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PRODUCT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Contracts for Difference issued by Plus500AU Pty Ltd (NZ clients only)
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This document replaces the previous Plus500AU Pty Ltd Product Disclosure Statement for Contracts for Difference, dated 6 February 2018.

This document provides important information about the contracts for difference issued by Plus500AU Pty Limited to help you decide whether you want to enter into such products. There is other useful information about this offer at www.business.govt.nz/disclose.

Many derivatives, are complex and high-risk financial products and are not suitable for most retail investors. If you do not fully understand a derivative described in this document and the risks associated with it, you should not enter into it. You can also seek advice from a financial adviser to help you make your decision. You should ask if that adviser has experience with these types of derivatives.

Plus500AU Pty Ltd has prepared this document in accordance with the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013.

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1. KEY INFORMATION SUMMARY

1.1 WHAT IS THIS?

This is a Product Disclosure Statement ('PDS') for Contracts for Difference (CFDs) provided by Plus500AU Pty Ltd ('Plus500AU', 'us', 'we', 'our') on the Plus500 Platform. CFDs are derivatives, which are contracts between you and Plus500AU Pty Ltd that may require you or Plus500AU to make payment. The value of the contract will depend on the price, value or level (as the case may be) of the underlying reference instrument at both the time at which the CFD is opened and the time at which the CFD is closed. The underlying reference instrument may be a commodity, currency, share, index or other financial instrument listed on the Plus500 Platform (each, an 'Eligible Reference Instrument'). The contract specifies the terms on which those payments must be made.

1.2 WARNING

1.2.1. Risk that you may owe money under the derivative

If the price, value or level (as the case may be) of the Eligible Reference Instrument changes, you may suffer losses. In particular, unlike most other kinds of financial products, you may end up owing significant amounts of money. You should carefully read Section 2.3 of this PDS on how payments are calculated.

1.2.2. Your liability to make margin payments

Plus500AU may require you to make additional payments of margin to contribute towards your future obligations under a CFD. These payments may be required at short notice and can be substantial. You should carefully read Section 2.3 of this PDS about your obligations.

1.2.3. Risks arising from Plus500AU's creditworthiness

When you enter into derivatives with Plus500AU, you are exposed to a risk that Plus500AU cannot make payments as required. You should carefully read Section 3 of this PDS (risks of these derivatives) and consider Plus500AU's creditworthiness. If Plus500AU runs into financial difficulty, the margin you provided may be lost.

1.3 ABOUT US

Plus500AU is a provider of CFDs through the Plus500 Platform. More information about Plus500AU is available on our website www.plus500.co.nz.

1.4 WHICH DERIVATIVES ARE COVERED BY THIS PDS?

This PDS covers CFDs over Eligible Reference Instruments. CFDs allow you to make a gain or loss, depending on changes in the price, value or level (as the case may be) of the Eligible Reference Instrument underlying the CFD. CFDs are always cash-settled. This means that in no circumstances will you be entitled to delivery of the underlying Eligible Reference Instrument.

When trading CFDs, you and Plus500AU agree to exchange the difference in value of the CFD between when the CFD is opened and when it is closed. You will either be entitled to be paid an amount of money (if the value of the CFD has moved in your favour) or will be required to pay an amount of money (if the value of the CFD has moved in our favour). The value of the CFD is linked,



but not identical, to the price or level at which the Eligible Reference Instrument underlying the CFD is trading at the relevant time.

Some of the benefits of trading in CFDs via the Plus500 Platform include:

- The Plus500 Platform offers you the opportunity to trade in CFDs over a variety of Eligible Reference Instruments, all from a single account.
- It is possible to make a gain or loss on CFDs in both rising and falling markets.
- CFDs are a leveraged product, which means that you may be required to contribute a smaller amount of up-front capital than you might otherwise be required to contribute when trading more traditional products to gain equivalent exposure to an Eligible Reference Instrument.
- There are no account opening fees or trading commissions, except as described in Section 4 of this PDS.
- We are able to provide CFD trading facilities through our online trading platform, which is currently accessible via: Desktop Trader, WEB Trader, iPhone APP, iPad App, Android App and Android Tablet App.

