

# Key Information Document (KID) - Equity Contracts for Difference

# **Purpose**

This document provides you (i.e. the Client) with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. This information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with

## **Product**

Name of Product: Contracts for Difference (CFDs) on Equities

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You are about to purchase a product that is not simple and may be difficult to understand.

# What is this product?

A contract for difference ("CFD") is an investment contract between you and us where the profit or loss is the difference between the opening and closing price of the contract. The price of an Equity CFD contract is determined by reference to the price of the quoted underlying equity (for example Barclays Plc, BP Plc, Apple Inc., Amazon, Rio Tinto).

No trade will entitle you to any rights in relation to the underlying equities including any rights to delivery, acquisition or ownership.

One of the key features of CFDs is that they are traded on a margin or leverage basis meaning that you will only need to commit a small proportion of the notional value of the contract as margin. This means however that the size of your positions and potential profits and losses are magnified relative to your investment resulting in greater risks It also means that your invested capital is at risk.

## **Objectives**

The objective of a CFD is to enable you to speculate on the price of the underlying instruments using leverage. You may trade this product by either buying contracts or selling contracts depending on your view as to whether the quoted price of the underlying equity will increase or decrease. In buying a contract you anticipate that the price will increase (you go long) and in selling you anticipate the price to fall (you go short). Movements in price in the underlying equity will generate nominal profits or losses on your account. You may close your trade at any time with a view to realising a profit or loss

There is no recommended holding period as each investor must determine what they consider to be right based upon their own trading strategy and objectives.

You must maintain sufficient margin on your account to keep your trades open. This may mean investing more in a very short timeframe if the price moves against you. If you do not maintain the required margin level, we may unilaterally close your trades.

CFDs are speculative products which are traded with leverage and are not appropriate for all investors. CFDs, are leveraged products where most of them mature when you choose to close an existing open position. Positions may also be closed due to margin calls/ stop outs. Information on margin calls/ stop out per account can be accessed on the Company's website. Moreover, in case where the Company intends to remove the availability of a CFD, it shall inform you (i.e. the Client) in order to close any open positions until a specific deadline. If the Client does not close the position by the said deadline, the Company has the right to close any open positions on his behalf. By investing in CFDs, you assume a high level of risk which can result in the loss of all of your invested capital.

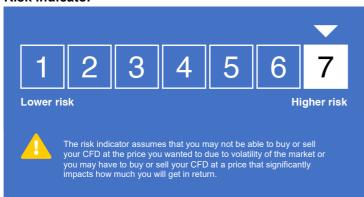
Trading in CFDs carries high level of risk and thus can generate great profits as well as great losses. You should never invest more that you are willing to lose, as it is possible to lose your initial investment. Unless a Client knows and fully understands the risks involved in CFD trading, they should not engage in any trading activity. Clients should consider whether CFDs are appropriate for them according to their financial status and goals before trading. If you do not have enough knowledge and experience to trade, we suggest you seek independent advice before you invest. If you still don't understand these risks after consulting an independent financial advisor, then you should refrain from trading at all. Trading in CFDs comes with a significant risk of losses and the investment value can both increase and decrease. CFDs require constant monitoring and may not be appropriate for persons who cannot devote time in this respect. Prior to commencing trading in CFDs it is prudent to consult with this KID and evaluate whether trading in CFDs is appropriate for you.

### Intended Retail Investor

We recommend that only clients that have relevant and specific knowledge and experience in leveraged derivative trading should trade CFDs. The products are typically short term in nature and carry a high risk of loss, including all your initial investment. Clients should also satisfy themselves that they have the financial resources to trade and to bear any potential losses. Moreover, the Clients should be willing to accept concentration risk with the exchange for the opportunity of higher returns. Clients that are risk intolerant should not invest in the respective target market as these instruments are risky and bear significant amount of risk.

# What are the risks and what could I get in return?

### **Risk Indicator**



The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 7 out of 7, which is the highest risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a very high level.

Be aware of currency risk. You will receive payments in a different currency, so the final return you will get depend on the exchange rate between the two currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator shown above. For example, maintaining a trading account in Euros and trading in CFDs that are not priced in Euros are subject to foreign exchange risks and may be affected in fluctuations of the underlying currencies. This risk is not considered in the risk indicator.

In some circumstances you may be required to make further payments to pay for losses (i.e. margin payments). **The total loss you may incur is all of your invested capital.** The Company offers Negative Balance Protection to its Retail Clients, meaning that they will never be in a position to lose more funds than the amounts invested with the Company. In case the account balance of a Client enters in the negative territory, for example due to a gap in the market, this mount will not be requested by the Company and the Client's account will be brought back to zero (0).

Please refer to the Company's Risk Disclosure Policy please visit the Company's website.

