# **Key Information Document – Contract for Difference (CFD)**



# **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The 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 other products.

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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?

## **Type**

This document relates to products known as "Contracts for Difference" or CFDs. A CFD allows you to obtain an indirect exposure to an underlying asset such as a security, commodity or currency. This means you will never own the underlying asset, but you will make gains or suffer losses as a result of price movements in the underlying asset to which you have indirect exposure.

This document provides key information on CFDs where the underlying investment option that you choose is an FX pair e.g. GBP/USD.

### **Objectives**

The objective of a CFD is to allow an investor to gain leveraged exposure to the movement in the value of the underlying FX pair (whether up or down), without actually needing to buy or sell the underlying FX pair. The exposure is leveraged since the CFD only requires a small proportion of the notional value of the contract to be put down upfront as initial margin and is one of the key features of trading CFDs. As an example, if GBPUSD is trading at 1.34110 [we use one price for simplicity], and an investor buys 200,000 CFDs with an initial margin of 3.33%, the buy price of 1.34110 will mean the initial margin will be £6,660 {CS x TS x Lots x M} [(100,000 x 2 x 1.34110 x 3.33%)/GBPUSD market rate 1.34110). The effect of leverage, in this case 30:1, means that for each 1 pip change in the price of the underlying FX pair, so the value of the CFD changes by USD 20 or £14.91. For instance, if the investor is long and the market increases in value, a USD 20 profit will be made for every 1 pip increase in that market. However, if the investor is short, a USD 20 loss will be incurred for each pip the market increases in value.

The cash CFD does not have a pre-defined maturity date and is therefore open-ended; by contrast, a future CFD has a pre-defined expiry date. As a result, there is no recommended holding period for either and it is down to the discretion of each individual investor to determine the most appropriate holding period based on their own individual trading strategy and objectives.

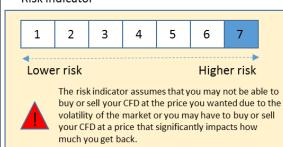
Failure to deposit additional funds in order to meet the margin requirement as a result of negative price movement may result in the CFD being auto-closed. Assuming that only one position is being open at the time on the account, this may occur when equity on the account reaches 50% of minimum margin required for this particular open position.

### **Intended Retail Investor**

CFDs are intended for investors who have knowledge of, or are experienced with, leveraged products. Likely investors will understand how the prices of CFDs are derived, the key concepts of margin and leverage and the fact that although Retail Clients are subject to negative balance protection, they can still lose their entire investment. Indeed, they will understand the risk/reward profile of the product compared to traditional share dealing. Investors will also have appropriate financial means and the ability to bear losses of the entire investment.

# 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 these products 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 these products as 7 out of 7, which is the highest risk class. This is because there is a very high chance that you could lose all your investment, if you are a Retail client.

GFDs are leveraged products that, due to underlying market movement, can generate losses rapidly. Losses can be up to the entire amount invested (if you are a Retail Client benefiting from negative balance protection). There is no capital protection against market risk, credit risk or liquidity risk.

**Be aware of currency risk.** It is possible to buy or sell CFDs in a currency which is different to the base currency of your account. The final return you may get depends on the exchange rate between the two currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator shown above.

In some circumstances you may be required to make further payments to pay for losses.

Even though Retail Clients are subject to negative balance protection, the total loss you may incur may include the entire amount invested.

Market conditions may mean that your CFD trade is closed at a less favourable price, which could significantly impact how much you get back. We may close your open CFD trade if you do not maintain the minimum margin that is required, if you are in debt to Capital Index, or if you contravene market regulations. This process may be automated.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment if you are a Retail Client. If we are not able to pay what is owed to you, you could lose your entire investment. However, you may benefit from a consumer protection scheme (see the section, "What happens if Capital Index is unable to pay out?").

#### **Performance scenarios**

The scenarios shown illustrate how your investment could perform. You can compare them with the scenarios of other products. The scenarios presented are an estimate of future performance based on evidence from the past 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 hold the CFD. 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 not able to pay you. The following assumptions have been used to create the scenarios in Table 1.