2. KEY FEATURES OF THE DERIVATIVES

2.1 WHAT IS A CFD?

CFDs are agreements between you and us which allow you to make a gain or loss, depending on the movement in the price, value or level of the underlying Eligible Reference Instrument. The CFD derives its value from the underlying Eligible Reference Instruments - which are never delivered to you, and you do not have a legal right to, or ownership of, them. Rather, your rights derive from the CFD itself. The money you will receive will depend on whether the underlying currency pair or asset you choose moves in your favour. If it does, then you will make a gain and you will be paid an amount of money. If it does not, then you will make a loss and you will be required to pay an amount of money.

The amount of money that you could be required to pay is the difference between the value of the CFD as specified on the Plus500 Platform at the time of opening the transaction and the value of the CFD as specified on the Plus500 Platform at the time of closing the transaction, plus or minus any Overnight Funding (as defined in Section 4 below) (the '**Difference**').

A CFD is not traded on an exchange. This means that it is an over the counter ('**OTC**') product and you are trading with Plus500AU as the counterparty to the trades you undertake and all trades must be closed with us.

2.2 SUMMARY OF THE KEY BENEFITS OF CFDs

When you open a CFD via the Plus500 Platform, you are required to pay a deposit (the '**Initial Margin**'). The Initial Margin payable in respect of a CFD may be much less than the amount that you would be required to pay to directly acquire an equivalent number of Eligible Reference Instruments (this is why CFDs are often referred to as "marginied" or "leveraged" products). This



**This is the amount available to be used for new positions or to withdraw subject to the minimum withdrawal amount.*

P&L*: = total P&L + Adjustments

**This number represents the projected profit and loss on all of your open positions.*

Equity*: = Balance + P&L

**The current account valuation when all positions are liquidated.*

All valuations are made by us according to the prices that we are then quoting on our trading platform. Therefore, your Equity, Available Balance and P&L are constantly calculated in line with market movements.

If any of your positions are denominated in a currency other than the Base Currency, they will be continually valued at the NZD exchange rate quoted on the Plus500 Platform. Your statement will report Balances in the Base Currency.

Step 3: Opening a CFD and Paying the Initial Margin

You open a CFD by placing an order to 'buy' or 'sell' a CFD over a particular Eligible Reference Instrument. Upon opening a CFD, you will be immediately required to deposit Initial Margin with us. A CFD cannot be opened until the Initial Margin has been deposited with us. We will deduct Initial Margin from your Available Balance. We will tell you what Initial Margin is required before you trade.

Margin is not part payment for an underlying Eligible Reference Instrument and there is no capacity for a CFD to be converted into the underlying Eligible Reference Instrument.

Initial Margin is calculated by multiplying the "Initial Transaction Value" by the "Initial Margin %". The Initial Transaction Value for a CFD will be displayed on the Plus500 Platform. The Initial Margin % is set by us and is different for each Eligible Reference Instrument. The percentage varies according to volatility and market conditions. The Initial Margin % applicable to a particular Eligible Reference Instrument is set out in the instrument details tab for that Eligible Reference Instrument on the Plus500 Platform. We may vary the Initial Margin % at our discretion, but that won't change the Initial Margin needed for positions already open.

Example 1

Janet decides to 'buy' a CFD over 10,000 COMPANYX Limited shares at a price of \$5.36 per share. The Initial Margin % for COMPANYX Limited shares is 10%.

The Initial Margin required to open Janet's position is $10\% \times \$5.36 \times 10,000 = \$5,360$.



Step 4: Maintaining your Position

In order to keep your position open, you will need to ensure that your Equity remains at all times greater than or equal to the sum of the Maintenance Margin required in respect of all of your open positions (the ‘**Maintenance Margin Amount**’).

Maintenance Margin for a position is calculated by multiplying the Initial Transaction Value for that position by the “Instrument Maintenance Margin %”. As noted above, the Initial Transaction Value for a CFD will be displayed on the Plus500 Platform. The Instrument Maintenance Margin % is set by us and is different for each Eligible Reference Instrument. The Instrument Maintenance Margin % applicable to a particular Eligible Reference Instrument is set out in the instrument details tab for that Eligible Reference Instrument on the Plus500 Platform. We may vary the Instrument Maintenance Margin % at our discretion.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your Trading Account is sufficiently funded at all times, especially during volatile periods.

If your Equity falls below the Maintenance Margin Amount, you will only be allowed to close or reduce open positions, until your Equity is back in excess of the Maintenance Margin Amount.

