

# 1. GENERAL TERMS

## 2. RISK NOTICE

3. **We provide services for trading derivative financial contracts. Our contracts are traded on a margin or leverage basis, a type of trading which carries a high degree of risk to your capital. The price of the contract you make with us may change quickly and your profits and losses may be more than the amount of your investment or funds. If you do not hold sufficient funds to meet your margin requirements, then we may close your open positions immediately and without notice. Please read the Risk Warning Notice carefully to understand the risks of trading on a margin or leverage basis. You should not deal in our contracts unless you understand and accept the risks of margin trading. Trading in these products may not be suitable for everyone.**

## A. THE SCOPE OF THIS AGREEMENT

### 1. Introduction

1.1 These General Terms are part of the agreement between GAIN Capital UK Limited ("we", "us" or "our") (trading as Finspreads) and its client ("you" or "yourself") which governs our trading services and all transactions we conduct with you.

1.2 We are authorised and regulated in the United Kingdom by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") with registration number 113942. The FCA's registered address is 25 North Colonnade, London E14 5HS. For certain types of contract that we offer, we are regulated by other governmental or professional bodies and these arrangements are set out in the relevant Supplemental Terms. Our registered office is located at Park House, 16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7EB.

1.3 The agreement between us relating to our trading services consists of the following documents:

- Application Form;
- these General Terms; and
- the Supplemental Terms for the relevant Product.

Together these documents are referred to as the "**Agreement**".

1.4 The Agreement supersedes all our previous terms and conditions and any amendments thereto and will be effective from the specified date or the date we acknowledge acceptance of your Application Form.

1.5 Each Product we offer is subject to its Supplemental Terms. The Supplemental Terms provide you with information on the type and nature of the Products in relation to which we offer services under this Agreement, and they set out the terms and conditions under which these Products are offered. Subject to clause 4.19, should there be any conflict between these General Terms and the Supplemental Terms, the Supplemental Terms will prevail.

1.6 We provide guidance on, and warnings of, the risks associated with the Products made available under this Agreement in Annex 1 to these General Terms.

1.7 Other materials which explain the basis upon which we trade with you but are not part of the Agreement include:

- the Market Information, which provides the commercial details for each Market, including Market Hours, Margin Factors and other requirements for dealing in each Market. Market Information is located on the Trading Platform. In the event you elect to use a third party hosting or trading

application (for example, MetaTrader), information specific to such third party hosting or trading application located on the Website shall supplement the Market Information; however, to the extent there are any inconsistencies the Market Information will prevail. We may make changes to the Market Information from time to time, and will make current versions of the Market Information available to you on the Trading Platform.

- our Website – including our Trading Platform via which you will trade with us; and
- our notices and policies – the Risk Warning Notice, our Trade and Order Execution Policy, our Conflicts of Interest Policy and any notices with respect to third-party trading platforms (together "Notices and Policies"). These are located in the Annexes to the General Terms. We may make changes to our Notices and Policies from time to time, and will make current versions of our Notices and Policies available to you on our Website.

1.8 Please read the Agreement and the Notices and Policies carefully and discuss with us anything which you do not understand. Unless we have agreed in writing that any part of this Agreement is not to apply, we will regard this Agreement as setting out all the relevant terms concerning our trading services and any Trades which you enter into with us. Trades that we enter into with you under this Agreement are legally binding and enforceable. By signing the Application Form or by electronically submitting your application on our Website or, if applicable, via a mobile application, you confirm that you accept the terms of the Agreement. When we open an Account for you, you will be bound by the Agreement in your dealings with us.

1.9 Words and expressions have the meanings set out in the Definitions at clause 34. References to clauses are to clauses in these General Terms unless stated otherwise.

1.10 Unless written notice is required in accordance with this Agreement, you may communicate with us in writing (including by email or other electronic means) or orally (including by telephone). Email, chat, text, instant messaging features whether transmitted through the internet, a proprietary network, a computer, a pager or another wireless device or otherwise may be provided to you as a convenience to enhance your communications with us. Except where otherwise provided in clause 4.1 you shall not use these features to request, authorise or effect any transaction, to send fund

transfer instructions or for any other communication that requires non-electronic written authorisation. We shall not be responsible for any loss or damage that results if any request is not accepted or processed. You agree that you shall use these features in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and you shall not use them to transmit inappropriate information, including information that may be deemed obscene, defamatory, harassing or fraudulent.

1.11 The language of communication shall be English, and you will receive documents and other information from us in English. By opening an Account with us, you agree to receive trading services from us in English and subject to the English terms and conditions of this Agreement. We may in our sole discretion provide local language support. If a document is translated into another language this will be for information purposes only and the English version will prevail.

## 2. General Information

2.1 Our trading service is an electronic service and you specifically consent to us communicating with you by email, by SMS, by letter or telephone and/or by any other electronic means or methods agreed in writing. We will not send a paper form of any communication sent to you unless you request us to do so. We reserve the right to charge for communications and/or documents sent to you in a paper form.

2.2 You confirm that you have regular access to the internet and consent to us providing you with information about us and our services (including the Market Information), our costs and charges, information about our Products, our Notices and Policies and any other information that we are required to provide to you pursuant to FCA Rules by email or by posting such information on our Website or the Trading Platform. This is without prejudice to any rights you may have to request copies of the information or, by notifying us in writing, to receive such information in hard copy, rather than by email or other electronic means. We reserve the right to charge for information and/or documents sent to you in a paper form.

2.3 Unless we notify you otherwise, we will classify you as a Retail Client for the purpose of FCA Rules. You have a right to request a different categorisation but if we agree to this request you will lose the protection of certain FCA Rules. In certain circumstances we may wish to re-categorise you, but if we do so we will explain clearly why we are doing this and the effect this will have on your protections and compensation rights.

2.4 We will deal with you as principal and not as agent on your behalf. This means that any Trades are agreed directly between you and us and we will be the counterparty to all of your Trades.

2.5 Unless we agree otherwise in writing, you will also deal with us as principal and not as an agent or representative of another person. You will not permit any person to deal on your behalf unless we agree that such person (the "Agent") can act on your behalf. We will be entitled to rely on any instructions given to us by the Agent in relation to your Account. We may require confirmation that the Agent has authority to act on your behalf at any time we reasonably consider appropriate.

2.6 In order to ensure that we can deal with you and discharge our obligations under applicable laws and regulations, you will provide us, as appropriate, with your legal entity identifier ("LEI") (provided you are eligible for one) or such other information relating to, for example, your nationality as we will require to determine your national client identifier.

2.7 **We shall not give advice to you on the merits of**

**any Trade and shall deal with you on an execution-only basis. None of our staff are authorised by us or permitted under FCA Rules to give you investment advice. Accordingly, you should not regard any proposed trades, suggested trading strategies or other written or oral communications from us as investment recommendations or advice or as expressing our view as to whether a particular trade is suitable for you or meets your financial objectives. You must rely on your own judgement for any investment decision you make in relation to your Account. If you require investment or tax advice, please contact an independent investment or tax adviser.**

2.8 You will not have any rights of ownership, delivery or otherwise in any Underlying Instrument as a result of a Trade with us. We will not transfer any Underlying Instrument or any rights (such as voting rights or delivery obligations) in it to you.

## B. DEALING WITH US

### 3. Your Account

3.1 After we have accepted your Application Form we will open your Account. We may open different Accounts for you, including one or more General Accounts (which includes Limited Risk Accounts and different Accounts for different Product types) and ISCA Accounts. Depending on your knowledge, experience and types of Trades, certain Account types and features may or may not be available to you. When we open an Account for you we will inform you of the type of Account opened. We reserve the right to refuse to open an Account for any reason. Furthermore, we may change the features and criteria of our Accounts at any time by notifying you of the change whether on our Website, Trading Platform, via email or otherwise. Except as otherwise set forth herein (including to the extent provided for in clause 3.9 and the definition of "Portfolio Data Delivery Date" in clause 34) these General Terms will apply separately to each Account which we open for you. This means that a separate Cash balance, Net Equity, Trading Resource, Total Margin and Margin Close-out Level will apply for each Account, and following an Event of Default, CIL Trigger Event or Clearing House Default, the Trades and Open Positions in respect of each Account will be dealt with separately from the Trades and Open Positions in respect of each other Account. An Open Position which is booked in one Account cannot be transferred to another Account except by closing that Open Position and entering into a new Trade to create an Open Position in the other Account. **Notwithstanding the foregoing and subject to applicable laws, if you have more than one Account, we shall be entitled in our discretion (but shall not be obliged) without notice to set off any available Cash balance, Net Equity, Trading Resource or other funds in one of your Accounts against any of your liability to us (including discharging Margin requirements or liabilities in one or more of your other Accounts) even if the exercise of such set off may result in the closure of open positions in any Account from which funds are transferred.**

3.2 Limited Risk Accounts, if and when offered, can only be operated if a Guaranteed Stop Loss Order is specified with each opening Trade placed (see clause 8). Additional information with respect to details of Accounts available will be set out on our Website.

3.3 We are obliged by FCA Rules to obtain information about

your relevant investment knowledge and experience so that we can assess whether a service or Product is appropriate for you; and if it is not to give you a suitable warning. If you choose not to provide us with the information we request or if you provide insufficient information we will not be able to determine whether the service or Product is appropriate for you. In these circumstances we shall give you a suitable warning and we may not be able to open an Account for you. Please note that we are not obliged to assess or ensure the suitability of any Trade you place.

3.4 We are also required to obtain certain information about your other investment activities in order to ascertain your status for the purposes of regulations which apply to trading in over-the-counter derivatives.

3.5 You undertake that any information you provide to us is correct. You must immediately inform us of any material change to the information provided to us on your Application Form or by any other means, including any change to your contact details, financial status or any of the information referred to in clauses 3.3 or 3.4.

3.6 For each Account that we open for you, we will provide you with a unique Account number and/or username, as applicable, and will require such other Security Information as we consider appropriate:

- 3.6.1 it is your responsibility to keep your Security Information (including your Account number and/or username, as applicable) confidential;
- 3.6.2 you agree that you will not disclose your Account number and/or username, as applicable, or any other Security Information to any other person;
- 3.6.3 we may agree separate Security Information with your Agent or any joint Account holders; and
- 3.6.4 when you deal with us or give us an instruction, we will require details of your Security Information, including your Account number (or in the event your Agent deals with us, your Agent's Account number) and/or username as applicable.

3.7 Except where otherwise provided in this clause 3.7, you are responsible for paying any Losses, fees or charges arising from Trades entered into or instructions given using your Account number and/or username, as applicable, and Security Information. You will not be responsible for Losses where it can be shown that such Losses result from a person gaining access to our Trading Platform by abuse of our systems (that is by "hacking") except where such access results from your failure to comply with clauses 3.6 or 26.5. If you fail to comply with these clauses then you will be liable for the resulting loss.

3.8 If you open an Account jointly in the name of yourself and others, then:

- 3.8.1 we may act on instructions from either you or any other person in whose name the Account is opened (each a "Joint Account Holder"), including instructions to trade. In certain circumstances we may require instructions from all Joint Account Holders;
- 3.8.2 we may give any notice or communication to either you or another Joint Account Holder;
- 3.8.3 all Joint Account Holders shall be jointly and severally liable for Losses, fees or charges arising on a joint Account. Among other things, this means that any monies owed on

the relevant Account shall be payable in full by you or any of the other Joint Account Holders; and

- 3.8.4 if you or any other Joint Account Holder dies, we may take instructions from and pay any balance to the survivor(s).

3.9 We may inform you that your Accounts will be Linked Accounts. Your Linked Accounts may be aggregated for the purpose of calculating your Margin Level, your Total Margin or otherwise as specified in this Agreement. It is not possible for a General Account and an ISCA Account to be Linked Accounts in respect of each other.

3.10 Your Account will be denominated in a Base Currency. Your Base Currency can be found on the Trading Platform. We will only accept funds in your Base Currency. Trades for certain Markets may be conducted in other currencies however the resulting Open Positions may be valued at or converted to the Base Currency in accordance with clause 18 or the relevant Supplemental Terms.

3.11 Credit and debit entries, including any Daily Financing Fees, funding and withdrawals, will be made to your Account. You are responsible for monitoring your Open Positions and any activity in your Account. We are not obliged to monitor or advise you on the effect of any Trade, Order or Open Position. You may access your Account information by logging into the Trading Platform or by calling Client Management.

#### 4. Instructions and Basis of Dealing

4.1 You may place an Order via the Trading Platform, or in such other manner as we may specify to you in writing from time to time. In such circumstances:

- 4.1.1 when you do so you are offering to enter into a Trade with us at the price we quote (or within your specified Price Tolerance if applicable to your Account) when you complete all obligatory fields and click the relevant icon; and
- 4.1.2 when we receive your Order we will provide you with an electronic acknowledgement of receipt but you and we will be bound by a Trade only when details of the Trade are reported as executed on the Trading Platform. If you do not see details of the executed Trade on the Trading Platform, please call us immediately to confirm the status of the Trade. After we execute the Trade we will send you a contract note as described in clause 12.

4.2 We may accept Orders by telephone. In the event you place an Order by telephone:

- 4.2.1 your oral instruction to Trade will constitute an offer to enter into a Trade at the price we quote. Trades placed by telephone will only be accepted at the current Our Price;
- 4.2.2 you can place an Order by telephone only by talking directly to an authorised person. We will not accept an Order left with other employees, on an answering machine or on a voice mail facility;
- 4.2.3 you and we will be bound by a Trade only when our authorised person confirms that the offer has been accepted. After we execute the Trade we will send you a

contract note as described in clause 12.

4.3 You may place an electronic Order on the Trading Platform at any time or you may place a telephone Order with an authorised dealer during our Trading Hours. However, we will execute Trades only during times which are both our Trading Hours and the Market Hours for the relevant Market. Market Hours are as stated in the Market Information and may change from time to time.

4.4 Prices quoted by us (whether by telephone, the Trading Platform or otherwise) do not constitute a contractual offer to enter into a Trade at the price quotes or at all. We reserve the right to refuse to enter into any Trade. Such situations include but are not limited to one or more of the following:

- 4.4.1 Trades are placed outside of the Market Hours (clause 4.3);
- 4.4.2 Trades are individually or in the aggregate larger than the maximum Quantity or smaller than the minimum Quantity we set for the Market (clause 4.6);
- 4.4.3 Our Price has moved unfavourably in excess of the specified Price Tolerance (if applicable to your Account) (clause 5.6);
- 4.4.4 your Trading Resource is insufficient to fund the proposed Trade (clause 10);
- 4.4.5 entry into the Trade would cause you to exceed the maximum Total Margin, if any, applied to your Account (clause 10);
- 4.4.6 Our Price or the Trade derives from a Manifest Error (clause 14);
- 4.4.7 Events Outside Our Control or Market Disruption Events have occurred (clause 15);
- 4.4.8 any amount you owe us has not been paid (clause 16); or
- 4.4.9 we believe the Trade would be in breach of this Agreement or any legal or regulatory requirement applicable to you or us.

4.5 If we accept a Trade before becoming aware of any of the events described in clauses 4.4.1 to 4.4.9, we may in our sole discretion treat the Trade as void or close the Open Position at Our Price prevailing at the time we close the Open Position. If we choose to maintain the Open Position, you will be liable for the full value of the Trade when it is closed.

4.6 We may set minimum and maximum Quantities for opening and/or closing Trades in each Market and different minimum and maximum Quantities for Trades placed on the Trading Platform or by telephone. Minimum and maximum Quantities (if any) are stated in the Market Information. Trades to close an Open Position are subject to the minimum and maximum Quantity valid at the time that the closing Trade is executed. We may be unable to execute Trades at Our Price which are larger than our maximum Quantity or smaller than our minimum Quantity. Where you wish to execute a Trade whose size exceeds our maximum Quantity, you may request a quote. Where a Trade is executed through several transactions at varying prices you will be charged separate fees and commission for each individual transaction. If multiple Trade instructions are placed or triggered, which in aggregate exceed our maximum Quantity for the relevant Market, we may in our sole discretion take any of the following action: (a) refuse to enter into all or some of the Trades; (b) partially fill your Trades and/or (c) increase the margin rate charged on the positions you hold in the relevant Market. We may vary the minimum and maximum Quantity from time to time and new minimum and maximum Quantities will be effective at the time

of publication.

4.7 Subject to our right to refuse to enter into any Trade pursuant to clause 4.4, we will use our reasonable endeavours to execute a Trade within a reasonable time after we receive it or after the conditions for an Order are fulfilled.

4.8 Where your Open Position is larger than our maximum Quantity and you have not closed it before its expiry date, we may roll over the Open Position rather than settle it.

4.9 For a Clearing Eligible Trade, you must make a Cleared Account Election by notifying Client Management before placing an Order. If you fail to do so, you may not be able to place new Orders or enter into new Trades on your Account, we reserve the right to book your Open Positions in a General Account and you will be deemed to have made an OSCA Only Cleared Account Election unless you instruct us otherwise. You may, at any time, change your Cleared Account Election by making a new Cleared Account Election. If you make more than one Cleared Account Election, then the most recent Cleared Account Election shall prevail.

4.10 If you make an ISCA Only Cleared Account Election at any time, you must immediately close any Open Position you have which is booked in any General Account in accordance with clause 6. If you fail to do so, we may close any such Open Positions pursuant to clause 16.7.

4.11 If you make an OSCA Only Cleared Account Election at any time, you must immediately close any Open Position you have which is booked in any ISCA Account in accordance with clause 6. If you fail to do so, we may close any such Open Positions pursuant to clause 16.7.

4.12 If you make an ISCA Only Cleared Account Election or an OSCA/ISCA Cleared Account Election, a Clearing House may require you to provide it with certain information or enter into additional agreements with that Clearing House in connection with your ISCA Account. Any such requirements will be set out on our Website or otherwise notified to you in writing on or around the time you make such election. You are responsible for providing such information or entering into such agreements with the Clearing House.

