Plus500UK Limited

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World's Trading Machine

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Contracts for Difference ("CFDs") are considered high risk by some regulatory authorities, as there is no protection of capital, no guaranteed return and customers can lose more than the amount invested. With the Plus500 Trading Platform, however, whilst your capital is at risk, you cannot lose more than your Trading Account balance i.e. you cannot be left in debt to Plus500. Trading CFDs is not appropriate for all investors; make sure you fully understand the risks involved.

This Risk Disclosure Notice forms part of the Client Agreements as defined in the User Agreement

1.1. You are considering dealing using the Plus500 ("we", "our", "us") trading platform in Contracts for Difference ('CFDs'). CFDs are high risk investments, which are not suitable for many investors.

1.2. This notice provides you with information about the risks associated with CFDs, but it cannot explain all of the risks nor how such risks relate to your personal circumstances. If you are in doubt you should seek professional advice.

1.3. It is important that you fully understand the risks involved before deciding to enter into a trading relationship with us. If you choose to enter into a trading relationship with us, it is important that you remain aware of the risks involved, that you have adequate financial resources to bear such risks and that you monitor your positions carefully.

2. MAGNIFIED LOSSES

2.1. The nature of margin trading means that both profits and losses can be magnified and you could incur very large losses if your position moves against you. To avoid incurring large losses, where possible, you should use the risk management tools offered by Plus500UK. Please note you cannot lose more than the balance on your Trading Account.

3. CFDS ARE NOT SUITED FOR LONG TERM INVESTMENT

3.1. CFDs are not suited to the long term investor. If you hold a CFD open over a long period of time the associated costs increase, and it may be more beneficial to buy the underlying asset instead.

4. NO RIGHTS TO THE UNDERLYING INSTRUMENT

4.1. CFDs do not provide any right to the underlying instruments, or in the case of Equity CFDs, to voting rights.

5. ONLY INVEST MONEY YOU CAN AFFORD TO LOSE

5.1. Do not invest in CFDs with money you cannot afford to lose. An investment in CFDs carries a high degree of risk to the investor and, due to fluctuations in value, the investor may not get back the amount he has invested.

6. APPROPRIATENESS

6.1. Subject to our obligation to assess the appropriateness of the Trading Platform for your circumstances, any decision whether or not to open an account, and whether or not you understand the risks is yours.

6.2. We may also ask you for information about your financial assets and earnings. We do not monitor on your behalf whether the amount of money that you have sent us or your profits and losses are consistent with that information. It is up to you to assess whether your financial resources are adequate and what level of risk you take.

7. POTENTIAL RISKS

7.1. You can lose all, but not more than the balance of your Trading Account.

7.2. Before you open a CFD trade you must have enough funds on your account to cover the Initial Margin and, in order to keep the Transaction open, you must ensure that the amount of money in your Trading Account exceeds the required Maintenance Margin. The Initial Margin will differ between Instruments and the amount required for a particular transaction will be indicated on the Trading Platform. Trading using 'leverage' can work for or against you in equal measures; a small price movement in your favour can result in a high return whilst a small price movement against you may result in substantial losses.

Trading CFDs on leverage means you can secure a significantly larger exposure to an underlying asset for a relatively small initial margin. However, the use of leverage magnifies the size of your trade, which means your potential gain and your potential loss are equally magnified.

You should, therefore, closely monitor all of your open positions to manage the risk of large losses. For example, a leverage of "10%" (or 1:10) means that if the price of the underlying asset changes by 1%, it is as if the price of the CFD has changed by 10%.

Each instrument has a fixed leverage which is specified in the instrument's details. An important consideration is whether or not, you wish to dedicate all of your deposit to meet your margin requirements. By dedicating all your deposit in this manner, you will be less able to deal with market volatility than if you only dedicate some of your deposit.

7.3. You must ensure that the amount in your Trading Account exceeds the Maintenance Margin in order to keep a Transaction open, otherwise if our price moves against you, you may need to deposit additional funds, at short notice, to maintain your open position(s). If you fail to do this, we will be entitled to close or partially close one, more or all of your trades and you will be responsible for any losses that may be incurred.