Example 2

Bill thinks that the price of oil will fall in the near future. Bill resides in New Zealand. He sees that the prices quoted on the Plus500 Platform for CFDs over oil are USD45.60/USD45.65. Bill offers to sell a CFD over 1000 barrels of oil at USD45.60, the bid price. He wants to buy it later at a lower price, in order to close his position at a profit. Bill has a Balance of NZ\$1,110. For this example let's assume 1 USD = 1 NZD and that Bill does not have any other open positions.

The Instrument Maintenance Margin % for oil is 0.33%. This means that the Maintenance Margin for Bill's position is $0.33\% \times \text{USD}45.60 \times 1,000 = \text{USD}150$. Bill must ensure that his Equity exceeds USD150 to keep his position open.

The next day the price of oil has jumped suddenly to USD46.50/USD46.55 and Bill's projected gross loss on the trade is USD950 ($1,000 \times (\$46.55 - \$45.60) = \text{USD}950$).

To calculate Bill's overall, or net, projected loss you also have to take into account the Overnight Funding (as defined in Section 4 below). In this example, assume the Overnight Funding is -0.15%, or -USD68.40 ($\text{USD}45,600 \times -0.15\%$) per day.

Gross loss on trade:	(USD950)
Overnight Funding:	(USD68.40)
Net loss on trade:	USD1,018.40 = NZ\$1,018.40



Bill's Equity is now \$91.60 (being his Balance (\$1,110) minus the projected net loss on his trade (\$1,018.40)). Because Bill's Equity is less than the required Maintenance Margin (\$150) he is required to immediately deposit further funds in order to keep his position open. In these circumstances, we may also take steps to force closure of the transaction, to protect Bill from further loss – see Section 2.4.3 of this PDS under the heading "Our right to force close".

Step 5: Closing your Position and Paying or Receiving the Difference

You close a CFD by taking an opposite position to that taken by you under Step 3 above.

Upon closure of the CFD, you will either be entitled to be paid the Difference (if the value of the CFD has moved in your favour) or will be required to pay the Difference (if the value of the CFD has moved in our favour). The Difference is equivalent to the difference between the value of the CFD as specified on the Plus500 Platform at the time of opening the transaction and the value of the CFD as specified on the Plus500 Platform at the time of closing the transaction, plus or minus any Overnight Funding (as defined in Section 4 below).

Your liability to pay the Difference is capped at an amount equivalent to your Equity at the time the transaction is closed. In other words, you will not remain liable to pay any amounts which cannot be covered by the closing out of all of your positions.

We offer settlement of trades on a real time basis. Your account will be credited/debited when you close your position.

2.3.2 Important information about margin

Margin payments may be required at short notice and can be substantial.

We will try to send you an SMS and e-mail alert once every 24 hours if we believe that you may need to contribute further margin in order to keep your position open. An alert is triggered according to the following formula:

$$\text{Equity} \leq \text{total Maintenance Margin on all open positions.}$$

It is your responsibility to constantly monitor your open positions on the Plus500 Platform to ensure that you retain sufficient Equity to support your open positions.

To assess whether you are due to pay margin, you must add up the Maintenance Margin requirements for all open positions on your Trading Account.

It is your obligation to monitor your margin position and pay any shortfall. If you do not pay us any shortfall immediately, the Client Agreement gives us significant rights against you that you should be fully aware of. These rights include, but are not limited to, closing your open positions without prior notice to you. We have these rights as soon as you have a margin shortfall – however large or small. We will not pay interest on margin deposited with us.



Without the Guaranteed Stop Order, Ken would have lost \$9,910 ($\$1,259.60 - \$1,160.50 \times 100 = (\$9,910)$).

Please note that, for trades where there is no Guaranteed Stop Order, the price you receive at the time you close-out your position is not guaranteed in this manner.

2.5 TERM OF THE DERIVATIVES

2.5.1 Expiry Dates

In general, you can keep a CFD open for as long as you are able to meet your margin obligations. CFD transactions are closed by you taking an offsetting, opposite position. However, we may, in our sole and absolute discretion, set an expiry date and time (an '**Expiry Date**') for a CFD over a specific Eligible Reference Instrument. This Expiry Date will be displayed under the instrument details tab for the applicable Eligible Reference Instrument on the Plus500 Platform. It is your responsibility to make yourself aware of any applicable Expiry Date.

