Risk Disclosure For Contracts For Difference & Non-Deliverable Forwards

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1 Introduction

This notice cannot and does not disclose or explain all of the risks and other significant aspects involved in dealing in CFDs. The notice was designed to explain in general terms the nature of the risks involved when dealing in CFDs and to help you take investment decisions on an informed basis. This notice should be read together with the “General Risk Disclosure”.

The Client should consider carefully whether trading in the financial instruments of CFDs is suitable for him/her in the light of his/her circumstances and financial resources. In considering whether to engage in this form of trading, the Client should be aware of the following:

2 Risks Associated with Transactions in CFDs

Trading in CFDs is VERY SPECULATIVE AND HIGHLY RISKY and is not suitable for all members of the general public but only for those investors who:

(a) understand and are willing to assume the economic, legal and other risks involved,
(b) taking into account their personal financial circumstances, financial resources, lifestyle and obligations are financially able to assume the loss of their entire investment,
(c) have the knowledge to understand CFDs trading and the Underlying assets and Markets.

The Company will not provide the Client with any advice relating to CFDs, the Underlying assets and Markets or make investment recommendations of any kind. So, if the Client does not understand the risks involved he should seek advice and consultation from an independent financial advisor. If the Client still does not understand the risks involved in trading in CFDs, he should not trade at all.

CFDs are derivative financial instruments deriving their value from the prices of the underlying assets/markets in which they refer to (for example currency, equity indices, stocks, metals, indices futures, forwards etc.). It is important therefore that the Client understands the risks associated with trading in the relevant underlying asset/market because fluctuations in the price of the underlying asset/market will affect the profitability of his trade.

The CFDs available for trading with the Company are non-deliverable spot transactions giving an opportunity to make profit on changes in the Underlying asset (cash indices, index futures, bond futures, commodity futures, spot crude oil, spot gold, spot silver, single stocks, currencies or any other asset according to the Company’s discretion from time to time). If the Underlying asset movement is in the Client’s favour, the Client may achieve a good profit, but an equally small adverse market movement can not only quickly result in the loss of the Clients’ entire deposit but also any additional commissions and other expenses incurred. So, the Client must not enter into CFDs unless he is willing to undertake the risks of losing entirely all the money which he has invested and also any additional commissions and other expenses incurred.

Investing in a CFD carries the same risks as investing in a future or an option and the Client should be aware of these as set out above.

Transactions in CFDs may also have a contingent liability and the Client should be aware of the implications of this as set out below under “Contingent Liability Investment Transactions”.

Price Fluctuations

The Client acknowledges and accepts that, regardless of any information which may be offered by the Company, the value of CFDs may fluctuate downwards or upwards and it is even probable that the investment may become of no value. This is owed to the margining system applicable to such trades, which generally involves a comparatively modest deposit or margin in terms of the overall contract value, so that a relatively small movement in the underlying market can have a disproportionately dramatic effect on the Client’s trade. If the underlying market movement is in the Client’s favor, the Client may achieve a good profit, but an equally small adverse market movement can not only quickly result in the loss of the Clients’ entire deposit but may also expose the Client to a large additional loss. The CFDs available for trading with the Company are non-deliverable spot transactions giving an opportunity to make profit on changes in currency rates, commodity, stock market indices or share prices called the underlying instrument. If the underlying instrument movement is in the Client’s favor, the Client may achieve a good profit, but an equally small adverse market movement can not only quickly result in the loss of the Clients’ entire deposit but also any additional commissions and other expenses incurred. So, the Client must not enter into CFDs unless he is willing to undertake the risks of losing entirely all the money
which he has invested and also any additional commissions and other expenses incurred.

**Gearing and Leverage**

Investing in CFDs entails the use of "gearing" or "leverage". In considering whether to engage in this form of investment, the Client should be aware that the high degree of leverage that is obtainable in Spot Foreign Exchange Trading can work against him as well as for him. The use of leverage can lead to large losses as well as gains. So, the Client should unreservedly acknowledge and accept that he runs a great risk of incurring losses and damages as a result of the dealing in some Financial Instruments and accepts and declares that he is willing to undertake this risk.

A relatively small market movement will have a proportionately larger impact on the funds the Client has deposited or will have to deposit; this may work against the Client as well as for the Client. The Client may sustain a total loss of initial Margin funds and any additional funds deposited with the Company to maintain his position. If the market moves against the Client's position and/or Margin requirements are increased, the Client may be called upon to deposit additional funds on short notice to maintain his position. Failing to comply with a request for a deposit of additional funds, may result in closure of his position(s) by the Company on his behalf and he will be liable for any resulting loss or deficit but the Client will not be liable for any negative Balance in their trading account, which negative Balance will be covered by the Company.

