

## 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 cryptocurrency.

An investor has the choice to buy (or go “long”) the SB to benefit from rising cryptocurrency prices; or to sell (or go “short”) the SB to benefit from falling prices. The price of the SB is derived from the price of the underlying cryptocurrency price. For instance, if an investor is long a SB and the price of the underlying 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 cash price of the underlying 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. 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 market (whether up or down), without actually needing to buy or sell the underlying market. The exposure is leveraged since the SB only requires a 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 with an initial margin amount of 50% and an underlying cryptocurrency price of £8000, the initial investment will be £4000 ( $0.5 \times 8000 \times 1$ ). The effect of leverage, in this case 2:1 ( $1 / 0.5$ ) has resulted in a notional value of the contract of £8,000 ( $1 \times 8000$ ). This means that for each £1 change in the price of the underlying asset 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 each point increase in that market. However, 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 cash SB does not have a pre-defined maturity date and is therefore open-ended, 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 the case of negative price movement may result in the SB being auto-closed. This will occur when losses exceed the initial margin amount. 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, 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 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.

Volatility makes cryptocurrencies a particularly risky market to speculate on. Its price can shift significantly and suddenly and since the cryptocurrency market operates around the clock, this is liable to happen any time of day.

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

The cryptocurrency markets are determined by supply and demand only, they are decentralised and are not backed by any central government or exchange. Cryptocurrencies are therefore highly volatile, the prices are not transparent and highly speculative. Digital exchanges may force trading suspension or cessation, this may impact on our ability to receive the price or market data feed, and as a result, this could result in material adverse effects on your open positions

**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:

Spread Bet (held intraday)		
Opening price	P	8000
Trade size (per £)	TS	2
Margin %	M	50%
Margin Requirement (£)	$MR = P \times TS \times M$	£8000.00
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	8120	1.5%	£240	Favourable	7880	-1.5%	£240
Moderate	8040	0.5%	£80	Moderate	7960	-0.5%	£80
Unfavourable	7880	-1.5%	-£240	Unfavourable	8120	1.5%	-£240
Stress	7600	-5.0%	-£800	Stress	8400	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 Capital UK Limited 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](http://www.fscs.org.uk).

### What are the costs?

Depending on the product you trade, you may incur some or all of the following costs:

<b>One-off entry or exit costs</b>	<b>Spread</b>	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.
	<b>Currency conversion</b>	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.
<b>Ongoing costs</b>	<b>Daily holding cost fee</b>	A fee is charged to your account for every night that your position is held. This means the longer you hold a position, the more it will cost.
<b>Incidental costs</b>	<b>Distributor fee</b>	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.

### 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 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](mailto: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 may refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). See [www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk](http://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.

### 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.

The Market Information Sheets contain additional information on trading a SB. 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.