If you do not close a CFD over an Eligible Reference Instrument that has an Expiry Date, before such Expiry Date, the CFD shall automatically close upon the applicable Expiry Date, in which case the closing price for the CFD shall be deemed to be the last bid or offer price (as applicable) quoted on the Plus500 Platform immediately prior to the applicable Expiry Date for that Eligible Reference Instrument.

2.5.2 Rollover

For CFDs based on futures contracts (such as Index CFDs and most Commodity CFDs), positions will be automatically rolled over (carried forward) to the next contract when the current contract expires. The date and time of rollover (the '**Rollover Date**') will be displayed under the instrument details tab for the applicable Eligible Reference Instrument on the Plus500 Platform. It is your responsibility to make yourself aware of any applicable Rollover Date. Open positions of this nature will be rolled over indefinitely until closed in accordance with the terms of the Client Agreement.

If, at the Rollover Date, the new contract is trading at a higher price than the expiring contract (at a premium), a negative adjustment will be made to the Balance of an investor holding a long (buy) position and a positive adjustment will be made to the Balance of an investor holding a short (sell) position, to take into account the difference in price between the two contracts. Conversely, if the new contract is trading at a lower price than the expiring contract (at a discount), a positive adjustment will be made to the Balance of an investor holding a long (buy) position and a negative adjustment will be made to the Balance of an investor holding a short (sell) position.



Some weeks later, the COMPANYYX Limited share price has risen to \$6.20/\$6.24 and Janet decides to realise her profit. To close the CFD, Janet offers to 'sell' a CFD over 10,000 COMPANYYX Limited shares at \$6.20, the bid price.

Janet's gross profit on the trade is calculated as follows:

Closing level: \$6.20
 Opening level: \$5.36
 Difference: \$0.84
 Gross profit on trade: \$0.84 x 10,000 = \$8,400

To calculate Janet's overall, or net, profit on the CFD, you also have to take account of the Overnight Funding and dividend adjustments that have been credited or debited to her Balance.

In the above example, Janet might have held the position for 21 days, at a total Overnight Funding cost of, say, \$378. During this time, if COMPANYYX Limited declared a cash dividend of, for example, 15 cents per share Janet would receive a positive dividend adjustment of \$1,500 (10,000 x \$0.15).

Gross profit on trade: \$8,400
 Overnight Funding: (\$378)
 Dividend adjustment: \$1,500
 Net profit on trade: \$9,522

'Selling' a CFD over a share or ETF replicates the economic effect of selling a share or ETF short, in that you benefit from all falls in the underlying share or ETF price (and, conversely, bear the cost of all rises in the underlying share or ETF price). A negative adjustment will be made to your Balance representing a notional dividend if any cash dividends are paid on the underlying share or ETF (if applicable) and a positive adjustment will be made to your Balance representing the Overnight Funding (being the interest that you could have earned if the proceeds of the underlying share or ETF sale were placed on deposit). The following example shows how you can use a CFD to achieve the same economic effect as selling a share short.

Example 9

Tom thinks the share price of Company Y is about to fall. The price quoted on the Plus500 Platform for CFDs over Company Y shares is \$9.56/\$9.61. Tom offers to sell a CFD over 5,000 Company Y shares at \$9.56, which is the bid price at the time.

A month has passed; Tom's position is still open at the time of the Company Y ex-dividend date. The amount of the declared cash dividend is \$0.23 per share and this is debited from Tom's Balance. The adjustment is calculated as follows: 5,000 shares x \$0.23 = \$1,150

The price quoted on the Plus500 Platform for CFDs over Company Y shares has now risen to \$11.56/\$11.61, so Tom decides to cut his losses and close the position by making an offer to 'buy' a CFD over 5,000 Company Y Shares at \$11.61, the offer price.



respond to news or a change of sentiment more quickly than indices, which are not fully up to date until every individual share which they contain has traded.

Example 10

Jack thinks that the broader equity market in Australia is oversold and is anticipating a recovery in the S&P/ASX200 stock index futures price. Rather than trying to buy a number of single stock CFDs he decides that he wants to buy CFDs on the index. The price being quoted on the Plus500 Platform for CFDs over S&P/ASX200 stock index futures contracts is currently 4972/4975. Jacks decides to buy 10 units and opens a buy order in respect of a CFD over 100 S&P/ASX200 stock index futures contracts at 4975 (each unit = 10 contracts).