**Price Volatility**

CFDs are derivative securities, where their price is derived from the price of the underlying instrument in which the CFDs refer to. Derivative securities / markets can be highly volatile. The prices of CFDs and the underlying instrument and Indices may fluctuate rapidly and over wide ranges and may reflect unforeseeable events or changes in conditions, none of which can be controlled by the Client or the Company. Under certain market conditions it can be impossible for a Clients order to be executed at declared price.

The prices of the underlying assets of CFDs will be influenced by, amongst other things, changing supply and demand relationships, governmental, agricultural, commercial and trade programs and policies, national and international political and economic events and the prevailing psychological characteristics of the relevant market place. Therefore Stop Loss order cannot guarantee the limit of loss.

**Margin**

Clients are required to deposit funds in their trading account in order to open a position. The Margin requirement will depend on the underlying instrument of the CFDs. Margin requirements can be fixed or calculated from current price of the underlying instrument, it can be found on the web site of the Company. The Company will not notify the Client for any Margin Call to sustain a loss making position.

The Client may be called upon to deposit substantial additional margin, at short notice, to maintain his investment. If the Client does not provide such additional funds within the time required, his investment position may be closed at a loss and he will be liable for any resulting deficit but the Client will not be liable for any negative Balance in their trading account, which negative Balance will be covered by the Company. With regards to transactions in CFDs, the Company has the discretionary right to start closing positions starting from the one with biggest loss when margin decreases lower than the Margin Call level specified on the website www.fxcc.com, and automatically close all positions at Market Prices if Stop Out level is reached.

**Risk-reducing Orders and Strategies**

The placing of certain Orders (e.g. "stop-loss" Orders or "stop-limit" Orders), which are intended to limit losses to certain amounts, may not be adequate given that markets conditions make it impossible to execute such Orders, e.g. due to illiquidity in the market. Strategies using combinations of positions, such as "spread" and "straddle" positions may be as risky as taking simple "long" or "short" positions. Therefore Stop Limit and Stop Loss Orders cannot guarantee the limit of loss. Trailing Stop and Expert Advisor cannot guarantee the limit of loss.
Reduced Demand for the Underlying Instrument
Some of the CFD underlying instruments may not become immediately liquid as a result of reduced demand for the underlying instrument and Client may not be able to obtain the information on the value of these or the extent of the associated risks.

Non-reliability of Previous Performance
Information of the previous performance of the CFD does not guarantee its current and/or future performance as well as a performance of the underlying instrument. Use of the historical data does not constitute safe forecast as to the corresponding future performance of the CFD and underlying instrument to which that information refers.

Over the Counter Transactions
Transactions in CFDs are not to be undertaken on a recognised or designated investment exchange and, accordingly, they may expose the Client to greater risks than exchange transactions. The terms and conditions and trading rules may be established solely by the counterparty. The Client may only be able to close an open position of any given contract during the opening hours of the exchange. The Client may also have to close any position with the same counterparty with whom it was originally entered into. In regard to transactions in CFDs with the Company, the Company is using a Trading Platform for transactions in CFD’s which does not fall into the definition of a recognised exchange as this is not a Multilateral Trading Facility.

Trading Platform
The Client is warned that when trading in an electronic platform he assumes risk of financial loss which may be a consequence of amongst other things:

(a) Failure of Client’s devices, software and poor quality of connection.
(b) The Company’s or Client’s hardware or software failure, malfunction or misuse.
(c) Improper work of Client’s equipment.
(d) Wrong setting of Client’s Terminal.
(e) Delayed updates of Client’s Terminal.

The Client acknowledges that only one Instruction is allowed to be in the queue at one time. Once the Client has sent an Instruction, a new Instruction can be given to the Company.

The Client acknowledges that the only reliable source of Quotes Flow information is that of the live Server’s Quotes Base. Quotes Base in the Client Terminal is not a reliable source of Quotes Flow information because the connection between the Client Terminal and the Server may be disrupted at some point and some of the Quotes simply may not reach the Client Terminal.

The Client acknowledges that when the Client closes the order placing/ deleting window or the position opening/closing window, the Instruction, which has been sent to the Server, shall not be cancelled.

Orders may be executed one at a time while being in the queue. Multiple orders from the same Client Account in the same time may not be executed.

The Client acknowledges that when the Client closes the Order, it shall not be cancelled.

In case the Client has not received the result of the execution of the previously sent Order but decides to repeat the Order, the Client shall accept the risk of making two Transactions instead of one.

The Client acknowledges that if the Pending Order has already been executed but the Client sends an instruction to modify its level, the only instruction, which will be executed, is the instruction to modify Stop Loss and/or Take Profit levels on the position opened when the Pending Order triggered.
Third Party Risks
The Company may pass money received from the Client to a third party (e.g. an intermediate broker, a bank, a market, a settlement agent, a clearing house or OTC counterparty located outside your jurisdiction or the) to hold or control in order to effect a Transaction through or with that person or to satisfy the Client's obligation to provide collateral (e.g. initial margin requirement) in respect of a Transaction. The Company has no responsibility for any acts or omissions of any third party to whom it will pass money received from the Client.