4.13 If you make an OSCA/ISCA Cleared Account Election, you are responsible for determining whether individual Clearing Eligible Trades are cleared through the relevant Clearing House's individual client segregation model or omnibus client segregation model by booking the Trade in the applicable ISCA Account (where the Trade is to be cleared through the relevant Clearing House's individual client segregation model) or in the applicable General Account (where the Trade is to be cleared through the relevant Clearing House's omnibus client segregation model).

4.14 If a Market becomes a Centrally Cleared Market, any existing Trades creating any Open Position which you have in that Market will automatically be cleared through the Clearing House's omnibus client segregation model. Accordingly, if you have previously made an ISCA Only Cleared Account Election or have not made any Cleared Account Election, you must either close any Open Position which you have in that Market or make an OSCA/ISCA Cleared Account Election or OSCA Only Cleared Account Election.

4.15 Trades placed on a Centrally Cleared Market will be Centrally Cleared through the Clearing House Service in respect of that Centrally Cleared Market and will be subject to the relevant Rule Set. For such Centrally Cleared Markets, the Trades will be passed to the clearing house in order for that Trade to be Accepted for Clearing. We will remain as your counterparty to each Centrally Cleared Trade and the relevant Clearing House will not be your counterparty.



4.16 In respect of Centrally Cleared Trades, our performance and payment obligations to you under or in respect of such Centrally Cleared Trades are limited by and contingent on the actual performance or payment by the relevant Clearing House to us in relation to the related CCP Transactions or any related collateral arrangements and we will only be obliged to perform our obligations to you under or in respect of Centrally Cleared Trades to the extent that the Clearing House actually performs its obligations to us in relation to the related CCP Transactions or any related collateral arrangements, provided that, amounts that would have been paid by the Clearing House to us but for the application of (i) netting or set-off in accordance with the relevant Rule Set and/or any applicable law or (ii) any provision of the relevant Rule Set and/or any applicable law that allows the Clearing House to make payments directly to you or Transfer related CCP Transactions upon the occurrence of a CIL Trigger Event will, for the purposes of this provision and without prejudice to clause 17.9, be considered to have been paid.

4.17 Without limiting clause 4.16, but without double-counting the effect of any limitation imposed by that clause, if, in respect of any Centrally Cleared Trade, the relevant Clearing House fails to make any CCP Settlement Payment to us or to return any collateral or margin posted or transferred by us to the relevant Clearing House in respect of the related CCP Transaction, an amount equal to such amount shall be due from you to us and, for the avoidance of doubt, clause 27.12 shall apply to such amount. If, following the payment of any such amount by you to us we subsequently receive or recover the relevant amount from the relevant Clearing House, we shall reimburse you for that amount, together with any interest thereon which we received or recovered from the Clearing House.

4.18 We will give you notice in writing of any deduction, withholding or other reduction from any payment or performance effected under clause 4.16 or any amount payable by you or reimbursable by us pursuant to clause 4.17, in each case as soon as reasonably practicable following the relevant event.

4.19 To the extent of any inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement in respect of a Centrally Cleared Trade and any Mandatory CCP Provision, such Mandatory CCP Provision will prevail in respect of such Centrally Cleared Transaction. You agree to be bound by and to comply with the Mandatory CCP Provisions of each relevant Clearing House Service.

4.20 Please review the Guide to Central Clearing and the Central Clearing Account Disclosure on our Website for further information on Central Clearing and your account options. If you have questions or would like to discuss these options, please call Client Management.

## 5. Our Price

5.1 During Market Hours, we will quote two prices for the Market: a higher price ("Our Offer Price") and a lower price ("Our Bid Price"); together these prices are known as "Our Price" for a Market. Our Price is determined by reference to the price of the Underlying Instrument which is quoted on external securities exchanges or dealing facilities that we select at our discretion in line with our regulatory obligations. For Trades executed when the relevant exchange or dealing facility is closed or where there is no exchange or dealing facility, Our Price will reflect what we consider the market price of the Underlying Instrument is at that time. Subject to our regulatory obligation to provide best execution, our Prices and how we calculate Our Prices are determined in our absolute discretion

and any changes are effective immediately. If during Market Hours Our Price for any Market is not available on the Trading Platform, please call Client Management to obtain a quote.

5.2 We will accept a Trade only on the basis of a current Our Price. You may not be able to enter into Trades at Our Price where Our Price is described as "indication only" or "indicative" or "invalid" (or words or messages to the same effect).

5.3 We provide quotes for Our Prices on a best efforts basis. If a Market Disruption Event or an Event Outside of Our Control occurs we may not be able to provide a quote for Our Price or execute Trades during Market Hours.

5.4 The difference between Our Bid Price and Our Offer Price is "Our Spread". For certain Products, Our Spread may contain an element of charge or commission for us. For some Markets Our Spreads change frequently and there is no limit to how large any such changes may be. You acknowledge that when you close a Trade, Our Spread may be larger or smaller than Our Spread when the Trade was opened, even for markets where Our Spread is fixed.

5.5 Unless otherwise stated in the relevant Supplemental Terms, we will provide you with best execution as defined by the FCA Rules. Please read our Trade and Order Execution Policy which sets out the basis upon which we seek to provide best execution.

5.6 If your Account has Price Tolerance, Markets where Price Tolerance applies will be set out in the Market Information. Price Tolerance will only apply to instructions to Trade for immediate execution. Where applicable, you may change the Price Tolerance via the Trading Platform before you place a Trade. If, before we have executed your Trade, Our Price moves unfavourably away from our quoted price but remains within the specified Price Tolerance, your Trade will be executed at the current Our Price. If, before we have executed your Trade, Our Price moves in your favour (irrespective of the specified Price Tolerance), we will execute the Trade at the current Our Price.

## 6. Closing Trades

6.1 If you have an Account with hedging enabled, you can close an open Trade by selecting that specific trade and closing it. If you open an opposing Trade in the same market for the same quantity, both the original Trade and the opposing Trade will be displayed as open and you will also see the legally binding net position where those Trades offset each other.

6.2 If you have an Account without hedging enabled, you can close an open Trade either by selecting that Trade and closing it, or by opening a Trade in the opposing direction.

6.3 For some Accounts, if you enter into a closing Trade in the same Market with a greater Quantity but in the same expiry as the Open Position it offsets, then the original Open Position will be closed and a new Open Position will be created for the Quantity by which the new Trade exceeds the original Open Position.

6.4 You will usually be able to close an Open Position during Market Hours. However, we reserve the right to reject any Trade in accordance with clause 4.4. As a consequence, you may not be able to close the Open Position and your Losses may be unlimited until such time as you are able to close the Open Position. Where you inadvertently close an Open Position and promptly notify us of this error, at your request we may (in certain, exceptional circumstances, acting at our sole discretion and as a gesture of goodwill) allow you to take a new Open Position equivalent to the terms of the original Open Position duly closed by you in error, with such new Open Position being

reported to the applicable regulatory authorities as such in the normal course of business.

6.5 Unless Open Positions are closed in accordance with this clause 6, rolled over in accordance with clause 7, or are terminated, voided or otherwise closed in accordance with this Agreement, they will remain open until their expiry (if they have an expiry date or event) or will remain open indefinitely if they do not. On the expiry date (or event, if such expiration is dependent upon an event) the Open Position will be closed and settled at Our Price at the time the Open Position is closed.

6.6 Where we exercise our rights in accordance with this Agreement to close any of your Open Positions, we will do so at a time and date determined by us in our reasonable discretion.

## 7. Rollover

7.1 We may allow Open Positions to be rolled in accordance with your instructions.

7.2 If we agree to roll over an Open Position, then the original Open Position is closed and becomes due for settlement at Our Price at the time the Open Position is closed and a new Trade will be entered into to establish a new Open Position in the relevant Market. The times at which we will close Open Positions which are rolled over are stated in the Market Information. We will send you a contract note in respect of the Trade establishing the new Open Position as described in clause 12.

## 8. Orders

8.1 The range of different Order types which we accept shall be decided by us in our absolute discretion. Certain types of Orders, such as Guaranteed Stop Loss Orders, may only be available for a limited range of Markets.

8.2 The types of Orders we accept and which types of Orders attach to specific Open Positions or other Orders ("Attached Orders") are detailed on our Trading Platform. We may at our discretion limit the Quantity of any Trade and Orders we accept without notice. **It is your responsibility to understand the features of an Order and how the Order will operate before you place it. Before you place an Order for the first time, we recommend that you read the trading examples on our Website so that you fully understand the features of the Order type.**

8.3 We endeavour to fill Orders at the first Our Price reasonably available to us after the price specified is reached or at the occurrence of the event or condition specified in the Order. However, we may not be able to execute Orders if there is an Event Outside of Our Control in relation to an Underlying Instrument. For all Orders other than Guaranteed Stop Loss Orders, we may not be able to execute your Order at the price level you specify. We will endeavour to execute your Order at Our Price nearest to your specified price.

8.4 We may, without limitation, set a minimum price range between the current Our Price and the price or level of any Stop Orders, Guaranteed Stop Loss Orders and Limit Orders and we reserve the right not to accept any Orders which are less than this minimum price range.

8.5 Orders will be "Good until Cancelled" ("GTC") unless you specify at the time of placing the relevant Order that it is only "Good for the Day" ("GFD") or "Good for the Time" ("GFT"). Unless an Order is cancelled or ceases to have effect, we will regard it as valid and execute it when Our Price reaches the price you specify or the specified event or condition occurs.

8.6 Subject to clause 8.7 below, you can only cancel or amend an Order if we have not acted upon it. You may, with our consent (which will not be unreasonably withheld), cancel or amend an Order at any time before we act upon it. Changes to Orders may be made on the Trading Platform or by calling Client Management.

8.7 If you have a Limited Risk Account, a Guaranteed Stop Loss Order cannot be cancelled by you at any time. It will only be cancelled if you close the corresponding Open Position. You may, however, amend a Guaranteed Stop Loss Order in accordance with clause 8.6 above.

8.8 When you place an Order to close an Open Position (a "Closing Order"):

8.8.1 if you close the Open Position before the Closing Order is executed, we will treat this as an instruction to cancel the Closing Order; and

8.8.2 if you close only a portion of the Open Position before the Closing Order is executed, we will treat the Order as an Order to close only the portion of the Open Position that remains open.

8.9 We offer Guaranteed Stop Loss Orders for a limited range of Markets. For these Markets:

8.9.1 the Market Information states if a Guaranteed Stop Loss Order is available;

8.9.2 we may charge a premium payment for each Guaranteed Stop Loss Order. The rate or price of this payment is stated in the Market Information;

8.9.3 we will accept your Guaranteed Stop Loss Order only during Market Hours;

8.9.4 we will execute a Guaranteed Stop Loss Order at the price you specify, when that price level is reached; and

8.9.5 we may make available and set minimum and maximum Quantities for Guaranteed Stop Loss Orders which are different from the minimum and maximum Quantities which apply to other types of Order.

8.10 Guaranteed Stop Loss Orders are not available for ISCA Accounts or MetaTrader Accounts.

## 9. Our Charges

9.1 We will inform you about all costs and charges on an aggregated basis as they relate to the services and Products that we are providing under this Agreement before the provision of such services and Products to you. Where we have, or have had, an ongoing relationship with you during the year we will provide you with that information at least on an annual basis. If requested by you, we will provide you with an itemised breakdown of our costs and charges information.

9.2 Depending on the Market concerned and in line with all applicable laws and regulations, we may:

9.2.1 include an element of profit for us in Our Spread;

9.2.2 charge commission;

9.2.3 impose a Daily Financing Fee on your Open Positions; and/or

9.2.4 charge premiums for Guaranteed Stop Loss Orders.

You can find details with respect to these as well as other fees and charges applicable to your Account on our Website or by calling Client Management.

9.3 Additional fees and charges apply to ISCA Accounts. These will be set out on our Website.

9.4 We may from time to time and in accordance with our obligations under all applicable laws and regulations:

9.4.1 share a proportion of Our Spread, commissions and other Account fees with other persons including (without limitation) Introducers; and or

9.4.2 receive payment in connection with certain foreign exchange transactions undertaken pursuant to clause 18.

9.5 In relation to Centrally Cleared Trades which are booked to General Accounts, certain fees and charges may be charged to us by the Clearing House in respect of the corresponding CCP Transactions. If we pass on any of these fees and charges to you, we will provide details of this by using any of the following means: post, telephone, fax, email, text message or on our Website or Trading Platform.

9.6 In relation to ISCA Accounts, any fees and charges which the Clearing House charges to us in respect of that ISCA Account or any CCP Transactions may be passed on to you. If we pass on any of these fees and charges to you, we will provide details of this on our Website.

9.7 We do not currently receive a share of commission or similar payments from other persons in connection with any Trade under this Agreement. If this changes we will inform you.

9.8 We may pass on to you charges which we may from time to time incur in borrowing stock in the external market to hedge a Short Position which you have opened with us. These charges will fluctuate depending on market conditions and the scarcity of the stock concerned. We will advise you of any such charges at the time they are incurred or as soon as possible after we become aware that they have been incurred, whether in the Market Information or otherwise.

## 10. Margin Requirement

10.1 Before you place a Trade which creates an Open Position you must ensure that your Trading Resource is sufficient to cover the Margin Requirement in respect of that Open Position. If your Trading Resource is less than the Margin Requirement for the Open Position you wish to create, we may reject your Trade. The Margin Requirement must be maintained at all times until the Open Position is closed and may increase or decrease at any time until the Open Position is closed.

10.2 The Margin Requirement for an Open Position is calculated using the Margin Factor for the relevant Market. Margin Factors may be expressed as a percentage, number or other form applicable to the nature of the Market. The Margin Requirement may increase or decrease at any time until the Open Position is closed.

10.3 Margin Factors for each Market are stated in the Market Information. Unless otherwise stated in our Notices and Policies with respect to third party trading platforms, Margin Factors change as set forth in this clause 10.3. Changes to a Margin Factor will increase or decrease your Margin Requirement. For Margin Factors expressed as a percentage and all Open Positions subject to Orders Aware Margining, the Margin Requirement may change as Our Price for the relevant Market changes. Margin Requirement may also be affected by changes in the exchange rate between the Base Currency and the currency of any Open Position.

10.4 Non-standard Margin Requirements may apply for the following:

10.4.1 for certain Markets derived from options or options-related financial instruments;

10.4.2 when you are holding positions in two or more Markets in the same Underlying Instrument;

10.4.3 Trades which have an attached Stop Loss Order in Markets where Orders Aware Margining is available (clause 10.6);

10.4.4 when a Margin Multiplier is applied (clause 10.7); and

10.4.5 when the Quantity of a Trade is greater than our maximum Quantity (clause 4.6)

Details of how we calculate non-standard Margin Requirements are set out on our Website.

10.5 We reserve the right to change the way in which we calculate Margin Requirements at any time.

10.6 Orders Aware Margining offers the potential to reduce the Margin Requirement for Open Positions in certain Markets which are booked to a General Account and which are subject to a Stop Loss Order or a Guaranteed Stop Loss Order. Orders Aware Margining is available for a limited range of Markets and details of its availability is provided in the Market Information. Orders Aware Margining is not available for Open Positions which are booked to an ISCA Account.

10.7 We may apply a Margin Multiplier to all Open Positions placed in your Account or to a specific Open Position. The application of a Margin Multiplier or any change in a Margin Multiplier will result in a change to the Margin Requirement for any Open Positions for the relevant Markets. The Margin Multiplier for Trades booked to an ISCA Account may be greater than the Margin Multiplier for Trades booked to a General Account.

10.8 We may alter Margin Factors, Margin Multipliers and Margin Requirements at any time and any change may become effective immediately. For Open Positions which are booked to a General Account, subject to our rights in clauses 15 and 16, we will provide you with at least 24 hours notice of any increase in Margin Factors, Margin Multipliers or Margin Requirement. For Open Positions which are booked to an ISCA Account, any increase in Margin Factors, Margin Multipliers or Margin Requirement may take effect immediately upon our notifying you of those changes. It is your responsibility to know at all times the current Margin Factors, Margin Multiplier and Margin Requirement applicable to your Account and your Open Positions.

10.9 We may notify you of an alteration to the Margin Factors, Margin Multiplier and Margin Requirement by any of the following means: post, telephone, fax, email, text message or by posting notice of the increase on our Website or Trading Platform.

10.10 Your Total Margin will be the aggregate of all Margin Requirements in your Account. We may set a maximum figure for your Total Margin which will act as a limit on the amount of funds we hold as the Margin Requirement. If we set a maximum Total Margin we will inform you.

## 11. Margin Close Out Level

**11.1 If the Margin Level for your Account reaches or falls below the Margin Close Out Level, this will be classified as an Event of Default under clause 16. In such circumstances we may, among other things, (i)**

**close all or any of your Open Positions immediately and without notice, and/or (ii) refuse to execute new Trades until your Margin Level exceeds the Margin Close Out Level. It is your responsibility to monitor your Account(s) at all times and to maintain your Margin Level above the Margin Close Out Level.** We will close your Open Positions at Our Price prevailing at the time when your Open Positions are closed.

11.2 We may but are not obliged to contact you before we take any action under clause 11.1.

11.3 You will be notified of the Margin Close Out Level applicable to your Account on our Website or Trading Platform. We may alter the Margin Close Out Level applicable to your Account at any time. For a General Account, subject to our rights in clauses 15 and 16, we will provide you with at least three (3) days notice of any change to your Margin Close Out Level. For an ISCA Account, any change to your Margin Close Out Level may take effect immediately upon our notifying you of that change. It is your responsibility to remain informed about the Margin Close Out Level applicable to your Account.

11.4 We will be entitled to notify you of an alteration to your Margin Close Out Level by any of the following means: post, telephone, fax, email, text message or by posting notice of the increase on our Website or Trading Platform.

11.5 The Margin Close Out Level is designed to help limit the extent of your trading Losses. **We do not however guarantee that your Open Positions will be closed when the Margin Level for your Account reaches the Margin Close Out Level or that your Losses will be limited to the amount of funds you have transferred into your Account.**

## **12. Statements, Contract Notes and Portfolio Reconciliation**

12.1 Periodic statements, including statements of your Cash, Open Positions and any charges made to your Account will ordinarily be sent to you no less than monthly, but in any event will send you a statement of your Cash no less than quarterly. In addition, upon your request, we will provide a statement of the Client Money held by us for you.