The Initial Margin % for S&P/ASX200 stock index futures is 0.34%, so the Initial Margin required to open Jack's position is = $0.34\% \times 100 \times 4975 = \text{A\$ } 1,691.50$.

Over the next 2 days, the S&P/ASX200 stock index futures price rises to 5022/5025. Jack enters an order to close his position and sells his position at 5022.

Jack's gross profit on the trade is calculated as follows:

Opening level: 4975

Closing level: 5022

Difference: 47

Gross Profit on Trade = $47 \times 10 = \text{\$}470$

To calculate Jack's overall, or net, profit you also have to take into account the Overnight Funding. In this example, assume the Overnight Funding is -0.075% or - $\text{\$}37.31$ ($\text{\$}49,750 \times 0.075\%$) per day. (Jack kept his position open for two days, so the total Overnight Funding payable = $\text{\$}37.31 \times 2 = \text{\$}74.62$).

Gross Profit: $\text{\$}470$

Overnight Funding = $(\text{\$}74.62)$

Net Profit = $\text{\$}395.38$

2.6.3 CFDs on options

Options CFDs are CFDs over traded options contracts. Options contracts are contracts pursuant to which a seller gives a buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy (in the case of a '**Call Option**') or sell (in the case of a '**Put Option**') a specified quantity of assets at a pre-determined price (the '**Strike Price**'), within a set time period. Traded options contracts have a price that is quoted on an exchange (the '**Option Price**'). A CFD over an option allows you to make a gain or a loss depending on the movements in the applicable Option Price.

Options CFDs work in the same manner but they will always be cash settled (i.e. you will not actually buy or sell the underlying product at expiry).

When you 'buy' a CFD over a Put Option or a Call Option, your downside risk stops when the Option Price reaches zero. In other words, you can't lose more than an amount equivalent to the Option Price, so your maximum liability is known from the outset. Unlike when 'buying' Option CFDs, you



can lose substantially more than an amount equivalent to the Option Price when ‘selling’ Option CFDs. ‘Selling’ a CFD over a Put Option or a Call Option gives you the ability to increase potential profits in stagnant markets, by taking advantage of time value that is priced into Option CFDs. Note: when you buy or sell a CFD over an option, you are not dealing in the option itself. You cannot exercise it and you have no rights in the underlying asset to which it relates.

Example 11

The instrument “Germany 30” is currently trading at a buy rate of 9746.56. A Call Option over Germany 30 with a Strike Price of 9850 (the ‘**Germany 30 Call Option**’) is currently trading at \$500/\$512. David believes that the buy rate of the instrument “Germany 30” at the expiry of the Germany 30 Call Option will be higher than 9850, so he offers to ‘buy’ a CFD over one Germany 30 Call Option at \$512.

Later that day, the Option Price for the Germany 30 Call Option has decreased by \$10 to \$490/\$502 and David decides to close his position by making an offer to ‘sell’ a CFD over one Germany 30 Call Option at \$490.

David’s gross loss on the trade is calculated as follows:

Closing level: \$490
 Opening level: \$512
 Difference: \$22
 Gross loss on trade: $\$22 \times 1 = \22

There is no Overnight Funding payable in this example because David’s position has not been maintained beyond the Overnight Funding Time (as defined in Section 4 of this PDS).

2.6.4 Commodities CFDs

A Commodity CFD allows you to make a profit or loss by reference to fluctuations in the price of a particular commodity or commodity futures contract. We may specify a minimum number, value or quantity of Eligible Reference Instruments that may be included in one CFD (the ‘**Unit Amount**’). For example, the minimum quantity of gold that may be included in one CFD traded through the Plus500 Platform is 100 ounces.

Example 12

Kerry believes that the price of gold is undervalued and she decides to enter into a CFD in respect of gold in the expectation that the gold price will rise. The price quoted on the Plus500 Platform for a CFD over gold is \$1,621.85/\$1,622.35 per ounce. Kerry ‘buys’ a CFD in respect of 100 ounces of gold at \$1,622.35. The next day the price of gold has increased by \$10 to \$1,631.85 /\$1,632.35. The trade has moved in Kerry’s favour and she decides to close her position by making an offer to ‘sell’ a CFD in respect of 100 ounces of gold at \$1,631.85.