The legal and regulatory regime applying to any such third party person will be different from that of your jurisdiction and in the event of the insolvency or any other equivalent failure of that person, the Client's money may be treated differently from the treatment which would apply if the money was held in a Segregated Account in your jurisdiction. The Company will not be liable for the solvency, acts or omissions of any third party referred to in this clause.

The third party to whom the Company will pass money may hold it in an omnibus account and it may not be possible to separate it from the Client's money, or the third party's money. In the event of the insolvency or any other analogous proceedings in relation to that third party, the Company may only have an unsecured claim against the third party on behalf of the Client, and the Client will be exposed to the risk that the money received by the Company from the third party is insufficient to satisfy the claims of the Client with claims in respect of the relevant account. The Company does not accept any liability or responsibility for any resulting losses.

The Company may deposit Client money with a depository who may have a security interest, lien or right of set-off in relation to that money.

Technical Risks
If the Client undertakes transactions on an electronic system, he will be exposed to risks associated with the system including the failure of hardware, software, servers, communication lines and internet failure. The result of any such failure may be that his order is either not executed according to his instructions or it is not executed at all. The Company does not accept any liability in the case of such a failure.

The Client acknowledges that the unencrypted information transmitted by e-mail is not protected from any unauthorized access.

At times of excessive deal flow the Client may have some difficulties to be connected over the phone or the Company’s Trading Platform(s)/system(s), especially in fast Market (for example, when key macroeconomic indicators are released).

The Client acknowledges that the internet may be subject to events which may affect his access to the Company's Website and/or Online Trading System(s), including but not limited to interruptions or transmission blackouts, software and hardware failure, internet disconnection, public electricity network failures or hacker attacks. The Company is not responsible for any damages or losses resulting from such events which are beyond its control or for any other losses, costs, liabilities, or expenses (including, without limitation, loss of profit) which may result from the Client's inability to access the Company's Website and/or Online Trading System or delay or failure in sending orders or Transactions.

In connection with the use of computer equipment and data and voice communication networks, the Client bears the following risks amongst other risks in which cases the Company has no liability of any resulting loss:

(a) Power cut of the equipment on the side of the Client or the provider, or communication operator (including voice communication) that serves the Client;
(b) Physical damage (or destruction) of the communication channels used to link the Client and provider (communication operator), provider, and the trading or information server of the Client;
(c) Outage (unacceptably low quality) of communication via the channels used by the Client, or the Company or the channels used by the provider, or communication operator (including voice communication) that are used by the Client or the Company;
(d) Wrong or inconsistent with requirements settings of the Client Terminal;
(e) Untimely update of the Client Terminal;
(f) When carrying out transactions via the telephone (land or cell phone lines) voice communication, the Client runs the risk of problematic dialing, when trying to reach an employee the Company due to communication quality issues and communication channel loads;
(g) The use of communication channels, hardware and software, generate the risk of non-reception of a message (including text messages) by the Client from the Company;
(h) Trading over the phone might be impeded by overload of connection;
(i) Malfunction or non-operability of the Platform, which also includes the Client Terminal.

The Client may suffer financial losses caused by the materialization of the above risks, the Company accepting no responsibility or liability in the case of such a risk materializing and the Client shall be responsible for all related losses he may suffer.

**Force Majeure Events**

In case of a Force Majeure Event the Company may not be in a position to arrange for the execution of Client Orders or fulfill its obligations under the agreement with the Client. As a result the Client may suffer financial loss.

The Company will not be liable or have any responsibility for any type of loss or damage arising out of any failure, interruption, or delay in performing its obligations under the Customer Agreement where such failure, interruption or delay is due to a Force Majeure event.

**Abnormal Market Conditions**

The Client acknowledges that under Abnormal Market Conditions the period during which the Orders are executed may be extended or it may be impossible for Orders to be executed at declared prices or may not be executed at all.

**Off-exchange transactions in Derivative Financial Instruments**

CFDs offered by the Company are off-exchange transactions. While some off-exchange markets are highly liquid, transactions in off-exchange or non-transferable derivatives may involve greater risk than investing in on-exchange derivatives because there is no exchange market on which to close out an Open Position. It may be impossible to liquidate an existing position, to assess the value of the position arising from an off-exchange transaction or to assess the exposure to risk. Bid prices and Ask prices need not be quoted, and, even where they are, they will be established by dealers in these instruments and consequently it may be difficult to establish what a fair price is.

In regards to transactions in CFD's the Company is using an Online Trading Systems for transactions in CFD's which does not fall into the definition of a recognized exchange as this is not a Multilateral Trading Facility and so do not have the same protection.