7.4. You should also be aware that under our User Agreement we are entitled, at our sole discretion, to make a Margin Call which you are required to satisfy immediately. If you do not satisfy the Margin Call in a timely manner, we will be entitled to close or partially close one, more, or all of your trades. For more information please visit: http://www.plus500.co.uk/FAQ/Trading/WhatIsMarginCall

7.5. Unless you have taken steps to place an absolute limit on your losses by setting a Guaranteed Stop, it is possible for adverse market movements to result in the loss of the entire balance of your Trading Account. Guaranteed Stops are not offered on all instruments, but there are other risk management tools available, e.g. by placing “Close at Loss” or “Close at Profit” orders on your account, that will help mitigate your losses. However, please note “Close at Loss” and “Close at Profit” are not guaranteed if the rate changes by more than a single pip. For more information visit our FAQ Trading page: http://www.plus500.co.uk/Help/FAQTopics.aspx?topic=Trading&hl=&page=1

7.6. With CFDs customers can buy ("go long") and close the position later by selling. Alternatively customers can sell ("go short") and close the position later by buying (the mere action of closing the position functions as the action of buying/selling). Selling at a higher/lower price than the purchase price yields a gain/loss accordingly. If the market goes against you and you do not have the necessary risk management tools in place your position could result in significant losses.

8. NOT SUITABLE AS INCOME

8.1. The inherent concept of CFDs means they are not suitable for an investor seeking an income from their investments, as the income from such investments may fluctuate in value in money terms. For an investment in an OTC product, which is not a readily realisable investment, it may be difficult to sell or realise the investment and obtain reliable information about its value or the extent of the risks to which it is exposed.

9. FLUCTUATIONS IN THE MARKET

9.1. It is important that you comprehend the risks associated with trading in CFDs, as fluctuations in the price of the underlying market will have an effect on the profitability of the trade. For example: the value of investments denominated in foreign currencies may diminish or increase due to changes in the rates of exchange.

9.2. Slippage occurs when the market moves suddenly in any direction, and is the difference between the expected price of a trade, and the price at which the trade was actually executed. The price is then said to have 'slipped' when the market has 'gapped' from one level to another. This applies in the event of either advantageous or disadvantageous price movements and can result in either losses (negative slippage) or gains (positive slippage).

9.3. Trading CFDs is only appropriate for those customers who fully understand the risks and have previous trading experience. If unsure, it is advisable to seek independent advice.

10.DERIVATIVES

10.1. Positions opened with us are not traded on any exchange. The prices and other conditions are set by us, subject to any obligations we have to provide best execution, to act reasonably and in accordance with our user agreement and with our order execution policy. Each CFD trade that you open through our Trading Platform results in you entering into a contract with us; these contracts can only be closed with us and are not transferrable to any other person.

11.NEED TO MONITOR POSITIONS

11.1. Because of the effect of leverage and the speed at which profits or losses can be incurred, it is important that you monitor your positions closely. It is your responsibility to monitor your trades at all times.

11.2. Markets are subject to many influences which may result in rapid price fluctuations. Because of market volatility, there is no CFD transaction available via our trading platform that can be considered "risk free". Given the potential levels of volatility in markets, it is recommended that you closely monitor your transactions at all times. For example: the value of investments denominated in foreign currencies will be impacted by both changes in the rates of exchange and market movement.

12.OPERATIONAL RISKS

12.1. Operational risks with Plus500 on your computer are inherent in every CFD transaction. For example, disruptions in Plus500's operational processes such as communications, computers, computer or mobile networks or external events may lead to delays in the execution and settlement of a transaction. Plus500 does not accept or bear any liability whatsoever in relation to the operational processes of Plus500, except to the extent that it is caused by the fraud, negligence or dishonesty by Plus500.

13.CURRENCY RISK

13.1. Customers should be aware that CFDs denominated in a currency other than their home currency have the additional risk associated with currency fluctuations.

14.CLIENT MONEY & COUNTERPARTY RISK

14.1. All funds and currencies belonging to you ("Client Money") shall be held by us in a designated client money bank account; and are subject to a right of off-set for all liabilities that you owe to us. Designated client money is segregated from the assets of the Firm and is deemed client money for the purposes of the FCA rules. We may place your funds in our designated Client Money account in a different currency to your base currency. Such Client Money will be at least equal in value to your base currency and will be in compliance with UK regulatory requirements. No interest is due or will be paid in respect of Client Money.

14.2. Given that you are dealing with Plus500UK as the counterparty to every transaction, you will have an exposure to us in relation to each of your transactions and are reliant on our ability to meet our obligations to you under the terms of each transaction. This risk is sometimes described as 'counterparty risk'.

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) is the UK's compensation fund of last resort for customers of financial services firms authorised by the FCA. In the event that Plus500UK were to become insolvent or cease trading, the FSCS will pay compensation to its customers. Customers of Plus500UK would fall under the 'investments' claim category, whereby the cover is £50,000 per person per firm. If Plus500UK were to go into liquidation, customers would have their share of the segregated money pool returned, minus any administrators' costs in handling and distributing these funds. If there was a shortfall then individuals will be eligible for compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

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