

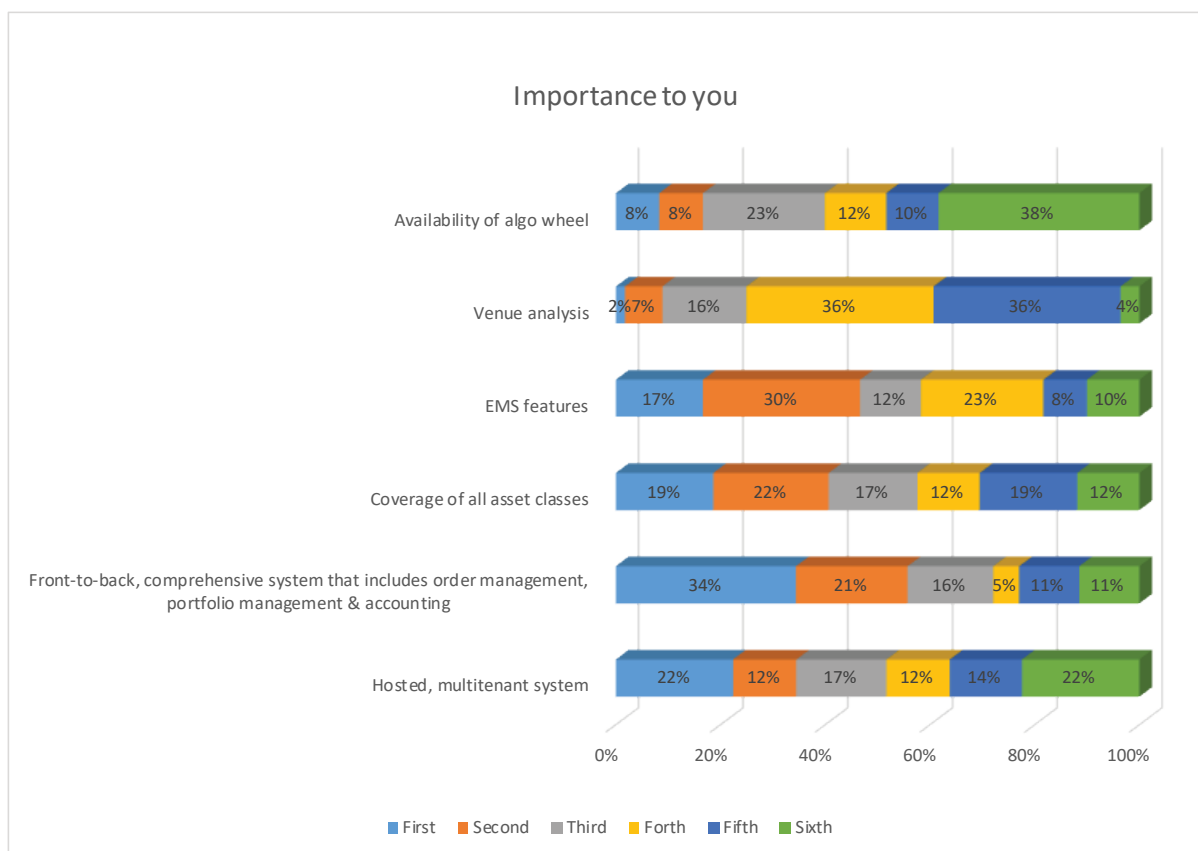
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## Buy-side Traders Want Comprehensive, Integrated Investment Systems