Kerry's gross profit on the trade is calculated as follows:

Closing level: \$1,631.85
Opening level: \$1,622.35
Difference: \$9.50
Gross profit on trade: $\$9.50 \times 100 = \950

To calculate Kerry's overall, or net, profit, you also have to take into account the Overnight Funding. In this example, assume the Overnight Funding is 0.018%, or \$29.19 ($\$163,185 \times 0.018\%$), per day.

Gross profit on trade: \$950
Overnight Funding: (\$29.19)
Net profit on trade: \$920.81

2.6.5 Forex CFDs

Forex CFDs allow you to gain exposure to movements in exchange rates. Forex CFDs are opened in the same way as other CFDs. We will quote a bid and offer price for a CFD over a currency pair. For example, we might quote the Euro against the USD as 1.3543/1.3545. If you thought the Euro was going to rise against the USD, you would 'buy' the CFD at 1.3545. If you thought the Euro was going to fall against the USD, you would 'sell' the CFD at 1.3543. You can close your position by entering into an opposite trade. If the CFD is a buy, the closing level will be the lower figure quoted by us. If the CFD is a sell, it will be the higher figure. An Overnight Funding amount may be payable if your position is held after market hours. Details of currency trading sizes and margin requirements are set out in the instrument details tab for each Eligible Reference Instrument on the Plus500 Platform.

Example 13

Robert decides to 'go long' in respect of the US dollar against the Swiss franc (CHF) (i.e., to 'buy' a CFD over a USD/CHF foreign exchange contract), and asks for a quote for a CFD over 5 units (contracts), the equivalent of USD 25,000 (unit sizes are set out in the instrument details tab for the applicable Eligible Reference Instrument on the Plus500 Platform). We quote him 0.9172/0.9177 and he buys a CFD over 5 contracts at 0.9177.

While the position remains open, the Overnight Funding is debited or credited to or from Robert's Balance. In this example, the Overnight Funding is -0.02% or USD5 or CHF4.58 per day, and is payable by Robert. 23 days later, the USD/CHF exchange rate has risen to 0.9333/0.9338, and Robert decides to realise his profit by selling a CFD over 5 contracts at 0.9333.

Robert's gross profit on the trade is calculated as follows:

Closing level: $\text{USD}25,000 \times 0.9333 = \text{CHF } 23,332.50$
Opening level: $\text{USD}25,000 \times 0.9177 = \text{CHF } 22,942.50$



Difference: CHF390
Gross profit on trade: CHF390

To calculate the overall, or net, profit, you also have to take account of the Overnight Funding. In this example, Robert held the position for 23 days, owing a total Overnight Funding of $USD5 \times 23 = USD115 = CHF 107.32$:

Gross profit on trade: CHF 390
Overnight Funding: (CHF 107.32)
Net profit: CHF 282.68 = USD 302.88 equivalent

3. RISKS OF THESE DERIVATIVES

3.1 PRODUCT RISKS

There are a number of risks associated with trading in CFDs. These risks may lead to unfavourable financial outcomes for you. Monitoring of any risks associated with the CFDs you enter into with us is your responsibility. You should seek independent legal, financial and taxation advice prior to commencing trading activities and should not use our services unless you fully understand the products, and the benefits and risks associated with them. Some of the risks associated with using our CFD trading facilities include:

3.1.1 Unforeseen circumstances

If we are unable to perform our obligations to you due to reasons beyond our control, then we may suspend our obligations to you. For example, during periods of significant market disturbance, it may be impractical or impossible to trade in relevant financial markets. We will inform you if any of these events occur.

3.1.2 Risks associated with OTC Derivatives

When you enter into any trade with us through the Plus500 Platform, you will be entering into an off-exchange (sometimes known as an over-the counter or 'OTC') derivative, which is non-transferable. This means that you will enter into CFDs directly with Plus500AU, and also that those CFD (positions) can only be closed with Plus500AU.