Your profits and loss will be directly impacted by fluctuations in volatility and liquidity of the underlying equity of the CFD. Price movements may be significant and may 'gap' so that pricing is not consecutive. As you are trading on leverage the speed at which you may generate profits or losses and their size is magnified. We may automatically close your trades if you do not maintain the required margin.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment. However, you may benefit from a consumer protection scheme (see the section 'what happens if we are unable to pay you'). The indicator shown above does not consider this protection.

## **Performance Scenarios**

The performance scenarios represent general situations of changes in the prices of CFDs in Equities and their impact on the return of the Client's investment in monetary and percentage terms. These scenarios are general and applicable to the range of CFDs in equities offered by the Company. The scenarios are an estimate of future performance based on how the value of this investment varies, and are not an exact indicator. What you get will vary depending on how the market performs and how long you keep the investment/ product. The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances, and it does not take into account the situation where we are unable to pay you.

Example based upon purchase of 100 contracts of Barclays Plc

Price Quoted: 200 Leverage: 10:1

Notional Value: £20,000 (100 x 200)

Initial Margin Requirement: £2,000.00 (Notional Value / 10)

Long Trade (held intraday)			Short Trade (held intraday)		
Performance Scenario	Price Change (including spread) %	Profit/ Loss	Performance Scenario	Price Change (including spread) %	Profit/ Loss
Stress	-5.0%	-£1,000.00	Stress	+5.0%	-£1,000.00
Unfavourable	-1.5%	-£300.00	Unfavourable	+1.5%	-£300.00
Moderate	+0.5%	+£100.00	Moderate	-0.5%	+£100.00

The scenarios shown illustrate how your investment could perform. You can compare them with the scenarios of other products.

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself but may not include all the costs that you pay to your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

Market development in the future cannot be accurately predicted. The scenarios shown are only an indication of some of possible outcomes based on recent returns. Actual returns could be lower.

# What happens if ThinkMarkets is unable to pay out?

ThinkMarkets is a member of the Investor Compensation Fund (ICF) for clients of CIFs, which covers eligible investments if the Company is unable to meet its financial obligations to Clients. The total payable compensation to each covered Client of an ICF's member may not exceed €20.000 or 90% of the covered investor's claim, whichever is lower, irrespective of the number of accounts held, currency and place of offering the investment service. The ICF covers Retail Clients for all the investment services offered by the Company. For more information on the ICF please visit the Company's website.

## What are the costs?

The Company offers a set of accounts where transaction costs differ between them.

The Company's costs consist of One-Off costs and on-going costs as presented below:

This table shows the different types of cost categories and their meaning				
One off costs on Entry and Exit	Spread	This is the difference between the buy price and the sell price we quote.		
		The Spreads values vary for different accounts as well as depend on the instrument traded. The spread is floating, therefore it may increase depending on the market conditions. Spread is a cost present both at entering and exiting a trade, and it applies to all the accounts. All the minimum and typical spreads for each CFD are reflected at the Company's website.		
	Currency conversion	We automatically convert any realised profits and losses, cash received, fees and charges and any adjustments that are denominated in another currency to the base currency specified for your account. To make such conversions we charge a fee of 3% of the amount.		
Ongoing costs	Swap Rates	For trades that are held overnight, and not closed intraday, the Swap Rates are charged or paid based upon the interest differentials for borrowing or lending on the base currency of the underlying. The rates are calculated over six months LIBOR (or equivalent depending on country) + /- 3.5%.		
Incidental costs	Distributor Fees	We may share a one-off payment or a portion of our spreads, fees or other charges with other persons, including a distributor who may have introduced you or that provides you with an ongoing service.		

The person selling you or advising you about this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and show you the impact that all costs will have on your investment over time.

Full information on Costs & Charges can be accessed on our website here

# How long should I hold it, and can I take money out early?

Equity CFDs are intended for short-term trading, in some cases intraday, and are generally not suitable for long-term investments. Equity CFDs do not have a recommended or required minimum holding period. As an execution only product you may choose to close your position at any time without additional fees or penalty.

## How can I complain?

In case a Client is dissatisfied by the services provided by the Company, must address any complaints to the Company's Compliance Department by filling out the relevant forms and submit to the Company via email at <a href="mailto:complaints.eu@thinkmarkets.com">complaints.eu@thinkmarkets.com</a> as per the Client Complaint Handling Procedure.

In case the final decision does not satisfy the complainant's demands, the latter may maintain the complaint through the Financial Ombudsman, the CySEC or the relevant courts (see <a href="www.financialombudsman.gov.cy">www.financialombudsman.gov.cy</a> or more information).

## Other relevant information

This document is a summary of key information about CFDs on Equities. It is designed to help you make an informed decision before your trade. This is a summary only and nothing in this document should be considered as advice.

Before deciding whether to open an account or trade any of our products we strongly suggest that you read our full terms and policies, including: our full Terms and Conditions, Full Risk Warning and Privacy Policy among other things which can be found on the

Company's website. In addition, you can find the full contract specifications for CFDs on Equities under Contract Specifications page.