12.2 Other than on your specific request, contract notes and statements will be sent to you by email or by being made available through the Trading Platform. We reserve the right to charge for contract notes and statements sent to you in a paper form.

12.3 Subject to the other provisions of this clause 12, it is your responsibility to review all statements received to ensure that they are accurate. If you believe that a statement received by you is incorrect, because it refers to a Trade which you have not placed or for any other reason, you must tell us immediately. **Statements will, in the absence of a Manifest Error, be conclusive and binding unless we receive an objection from you in writing within 48 hours of receipt or we notify you of an error in the statement in the same period.**

12.4 We will in respect of each Trade that we execute on your behalf, promptly provide you with the essential information (including the maturity and expiry date) of the Trade and send you a contract note including any new Trade entered into when an existing Open Position is rolled over pursuant to clause 7. The contract note will confirm the execution of the Trade and, if requested by you, we will supply you with information about the status of the Trade. The absence of a contract note will not affect the validity of any Trade that is reported as executed on

the Trading Platform or is accepted by telephone pursuant to clause 4.2. If you do not receive a contract note for any Trade you have executed or rolled over, please inform us immediately.

12.5 Contract notes will be sent to you as soon as reasonably practicable and no later than:

12.5.1 if you are classified as a "Small Non-Financial Counterparty", by 16.00 London time on the next Business Day after a Trade is executed; or

12.5.2 if you are classified as a "Financial Counterparty" or a "Large Non-financial Counterparty", by 16.00 London time on the day on which a Trade is executed, or if such Trade is executed after 16.00 London time, by 16.00 London time on the next Business Day after such Trade is executed.

12.6 Following delivery of a contract note pursuant to clause 12.5, you must notify us if you believe that a contract note is incorrect for any reason by no later than:

12.6.1 if you are classified as a "Small Non-Financial Counterparty", by close of business London time on the second Business Day after the relevant Trade is executed; or

12.6.2 if you are classified as a "Financial Counterparty" or a "Large Non-financial Counterparty", by close of business London time on the next Business Day after the date on which we deliver the relevant contract note.

12.7 If you notify us that you believe a contract note is incorrect for any reason by the time specified in clause 12.6, you and we will attempt to resolve the difference and confirm the relevant Trade as soon as possible.

12.8 If we have sent you a contract note pursuant to clause 12.5 and you do not notify us that you believe that it is incorrect for any reason by the time specified in clause 12.6, you will be deemed to have agreed to the terms of the contract note.

12.9 We will notify you if the initial notional value of any Trade placed to create an Open Position depreciates by more than 10% and thereafter at multiples of 10%. You hereby agree that such notification shall not be provided by us where the initial notional value of the Open Position is less than or equal to £1000. We will make such notification on an instrument-by-instrument basis at the end of each Business Day in which the threshold is exceeded or, in a case where the threshold is exceeded on a non-business day, the close of the next business day. We will send the notification by email or will make it available to you through the Trading Platform.

12.10 On each Portfolio Data Delivery Date, Portfolio Data in respect of all outstanding Trades booked to your Account will be sent to you by email or by being made available through the Trading Platform.

12.11 On the Business Day following each delivery of the Portfolio Data pursuant to clause 12.10, you will review the Portfolio Data provided by us in respect of all outstanding Trades booked to your Account against your own records to identify any misunderstandings of Key Terms. If you identify one or more discrepancies which you determine, acting reasonably and in good faith, are material to the rights and obligations of either you or us in respect of any Trades which are or which you believe should be booked to your Account, you must notify us in writing as soon as reasonably practicable



and consult with us in an attempt to resolve such discrepancies in a timely fashion for so long as such discrepancies remain outstanding, using, without limitation, any applicable updated reconciliation data produced during the period in which such discrepancy remains outstanding. If you do not notify us that the Portfolio Data contains discrepancies by 16.00 London time on the sixth Business Day following the delivery of the Portfolio Data pursuant to clause 12.10 you will be deemed to have affirmed such Portfolio Data.

12.12 For the purposes of this clause 12, we will notify you of your classification as either a "Financial Counterparty" (i.e. a "financial counterparty" (as defined in EMIR)), a "Large Non-financial Counterparty" (i.e. a "non-financial counterparty" (as defined in EMIR) that is subject to the clearing obligation pursuant to Article 10 of EMIR) or a "Small Non-financial Counterparty" (i.e. a "non-financial counterparty" (as defined in EMIR) that is not subject to the clearing obligation pursuant to Article 10 of EMIR) from time to time based on information which you have provided to us and representations you have made in your Application Form or pursuant to clauses 3.4 and 3.5.

### 13. Payments and Withdrawals

13.1 If your Account shows a positive Cash balance, you may request that we make a payment to you of such amount. We may however elect to withhold any payment requested, in whole or in part, if:

- 13.1.1 you have Unrealised Losses on your Account; and/or
- 13.1.2 such payment would result in your Trading Resource being less than zero; and/or
- 13.1.3 we reasonably consider that funds may be required to meet any Margin Requirement or, if applicable, any Regulatory VM Requirement; and/or
- 13.1.4 there is any amount outstanding from you to us; and/or
- 13.1.5 we are required to do so under any relevant legislation or regulation; and/or
- 13.1.6 we reasonably believe resulted from market abuse in contravention of clause 21.

13.2 We may debit the Cash balance on your Account with any amount due and payable to us under this Agreement, and with any bank transfer charges we incur in transferring funds to you. In addition, you are responsible for all costs and expenses we incur as a result of you failing to pay amounts due or if you breach the Agreement including, without limitation, bank charges, court fees, legal fees and other third party costs we reasonably incur.

13.3 If we credit a payment to your Account but subsequently discover that the credit was made in error, we reserve the right to reverse any such credit and/or cancel any Trades which could not have been made or close any Open Position which could not have been established but for that credit.

13.4 Unless we agree otherwise, any amounts payable to you will be paid by direct transfer to the same source (in your name) from which you have made payment to us.

13.5 Payment of any amount due to us is subject to the following conditions:

- 13.5.1 unless otherwise agreed, payment must be made in the Base Currency for your Account;
- 13.5.2 if made by debit or credit card, the debit or

credit card must be accepted by us and we reserve the right to charge an administration fee;

- 13.5.3 unless otherwise agreed your Account will be credited with the net cleared funds received after all deductions of bank charges or any other costs of transfer incurred in relation to the payment;
- 13.5.4 if made by cheque or bank transfer, the cheque must be drawn on or the transfer made must be made from an account in your name with an EU credit institution or other bank we deem satisfactory. We will regard as an acceptable EU credit institution any bank incorporated and duly licensed in a state which is a member of the European Union or any branch of a bank located and duly licensed in a state which is a member of the European Union;
- 13.5.5 if you wish to make a payment through a non-European Union bank (or card issued by such a bank) please contact us to confirm the acceptability of the bank concerned before a payment is required to be made; and
- 13.5.6 we do not accept cash or payments from third parties unless otherwise agreed.

13.6 If your Account is in debit, the full amount is due and payable by you immediately.

13.7 We may refuse to accept payment by cheque or banker's draft and may require immediate payment by telegraphic transfer, debit card or any other method of electronic transfer acceptable to us.

13.8 If you fail to pay any sum due to us on the due date in accordance with this Agreement, we will charge interest on this amount. Interest will be due on a daily basis from the due date until the date on which payment is received in full at a rate not exceeding 4% above the applicable central bank's official base rate for short-term funds (or a rate we reasonably consider serves materially the same function) from time to time and will be payable on demand.

## C. OUR RIGHTS IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

### 14. Manifest Error

14.1 A Manifest Error is an error, omission or misquote (including any misquote by our dealer) which by fault of either of us or any third party is materially and clearly incorrect when taking into account market conditions and quotes in Markets or Underlying Instruments which prevailed at that time. It may include, but is not limited to, an incorrect price, date, time, Market or currency pair, financing calculation, rebate, commission or any error or lack of clarity of any information, source, commentator, official result or pronouncement.

14.2 If a Trade is based on a Manifest Error (regardless of whether you or we gain from the error) and/or closed on the basis of Manifest Error we may act reasonably and in good faith to:

- 14.2.1 void the Trade as if it had never taken place;

- 14.2.2 close the Trade or any Open Position resulting from it; or
- 14.2.3 amend the Trade, or place a new Trade, as the case may be, so that (in either case) its terms are the same as the Trade which would have been placed and/or continued if there had been no Manifest Error.

14.3 We will exercise the rights in clause 14.2 as soon as reasonably practicable after we become aware of the Manifest Error. To the extent practicable we will give you prior notice of any action we take under this clause but if this is not practicable we will give you notice as soon as practicable afterwards. If you consider that a Trade is based on a Manifest Error, then you must notify us immediately. We will consider in good faith whether it is appropriate to take any action under this clause 14 taking into account all the information relating to the situation, including market conditions and your level of expertise.

14.4 In the absence of our fraud, wilful deceit or negligence, we will not be liable for any loss, costs, claims or demand for expenses resulting from a Manifest Error.

#### 15. Events Outside Our Control and Market Disruption Events

15.1 We may determine that a situation or an exceptional market condition exists which constitutes an Event Outside Our Control and/or a Market Disruption Event.

15.2 If we determine that an Event Outside Our Control or Market Disruption Event has occurred we may take any of the steps referred to in clause 15.3 with immediate effect. We will take reasonable steps to notify you of any action we take before we take any action to the extent practicable. If it is not practicable to give you prior notice, we will notify you at the time or promptly after taking any such action.

15.3 If we determine that an Event Outside Our Control and/or a Market Disruption Event has occurred, we may take one or more of the following steps:

- 15.3.1 cease or suspend trading and/or refuse to enter into any Trades or accept any Orders;
- 15.3.2 alter our normal trading times for all or any Markets;
- 15.3.3 change Our Price and Our Spreads and/or minimum or maximum Quantity;
- 15.3.4 close any Open Positions, cancel and/or fill any Orders, and/or make adjustments to the price and/or limit the Quantity of any Trade, Open Positions and Orders;
- 15.3.5 change the Margin Factors and/or Margin Multipliers in relation to both Open Positions and new Trades;
- 15.3.6 change the Margin Close Out Level applicable to your Account;
- 15.3.7 immediately require payments of any amounts you owe us, including in respect of any Margin Requirement or, if applicable, any Regulatory VM Requirement;
- 15.3.8 void or roll over any Open Positions; and/or
- 15.3.9 take or omit to take all such other actions as we consider to be reasonable in the circumstances to protect ourselves and our clients as a whole.

15.4 In some cases we may be unable, after using reasonable

efforts, to acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any Underlying Instrument we consider necessary to hedge or protect our exposure to market and other risks arising from an Open Position. When this occurs we may close that Open Position at the prevailing Our Price.

15.5 We will not be liable to you for any loss or damage arising under this clause 15, provided we act reasonably.

#### 16. Events of Default and Similar Circumstances

16.1 The following shall constitute Events of Default:

- 16.1.1 an Insolvency Event occurs in relation to you;
- 16.1.2 you are an individual and you die, become of unsound mind or are unable to pay your debts as they fall due;
- 16.1.3 the Margin Level for your Account reaches or falls below the Margin Close Out Level;
- 16.1.4 you act in breach of any warranty or representation made under this Agreement or any representation or warranty made by you under this Agreement and/or any information provided to us in connection with this Agreement is or becomes untrue or misleading;
- 16.1.5 any sum due and payable to us is not paid in accordance with this Agreement;
- 16.1.6 whether or not any sums are currently due and payable to us from you, where any cheque or other payment instrument has not been met on first presentation or is subsequently dishonoured or you have persistently failed to pay any amount owed to us on time including Margin Requirement;
- 16.1.7 at any time and for any periods deemed reasonable by us you are not contactable or you do not respond to any notice or correspondence from us; and
- 16.1.8 we reasonably believe that it is prudent for us to take any or all of the actions described in clause 16.2 in the light of any relevant legal or regulatory requirement applicable either to you or us.

16.2 If any Event of Default occurs we may take all or any of the following actions:

- 16.2.1 immediately require payment of any amounts you owe us, including in respect of any Margin Requirement or, if applicable, any Regulatory VM Requirement;
- 16.2.2 unless already closed or terminated pursuant to clause 17.6, close all or any of your Open Positions;
- 16.2.3 convert any balance to your Base Currency in accordance with clause 18;
- 16.2.4 cancel any of your Orders;
- 16.2.5 subject to the application of clause 17.6, exercise our rights of set-off and combination;
- 16.2.6 change the Margin Close Out Level applicable to your Account;
- 16.2.7 impose a Margin Multiplier to your Trades or Account;

16.2.8 suspend your Account and refuse to execute any Trades or Orders;

16.2.9 terminate this Agreement and/or

16.2.10 take or omit to take all such other actions as we consider to be reasonable in the circumstances to protect ourselves and our clients as a whole.

16.3 We may also close your Account on 14 days notice in the circumstances set out below. If we rely on our rights under this clause, your Account will be suspended during the 14 day notice period and you will not be able to place Trades other than those to close existing Open Positions. If you have not closed all Open Positions within the period of 14 days notice we shall be entitled to take any action within clause 16.2. The relevant circumstances are:

16.3.1 any litigation is commenced involving both of us in an adversarial position to each other and, in view of the subject matter of or any issues in dispute in relation to that litigation, we reasonably decide that we cannot continue to deal with you while the litigation is pending;

16.3.2 where you have persistently acted in an abusive manner toward our staff (for example by displaying what we consider to be serious discourtesy or the use of offensive or insulting language);

16.3.3 where we believe on reasonable grounds that you are unable to manage the risks that arise from your Trades.

16.4 Without limiting our right to take any action under clauses 16.2 and 16.3, we may also close individual Open Positions and/or cancel any Orders where:

16.4.1 we are in dispute with you in respect of an Open Position. In this case we can close all or part of the Open Position in order to minimise the amount in dispute; and/or

16.4.2 there is a material breach of the Agreement in relation to the Open Position.

16.5 Without limiting our right to take action under clauses 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4, we may in our discretion suspend your Account pending investigation for any reason. Whilst your Account is suspended you will be able to place Trades to close your Open Positions but you will not be entitled to place Trades which would create new Open Positions. Circumstances in which we may choose to exercise this right include but are not limited to the following:

16.5.1 when we have reason to believe that an Event of Default has occurred or may occur but believe that it is reasonably necessary to investigate circumstances with a view to confirming this;

16.5.2 when we have reason to believe that you do not have a sufficient understanding of the Trades which you are placing or the risks involved;

16.5.3 when we have not received within 10 days of a written request all information, that we believe that we require in connection with this Agreement; and/or

16.5.4 we have reason to believe that there has been a breach in your Account security or that there is a threat to your Account

security.

16.6 If we have suspended your Account pending investigation, we will use reasonable endeavours to conclude our investigation within five (5) Business Days. When we conclude our investigation we will inform you whether trading on your Account may resume or whether we will seek to take further action pursuant to this Agreement.

16.7 If you fail to comply with your obligation to make a Cleared Account Election pursuant to clauses 4.9 or 4.14 or to take any action or close any Open Position under clauses 4.10, 4.11 or 4.14, we may close any affected Open Position.

16.8 We may exercise our rights to close Open Positions under this clause 16 at any time after the relevant event has occurred and will do so on the basis of the next available Our Price for the affected Open Positions.

## **17. Netting and Set Off, CIL Trigger Events and Clearing House Defaults**

17.1 The Agreement and all Trades under it shall form part of a single agreement between us and you. You and we both acknowledge that we enter into the Agreement and any Trades under it in reliance upon the fact that these are part of a single agreement between us.

17.2 Without prejudice to our right to require immediate payment from you under the terms of this Agreement, but subject to the application of clauses 17.6 and 17.7 we will, at any time, have the right to:

17.2.1 combine and consolidate your Cash and any money you or any of our Associated Companies hold for you in any or all of the accounts you may have with us or with any of our Associated Companies; and

17.2.2 set off against each other the amounts referred to in (a) and (b) below:

a) any amounts that are payable by us or any of our Associated Companies to you (regardless of how and when payable), including your Cash (if a credit balance), Unrealised Profits and any credit balance held on any account you have with us or with any of our Associated Companies, even if any of those accounts have been closed;

b) any amounts that are payable by you to us or any of our Associated Companies (regardless of how and when payable), including, but not limited to, Unrealised Losses, interest, costs, expenses, and/or charges incurred in respect of, or any debit balances in, any account you have with us or with any of our Associated Companies, even if those accounts have been closed.

17.3 If any amount in clause 17.2.2(b) exceeds any amount in clause 17.2.2(a) above, you must forthwith pay such excess to us whether demanded or not.

17.4 You are also entitled to require us to exercise the rights in clause 17.2 above in relation to all your accounts and/or Open Positions which have been closed.

17.5 If the rights under clauses 17.2, 17.3 or 17.4 are exercised, all the payment obligations will be consolidated into an obligation for you to pay a net sum to us or for us to pay a net sum to you.

