

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

A spread bet (“SB”) is a leveraged contract entered into with GAIN on a bilateral basis. It allows an investor to speculate on rising or falling prices in an underlying bond.

An investor has the choice to buy (or go “long”) the SB to benefit from rising bond prices; or to sell (or go “short”) the SB to benefit from falling bond prices. The price of the SB is derived from the price of the underlying bond future. For instance, if an investor is long the German Bund SB and the price of the underlying bond future rises, the value of the SB will increase - at the end of the contract GAIN will pay the difference between the closing value of the contract and the opening value of the contract. Conversely, if an investor is long and the price of the underlying bond future falls, the value of the SB will decrease - at the end of the contract they will pay GAIN the difference between the closing value of the contract and the opening value of the contract. A SB referencing the underlying future price has a pre-defined expiry date – a date upon which the contract either automatically closes or must be rolled into the next period. The leverage embedded within all SBs has the effect of magnifying both profits and losses.

Objectives

The objective of the SB is to allow an investor to gain leveraged exposure to the movement in the value of the underlying bond future (whether up or down), without actually needing to buy or sell the underlying future or the constituent asset. The exposure is leveraged since the SB only requires a relatively 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 SBs. By way of example, if an investor buys a SB worth £1 per point and an initial margin amount of 20% and an underlying bond price of 16000, the initial investment will be £3,200.00 (20% x 16000 x £1). The effect of leverage, in this case 5:1 (1 / 0.2%) has resulted in a notional value of the contract of £16,000 (3,200 x 5). This means that for each 1 point change in the price of the underlying market so the value of the SB changes by £1. For instance, if the investor is long and the market increases in value, a £1 profit will be made for every 1 point increase in that market. However, if the market decreases in value, a £1 loss will be incurred for each point the market decreases in value. Conversely, if an investor holds a short position, a profit is made in line with any decreases in that market, and a loss for any increases in the market.

The future SB has a pre-defined expiry date. There is no recommended holding period 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 SB being auto-closed. This will occur when losses exceed the initial margin amount. Investors will be given the option to roll their existing future SB contract into the next period – e.g., from a March expiry into a June expiry. Rolling is at the discretion of the investor but failure to do so will result in the future SB being auto-closed at the expiry date. GAIN also retains the ability to unilaterally terminate any SB contract where it deems that the terms of the contract have been breached.

Intended Retail Investor

SBs are intended for investors who have knowledge of, or are experienced with, leveraged products and who are looking to gain a short-term exposure to financial instruments. Likely investors will understand how the prices of SBs are derived and the key concepts of margin and leverage. 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.

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 of the product at a very high level.

SBs are leveraged products that, due to underlying market movement, can generate losses rapidly. There is no capital protection against market risk, credit risk or liquidity risk. Even though losses may be incurred, Retail clients are subject to negative balance protection which means that your losses cannot exceed the amount invested.

Be aware of currency risk. It is possible to buy or sell SBs on a bond 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.

Market conditions may mean that your SB on a bond is closed at less favourable price, which could significantly impact how much you get back. We may close your open SB contract if you do not maintain the minimum margin that is required, if you are in debt to GAIN, 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 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 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 SB. 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:

Bond Spread Bet (held intraday)		
Bond opening price:	P	16000
Bet size (£/pt):	TS	1
Margin %:	M	20%
Margin Requirement (£):	$MR = P \times TS \times M$	£3,200.00
Notional value of the trade (£):	$TN = MR/M$	£16,000

Table 1

LONG Performance scenario	Closing price (inc. spread)	Price change	Profit/loss	SHORT Performance scenario	Closing price (inc. spread)	Price change	Profit/loss
Favourable	16240	1.5%	£240	Favourable	15760	-1.5%	£240
Moderate	16080	0.5%	£80	Moderate	15920	-0.5%	£80
Unfavourable	15760	-1.5%	-£240	Unfavourable	16240	1.5%	-£240
Stress	15200	-5.0%	-£800	Stress	16800	5.0%	-£800

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself. If you have been sold this product by someone else or have a third party advising you about this product, these figures do not include any cost that you pay to them. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

What happens if GAIN is unable to pay out?

If GAIN is unable to meet its financial obligations to you, you may lose the value of your investment. However, GAIN segregates all retail client funds from its own money in accordance with the UK FCA's Client Asset rules. GAIN also participates in the UK's Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) which covers eligible investments up to £50,000 per person, per firm. See www.fscs.org.uk.

What are the costs?

Trading a SB on an underlying bond incurs the following costs:

One-off entry or exit costs	Spread	The difference between the buy price and the sell price is called the spread. This cost is realised each time you open and close a trade.
	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.
Incidental costs	Distributor fee	We may from time to time share a proportion of our spread, commissions and other account fees with other persons including a distributor that may have introduced you.
Other costs	Rollover costs	We charge you to rollover a futures contract into the next month or quarter, equal to the applicable spread to open and close a trade.

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

SBs are intended for short term trading, in some cases intraday and 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 SB on a bond at any time during market hours.

How can I complain?

If you wish to make a complaint, you should contact our Client Management Team on 0845 355 0801, by emailing support@cityindex.co.uk or in writing to GAIN Capital UK Limited, Park House, 16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7EB. If you do not feel that your complaint has been resolved satisfactorily, you are able to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service ("FOS"). See www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk for further information. If your complaint is about an advisory or discretionary manager acting on your account, please contact the firm providing the service.

You can also refer to the European Commission's Online Dispute Resolution Platform, however it is likely that you will be referred to the FOS.

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. Ensure your internet signal strength is sufficient before trading.

The Terms and Policies 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.

Our Market Information sheets contain additional information on trading a SB on an underlying bond. These can be found on the trading platform.

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

Spread bets are complex instruments and come with a high risk of losing money rapidly due to leverage. **70% of retail investor accounts lose money when trading spread bets with this provider.** You should consider whether you understand how spread bets work and whether you can afford to take the high risk of losing your money.