price

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	Bid		Ask				
Size		Price	Price	Size			
4	93,000	4.1200	4.1400	230,000 3			
5	341,000	4.1100	4.1500	504,000 €			
10	345,000	4.1000	4.1600	700,000 5			
7	265,000	4.0900	4.1700	100,000 1			
6	123,000	4.0800	4.1800	200,000 €			

Please note that you need not always buy or sell at the market, you may post a buy or sell order at various prices but may have to wait for prices to move to your desired level. Posting an order does run the risk of not matching your order as it is subject to demand and supply availability.

Last 5 Trades					
Time	Volume	Price	Buyer	Seller	
10:51:07	50,000	4.1300	COL FINA	CLSA PHI	
10:51:07	92,000	4.1300	H.E. BEN	CLSA PHI	
10:47:27	10,000	4.1400	COL FINA	CITISECU	
10:47:27	5,000	4.1400	COL FINA	BDO SECU	
10:46:32	10,000	4.1300	H.E. BEN	COL FINA	

Once an agreed price is made, a transaction is committed and is shown on the Last 5 Trades section of the Quote Page. You can also find deeper detail on trades made in the Time & Sales function found under the Quotes tab section.