FX CFD (held intraday)						
Opening Price	P	1.34110				
Trade Size	TS	USD 20				
Contract Size	CS	100,000				
Margin %	M	3.33%				
Notional Value of the trade	TN = CS x Lots	£200,000.00 [\$268,220.00]				
Margin Requirement (£)	MR = TN x M	£6,660.00 [\$8,931.73]				

LONG Performance Scenario	Closing price (inc Spread)	Price Change	Profit /Loss	SHORT Performance Scenario	Closing price (inc Spread)	Price Change	Profit /Loss
Favourable	1.36122	1.50%	£2,956.17	Favourable	1.32098	-1.50%	£3,046.22
Moderate	1.34781	0.50%	£995.69	Moderate	1.33439	-0.50%	£1,005.70
Unfavourable	1.32098	-1.50%	-£3,046.22	Unfavourable	1.36122	1.50%	-£2,956.17
Stress	1.27405	-5.00%	-£10,525.49	Stress	1.40815	5.00%	-£9,523.13

The stress scenario above shows how small price movements can rapidly lead to losses and, in this circumstance will result in a forced close out of your position. In this stress scenario, if you are a Retail Client, you will benefit from negative balance protection and your losses will be limited to your account value.

This does not take into account a situation where we are unable to pay you.

The scenarios shown illustrate how your investment could perform. You can compare them with the scenarios of other products. The scenarios presented are an estimate of future performance and are not exact indicators. What you get will vary depending on how the market performs and how long you keep the investment.

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back. This performance scenario assumes you only have one position open, and does not take into account the negative or positive cumulative balance you may have if you have multiple open positions with us.

## What happens if Capital Index is unable to pay out?

If Capital Index is unable to meet its financial obligations to you, you may lose the value of your investment. Capital Index segregates all retail client funds from its own money in accordance with the UK FCA's Client Asset rules. Should segregation fail, your investment is covered by the UK's Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) which covers eligible investments up to £50,000 per person, per firm. See <a href="https://www.fscs.org.uk">www.fscs.org.uk</a>

#### What are the costs?

This table shows the different type of cost categories and their meaning.					
One of	One-off	Spread	The difference between the buy price and the sell price is called the spread. To cost is realised each time you open and close a trade.		
Cash and Futures		Currency Conversion	Any cash, realised profit and losses, adjustments, fees and charges that are denominated in a currency other than the base currency of your account, will be converted to the base currency of your account and a currency conversion fee will be charged to your account		
Cash Only	Ongoing costs	Daily holding cost (swaps)	A fee is charged to your account for each night that your position is held. This means the longer you hold a position, the more it costs. The current swaps fee can be referenced within the trading platform in the symbol specification section.		

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

CFDs are intended for short term trading, in some cases intraday and they are generally not suitable for long term investments. There is no recommended holding period, no cancellation period and therefore no cancellation fees. **You can open and close a CFD on a bond at any time during market hours.** 

# How can I complain?

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### Other relevant information

If there is a time lag between the time you place your order and the moment it is executed, your order may not be executed at the price you expected.

The Legal Documents section of our website contains important information regarding your account. You should ensure that you are familiar with all the terms and policies that apply to your account. These can be found on our website <a href="https://www.capitalindex.com">www.capitalindex.com</a>.

For Retail Clients, a margin close out rule is applied on an account level basis. This means that when the value of the account equity falls below 50% of the initial margin requirement (that was paid to enter into all of the open CFD and/or spread bet positions at any point in time), one or more CFD and/or spread bet positions will be closed out. We may set a higher percentage than 50%.

Professional clients can lose more than their deposits and they may be required to deposit additional funds to cover their losses.

CFDs and spread bets are complex instruments and come with a high risk of losing money rapidly due to leverage. **80.6%** of retail investor accounts lose money when trading CFDs and spread bets with this provider. You should consider whether you understand how CFDs and spread bets work and whether you can afford to take the high risk of losing your money.