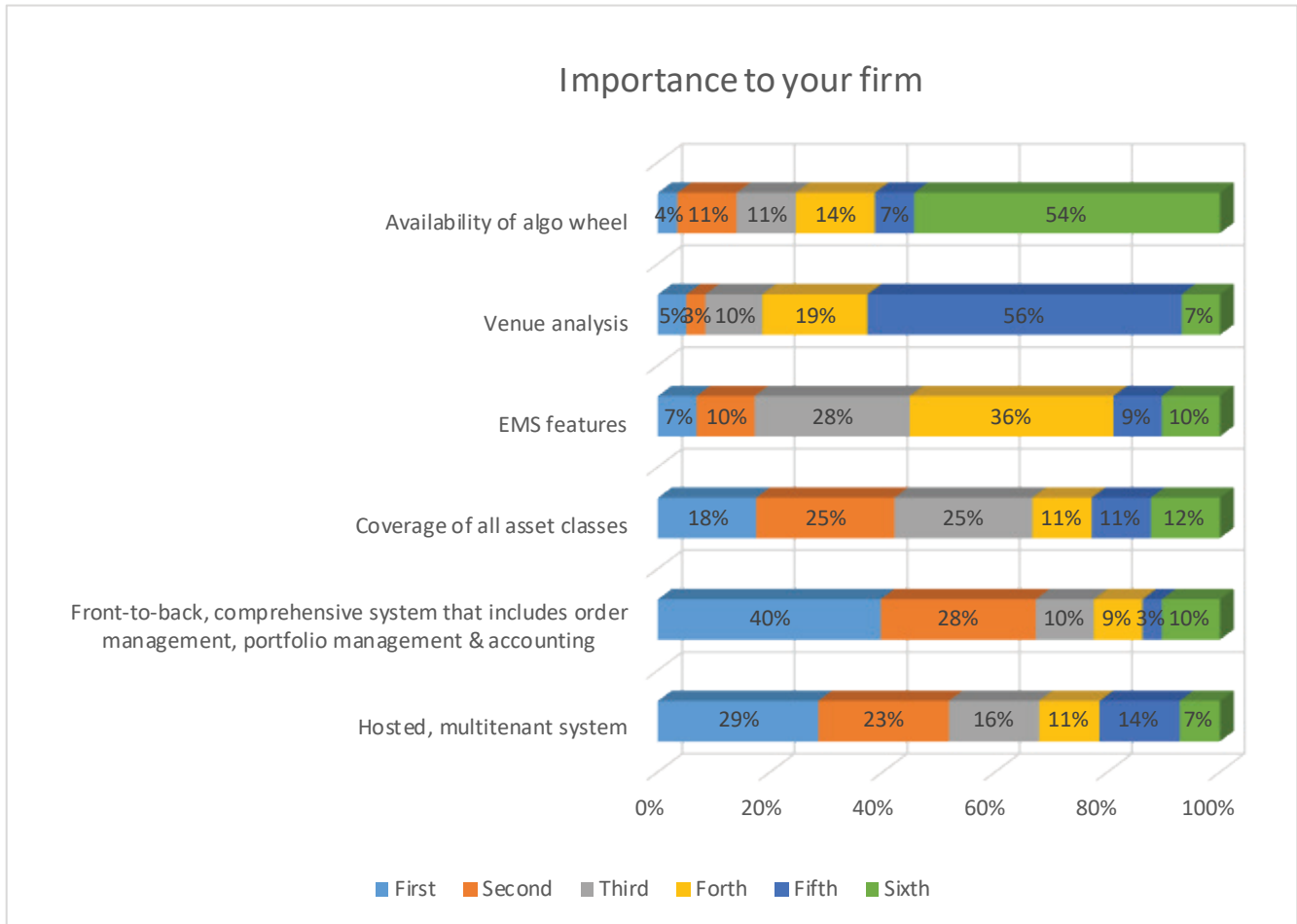
Buy-side traders say the most important aspect of any new trade order management system (OMS) is that it be part of an integrated, comprehensive front-to-back-office investment suite. In December 2018, TraderForum asked buy-side equity traders to rank six aspects of order management systems according to importance to the traders themselves, and then to their firms as a whole. The 70 respondents most often chose “front-to-back, comprehensive system that includes order management, portfolio management and accounting” as the most important aspect of a new OMS, both to the trader (34%) and to the firm as a whole (40%).

Buy-side traders also prefer cloud-first trading systems. Being a hosted, multi-tenant system was ranked as the most important aspect of a new OMS by the second largest group of traders (22%) when considering the needs of the trading desk itself, and also in terms of importance to the firm as a whole (29%).

Here are six aspects of an order management system ranked in terms of important to the buy-side trading desk from highest importance (1) to lowest importance (6):



And here are the same six characteristics ranked by importance to the investment management firm as a whole, from highest importance (1) to lowest importance (6):



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