17.6 If a CIL Trigger Event or Clearing House Default occurs,

the following provisions will apply in respect of each relevant Centrally Cleared Transaction Set:

- 17.6.1 each Centrally Cleared Trade in the relevant Centrally Cleared Transaction Set will automatically terminate upon the occurrence of that CIL Trigger Event or Clearing House Default (as applicable) and, following such termination, no further payments or deliveries in respect of such Centrally Cleared Trade or any default interest, howsoever described, on such payment obligations will be required to be made but without prejudice to the other provisions of this Agreement, and the amount payable following such termination will be the Cleared Set Termination Amount determined pursuant to this clause 17.6;
- 17.6.2 the value of each such terminated Centrally Cleared Trade for the purposes of calculating the Cleared Set Termination Amount and Aggregate Transaction Values will be equal to the relevant CCP Transaction Value or the relevant part thereof;
- 17.6.3 the Cleared Set Termination Amount will be an amount equal to the sum, but without duplication, of (A) the Aggregate Transaction Value, (B) any amount which became payable, or which would have become payable but for a condition precedent not being satisfied, in respect of any such Centrally Cleared Trade on or prior to the termination of such Centrally Cleared Trades but which remains unpaid at the time of such termination (expressed as a positive amount if such unpaid amount is due from us to you and as a negative amount if such unpaid amount is due from you to us) and (C) any other amount attributable to the relevant Centrally Cleared Trades under this Agreement, pro-rated where necessary if such amount can be partially attributed to Trades other than the relevant Centrally Cleared Trades, which was payable but unpaid at the time of termination and is not otherwise included in sub-paragraphs (A) or (B) (expressed as a positive amount if such unpaid amount is due from us to you and as a negative amount if such unpaid amount is due from you to us) together with, in the case of amounts referred to in sub-paragraphs (B) and (C), interest on such amounts in the same currency as such amount for the period from, and including, the original due date for payment to, but excluding, the date of termination, if applicable;
- 17.6.4 if the Cleared Set Termination Amount is a positive number, it will be due from us to you and if a Cleared Set Termination Amount is a negative number, the absolute value of the Cleared Set Termination Amount will be due from you to us; and
- 17.6.5 if, following a CIL Trigger Event, any CCP Transaction is Transferred from us to another clearing member of the Clearing House Service through which that CCP Transaction

is Cleared along with all collateral or margin relating to such CCP Transaction which has been posted to the relevant Clearing House, pursuant to the Rule Set of such Clearing House Service, then for the purposes of clause 17.6.2, the value of the corresponding Centrally Cleared Trade shall be zero and for the purposes of clause 17.6.3(C), an amount equal to the value of the collateral or margin so transferred shall constitute an amount payable by you to us attributable to such Centrally Cleared Trade.

17.7 If Centrally Cleared Trades are capable of being closed or terminated pursuant to both clause 16 and clause 17.6, then the clause in respect of which a party first exercises any right to close or terminate such Centrally Cleared Trades pursuant to which such Centrally Cleared Trades are otherwise closed or terminated, if earlier, will prevail for the purposes of the relevant Centrally Cleared Trades.

17.8 Without prejudice to clause 17.9 you will notify us as soon as reasonably practicable after becoming aware that (i) you have been, or will be, paid (or have otherwise received, or will otherwise receive credit for) any amount or (ii) you have received, or will receive any asset under the relevant Rule Set from a Clearing House in relation to a Clearing House Service in connection with one or more Centrally Cleared Trades and the related CCP Transactions.

17.9 If any amount has been paid, or is payable, by us to you (or you have otherwise received or will otherwise receive credit for any amount) or if any asset has been received, or shall be received, by you from a Clearing House in relation to an Agreed CCP Service under the relevant Rule Set and such amount or asset is attributable to amounts that would otherwise be determined and/or payable under this Agreement and is not otherwise already taken into account in the determination of amounts payable under this Agreement, we will make such adjustment to the payment or other terms of this Agreement (which may include, without limitation, an obligation on you to pay to us any amount (i) received by you from a Clearing House and/or (ii) corresponding to the value of an asset received by you from a Clearing House, that exceeds the amount due to you from us in respect of that Clearing House Service under this Agreement) as we determine appropriate to account for any Losses that we may otherwise incur as a result of such amount being paid, or payable, to you, or you otherwise receiving credit for such amount, or such asset being received, or to be received, by you from the relevant Clearing House. Following the receipt of an asset by you in the circumstances referred to in clause 17.9 above, and when making the necessary adjustments to the payment or other terms of this Agreement referred to above, we shall take into account, for the purposes of such adjustment, the value of the asset so received by you at the time that the Clearing House determines that such asset is to be transferred to you in accordance with the relevant Rule Set of that Clearing House (irrespective of when such asset is actually received by you).

## 18. Currency Conversions and Valuations

18.1 Where we are entitled to do so under this Agreement (including in connection with our rights under clauses 16 and 17) we may convert sums denominated in one currency to another currency. We may also perform a notional currency conversion where this is required for valuation purposes.

18.2 Unless we have agreed otherwise, we will automatically convert any Cash, Realised Profits and Losses, adjustments,



fees and charges that are denominated in another currency to your Base Currency before applying them to your Account.

18.3 Unrealised Profits and Losses that are denominated in another currency may be valued at or converted in notional terms to your Base Currency. Such balances are for your information only and are not final until the Realised Profits and Losses are converted and applied to your Account.

18.4 We shall perform any currency conversion or valuation at commercially reasonable rates. We may receive remuneration from the counterparty to any foreign exchange transaction which we enter into.

18.5 If we have exercised our rights in connection with clauses 16 and/or 17 or you have made a payment to us in a different currency from that in which you were obliged to pay us, we may pass on to you all commission or other charges which we incur in any currency conversion we carry out.

### 19. Corporate Actions and other events affecting Underlying Instruments

19.1 When a Corporate Action or an Insolvency Event occurs in relation to any Underlying Instrument and/or its issuer we may, acting in a commercially reasonable manner, make adjustments to your Open Positions and/or Orders to reflect those actions and to put you in a position as close as possible to that of a direct holder of the Underlying Instrument. In the case of adjustments to Open Positions held in a Centrally Cleared Market, corresponding adjustments will be made (where appropriate) to the corresponding CCP Transactions.

19.2 The actions we may take pursuant to clause 19.1 include, but are not limited to:

- 19.2.1 changing Margin Factors, Margin Multipliers and/or the minimum level of Guaranteed Stop Loss Orders both in relation to Open Positions and new Trades;
- 19.2.2 making a reasonable and fair retrospective adjustment to the opening price of an Open Position, to reflect the impact of the relevant action or event;
- 19.2.3 opening and/or closing one or more Open Positions on your Account;
- 19.2.4 cancelling any Orders;
- 19.2.5 suspending or modifying the application of any part of this Agreement;
- 19.2.6 crediting or debiting sums to your Account as appropriate;
- 19.2.7 taking all such other action, as we reasonably consider appropriate to reflect the effect of the relevant action or event; and/or
- 19.2.8 in respect of Limited Risk Accounts, making a reasonable and fair retrospective adjustment to the Guaranteed Stop Loss Order, to reflect the impact of the relevant action or event.

19.3 We may make dividend adjustments if a dividend is scheduled to be paid to the holders of the Underlying Instrument. These adjustments are normally made on the ex-dividend date. Long Positions receive adjustments net of tax, whereas short positions are charged the declared amount of gross tax, where applicable.

19.4 We shall use best endeavours to take any such actions as soon as we are reasonably able to do so and this will normally be as soon as is reasonably practicable after the relevant event has occurred.

19.5 When we make adjustments to Open Positions, where possible we will adjust the Open Position as held by you to be effective from the commencement of Trading Hours on the same Business Day on which the relevant event or action is effective in relation to the Underlying Instrument.

19.6 Depending on the event concerned, we may take any of the actions set out in this clause 19 without prior notice. If we do so, we shall give you notice at the time we take the action or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

### 20. Representations and Warranties

20.1 Representations and warranties are personal statements, assurances or undertakings given by you to us on which we rely when we deal with you. You make the following representations and warranties at the time you enter into this Agreement and every time you place a Trade or give us any other instruction:

- 20.1.1 all information that you supply to us (whether in the Application Form or otherwise) is true, accurate and not misleading in any material respect;
- 20.1.2 if you are an individual, you are over 18 years old;
- 20.1.3 except where we have agreed otherwise in writing, you act as principal and not any other person's agent or other representative;
- 20.1.4 you have obtained all necessary consents and have the authority to enter into this Agreement and/or to place any Trades and instructions;
- 20.1.5 if you are a company or body corporate you are properly empowered and have obtained all necessary corporate or other authority under your memorandum and articles of association or other constitutional or organisational documents;
- 20.1.6 you are not accessing the Trading Platform or dealing with us from the United States of America or its territories;
- 20.1.7 neither the entry into this Agreement, the placing of any Trade and/or any Order or the giving of any other instruction will violate any law, rule or regulation applicable to you;
- 20.1.8 you have not and will not upload or transmit any Malicious Code to our Trading Platform or Website or otherwise use any electronic device, software, algorithm, and/or any dealing method or strategy that aims to manipulate any aspect of our Trading Platform or Website, including, but not limited to, the way in which we construct, provide or convey Our Price; and
- 20.1.9 you will use the Products and services offered by us pursuant to this Agreement honestly, fairly and in good faith; and
- 20.1.10 the only margin rules in respect of OTC derivative contracts not cleared by a central counterparty that apply to you are the EMIR Margin Rules.

20.2 You agree that for the duration of this Agreement you will promptly notify us of any change to the details supplied by you on your Application Form, including in particular moving to another country or territory or any change or anticipated

change in your financial circumstances, regulatory or employment status (including redundancy and/or unemployment) which may affect the basis on which we do business with you.

20.3 Any breach by you of any warranty or representation made under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the representations and warranties given in clause 20.1, renders any Trade voidable or capable of being closed by us at our then prevailing Our Price, at our discretion.

## 21. Market Abuse

21.1 When you execute a Trade with us, we may buy or sell on securities exchanges or directly from or to other financial institutions shares or units in the relevant Underlying Instrument or financial instruments related to that Underlying Instrument. The result is that when you place Trades with us your Trades can have an impact on the external market for that Underlying Instrument in addition to the impact it might have on Our Price. This creates a possibility of market abuse and the purpose of this clause is to prevent such abuse.

21.2 You represent and warrant to us at the time you enter into the Agreement and every time you enter into a Trade or give us any other instruction that:

- 21.2.1 you will not place and have not placed a Trade with us if to do so would result in you, or others with whom you are acting in concert having an interest in the price of the Underlying Instrument which is equal to or exceeds the amount of a Declarable Interest in the Underlying Instrument;
- 21.2.2 you will not place, and have not placed a Trade in connection with:
  - a) a placing, issue, distribution or other similar event; or
  - b) an offer, takeover, merger or other similar event; or
  - c) any corporate finance activity.
- 21.2.3 you will not place and have not placed a Trade that contravenes any law or regulation prohibiting insider dealing, market manipulation or any other form of market abuse or market misconduct; and
- 21.2.4 you will act in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

21.3 In the event that you place any Trade in breach of the representations and warranties given in this clause 21 or any other clause of this Agreement or we have reasonable grounds for believing that you have done so, in addition to any rights we may have under clause 16, we may:

- 21.3.1 enforce the Trade or Trade(s) against you if it is a Trade or Trades which results in you owing money to us;
- 21.3.2 treat all your Trades as void if they are Trades which result in us owing money to you, unless and until you produce conclusive evidence within 30 days of our request that you have not in fact committed any breach of warranty, misrepresentation or undertaking under this Agreement;
- 21.3.3 close your Account with immediate effect; and/or
- 21.3.4 withhold any Realised Profits to the extent

that we have reasonable grounds for believing that they are related to your breach of the representations and warranties given in this clause 21.

21.4 You acknowledge that it would be improper for you to deal in the Underlying Instrument if the sole purpose of such a transaction was to manipulate Our Price, and you agree not to conduct any such transactions.

21.5 We are entitled (and in some cases required) to report to any relevant regulatory authority details of any Trade or Order. You may also be required to make appropriate disclosures and you undertake that you will do so where so required.

21.6 The exercise of any of our rights under this clause 21 shall not affect any of our other rights we may have under this Agreement or under the general law.

## 22. Your Right to Cancel

22.1 You are entitled to cancel this Agreement by giving us notice in writing within a 14 day cancellation period. You need not give any reason for the cancellation and the right to cancel applies even if you have already received services from us before the cancellation period expires.

22.2 The period for cancellation begins on the date the Agreement starts to apply to you.

22.3 You may only give us notice of cancellation in writing. The notice will be considered received by us in accordance with clause 32.

22.4 As the price of our contracts depend on fluctuations in the Underlying Instrument which are outside our control and which may occur during the cancellation period, you have no rights to cancel this Agreement if any Trade placed by you has been executed before we receive notice of cancellation.

22.5 Following a valid cancellation and subject to clause 17.2, we will return any amounts you have funded with us prior to receipt of your cancellation notice.

22.6 If you do not exercise the right of cancellation, the Agreement will continue in effect until either you or we terminate the Agreement by either of us giving notice in accordance with clause 29, or by our exercising any of our other rights to terminate under this Agreement. There is no minimum or fixed duration of the Agreement.

## 23. Complaints and Disputes

23.1 If you wish to raise any complaint or Dispute you should contact us as soon as practicable. If we identify a Dispute we will notify you as soon as possible.

23.2 Please keep your own record of dates or times of Trades and other issues as that will help us to investigate any complaints or disputes. It may be difficult or not reasonably possible for us to locate records/tapes in relation to Trades and other issues in the absence of information about the dates and times of any Trades or other issues in Dispute.

23.3 We operate a complaints handling procedure to enable us to deal promptly and fairly with complaints. Details of this procedure are available on request from Client Management.

23.4 If you wish to raise a complaint or Dispute you should in the first instance contact Client Management (details of which are given on our Website). If the matter is not resolved to your satisfaction you may refer the your complaint to the Complaints Manager (details of which are given on our Website)

23.5 If either you or we notify the other party of a Dispute,

you and we will consult in good faith in an attempt to resolve the Dispute in a timely manner, including, without limitation, by exchanging any relevant information and by identifying and using any Agreed Process which can be applied to the subject of the Dispute or, where no such Agreed Process exists or you and we agree that such Agreed Process would be unsuitable, by determining and applying a resolution method for the Dispute.

23.6 If you remain dissatisfied with our final response, investigation or handling of your complaint or Dispute you may in certain circumstances refer the matter to the Financial Ombudsman Service ("FOS"), Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR. In particular, you have a right to refer your complaint or Dispute to FOS if you are classified as a Retail Client and were classified as such at the time of the event giving rise to the complaint or Dispute.

23.7 You may also be entitled to use the European Commission's online dispute resolution platform to facilitate the online resolution of the Dispute. The platform can be found at <http://ec.europa.eu/odf>.

23.8 As an FCA regulated firm, we participate in the Financial Services Compensation Scheme ("the Scheme"). If you are an eligible claimant under the Scheme you may be entitled to compensation from it if we cannot meet our obligations. For most kinds of investment, you would receive a maximum payment of £50,000. We will provide on your request further information concerning the conditions governing compensation and the formalities which must be completed to obtain compensation. Further information about the Scheme can be obtained from Financial Services Compensation Scheme, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, PS Box 300, Mitcheldean, GL17 1DY or at [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk).

## D. MISCELLANEOUS AND LEGAL ISSUES

### 24. Intellectual Property

24.1 Our Website, including the Trading Platform, and any and all Information, software applications, documentation and other information, data and materials which we may supply or make available to you, either directly or through a third party service provider or licensor (collectively the "Finspreads Materials") are and will remain our property or that of our third party service providers or licensors.

24.2 All copyrights, trademarks, design rights and other intellectual property rights in the Finspreads Materials, including without limitation all updates, modifications, compilations and enhancements, and all derivative works based on any of the Finspreads Materials, are and will remain our property (or those of our third party service providers or licensors as applicable).

24.3 We supply or make the Finspreads Materials available to you on the basis that (a) we can also supply and make them available to other persons and (b) we can cease or suspend providing any of them, but we will only do that if your Account has been closed or required by any of our third party service providers or licensors, by applicable law or as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

24.4 You may access and use the Finspreads Materials only as expressly permitted for the operation of your Account in accordance with this Agreement.

24.5 You must comply with any policies relating to any of the Finspreads Materials, or their use, including any additional restrictions or other terms and conditions that we or our third

party service providers or licensors may issue, of which we may notify you from time to time.

24.6 You must not supply all or part of the Finspreads Materials to anyone else and you must not copy or reproduce all or part of them without our prior written permission.

24.7 You must not delete, obscure or tamper with copyright or other proprietary notices displayed on any of the Finspreads Materials.

24.8 If we have provided any materials to you in connection with our Website you must return those to us on closure of your Account.

24.9 Except to the extent expressly permitted under this Agreement or any other written agreement between you and us, you must not: (a) modify, translate or create derivative works based upon any of the Finspreads Materials; (b) take any action compromising or challenging, or threatening to compromise or challenge, the enjoyment or use by any other client of any of the Finspreads Materials or the rights of us or any of our third party service providers or licensors in any of the Finspreads Materials; or (c) reverse engineer, decompile or disassemble any of the Finspreads Materials comprising software or otherwise attempt to discover the source code thereof.

24.10 You must notify us immediately of any unauthorised use or misuse of any of the Finspreads Materials of which you become aware and, to the extent reasonably requested by us, provide us cooperation in remedying such violation and/or taking steps to prevent the future occurrence thereof.

24.11 We or our third party service providers or licensors may from time to time modify market data, our Trading Platform or Website, or the Finspreads Materials, and/or methods or speeds of delivering the same, which modifications may require corresponding changes to the methods or means you use to access the Finspreads Materials and/or may sever or adversely affect your access to or use of the Finspreads Materials. Neither we nor any other Finspreads Parties shall be liable for any such consequences.

### 25. Website and System Use

25.1 We will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that our Website, mobile services and our systems can normally be accessed for use in accordance with this Agreement. However all or any of these may fail to work properly or at all or our premises may suffer from power failure. On this basis:

25.1.1 we do not warrant that they will always be accessible or usable;

25.1.2 we do not warrant that access will be uninterrupted or error free.

25.2 We may suspend use of our Website to carry out maintenance, repairs, upgrades or any development related issues. We shall use reasonable endeavours to give you notice of this and to provide alternative ways for you to deal or obtain information as to your Account but this may not be possible in an emergency.

25.3 We warrant that we have the right to permit you to use our Website in accordance with this Agreement.

25.4 We will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that our Website is free from any Malicious Code, but we do not warrant that it will be free at all times of Malicious Code. You should use your own Malicious Code protection software that is up to date and of good industry standard. In addition you must not upload or transmit any Malicious Code to our Trading Platform or other aspects of our Website.

25.5 You are responsible for ensuring that your information technology is compatible with ours and meets our minimum system requirements, as may be amended from time to time. The minimum system requirements currently in effect are set out on our Website.

