

RISK WARNING

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1. PURPOSE AND INTRODUCTION

This notice is designed to explain the nature of and some of the risks particular to our products. **Basis Capital Markets UK Ltd.** (“**Basis**” or the “**Firm**”) provide this warning to help you 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 in many traditional instruments such as shares and may not be suitable for you. It is very important that you should not engage in trading 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.

Basis does not (and will not) provide you with investment advice relating to investments or possible transactions in investments or from making investment recommendations of any kind. We can give you factual market information or information, in relation to a transaction about which you have enquired, as to transaction procedures, potential risks involved and how those risks may be minimised.

2. 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 a comparatively modest deposit 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 on deposit, however a small price movement against you may result in substantial losses, possibly more than the money placed on deposit. Prices can move quickly particularly at times of high market velocity, and if these price movements are unfavourable to your trades you could quickly build upon 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 position may be closed at a loss for which you will be liable.

3. MARGINED TRADES

A trade in one of our markets is a trade based on movements in the price of the relevant underlying instrument. Whether you make a profit, or a loss, will depend on the prices we set and fluctuations in the underlying instrument to which your trade relates. Trades in our products are settled physically or in cash and are legally enforceable.

In certain circumstances your losses on a trade may be unlimited. For instance if you open a position with us to sell 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’s 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 may be called upon to deposit substantial additional margin, at short notice, to maintain your position. If you do not provide such additional funds within the time required, your position may be closed at a loss and you will be liable for any resulting deficit.

You will not acquire the underlying instrument or any rights of delivery obligations to the underlying instrument.

Certain markets are quoted and settled in currencies other than your base currency. Trading in these markets carries the additional risk of currency risk, as the exchange rate at the time your positions are closed and converted into your base currency, may be different to the rate at the time you created the open position.

4. VOLATILITY

Whether you make a profit, or a loss, will depend on the fluctuations in the price of the underlying instrument to which your trade relates. Neither you nor Basis will have any control over price movements in the underlying instrument. Price movements in underlying instruments can be volatile and unpredictable.

A feature of volatile markets is “gapping” this is where there is a significant change in the price between consecutive quotes. Gapping may occur in fast and falling markets or if price sensitive information is realised prior to market opening. The price at which Basis executes your orders may be adversely affected if gapping occurs in the relevant market. Stop loss orders will be executed when the price meets or exceeds your specified order price. If gapping occurs the price at which your order is executed may be significantly different from your specified order price.

5. LIQUIDITY

Under certain trading conditions it may be difficult or impossible to liquidate a Position. This may occur, for example at times of rapid price movement if the price rises or falls in one trading session to such an extent that trading is restricted or suspended.

A decrease in liquidity (a term which describes the availability of buyers and sellers who are prepared to deal in an underlying market) may also adversely impact the price and therefore the 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 Basis’ control or market disruption event (where applicable) and Basis may increase the spread between the bid and offer, suspend trading or take any other action considered reasonable under the circumstances. As a result, you may not be able to place trades or to close or open positions in any affected market.

6. DEALING OFF EXCHANGE

Transactions with Basis are not transacted on a recognised or designated investment exchange and, accordingly, they may expose you to greater risks than exchange transactions. The Transactions structure and rules will be established solely by Basis in accordance with FCA Conduct of Business rules. For example, if you wish to close the position earlier than the time at which it would otherwise automatically expire, you will have to close it at Basis’ quotation which may reflect a premium or discount to the underlying market. You will have to close any position with the same provider with whom it was originally entered into.