**Contingent Liability Investment Transactions**

Contingent liability investment transactions, which are margined, require the Client to make a series of payments against the purchase price, instead of paying the whole purchase price immediately. The Margin requirement will depend on the underlying asset of the Financial Instrument. Margin requirements can be fixed or calculated from current price of the underlying instrument and it can be found on the website of the Company.

If the Client trades in futures or Contracts for Differences, he may sustain a total loss of the funds he has deposited to open and maintain a position. If the market moves against the Client, he may be called upon to pay substantial additional funds at short notice to maintain the position. If the Client fails to do so within the time required, his position may be liquidated at a loss and he will be responsible for the resulting deficit but the Client will not be liable for any negative Balance in their trading account, which negative Balance will be covered by the Company. It is noted that the Company will not have a duty to notify the Client for any Margin Call to sustain a loss making position.
Even if a transaction is not margined, it may still carry an obligation to make further payments in certain circumstances over and above any amount paid when the Client entered the contract.

Contingent liability investment transactions which are not traded on or under the rules of a recognised or designated investment exchange may expose the Client to substantially greater risks.

**Suspension of Trading**
Under certain trading conditions it may be difficult or impossible to liquidate a position. This may occur, for example, at times of rapid price movement if the price rises or falls in one trading session to such an extent that under the rules of the relevant exchange trading is suspended or restricted. Placing a Stop Loss will not necessarily limit the Client's losses to the intended amounts, because market conditions may make it impossible to execute such an Order at the stipulated price. In addition, under certain market conditions the execution of a Stop Loss Order may be worse than its stipulated price and the realized losses can be larger than expected.

**No Delivery**
It is understood that the Client has no rights or obligations in respect of the Underlying Assets relating to the CFDs he is trading. There is no delivery of the underlying asset.

**Slippage**
Slippage is difference between the expected price of a Transaction in a CFD, and the price the Transaction is actually executed at. Slippage often occurs during periods of higher volatility (for example due to news events) making an Order at a specific price impossible to execute, when market orders are used, and also when large Orders are executed when there may not be enough interest at the desired price level to maintain the expected price of trade.

**Price Gapping / Volatility**
There may be significant market movement after a news announcement or economic event which will have a significant impact on the execution of a pending order. The Client should be aware of the following risks associated with volatile markets:

- an order may be executed at a substantially different price from the quoted bid or offer, or the last reported trade price at the time of order entry, or an order may be only partially executed or may be executed in several shapes at different prices; and

- opening prices may differ significantly from the previous day's close.

**Advice and Recommendations**
The Company will not advise the Client about the merits of a particular Transaction or give him any form of investment advice and the Client acknowledges that the Services do not include the provision of investment advice in CFDs or the Underlying Markets. The Client alone will enter into Transactions and take relevant decisions based on his own judgement. In asking the Company to enter into any Transaction, the Client represents that he has been solely responsible for making his own independent appraisal and investigation into the risks of the Transaction. He represents that he has sufficient knowledge, market sophistication, professional advice and experience to make his own evaluation of the merits and risks of any Transaction. The Company gives no warranty as to the suitability of the products traded under the Customer Agreement and assumes no fiduciary duty in its relations with the Client. The Company will not be under any duty to provide the Client with any legal, tax or other advice relating to any Transaction. The Client should seek independent expert advice if he is in any doubt as to whether he may incur any tax liabilities. The Client is hereby warned that tax laws are subject to change from time to time.

The Company may, from time to time and at its discretion, provide the Client (or in newsletters which it may post on its Website or provide to subscribers via its Website or the Trading Platform or otherwise) with information, recommendations, news, market commentary or other information but not as a service. Where it does so:
(a) The Company will not be responsible for such information,

(b) The Company gives no representation, warranty or guarantee as to the accuracy, correctness or completeness of such information or as to the tax or legal consequences of any related Transaction,

(c) This information is provided solely to enable the Client to make his own investment decisions and does not amount to investment advice or unsolicited financial promotions to the Client,

(d) If the document contains a restriction on the person or category of persons for whom that document is intended or to whom it is distributed, the Client agrees that he will not pass it on to any such person or category of persons,

(e) The Client accepts that prior to despatch, the Company may have acted upon it itself to make use of the information on which it is based. The Company does not make representations as to the time of receipt by the Client and cannot guarantee that he will receive such information at the same time as other clients.

It is understood that market commentary, news, or other information provided or made available by the Company are subject to change and may be withdrawn at any time without notice.

**No Guarantees of Profit**

The Company provides no guarantees of profit nor of avoiding losses when trading. Client has received no such guarantees from the Company or from any of its representatives. Client is aware of the risks inherent in trading and is financially able to bear such risks and withstand any losses incurred.