25.6 We or other third party service providers or licensors may provide you with Information in connection with the provision of our services. You agree that:

- 25.6.1 neither we nor any other Finspreads Party shall be responsible or liable if any such Information is inaccurate or incomplete in any respect or for any actions you take or do not take based on, or your reliance upon, such data or information;
- 25.6.2 you will use such Information solely for the purposes set out in the Agreement;
- 25.6.3 you will truthfully complete and submit to us in a timely fashion:
  - a) any declaration as we may require at any time in respect of your status as a user of Information; and
  - b) any additional agreements with us or any of our third party service providers or licensors relating to our provision to you of any Information;
- 25.6.4 such Information is proprietary to us or the provider and you will not retransmit, redistribute, publish, disclose, alter, amend, rent, loan, licence or display in whole or in part such data or information to third parties; and
- 25.6.5 you will pay any fees and other costs associated with your access to and use of any Information, of which as we may notify you from time to time, and shall be responsible for payment of any and all taxes, charges or assessments by any foreign or domestic national, state, provincial or local governmental bodies, or subdivisions thereof, and any penalties or interest relating thereto, in respect of your access to and use of any Information.

25.7 Various access methods (e.g. mobile, desktop) may be made available to you. Different access methods may have different functionality and content from one another, and such content and functionality are subject to change without notice.

25.8 In the event you select and use any third party software application to provide you with trading programs, signals, advice, risk management or other trading assistance ("Expert Advisor") or a third party hosting or trading application (such as Meta Trader Hosting), which applications may have direct access or connectivity to your Account, we and our affiliates accept no obligation with respect to, nor assume any responsibility for, the performance of any application, product or service provided by an Expert Advisor or third party hosting or trading application provider which applications, products or services you shall use at your own risk. With respect to any applications, products or services provided by any Expert Advisor or third party hosting or trading application provider we and our affiliates:

25.8.1 make no warranty or representation of any kind, whether express or implied;

25.8.2 disclaim any responsibility or obligation as to their merchantability or fitness for any purpose;

25.8.3 disclaim any responsibility and shall not be liable for any damages that may be suffered by you, including loss of funds, data or service interruptions as a result of their use;

25.8.4 disclaim any responsibility for the accuracy, quality or completeness of any information (facts, analysis, recommendations or other opinions) obtained from or through an Expert Advisor (including your Account information, a reliable record of which you acknowledge and agree may only be found at your Gain Capital UK website Account)

25.8.5 disclaim any responsibility for connection speed, efficiency or availability between Expert Advisor applications and third party hosting or trading applications and our Trading Platform;

25.8.6 neither give any undertaking nor make any warranty or representation that any indications of past or future performance provided by an Expert Advisor can be, or would have been, achieved through the use of our Trading Platform or otherwise; and

25.8.7 neither give any undertaking nor make any warranty or representation that any investment performance that may be achieved with or through an Expert Advisor or third party hosting or trading application with another broker or dealing service can or shall be achieved through the use of our Trading Platform.

25.8.8 The provisions of this clause 25.8 shall apply irrespective of whether or not we (or our affiliates) offer, promote or endorse to you the Expert Advisor or a third-party hosting or trading application.

## 26. Limitation of Liability

26.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall exclude or limit our liability for death or personal injury caused by our negligence or for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation or for liability that cannot be excluded under any applicable laws or the requirements of any regulator.

26.2 Subject to clause 26.1, we shall not be liable for:

- 26.2.1 Events Outside Our Control;
- 26.2.2 any action we may take under:
  - (i) clauses 14 ("Manifest Error");
  - (ii) clause 15 (Events Outside Our Control or Market Disruption Events"); and/or
  - (iii) clause 16 ("Events of Default and Similar Circumstances") provided that we act within the terms of those clauses and in particular act reasonably where required to do so;
- 26.2.3 any failure of communication (for any reason) within clause 25 ("Website and Systems Use") including (without limitation) the unavailability of our Website (including the Trading Platform) or our telephone systems provided always we act within the terms of clause 25;
- 26.2.4 the use, operation, performance and/or any failure of any third party trading systems, software or services not provided by us;
- 26.2.5 any claim loss, expense, cost or liability suffered or incurred by you (together "Claims") except to the extent that such loss or expense is suffered or incurred as a result of our breach of the Agreement, negligence or wilful default.

26.3 Other than as described in clause 26.4 and subject to the



limits on our liability in this clause 26, we are each only responsible for Losses that are reasonably foreseeable consequences of breaches of this Agreement at the time the Agreement is entered into.

26.4 Neither we nor any other Finspreads Parties are responsible for indirect Losses which happen as a side effect of the main loss or damage and which are not foreseeable by you and us. Neither we nor any other Finspreads Parties shall be liable to you for Losses which you incur which are foreseeable by us or other Finspreads Parties because you have communicated the possibility of such Losses or any special circumstances to us or Finspreads Parties.

26.5 Neither we nor any other Finspreads Parties shall be liable to you for any loss of profit or opportunity, or anticipated savings or any trading Losses.

26.6 The limitations of liability in this clause 26 apply whether or not we or any of our employees or agents or any Finspreads Parties knew of the possibility of the claim being incurred.

26.7 We carry on the business to which this Agreement relates in reliance on the limitations and/or exclusions in this clause being enforceable. We do not insure against any of the potential liabilities described in this clause. If the exclusions and restrictions are not acceptable to you, then you should not deal with us.

## 27. Your money

### Retail Clients

27.1 As a Retail Client, any money which you have transferred or transfer to us, or which has been transferred to us, which is to be held by us on your behalf, is Client Money within the meaning of the Client Money Rules, and will be held by us on trust for you at all times and for this purpose. In accordance with the requirements of the Client Money Rules, Client Money must be and will be segregated from our own money. In the event of our insolvency, Client Money will be excluded from the assets available to our creditors.

27.2 We may hold Client Money on your behalf in an account with a bank, or third party as permitted by Clause 27.5, which may be located inside or outside the European Economic Area ("EEA"). Any such account will be segregated, and held in an account or accounts identified separately, from any account in which our own money or assets is held with the bank or third party, but where we hold Client Money with a third party pursuant to Clause 27.5 may be subject to set-off rights of the of that third party. The legal and regulatory regime applying to any bank or third party located outside the EEA will be different from that of the United Kingdom and in the event of the insolvency or any other equivalent failure of that bank or third party, your Client Money may not be as effectively protected as if your Client Money is held with an equivalent bank or third party in the United Kingdom.

### Professional Clients and Eligible Counterparties

27.3 If you have been categorised as a Professional Client or an Eligible Counterparty, we will hold your money as Client Money in accordance with clauses 27.1 and 27.2 unless we have agreed in writing that clause 27.4 applies.

27.4 Where this clause 27.4 applies, you agree that in relation to any money received by us from you, or received by us on your behalf: (a) full ownership of such money is transferred by you to us for the purpose of securing or covering all your present or future, actual or contingent, or prospective, obligations to us under this Agreement or otherwise; (b) we

acquire full ownership of such money and we will not hold such money in accordance with the Client Money Rules; (c) you will have no proprietary claim over such money and we can deal with it as our own; (d) we will owe you a debt equal to the amount of such money received by us, subject to any set-off rights under, or other terms of, this Agreement, or under general law; (e) in the event of our insolvency you will rank as a general creditor of ours in relation to such money; (f) we shall pay to you all or part of any amount owed by us to you under this clause to the extent that we consider, in our discretion, that the amount of money you have transferred to us exceeds the amount required by us to secure or cover all your present or future, actual or contingent, or prospective, obligations to us under this Agreement or otherwise; (g) we shall be obliged to pay to you all amounts owed by us to you under this clause upon the earliest of: (i) termination of the title transfer arrangement in accordance with this clause; (ii) termination of this Agreement under clause 29; or (iii) exercise by us of our rights under clause 17, in each case subject to any set-off rights under, or other terms of, this Agreement. Any title transfer of cash under this clause may be terminated by us at any time by notice to you, and shall terminate in the event of termination of this Agreement under clause 29.

### Centrally Cleared Trades

27.5 You acknowledge and confirm that in relation to Centrally Cleared Trades, we may allow the relevant Clearing House hold any amount of your money, which is held by us as Client Money within the meaning of the Client Money Rules for the purpose of one or more of your Trades through or with that Clearing House or to meet our obligations to provide any margin to such Clearing House in relation to the CCP Transactions. Your Client Money which is transferred to the Clearing House may be dealt with by that Clearing House in accordance with the applicable Rule Set, which may grant the Clearing House a security interest or set-off rights over such money.

27.6 In relation to a General Account, your Client Money, or, where clause 27.4 applies, money transferred by you to us but which relates to your Centrally Cleared Trades, that is transferred to a Clearing House will be held by the Clearing House in a consolidated segregated client transaction account for our clients that may not be combined with any other account. In relation to an ISCA Account, your Client Money, or, where clause 27.4 applies, money transferred by you to us but which relates to your Centrally Cleared Trades, that is transferred to a Clearing House will be held by the Clearing House in an individually consolidated segregated client transaction account for you that may not be combined with any other account. The Clearing House will have no right to set-off against the client transaction account any amounts owing to the Clearing House on any other account. If you are interested in an individual segregated account, please contact Client Management.

### Fixed term deposits

27.7 Where we consider it appropriate to do so, we may from time to time hold a proportion of the total Client Money that we hold for our clients in relation to a particular line of business in an account from which we will be unable to make a withdrawal until the expiry of a fixed term or notice period lasting up to 90 days. We will take appropriate measures, including in setting the relevant proportion, to allow us to return Client Money to our clients promptly as and when required to do so in the ordinary course of business. However, there is a risk that in

exceptional circumstances you may have to wait until the expiry of a fixed term or notice period lasting up to 90 days before we can return some or all of the Client Money that we hold for you.

#### Money market funds

27.8 We may from time to time hold Client Money in a 'qualifying money market fund' (as such term is defined in the Client Money Rules). Where we hold Client Money in a qualifying money market fund it will not be held in accordance with the requirements for holding Client Money. However, we will hold the relevant units or shares that we are issued in such funds in accordance with the applicable FCA Rules. You hereby explicitly consent to the placement of your Client Money in a qualifying money market fund.

#### General

27.9 Where any bank, Clearing House or other permitted third party holds money under this clause 27: (a) we will not be liable for the acts or omissions of, or failure or insolvency or any analogous event affecting, such entity; and (b) in the event of the insolvency or other analogous proceeding in relation to such entity, we may have only an unsecured claim against such entity on behalf of you and our other clients, and you may be exposed to the risk that the money recovered by us from such entity is insufficient to satisfy the claims of you and all other clients with claims in respect of the relevant account. However, if your money is held within an EEA country, a proportion of your money may qualify for compensation arrangements in that jurisdiction.

27.10 We do not pay interest on any Client Money, or money that you transfer to us under clause 27.4, unless we have expressly agreed to do so in writing.

27.11 You will not grant any security interest over any Client Money held in your Account, or any claim against us for money due to you under clause 27.4, to any person other than us.

27.12 Where any amounts owed by you to us under the Agreement are due and payable to us, in accordance with the Client Money Rules we shall cease to treat as Client Money so much of any Client Money held on your behalf as equals those amounts. You agree that we may apply that money in or towards satisfaction of all or part of those amounts due and payable to us. For the purposes of this clause, any such amounts owed by you to us under this Agreement become immediately due and payable, without notice or demand by us, when incurred by you or on your behalf.

27.13 You agree that where there has been no movement on your Client Money balance for a period of at least six years (disregarding any payment or receipt of interest, charges or similar items), we may pay such Client Money to the registered charity of our choice: (a) provided that we have taken reasonable steps to trace you and to return the Client Money balance, and in such case we hereby unconditionally undertake that, where any of your Client Money has been paid to charity in accordance with this sub-clause (a), and you subsequently claim against us for such amount of Client Money, we shall pay to you a sum equal to the amount paid to charity; or (b) where the amount of Client Money is GBP 25 or less if you are a Retail Client or GBP 100 or less in any other case, provided we have made at least two attempts to contact you to return the Client Money balance, using the most up-to-date contact details we have for you, and you have not responded to such communication within 60 days of the last communication having been made.

27.14 We may transfer any money we hold for you as Client Money (after deduction of any amounts permitted by the terms of this Customer Agreement) to another legal entity (including any of our group companies) where we transfer all or part of our business to that entity and your Client Money relates to the business transferred. Where we transfer your Client Money to another legal entity under this clause we shall require that such Client Money will be held by that entity for you in accordance with the Client Money Rules.

27.15 You agree that we shall be entitled to treat Client Money as due and payable to us, to the extent of all or any part of the obligations owed by you to us under this Agreement which are due and payable to us but unpaid.

27.16 In this clause 27, "Client Money Rules" means the provisions of the FCA's Client Assets Sourcebook, as amended and/or updated from time to time.

## 28. Tax

28.1 You are responsible for the payment of all taxes that may arise in relation to your Trades. Where, as a result of your trading, there is a tax charge under the Financial Transaction Tax regime, stamp duty, transfer tax, dividend tax, withholding tax or other taxes or duties due in any jurisdiction, we reserve the right to pass these on to you. We may elect to do so by withholding any such amounts from your Realised Profits. You may find additional information with respect to our practices in a Market on our Website or by calling Client Management.

28.2 We shall not be responsible for any taxes that may arise as a result of a change in law or practice or by reason of your paying tax in a jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom.

28.3 We shall not be responsible for advising you on any change in tax law or practice. You shall in all circumstances be responsible for your own tax advice in relation to your Trades.

## 29. Amendments and Termination

29.1 We may amend or replace any clause or part of the Agreement in whole or in part by giving you written notification of the changes. Amendments to this Agreement will not be valid and binding unless they are expressly agreed by us in writing. We will only make changes for good reason including but not limited to:

- 29.1.1 making them clearer or more favourable to you;
- 29.1.2 reflecting legitimate changes in the cost of providing the service to you;
- 29.1.3 reflecting a change of applicable law, regulation or codes of practice or decisions by a court, ombudsman, regulator or similar body;
- 29.1.4 reflecting changes in market conditions;
- 29.1.5 reflecting changes in the way we do business.

29.2 If you object to any change you must tell us within 14 days of the date the notice is deemed received by you under clause 32 ("Notices"). If you do not do so you will be deemed to have accepted the change(s). If you give us notice that you object, then the changes will not be binding on you, but we may require you to close your Account as soon as reasonably practicable and/or restrict you to placing Trades and/or Orders to close your Open Positions.

29.3 Subject to clause 29.2 the amendments or new terms made pursuant to this clause 29 will apply (including to all

Open Positions and unexecuted Orders) from the effective date (which we will state) of the change specified in the notice.

29.4 In addition to any other rights specified in this Agreement, we may cease to offer a Product or end this Agreement and close your Account at any time by giving you 14 days' written notice. This is in addition to any other rights to end this Agreement and/or close your Account which we may have. In the event that we cease to offer a Product or a Market, you shall agree to close any Open Positions relating to such Product or Market during the 14-day notice period unless otherwise instructed by us. After the 14-day notice period, your Open Positions in relation to such Product or Market will be automatically closed out.

29.5 You may also end the Agreement and/or close your Account at any time, in whole or in part, by giving us written notice. Your Account will be closed as soon as reasonably practicable after we receive notice, all Open Positions are closed, all Orders cancelled and all of your obligations discharged.

29.6 Where either you or we provide notice to close your Account and/or end this Agreement under this clause 29, we reserve the right to refuse to allow you to enter into any further Trades or Orders which may lead to you holding further Open Positions.

### 30. General Provisions Relating to the Agreement

30.1 A court or regulatory authority may decide that a part or clause of this Agreement is not enforceable. If this happens then the relevant part of the Agreement will be given no effect and will not be considered part of the Agreement. This will not invalidate any other clause or part of the Agreement.

30.2 You may not assign or transfer any of your rights or obligations under this Agreement without our prior written consent. We may assign or transfer all or any of our rights or obligations under this Agreement to any person authorised in any EEA member state (including any of our Associated Companies) on 30 days' written notice. We will comply with FCA Rules or any other applicable rule which may apply to this transfer, including obtaining your or any other party's consent where necessary.

30.3 Either you or we may elect not to require the other party to comply with this Agreement, or may delay requiring the other party to do so. This will not amount to a waiver by the party making such election of its rights under this Agreement unless that party clearly states that this is its intention. This means that the relevant party can still require compliance with the Agreement in future.

30.4 Except as provided by clauses 24, 25, 26 and 30.5, no clause of this Agreement is intended to confer any benefit on any person who is not a party to it or to be enforceable under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

30.5 The Agreement may, however, be enforced by any of our Associated Companies. We do not require the consent of our Associated Companies to vary, amend, modify, suspend, cancel or terminate any provision of the Agreement.

### 31. Telephone Recording

We will record all telephone and electronic communications that result or may result in the placing and/or conclusion of a Trade or an Order. A copy of any such telephone recording or electronic communications will be available to you on request.

### 32. Notices

32.1 This clause 32 does not apply when:

- 32.1.1 you place Orders and execute Trades pursuant to this Agreement, in which case communications shall be handled pursuant to clauses 4 and 12;
- 32.1.2 we provide notice of changes to Margin Requirements, Margin Factors or Margin Multipliers pursuant to clause 10; or
- 32.1.3 we provide notice of changes to the Margin Close Out Level applicable to your Account pursuant to clause 11.3.

32.2 When a notice may be given in writing, it may be provided by letter, fax, email or (to the extent permitted by FCA Rules), our Website including the Trading Platform.

32.3 We may send notices to you at your last known home or email address, place of work, fax, telephone, pager number or other contact details.

32.4 You must send notices by letter to Client Management at Our Address.

32.5 Unless specifically agreed otherwise in these General Terms, any notice given by us to you or by you to us will be deemed given and received if:

- 32.5.1 delivered by hand to Our Address in these General Terms or to your last known home or work address: at the time of delivery;
- 32.5.2 sent by first class post on a Business Day: the next Business Day or second Business Day after posting if not sent on a Business Day;
- 32.5.3 sent by air mail from outside the United Kingdom: the second Business Day after posting (or the fourth Business day after posting if not sent on a Business Day);
- 32.5.4 sent by fax before 4pm on a Business Day: one hour after a "transmission complete" report is received. If sent by fax at any other time: at 9 am on the next Business Day (provided a "transmission complete report" is received); and/or
- 32.5.5 sent by email before 4pm on a Business Day: one hour after sending. If sent by email at any other time: 9:00 am on the next Business Day, (but an email will not be deemed to have been delivered if the sender receives a "not sent" "not received" or similar message from the email service provider).

32.6 Additionally:

- 32.6.1 we may give you a notice by SMS text in which case you will be deemed to have received such a message one hour after we have sent it, provided we do not receive a "not sent" message.
- 32.6.2 we may leave you a message on our Website or Trading Platform and this will be deemed delivered one hour after we have posted it.

### 33. Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Language

33.1 The Agreement and our relations before we entered into this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English Law.

33.2 Unless you are an EU Consumer (other than one resident in England or Wales) and subject to clause 33.3, the Courts of England and Wales will have exclusive jurisdiction over any claim or matter arising under or in connection with the Agreement and the legal relationships established by the Agreement.

33.3 Unless you are an EU Consumer, we shall be entitled to take proceedings against you in any other competent jurisdiction, and the taking of proceedings in any one or more jurisdictions will not preclude the taking of proceedings in any other jurisdictions, whether concurrently or not, to the extent permitted by the law of such other jurisdiction.

#### 34. Definitions

In this Agreement the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Accepted for Clearing" means, in respect of a Clearing Eligible Trade, such Clearing Eligible Trade being accepted (whether automatically or otherwise) to a Clearing House for clearing in a Clearing House Service with the intention that the related CCP Transaction is recorded in the Client Account at the Clearing House Service.

"Account" means any account that we maintain for you for dealing in the Products made available under this Agreement and in which your Cash, Margin Requirements and Margin Payments are held and to which Realised Profits and/or Losses are credited or debited.

"Activity" means placing a Trade and/or applying an Order on your Account(s) or maintaining an Open Position during the period.

"Agent" means an agent or representative who we agree may act for you and/or give instructions on your behalf in respect of this Agreement.

"Aggregate Transaction Value" means, in respect of the termination of Centrally Cleared Trades of a Centrally Cleared Transaction Set, an amount (which may be positive or negative or zero) equal to the aggregate of the CCP Transaction Values for all Centrally Cleared Trades in the relevant Centrally Cleared Transaction Set or, if there is just one CCP Transaction Value in respect of all such Centrally Cleared Trades, an amount (which may be positive or negative or zero) equal to such CCP Transaction Value.

"Agreed Process" means the complaint handling procedure set out in clause 23 and any other process agreed between you and us in respect of a Dispute.

"Agreement" means the General Terms, together with the Supplemental Terms, the Application Form and Market Information.

"Application Form" means the form(s) (in paper or electronic form) which you complete to open an Account and to trade with us under this Agreement.

"Associated Companies" means an associated body corporate within the meaning of section 256 of the Companies Act 2006.

"Base Currency" is the currency in which your Account is denominated and in which we will debit and credit your Account.

"Business Day" means Monday through Friday, excluding any English public holiday.

"Cash" means a figure stated on the Trading Platform which represents the amount of cleared funds available in your Account.

"CCP" means a legal person that interposes itself between the

counterparties to contracts traded on one or more financial markets, becoming the buyer to every seller and the seller to every buyer.

"CCP Settlement Payment" means, in respect of a CCP Transaction, each payment made by the relevant Clearing House to us (which shall be expressed as a positive amount) and each payment made by us to the relevant Clearing House (which shall be expressed as a negative amount) in respect of that CCP Transaction which is, pursuant to the applicable Rule Set categorised as a settlement payment in respect of that CCP Transaction (including a payment made in the course of any "settlement to market" margining or collateral provisions contained in the applicable Rule Set).

"CCP Transaction" means a transaction between us and a Clearing House that arises when the terms of a Clearing Eligible Trade are Centrally Cleared through the relevant Clearing House Service.

"CCP Transaction Value" means, in respect of a terminated Centrally Cleared Trade or a group of terminated Centrally Cleared Trades, an amount (which may be positive or negative or zero) equal to the sum of:

(a) the value that is determined in respect of or otherwise ascribed to the related CCP Transaction or group of related CCP Transactions in accordance with the relevant Rule Set following a CIL Trigger Event or a Clearing House Default (to the extent such Rule Set contemplates such a value in the relevant circumstance); and

(b) without double counting any amount referred to in sub-paragraph (a), the sum of all positive and negative CCP Settlement Payments made by the relevant Clearing House and us in respect of the related CCP Transaction or group of related CCP Transactions.

If the value referred to in sub-paragraph (a) reflects a positive value for us *vis-à-vis* the Clearing House, it will be expressed as a positive amount and, if the value referred to in sub-paragraph (a) reflects a positive value for the relevant Clearing House *vis-à-vis* us, it will be expressed as a negative amount.

"Centrally Cleared" means that:

(a) a Clearing Eligible Trade has been Accepted for Clearing; and

(b) the relevant Clearing House has become a party to a CCP Transaction in respect of such Clearing Eligible Trade in accordance with the relevant Rule Set. Any reference in these General Terms to the time at which a Clearing Eligible Trade is "Centrally Cleared" means the time at which the related CCP Transaction arises for your account in accordance with the relevant Rule Set.

"Centrally Cleared Market" means those Markets designated as such in the Market Information in relation to which Trades will be cleared through a Clearing House.

"Centrally Cleared Trade" means a Trade which is Centrally Cleared.

"Centrally Cleared Transaction Set" means all Centrally Cleared Trades in respect of which the related CCP Transactions are cleared through the same Clearing House Service.

"CIL Trigger Event" means, with respect to a Clearing House Service, an event that:

(a) the applicable Clearing House formally declares to us constitutes a default in respect of us; or

(b) results in the automatic termination of all relevant CCP Transactions (or would result in the automatic termination of all relevant CCP Transactions if there were CCP Transactions outstanding at that time), in each case in accordance with the



relevant Rule Set.

"Cleared Account Election" means an election made by means which we specify for such purpose, which is either:

- (a) an OSCA/ISCA Cleared Account Election;
- (b) an OSCA Only Cleared Account Election; or
- (c) an ISCA Only Cleared Account Election.

"Cleared Set Termination Amount" means a termination amount (which may be positive or negative) determined in respect of a Centrally Cleared Transaction Set pursuant to clause 17.6.3.

"Clearing Eligible Trade" means a Trade in a Centrally Cleared Market.

"Clearing House" means any clearing organisation which is specified as such in the Market Information in relation to a Centrally Cleared Market.

"Clearing House Default" means the occurrence of a default, termination event or other similar event in respect of a Clearing House that, under the relevant Rule Set, entitles us to terminate, or results in automatic termination of, CCP Transactions.

"Clearing House Service" means any central counterparty clearing service specified as such in the Market Information in relation to a Centrally Cleared Market.

"Client Account" means with respect to a Centrally Cleared Market, an account of a type specified in the Market Information for that Centrally Cleared Market, as selected by you pursuant to a Cleared Account Election.

"Client Management" means our customer services team.

"Client Money" has the meaning given to it in the Client Money Rules.

"Client Money Rules" has the meaning given to it in clause 27.16.

"Conflicts of Interest Policy" means our policy on potential conflicts of interest that may arise in providing our services and how we manage them.

"Corporate Action" means the occurrence of any of the following in relation to the issuer of any relevant Underlying Instrument:

- (a) any rights, scrip, bonus, capitalisation or other issue or offer of shares/equities of whatsoever nature or the issue of any warrants, options or the like giving the rights to subscribe for shares/equity;
- (b) any acquisition or cancellation of own shares/equities by the issuer;
- (c) any reduction, subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of share/equity capital;
- (d) any distribution of cash or shares, including any payment of dividend;
- (e) a take-over or merger offer;
- (f) any amalgamation or reconstruction affecting the shares/equities concerned; and/or
- (g) any other event which has a diluting or concentrating effect on the market value of the share/equity which is an Underlying Instrument.

"Daily Financing Fee" means the charge which we apply daily to an Open Position. Details of the Daily Financing Fees are set out on our Website.

"Declarable Interest" means the prevailing level or percentage at the material time, set by law or by the stock exchange(s) or other facility upon which the Underlying Instrument is traded,

at which financial or other interests in an Underlying Instrument must be publicly disclosed.

"Dispute" means any dispute between you and us which, in the sole opinion of the party notifying the other party of the dispute, is required to be subject to the dispute resolution procedure set out in clause 23.

"Eligible Counterparty" has the meaning given to it by FCA Rules.

"EMIR" means the European Market Infrastructure Regulation, being Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and the Council of 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories.

"EMIR Margin Rules" means Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/2251 on risk mitigation techniques for OTC derivatives contracts not cleared by a central counterparty.

"EMIR Margin Supplemental Terms" means the supplemental terms set out in the EMIR Margin Supplement to these General Terms.

"Events of Default" has the meaning given in clause 16.1.

"Events Outside Our Control" means any event preventing us from performing or otherwise delaying or hindering our performance of any or all of our obligations under the Agreement and which arises from or is attributable to any acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond our reasonable control including (but not limited to):

- (a) an emergency or exceptional market condition;
- (b) compliance with any law, governmental order or regulatory requirement, or any change in or amendment to any law, regulation or rule (or in the application or official interpretation by any court, tribunal or regulatory authority);
- (c) any act, event, omission or accident which, in our opinion, prevents us from maintaining orderly trading or hedging activities or meeting increased margin payments with third party brokers in any market in one or more of the Underlying Instruments in relation to which we ordinarily accept Trades;
- (d) the occurrence of an excessive movement in the level of any Trade and/or the Underlying Instrument or our anticipation (acting reasonably) of the occurrence of such a movement;
- (e) failure of any relevant supplier, intermediate broker, agent or principal of ours, custodian, sub-custodian, dealer, exchange, clearing house or regulatory or self-regulatory organisation, for any reason, to perform its obligations;
- (f) any strike, lock-out or other industrial dispute, riot, terrorism, war, civil commotion, nuclear, chemical or biological contamination, act of God, malicious damage, accident, breakdown of equipment, fire, flood, storm, interruption of power supply, failure of a utility service or breakdown of or interruption in any electronic, communication or information system; and/or
- (g) the suspension or closure of any index/market/exchange/clearing house or the abandonment or failure of any factor or of the Underlying Instrument upon which we base, or to which we may relate, Our Prices, or the imposition of limits or special or unusual terms on any such factor.

"FCA" means the Financial Conduct Authority of the United Kingdom and any successor organisation.

"FCA Rules" means the Handbook of Rules and Guidance of the Financial Conduct Authority, as amended and/or updated from time to time.

"Finspreads Materials" has the meaning as set out in clause 24.1

"Finspreads Parties" means, collectively us, our Associated Companies, our third party service providers, and our third party licensors, and the directors, officers, members, employees, agents and representatives of us, our Associated Companies, our third party service providers and our third party licensors.

"General Account" means an Account which is not an ISCA Account and which is opened for the purpose of trading Uncleared Trades and Clearing Eligible Trades which will be Centrally Cleared using the omnibus client segregation model offered by a Clearing House and which, in respects to Centrally Cleared Markets, is more commonly known as an Omnibus Client Account for the purposes of meeting our disclosure requirements under Article 39(7) of EMIR.

"General Terms" means these terms and conditions.

"GFD" or "Good for the Day" refers to Orders which have effect on the day on which they are given in accordance with clause 8. If not executed, GFD Orders will cease to have effect when cancelled in accordance with this Agreement, on the expiry of the relevant Market or if we cease to trade in the relevant Market.

"GFT" or "Good for the Time" refers to Orders which have effect until a time specified by you. If not executed, GFT Orders will cease to have effect when cancelled in accordance with this Agreement, on the expiry of the relevant Market or if we cease to trade in the relevant Market.

"GTC" or "Good until Cancelled" refers to Orders which have effect until cancelled in accordance with this Agreement. If not executed, GTC Orders will cease to have effect when you cancel them in accordance with this Agreement, on expiry of the relevant Market, or if we cease to trade in the relevant Market.

"Guaranteed Stop Loss Order" means an instruction to execute a Trade to close an Open Position at a pre-agreed price (as agreed between us and you) and subject to the terms of clause 8.

"Information" means such market data, news feeds and other information as we may supply or make available to you, either directly or through a third party service provider or licensor, together with any element thereof as used or processed in such a way that it can be identified, recalculated or re-engineered from or used as a substitute for such data or information.

"Insolvency Event" means, in respect of any person:

- (a) a resolution is passed or an order is made for the winding up, dissolution or administration of such person,
- (b) any bankruptcy order is made against such person,
- (c) the appointment of a receiver, administrator, manager, administrative receiver or similar officer, or if any encumbrancer takes possession of or sells, all or any part of the business or assets of such person,
- (d) the making of an arrangement or composition with creditors generally or the filing with court documents or making of an application to court for protection from creditors generally, or any arrangement which has that effect, or
- (e) if the relevant person becomes insolvent or is otherwise unable to pay its debts as they become due, or any act of insolvency or event that is analogous to those set out in paragraph (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this definition applies to the person concerned.

If the person concerned is a partnership, the occurrence of any of the events listed in this paragraph in relation to any partner

shall be an Insolvency Event in relation to such person.

"Introducer" means a person or firm we appoint to effect introductions of potential clients to us.

"ISCA Account" means an Account which is opened for the purpose of trading Clearing Eligible Trades which will be Centrally Cleared using the individual client segregation model offered by a Clearing House and which is more commonly known as an "Individual Client Account" for the purposes of meeting our disclosure requirements under Article 39(7) of Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of EMIR.

"ISCA Only Cleared Account Election" means an election by you that Trades in respect of Centrally Cleared Markets may only be cleared through the relevant Clearing House's individual client segregation model.

"Joint Account Holder" has the meaning give that term in clause 3.8.1.

"Key Terms" means, with respect to a Trade, the valuation of such Trade and such other details as we deem relevant from time to time which may include the effective date, the scheduled maturity or expiry date, any payment or settlement dates, the notional value of the Trade and currenc(y/ies) of the Trade, the Underlying Instrument, the business day convention and any relevant fixed or floating rates of the relevant Trade. For the avoidance of doubt, "Key Terms" does not include details of the calculations or methodologies underlying any term.

"Limit Order" means an Order which will be executed when the price of a Market reaches a price which is more favourable to you than Our Price at the time you place the Order.

"Limited Risk Account" means an Account we designate as a limited risk account, as further described in clause 3.2.

"Linked Accounts" means those Accounts which we inform you are linked for the purpose of calculating your Total Margin and/or your Trading Resource under this Agreement.

"Long Position" means an Open Position resulting from a Trade or Trades placed to buy units of a Market at Our Offer Price.

"Losses" means any losses, claims, injuries, damages, judgments, interest on judgments, assessments, taxes, costs, fees, charges, amounts paid in settlement or other liabilities (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs of collection and any reasonable cost incurred in successfully defending against any claim), provided that a person's Losses will not include any injuries, costs, losses and expenses which are directly caused by the relevant person's fraud, wilful default or gross negligence.

"Malicious Code" means any computer virus, Trojan horse, worm, time bomb or similar code or component designed to disable, damage, disrupt, manipulate, amend or alter the operations of, permit unauthorised access to, or ease, destroy or modify any software, hardware, network or other technology.

"Mandatory CCP Provisions" means, with respect to a Clearing House Service, each provision, if any, specified by the Clearing House in respect of that Clearing House Service as mandatory for inclusion in the terms of transactions between clearing members of that Clearing House Service and their respective clients (to the extent such clients are of the same classification for the purposes of the relevant Rule Set as you) and which such provisions may, without limitation, be intended to be applicable and binding as between such clearing members and their respective clients or to create rights of the relevant Clearing House against such clients or liabilities of such clients to that Clearing House and which may be (i) published from

time to time by the relevant Clearing House on its website in a form that is accessible without any subscription or payment of any fee and (ii) amended and supplemented from time to time by the relevant Clearing House.

"Manifest Error" has the meaning given by clause 14.1.

"Margin Close Out Level" means the Margin Level at or below which we may close your Open Positions and take other actions to restrict your Account under clause 11. We will notify you of your Margin Close Out Level.

"Margin Factor" means the percentage or number of units we set for each Market and which is multiplied by the Quantity to determine the relevant Margin Requirement.

"Margin Level" means the ratio of Net Equity (the sum of your Cash and Unrealised P & L) to Total Margin (expressed as a percentage). Your Margin Level is stated on the Trading Platform.

"Margin Multiplier" means the number by which a Margin Requirement is multiplied to increase the amount you are required to hold as security for a Trade.

"Margin Requirement" means the amount of funding that you are required to provide to us as consideration for entering into a Trade and maintaining an Open Position.

"Market" means a contract we make available which is comprised of a unique set of price information, minimum and maximum Quantity, expiry and other commercial features determined by reference to an Underlying Instrument.

"Market Disruption Event" means any of the following events:

(a) trading in respect of the Underlying Instrument is suspended or limited for any reason whatsoever, including by reason of movements in the price of the Underlying Instrument exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or limits or special or unusual terms are imposed on the trading of the Underlying Instrument by the relevant exchange or a trading venue;

(b) trades which we have entered into in relation to any relevant Underlying Instrument or other relevant financial instrument are cancelled or suspended by the relevant exchange or Clearing House;

(c) an unusual movement in the level of, or the unusual loss of liquidity in respect of, the Underlying Instrument or our reasonable anticipation of the occurrence of the same; and/or

(d) the occurrence of any other event which in our opinion causes a market disruption in respect of the Underlying Instrument or the Trade.

"Market Hours" means the hours during which we are prepared to provide quotes for Our Price and execute Trades and Orders in a Market, as further specified in the Market Information.

"Market Information" means an electronic document (also available in paper form upon request) located on the Trading Platform which sets out the commercial details for each Market, including but not limited to: Margin Factors, the minimum and maximum Quantity and Our Spread and whether or not that Market is a Centrally Cleared Market. In the event you elect to use a third party hosting or trading application (for example, MetaTrader), information specific to such third party hosting or trading application located on the Website shall supplement the Market Information; however, to the extent there are any inconsistencies the Market Information will prevail. Note that certain components of Market Information may not be available via a mobile application and must be accessed via desktop.

"Net Equity" means a figure stated on the Trading Platform which represents the sum of your Cash and Unrealised P & L.

"Notices and Policies" means information we are required by

law or regulation to disclose to our clients or otherwise desire to disclose, including: the Risk Warning Notice, our Trade and Order Execution Policy, our Conflicts of Interest Policy and any notices with respect to third-party trading platforms.

"Open Position" means the position in a Market created by a Trade to the extent that such position has not been closed in whole or in part under this Agreement.

"Order" means an instruction you give us to execute a Trade when the price of a Market reaches a specified price or an event or condition occurs.

"Orders Aware Margining" means a reduced Margin Requirement that applies to Trades in certain Markets which have attached Stop Loss or Guaranteed Stop Loss Orders.

"OSCA Only Cleared Account Election" means an election by you that Trades in respect of Centrally Cleared Markets may only be cleared through the relevant Clearing House's omnibus client segregation model.

"OSCA/ISCA Only Cleared Account Election" means an election by you that Trades in respect of Centrally Cleared Markets may be cleared through both the relevant Clearing House's individual client segregation model and omnibus client segregation model.

"Our Address" means Park House, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7EB.

"Our Bid Price" means the lower of two prices we quote for each Market.

"Our Offer Price" means the higher of the two prices we quote for each Market.

"Our Price" means Our Offer Price and Our Bid Price for each Market.

"Our Spread" means the difference between Our Bid Price and Our Offer Price.

"Portfolio Data" means the Key Terms in relation to all outstanding Trades between you and us in a form and standard that is capable of being reconciled. The information comprising the Portfolio Data for Portfolio Data Delivery Date will be prepared as at the close of business London time on the immediately preceding Business Day.

"Portfolio Data Delivery Date" means each date determined by us, provided that such dates shall occur not less frequently than:

(a) if you are classified as a "Financial Counterparty" or a "Large Non-financial Counterparty" for the purposes of clause 12:

(i) if there are more than 500 Trades outstanding between us across all your Accounts, each Business Day;

(ii) if there are between 51 and 499 Trades outstanding between us across all your Accounts, once per week; or

(iii) if there are 50 or fewer Trades outstanding between us across all your Accounts, once per quarter; or

(b) if you are classified as a "Small Non-financial Counterparty" for the purposes of clause 12:

(i) if there are more than 100 Trades outstanding between us across all your Accounts, once per quarter; or

(ii) if there are 100 or fewer Trades outstanding between us across all your Accounts, once per year.

"Price Tolerance" is a feature which allows you to adjust the amount of slippage you will accept on applicable Trades, where slippage is the difference between Our Price quoted on the Trading Platform and the price the Trade is executed.

"Product" means each type of financial instrument or investment contract we make available under this Agreement, subject to additional terms set out in the relevant Product Supplement.

"Professional Client" has the meaning given to it by FCA Rules.

"Quantity" means, in respect of a Trade or an Open Position, the number of units traded in the relevant Market to which that Trade or Open Position relates, synonymous to "stake" or "trade size".

"Realised Profits" and "Realised Losses" means your profits or Losses (as appropriate) which result on expiry or closure of an Open Position.

"Regulatory VM Requirement" has the meaning given to it in the EMIR Margin Supplemental Terms.

"Retail Client" has the meaning given to it by FCA Rules.

"Risk Warning Notice" means the notice provided to clients in Annex 1 to these General Terms detailing the risks associated with undertaking trading in our Products.

"Rule Set" means, with respect to a Clearing House Service, the rules, conditions, and procedures, regulations, standard terms, membership agreements, collateral addenda, notices, guidance, policies or other such documents promulgated by the Clearing House in respect of the relevant Clearing House Service, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

"Security Information" means account numbers and/or Username as applicable, passwords and other information required to identify you for the purposes of you trading with us under this Agreement.

"Short Position" means an Open Position resulting from a Trade or Trades to sell units in a Market at Our Bid Price.

"Stop Order" means an instruction to create a Short Position when Our Price reaches a specified price.

"Stop Loss Order" means an instruction to execute a Trade to close an Open Position when Our Price reaches a specified price.

"Supplemental Terms" means the supplemental terms to the General Terms for each Product type and/or the EMIR Margin Supplemental Terms, if applicable.

"Total Margin" means a figure stated on the Trading Platform which represents the aggregate of the Margin Requirements applicable to your Account.

"Trade" means a transaction entered into by you pursuant to this Agreement.

"Trade and Order Execution Policy" means our policy on the extent to which we will be required to provide clients with best execution when executing Trades and Orders.

"Trading Hours" shall be as set forth on the Trading Platform.

"Trading Platform" means the password protected trading system (including any related software and/or communications link) that we may supply or make available to you, either directly or through our third party service providers or licensors, and through which you can deal with us under this Agreement and view your Account information.

"Trading Resource" means a figure stated on the Trading Platform which represents your Net Equity less your Total Margin. This is subject to:

- any additional factors which need to be taken into

account under the Supplemental Terms for any particular Product type;

- any additional factors which we may agree will be taken into account in assessing your Trading Resource.

"Transfer" means, in respect of a CCP Transaction, to transfer our rights, obligations and interest in or under such transaction, including by way of assignment, novation or termination and replacement, and "Transferred" will be construed accordingly.

"Uncleared Trade" means a Trade which is not a Centrally Cleared Trade.

"Underlying Instrument" means the instrument, index, commodity, currency (including currency pair) or other instrument, asset or factor whose price or value provides the basis for us to determine Our Price for a Market.

"Unrealised Losses" and "Unrealised Profits" means the profits or Losses (as appropriate) that have not as yet been realised on Open Positions before expiry or closure.

"Unrealised P & L" means a figure stated on the Trading Platform which represents your Unrealised Profits less your Unrealised Losses.

"Website" means our website at [www.finspreads.com](http://www.finspreads.com) which comprises (among other things) the Trading Platform, the Market Information and information related to third party hosting or trading applications (for example, MetaTrader).



## Product Supplements

## Supplemental Terms

### These Terms

- 34.1 These Supplemental Terms set out the terms and conditions under which we offer a range of Spread Bets and it forms part of the Agreement. You should read these Supplemental Terms in conjunction with the Risk Warning Notice which explains in general terms the nature of the risks particular to our Products and the trading of these Products.
- 34.2 Unless separately defined in these Supplemental Terms, words and expressions shall have the meanings given to them in the General Terms.

### Spread Betting

- 34.3 A spread bet ("Spread Bet") is a bet on the difference between the opening and closing price of a contract. The price of the Spread Bet is determined by reference to the price of another financial instrument, such as: shares, indices, commodities, currencies or fixed-income securities. Features of our Spread Bets are described below.
- 34.4 Spread Bets are legally enforceable contracts in the United Kingdom.
- 34.5 An "Expiring Spread Bet" is a Spread Bet where Our Price is based on the market price of the Underlying Instrument, interest rate differentials and cost of carry amongst other things. The settlement date is typically on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis and is specified in the Market Information. No Daily Financing Fees are payable on an Expiring Spread Bet but, in the case of equities, any dividend will appear as a separate charge or credit to your Account.
- 34.6 A "Daily Funded Trade" is a Spread Bet where Our Price is based on the current market price of the Underlying Instrument. Daily Financing and dividends are not included in the calculation of Our Price but appear as separate charges or credits to your Account. A Daily Funded Trade typically has a long term settlement date which is specified on the Market Information.
- 34.7 A "Day Trade" is a Spread Bet that expires and settles on a daily basis at the times specified in the Market Information. There is no option to roll a Day Trade.
- 34.8 Trades for Spread Bet Markets can be placed through the Trading Platform or by calling Client Management.
- 34.9 We will quote, execute and settle Trades for Spread Bet Markets in your Base Currency, unless we agree otherwise.
- 34.10 Commercial information (including but not limited to Market Hours, minimum and maximum Quantity, Our Spread and expiry dates) for each Spread Bet Market is set out in the relevant Market Information.
- 34.11 Spread Bet Markets will be closed and settled automatically on the expiry time or date specified in the Market Information. You may close an Open Position before that date in accordance with clause 6 of the General Terms ("Closing Trades"). You may give instructions to "roll" an Open Position in an Expiring Spread Bet Market. If we accept such instructions we will roll the Open Position in accordance with clause 7 of the General Terms ("Rollover"). When you place instructions to roll an Open Position in an Expiring

Spread Bet Market on the Trading Platform any Orders attached to the Open Position will be attached to the new Open Position. If we elect to accept instructions to roll an Open Position in an Expiring Spread Bet Market by telephone and you place such an instruction, you must give us express instructions to attach the Order to the new Open Position.

### Profit and Loss

- 34.12 Profits and losses for an Open Position will be credited or debited to your Unrealised P & L. Unrealised Profits will allow you to place additional Trades but cannot be withdrawn until the Open Position is closed. Unrealised Losses will reduce the amount you have available to place Trades and may result in your positions being closed under clause 11 of the General Terms ("Margin Close Out Level").
- 34.13 For Spread Bets, when an Open Position is closed Realised Profit or Realised Loss is calculated as: (the difference between the opening and closing Our Price divided by the Bet per) x Quantity. This may be determined differently on fractional products such as Bonds which will be noted in the Market Information. "Bet Per" is the minimum movement in Our Price for any Market. Bet Per for any Market which is other than 1 is specified in the Market Information.
- 34.14 Realised Profits or Realised Losses will be credited to or debited from your Cash.

### Taxes

- 34.15 We are permitted, but not required, to withhold any sums for tax purposes on the Realised Profits or on any Daily Financing Fees that you receive as a result of holding positions in Spread Bet Markets.
- 34.16 We pay UK betting duty due on any Trades in Spread Bet Markets, although we may change this by giving you notice by email or by posting such information on our Website or the Trading Platform.
- 34.17 You are responsible for the payment of all taxes that may arise in relation to your Trades. There may be taxes imposed that are not paid by us on your behalf. For all personal Tax enquires relating to tax arising from Trading, we recommend that you seek independent tax advice.

### Product Supplement for German Clients

- 34.18 These Supplemental Terms for German Clients sets out additional terms and conditions under which we offer German Products to German Clients as defined below forming part of the Agreement.
- 34.19 Should there be any conflict between the General Terms, the Supplemental Terms and the Product Supplement for German Clients, the Product Supplement for German Clients will prevail.
- 34.20 Unless separately defined in this Product Supplement for German Clients, words and expressions shall have the meanings given to them in the General Terms. This Product Supplement for German Clients does not apply to Professional Clients and Eligible Counterparties.
- 34.21 Definitions

"German Clients" means any of our Retail Clients, having their residential address located in the Federal Republic of Germany ("Germany").

"German Products" means each type of CFD or Leveraged FX we offer or make available to German Clients under this Agreement and subject to additional terms set out in these Supplemental Terms.

34.22 In respect of German Products:

(a) if your Account is subject to negative Net Equity due to Unrealised or Realised Losses being debited from your Account, we shall close the Open Positions related to such Unrealised or Realised Losses and set the balance of your Account to zero. You shall not be subject to any additional payment obligations in respect of such Unrealised or Realised Losses.

(b) if your Account is subject to negative Net Equity due to unpaid fees and charges applicable to your Account, you will be subject to additional payment obligations in accordance with clauses 9 (Charges) and 13 (Payments and Withdrawals).

## EMIR Margin Supplemental Terms

### 35. These Terms

35.1 The Supplemental Terms in this clause 35 apply to you only if you are classified as either a Financial Counterparty of a Large Non-financial Counterparty pursuant to clause 12.12 (Statements, Contract Notes and Portfolio Reconciliation).

35.2 The Supplemental Terms in this clause 35 do not apply to you if you are classified as a Small Non-financial Counterparty pursuant to clause 12.12 (Statements, Contract Notes and Portfolio Reconciliation).

35.3 Unless separately defined in these Supplemental Terms, words and expressions shall have the meanings given to them in the General Terms.

### Regulatory VM Requirement

35.4 Under the EMIR Margin Rules, we are subject to a requirement (the "**Regulatory VM Requirement**") to exchange variation margin in respect of OTC derivatives contracts not cleared by a CCP (such contracts, "**In scope Uncleared Trades**") with Financial Counterparties and Large Non-Financial Counterparties.

35.5 In respect of your In-scope Uncleared Trades, we will calculate the amount (if any) of Eligible Collateral required to be delivered by you under the Regulatory VM Requirement (the "**Delivery Amount**") and the amount (if any) of excess collateral required to be returned to you under the Regulatory VM Requirement (the "**Return Amount**") in accordance with the EMIR Margin Rules.

35.6 We will give you notice of the mark-to-market exposure in respect of your In-scope Uncleared Trades and any Delivery Amount or Return Amount by sending it to you by email or making it available through the Trading Platform.

35.7 Subject to clauses 35.8 and 35.9 below:

- (a) if we have a mark-to-market exposure to you in respect of In-scope Uncleared Trades, you shall be obliged to transfer to us the Delivery Amount; and
- (b) if you previously transferred Eligible Collateral to us in respect of a mark-to-market exposure that we had to you and such mark-to-market exposure subsequently decreased, you have the right to call from us the related Return Amount.

35.8 A Delivery Amount and each Return Amount will be required to be transferred only if such amount equals or exceeds the Minimum Transfer Amount.

35.9 If a Delivery Amount or Return Amount equals or exceeds the Minimum Transfer Amount:

- (a) we shall effect the transfer of such Delivery Amount to us by designating an amount of your Margin Balance equal to such Delivery Amount to be held in the VM Requirement Ledger; or
- (b) we shall effect the transfer of such Return Amount to you by removing such amount from the VM Requirement Ledger but designating such amount as continuing to be held in the Account.

### GAIN Capital Default

35.10 If a GAIN Capital Default occurs and is continuing, you may, by giving notice in writing to Our Address for the attention of Head of Legal/Head of Trading, designate a day not earlier than the first Business Day after the date such notice is deemed given and in accordance with clause 32 (Notices) as the Early Termination Date in respect of all your

In-scope Uncleared Trades.

35.11 Upon such designation of an Early Termination Date, your In-scope Uncleared Trades will terminate, no further payments or deliveries in respect of such trades or default interest, howsoever described, on such payment obligations will be required to be made but without prejudice to the other provisions of this Agreement, and the amount payable between you and us following such termination will be the Termination Amount determined pursuant to this clause.

35.12 On or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Early Termination Dates, we shall determine and notify to you the "Termination Amount" in respect of the terminated In-scope Uncleared Trades.

### Definitions

35.13 For the purposes of this clause 35, the following terms have the meanings given below.

"**Eligible Collateral**" means cash denominated in the Base Currency.

"**GAIN Capital Default**" means an Insolvency Event in respect of GAIN Capital UK Limited.

"**Margin Balance**" means the amount of Eligible Collateral transferred by you to us under the Margin Requirement and held in the Account.

"**Minimum Transfer Amount**" means EUR 500,000 or the equivalent amount in another currency, as determined by us.

"**VM Requirement Ledger**" means a ledger of the Account that we maintain for the purpose of recording and holding Eligible Collateral transferred by you to us under this clause 35 pursuant to the VM Requirement.

# Notices and Policies

## Annex 1: Risk Warning Notice

### 4. Introduction

You are considering dealing with us in financial instruments and investment contracts relating to various financial markets. Unless separately defined in this notice, words and expressions shall have the meanings given to them in the General Terms.

You should read this notice in conjunction with the Supplemental Terms which provide a general description of the nature of each specific type of Products we offer, how they work and which set out the terms and conditions under which we make these Products available to you.

This notice is designed to explain in general terms the nature of the risks particular to our Products and the trading of these Products. We provide this warning to help you to take investment decisions on an informed basis. However, please note that each Trade will carry its own unique risks which cannot be explained in a general note of this nature.

Our Products carry a higher risk of loss than trading many traditional instruments, such as shares in many large companies or fixed income securities such as bonds issued by governments or large companies. For many members of the public trading in our Products is not suitable. It is very important that you should not engage in trading in our Products unless you know, understand and are able to manage the features and risks associated with such trading and are also satisfied that trading in our Products is suitable for you in light of your circumstances and financial resources.

In considering whether to engage in trading our Products, you should be aware of the following risks.

### 5. Leverage

A high degree of "gearing" or "leverage" is associated with trading our Products. This stems from the margining system applicable to our Products which generally involves comparatively modest funds of the overall contract value to open a Trade. This can work for you and against you. A small price movement in your favour can result in a high return on the money placed in the Account; however, a small price movement against you may result in substantial losses, possibly more than the money placed in the Account. Prices can move quickly particularly at times of high market volatility (see below) and, if these price movements are unfavourable to your Trade(s), you could quickly build up significant losses.

If you do not maintain enough funds in your Account to satisfy your Margin Requirements, we may close any or all of your Open Positions (in some circumstances without warning). If we do this, your Open Positions may be closed at a loss for which you will be liable.

### 6. Nature of Margined Trades

Our Agreement explains in detail how our Products operate; see our General Terms, Supplemental Terms, as well as your Application Form. Also you should review examples and explanations found on our Website – although these are not part of the Agreement, they provide useful guidance on trading

in our Products (and the risks associated with them).

A Trade in one of our Markets is a Trade based on movements in Our Price. Our Price for a Market is set by us but relates to the price of the relevant Underlying Instrument. Whether you make a profit or loss will depend on the prices we set and fluctuations in the Underlying Instrument to which your Trade relates.

Trades in our Products can only be settled in cash.

Trades in our Products are legally enforceable.

In certain circumstances your losses on a Trade may be unlimited. For instance, if you open a position with us by selling the contract in question (a practice known as "shorting a market") and the price rises, you will make a loss on that Trade and it is impossible to know the limit of your potential losses until you close the Trade or your Open Positions are closed when your Margin Level reaches the Margin Close Out Level. You must ensure that you understand the potential consequences of a particular Product or Trade and be prepared to accept that degree of risk.

You will not acquire the Underlying Instrument nor any rights or delivery obligations in relation to the Underlying Instrument.

### 7. Client money and Centrally Cleared Trades

Our Agreement explains how your money which is held as Client Money may be transferred to and held at a clearing house in relation to Centrally Cleared Trades.

In the unlikely event of a client default which results in our insolvency and a shortfall on the client transaction account, the clearing house may use the balances on the client transaction account and so you may not receive back all of the monies in which you have a proprietary claim.

This is unlikely because we operate a margin close out policy which closes out Open Positions where the client Margin Level reaches or falls below the Margin Close Out Level. This policy significantly reduces the likelihood of losses arising from client default that would result in our insolvency. Additionally using a clearing house means that any shortfall on the client transaction account will initially be met by monies from our own funds in our house account with the clearing house prior to clients bearing the deficiency rateably.

In the event that the clearing house becomes insolvent you may not receive back all of the monies in which you have a proprietary claim.

### 8. Volatility

As mentioned above, whether you make a profit or a loss will depend on the prices we set and fluctuations in the price of the Underlying Instrument to which your Trade relates. Neither you nor we will have any control over price movements in the Underlying Instrument. Price movements in the Underlying Instrument can be volatile and unpredictable.

A feature of volatile markets is "Gapping", the situation where there is a significant change to Our Price between consecutive quotes. Gapping may occur in fast and falling markets or if price sensitive information is released prior to Market opening. The price at which we execute your Orders may be adversely affected if Gapping occurs in the relevant Market. Guaranteed Stop Loss Orders will always be executed at your specified Order price, but all other types of Orders will be executed when Our Price meets or exceeds your specified Order price. If



Gapping occurs, the price at which your Order is executed may significantly exceed your specified Order price.

#### 9. Liquidity

A decrease in liquidity (a term which describes the availability of buyers and sellers who are prepared to deal in an Underlying Market) may adversely impact Our Price and our ability to quote and trade in a Market. If there is a significant reduction or a temporary or permanent cessation in liquidity in an Underlying Instrument, such events may be deemed an Event Outside of Our Control or Market Disruption Event (as applicable) under the General Terms and we may increase Our Price, suspend trading or take any other action we consider reasonable in the circumstances. As a result you may not be able to place Trades or to close Open Positions in any affected Market.

#### 10. Dealing Off-exchange

Dealing in our Products is conducted exclusively off-exchange, a type of trading which is also called dealing "over-the-counter" or "OTC". In dealing with us off-exchange you deal directly with us and we are the counterparty to all of your Trades. When dealing on Markets which are not Centrally Cleared Markets, there is no exchange or central clearing house to guarantee the settlement of Trades.

When dealing in Centrally Cleared Markets, the clearing house will guarantee the financial performance of transactions between the clearing house and its members.

#### 11. General

We maintain our financial stability by hedging against large Trades. In the event that we are to face liquidation, if you are deemed at the time of the liquidation to be an eligible claimant under the rules of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (the "Scheme") of which we are a member, you will be compensated by the Scheme to a maximum of £50,000. For further detail, please refer to clause 23.8 of these General Terms.

If there is anything you do not understand, or if you require clarification on any matter, please contact Client Management.

## Annex 2: Conflicts of Interest Policy

### 1. Introduction

We aim to identify and prevent conflicts of interest which may arise between us and our clients, and between one client and another, in order to avoid any adverse effect on our clients. This Conflicts of Interest Policy (the "Policy") sets out procedures, practices and controls in place to achieve this.

This Policy applies to all officers, directors (whether Executive or Non-Executive), employees and any persons directly or indirectly linked to us (together "Personnel") and refers to interactions with all of our clients. It has been prepared in accordance with the provisions set out in articles 16(3) and 23 of MiFID II.

Unless separately defined in this Policy, words and expressions shall have the meanings given to them in the General Terms.

### 2. Regulatory Requirements Relating to Conflicts of Interest

The FCA has detailed requirements relating to the management of conflicts of interest, which are found primarily in the FCA Senior Management Arrangements, Systems and Controls ("SYSC") sourcebook. Taken together with the provisions set out in Article 23 of MiFID II, the rules require us, among other things, to:

- take all reasonable steps to identify conflicts of interest between us and our client, or one client of ours and another;
- keep and regularly update a record of the kinds of service or activity we carry on (or which is carried on our behalf) in which a conflict of interest entailing a material risk of damage to the interests of one or more of our clients has arisen or may arise;
- maintain and operate effective organisational and administrative arrangements with a view to taking all reasonable steps to prevent conflicts of interest from constituting or giving rise to a material risk of damage to the interests of our clients; and
- establish, implement and maintain an effective, written conflicts of interest policy.
- where organisational or administrative arrangements cannot prevent the risk of conflicts of interest adversely impacting clients, that the general nature and/or sources of such conflicts will be clearly disclosed. Such disclosure shall be in a durable medium and contain a sufficient level of detail.
- Maintain and operate and effective product governance arrangements to ensure that our products meet the needs of our clients and remain appropriate at all times.

As with all laws and regulations applicable to our business, we take our regulatory requirements relating to conflicts of interest very seriously.

### 3. Scope

We have identified the types of conflicts which may occur in our business and which carry a material risk of damage to the interests of a client. These include, but are not limited to, when we or any person directly or indirectly linked to us:

- a) are likely to make a financial gain or avoid a financial loss at the expense of our client;
- b) have an interest in the outcome of a service or

- c) product provided to, or of a transaction carried out on behalf of, our client which is distinct from our client's interest in that outcome;
- d) have a financial or other incentive to favour the interests of another client or group of clients over the interests of our client;
- e) carry on the same business as our client;
- f) receive, or will receive, from a person other than our client an inducement in relation to the service provided to our client in the form of monies, goods or services, other than the standard commission or fee for that service; or
- f) design, market or recommend a product or service without properly considering all of our other products and services and the interests of our clients.

### 4. Guarding Against Conflicts of Interest

We have put in place the systems and procedures described below to: minimise the potential for conflicts of interest, to ensure that we have adequate arrangements to manage all conflicts of interest, and where possible to avoid material conflicts of interest.

**4.1 Personal account dealing.** All Personnel are bound by the requirements of our Personal Account Dealing Policy. All transactions undertaken by Personnel are actively monitored by our Compliance Department.

**4.2 "Need to Know" policy.** Where Personnel are in possession of confidential or inside information such as information relating to a client's Trade, Personnel may not disclose such information to another party without ensuring that:

- there is a clear need-to-know on the part of the recipient;
- the procedures set out in this Policy are adhered to;
- where the information relates to a client, the information transfer is in accordance with the best interests of the client; and
- the recipient is made aware of the requirement to treat the information as confidential.

Only information required for the intended use may be disclosed and the receiving individual is then bound by the same restrictions.

Personnel are required to take care when handling confidential information, such as information relating to a client's trades or personal details. In particular, Personnel are required to ensure that they do not leave documents containing confidential information on their desks and that they refrain from discussing confidential information in circumstances where it could be overheard by other Personnel who have no need to know such information.

**4.3 Restriction on access to information/electronic data.** The access to computer drives and to files located within drives is restricted by the use of passwords and user IDs. Computers are automatically locked if unattended for a short period. In addition, Personnel are reminded of the importance of data protection.

- 4.4 **Gifts and inducements.** Personnel may not solicit or accept any gift or inducement which may influence their independence or business judgement or which could create a conflict with any duty owed to us or our clients.

This restriction does not include special promotions on products and services which have been agreed by our senior management, nor does it cover corporate gifts and hospitality which are considered to be incidental to our ordinary business. Examples of gifts and inducements which may not be offered or accepted include cash, gifts readily convertible into cash or any other object of significant value.

Personnel are required to register with the Compliance Department details of hospitality or gifts, whether given or received, with an estimated value in excess of £250 (or the equivalent in other currencies) and to seek guidance from that department if in doubt about the suitability of any gift.

Such items are recorded in our Gifts and Hospitality Register which is subject to regulatory inspection.

- 4.5 **External business interests.** Personnel undertake that they will not (unless granted prior written consent from our senior management or permitted under the terms of their employment) be engaged in or have an interest, either directly or indirectly, in any trade, business or occupation, which is or may be in competition with us and/or which would involve use of our time, property, facilities or resources.
- 4.6 **Segregation of duties.** Job roles are designed to limit the potential for conflicts of interest. Where appropriate and proportionate, systems and controls exist to prevent Personnel from undertaking roles where such a conflict may exist. However, due to the nature, scale and complexity of our business, there can be occasions when a member of staff is required to undertake duties that could give rise to a conflict. In this event, every effort is made to ensure that such circumstances exist only for a limited period or that additional controls are in place to identify inappropriate behaviour.

All Personnel are regularly assessed for competency for their roles and Personnel are required to follow the internal procedures detailed in our Compliance Manual. Where a potential conflict may exist within a role, additional monitoring, control and sign-off procedures are in place to mitigate any such conflict. Audit records, reconciliation procedures and Compliance monitoring arrangements are also in place to ensure all processes are adequately controlled and reviewed.

- 4.7 **Whistleblowing Policy.** We are committed to ensuring that malpractice is prevented and, should it arise, to deal with it immediately. Employees are informed as to whom they can and should report public interest issues in the Company's Whistleblowing Policy.

Employees should follow the steps laid out in this procedure, ensuring they are able to raise genuine concerns about malpractice without fear of harassment or victimisation.

- 4.8 **Disclosure policy.** We believe that our internal policies and procedures, systems and controls, generally mitigate the risk of any conflict of interest arising, either between us and our client or between two or more of our clients.

Where, however, the potential for conflict arises and that conflict cannot be avoided we would either make a full disclosure or, if it is considered that the disclosure is an inappropriate method of managing the conflict, we would not proceed with the matter or transaction giving rise to the conflict.

If any Personnel are aware of any circumstances which

may give rise to a conflict of interest, they must immediately refer the matter to the Compliance Department.

## 5. Policy Review

We regularly review our Conflicts of Interest Policy to ensure that it covers conflicts that can be reasonably expected to arise within the course of our business. Any significant amendments to this Policy must be approved by our senior management.

## Annex 3: Trade and Order Execution Policy

### 1. Introduction

Delivering best execution is fundamental to market integrity and to the delivery of good outcomes for clients, and is something we are fully committed to. Under the rules of the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA Rules") we have a duty to conduct our business with you honestly fairly and professionally and to act in your best interests in dealing with you. More specifically, we are required to provide you with the best possible execution when we deal with you.

Providing best execution under MiFID II requires even greater levels of compliance than before and means that when we deal with you we must take all sufficient steps to obtain the best result for you in accordance with our trade and order execution policy. It does not mean that we must obtain the best possible results for you on every single occasion. However, it does require us to verify on an on-going basis that our execution arrangements are working well throughout the different stages of the order execution process.

This document sets out the general terms of our trade and order execution policy and our actual policy is available upon request. Unless separately defined, words and expressions herein shall have the meanings given to them in the General Terms. However this overview is not part of our Agreement and it does not form part of the contract between us.

We deal with you as principal and not as agent. We are therefore your only "execution venue". In dealing with us, you transact directly with us and not on any exchange or other external market or venue. Any Trades with us are non-transferable. If you create an Open Position with us you must close it with us.

### 2. Execution policy

In providing best execution we are obliged to take into account certain execution factors. We must tell you what these are and the relative importance we give to each. If you are a Retail Client, we must determine whether we have provided you with best execution by reference to the total consideration you pay (that is price and costs of execution) though we will also use our judgement and take into account other relevant factors (such as any instructions regarding price) with the aim of providing you with the best result.

The execution factors that we consider and their relative importance are as follows:

**Price: The relative importance we attach is high.** Our Price for a given Market is calculated by reference to the price of the relevant Underlying Instrument. We obtain this price from third party external reference sources. For some kinds of instruments, e.g. equities, there will be a third party securities exchange from which we will obtain this price. For other kinds of instruments, e.g. foreign exchange, we will collect price data from nominated wholesale market participants.

Our Price will often differ from the price of the Underlying Instrument. For some Markets we add Our Spread to the price of the Underlying Instrument. We may also adjust Our Price for any Market to take into account factors such as liquidity in external markets for the Underlying Instrument, dividend amounts, financing charges in an external market or other

relevant factors. You must pay Daily Financing Fees, commission and other charges in addition to Our Price for some Products and Markets – see under "Costs" below.

When trading in the Underlying Instrument is very active and the price of the Underlying Instrument changes quickly, there is no guarantee that every price movement in the Underlying Instrument will result in a change to Our Price. We aim to update Our Price as frequently as we reasonably can but our ability to do so may be limited by technological factors including current hardware, software and data and communications links.

For some Markets we will quote Our Price outside of trading hours for the Underlying Instrument. In such circumstances Our Price is set by us by reference to one or more related alternative Underlying Instruments that are then traded, and may be adjusted in response to supply and demand from our clients. This means that outside normal Exchange Hours we exercise a greater degree of discretion in the setting of Our Price. In addition, Our Spread is generally wider and our maximum Quantity is generally smaller than during normal trading hours for the Underlying Instrument.

We execute all Trades at Our Price and in accordance with the General Terms.

**Costs: The relative importance we attach is high.** For many Markets, Our Price includes Our Spread and no additional charges or commissions are payable by you. For other Markets you will be required to pay a separate commission charge for each Trade to open or close an Open Position.

We may pass on some charges to you arising from the Underlying Instrument traded. These include borrowing charges where an Underlying Instrument becomes expensive to borrow or stamp duty in some circumstances.

Additionally for many Markets you will be required to pay Daily Financing Fees on the full amount of an Open Position. Generally:

- if you hold a Short Position (i.e. you have executed a sell Trade), we pay you a Daily Financing Fee and;
- if you hold a Long Position (i.e. you have executed a buy Trade), you pay us a Daily Financing Fee.

Details of the Daily Financing Fees are set out on our Website.

We will also charge a premium for Guaranteed Stop Loss Orders.

Details of charges we make in respect of particular Markets are set out in the Market Information.

**Speed and Likelihood of Execution:** The relative importance we attach is high. You may execute Trades either using our Trading Platform or by phoning one of our dealers.

When you execute through the Trading Platform you will receive immediate execution capability: if you see an Our Price on the screen and the Quantity you want to trade is less than our maximum Quantity for that Market, then the Trade will, under almost all circumstances, be executed at the Our Price quoted on the Deal Ticket. We will execute all Trades in accordance with the General Terms.

When executing by phone in a Quantity above our minimum Quantity but below our maximum Quantity, you will be quoted the same Our Price you will receive if you use the Trading Platform. In such circumstances, the dealer will generally confirm execution of your Trade immediately after you indicate that you wish to trade at the quoted Our Price.



Trades will be executed as soon as reasonably possible and in most circumstances almost instantaneously. However, there may be circumstances where Trades cannot be executed almost instantaneously, for example, due to illiquidity in the Underlying Instrument or if there is something unusual about the nature of the Order.

**Quantity: The relative importance we attach is high.**

We normally provide certainty of execution for Trades you wish to place for a Quantity which is greater than our minimum Quantity and lower than our maximum Quantity.

Our minimum and maximum Quantities are set by us for each Market and may vary depending on current market conditions for the Underlying Instrument. Our minimum and maximum Quantities can be found in the Market Information or you may contact Client Management.

Where you wish to execute a Trade whose size exceeds our maximum Quantity, you may be quoted a different Our Price for the requested Quantity. Alternatively, if you agree with one of our dealers by phone, we may work the Order in an external market on your behalf.

3. Working an Order in the Market

The Our Price at which a worked Order is executed will be based upon the average price we receive for our transactions on an External Execution Venue. In such circumstances, our Trade with you may be subject to any applicable charges as described in the Market Information.

Our Trade or Trades with you only become effective after we have executed our hedge transactions on an External Execution Venue and you have confirmed Our Price. Please note if we have agreed to work an Order in the market for you and have started to execute transactions on an External Execution Venue then you cannot cancel the Order. However, we may agree to cancel any unfilled part of the Order.

4. Dealing with your Orders

In most cases when the condition or event specified in your Order occurs it will be executed at or very close to the specified Order Price. However, please note that for all Orders other than Guaranteed Stop Loss Orders, the price you receive at execution is not guaranteed. Our Price may move from a price which is less than your specified Order price to a price which is greater than your specified Order price without a quote at any intermediate price. This will be due to rapid price changes in the Underlying Instrument (called 'gapping'), for example following a profits warning or the release of financial statistics different from those expected. In such a case, Our Price at the time of execution may be markedly different to the specified Order price.

If, when an Order is executed, the Quantity is less than our maximum Quantity for that particular Market, the Order will be executed at or near the specified Order price.

Note that if you have placed multiple Orders in the same Market, with the same specified Order price and with a Quantity greater than our maximum Quantity, there is no guarantee that they will all be executed at the same price, since each Order must be executed as a different Trade. The execution prices will depend on the liquidity in the external market for the Underlying Instrument and the execution of the

first Trade may affect the liquidity available for the execution of the second and any subsequent Trades.

We will execute all Orders in accordance with the General Terms.

5. Specific instructions

You may give us a specific instruction for the execution of a Trade or an Order.

Following your specific instructions may prevent us from taking the steps set out herein to obtain the best possible result for the element of the Trade or Order included in your instructions.

6. Our obligations

We will comply with our Trade and Order Execution Policy when we are required to exercise our judgement in obtaining the best outcome for the execution of clients' Trades and Orders.

Furthermore, we fully support all initiatives aimed at promoting and enhancing transparency for clients and will, from Q1 2018 onwards, publish execution data in a manner consistent with the spirit of RTS 27 of the MiFID delegated regulation. Such data shall be published quarterly, three months in arrears (such that Q1 2018 data is published no later than the end of Q2 2018), and all reports will be made available to clients for up to two years after publication.

7. Monitoring and review of our policy

We will monitor compliance with our policy and maintain records of the data which is used to set Our Price.

We will review our policy at appropriate intervals. As part of that process, we will review:

- the sources of external pricing in Underlying Instruments;
- Our Price in relation to the external pricing of an Underlying Instrument; and
- any fees or charges.

If we make any material changes to our policy, we will notify you by email or by posting such information on our Website or the Trading Platform.

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