3.1.3 Gapping risk

Markets are subject to many influences which may result in rapid fluctuations. Because of this market volatility, no CFD transaction can be considered "risk free". Given the potential levels of volatility in markets, it is recommended that you closely monitor your transactions at all times. You can manage some of the downside risk by the use of loss limit orders (see Section 2.4 of this PDS). If you use a loss limit order, we will enter into a position opposite to your existing position if the price being quoted on the Plus500 Platform for a CFD over a particular Eligible Reference Instrument reaches a level specified by you in advance. However, in a volatile market, there may be a substantial time lag between order placement and execution. This can mean that the bid or offer price may be significantly lower or higher than the price at which the sell (or buy) order (including a loss limit order) was placed. This is known as "gapping". Unless you have placed a



Guaranteed Stop Order (as defined in Section 2.4.4 of this PDS), we do not guarantee that a loss limit order will be successful in limiting your downside risk, which may be greater than you initially anticipated. The risk of “gapping” can be avoided with the use of a Guaranteed Stop Order. For a full explanation, please see Section 2.4.4 of this PDS, under the heading “Guaranteed Stop Orders”.

3.1.4 Leverage risk

Trading in CFDs involves a high degree of leverage. You can outlay a relatively small amount of Initial Margin which secures a significantly larger exposure to an underlying Eligible Reference Instrument. The use of products like this magnifies the size of your trade, so your potential gain and your potential loss is equally magnified. You should closely monitor all of your open positions. If the market moves against you and your Initial Margin deposit is diminished, we may automatically close out your position - see Section 2.5.3 of this PDS, under the heading “Our right to force close”.

3.1.5 Potential loss caused by Spread

It is possible that you enter into a trade with us and the underlying currency rate, asset price or index level moves in your intended direction, but you still end up with less than your original investment after closing your position. This can happen because of the combined effect of the Spread (as defined in Section 4 below) and any negative Overnight Funding that applies over the days that a contract is held open.

3.1.6 We act as market maker

Although the prices generated by the Plus500 Platform will take into account current exchange and market data from various sources, they are not taken directly from any one source. This means that the price that we quote for a CFD over an Eligible Reference Instrument may be different to any current exchange or market price, or a competitor’s price, for that Eligible Reference Instrument.

3.1.7 Suspension or trading halt of the underlying Eligible Reference Instruments

Trading on the Plus500 Platform may be affected by the suspension or closure of any exchange on which Eligible Reference Instruments are traded, or by the imposition of limits or special or unusual terms on the trading on any such market. In such circumstances, we may force immediate closure of your positions (see Section 2.5.3 of this PDS, under the heading “Our right to force close”) and/or demand additional payment from you as margin (see Section 2.3.1 of this PDS, under the heading “Maintaining your Position”).

3.1.8 Your trades can be closed automatically

The value of your Equity must exceed the Margin Maintenance Amount at all times or your positions may be closed out without further notice to you (see Section 2.3.1 of this PDS, under the heading “Maintaining your Position”). You are solely responsible for monitoring your Trading Account and Balance at all times. Closely monitoring your positions is very important as you may be required to make immediate payments.



4. FEES

There are a number of fees and charges that you may be required to pay us, in order to use our services:

Type	Description
<p>Spread</p>	<p>We make money principally by charging you a spread, which is the difference between the bid price and offer price multiplied by the contract size ('Spread').</p> <p>The "bid price" is the price at which we are willing to buy the CFD from you and the "offer price" is the price at which we are willing to sell the CFD to you.</p> <p>The amount of this Spread will depend on factors such as the size and value of the transaction and prevailing market rates. This Spread is a cost to you that is incorporated into the prices quoted on the Plus500 Platform and is not separately payable by you over and above those quoted rates. We earn a Spread whenever you trade with us.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Example 14</p> <p>In Example 10 above, the price quoted to Robert for a CFD over the USD/CHF currency pair was 0.9172/0.9177. To buy (offer), Robert would pay 0.9177 multiplied by the contract size (USD25,000). To sell (bid), Robert would receive 0.9172 multiplied by the contract size (USD25,000). The difference between the two prices is USD12.50, which is the Spread (0.0005 x USD25,000 = USD12.50).</p> </div>
<p>Commission</p>	<p>Plus500AU does not charge dealing commissions.</p>
<p>Overnight Funding</p>	<p>In respect of each transaction that remains open at the end of each Trading Day as shown for each instrument on the platform/website, the overnight funding will be calculated and either added to or subtracted from the balance of your Trading Account. Overnight funding can be positive or negative. The Overnight Funding you earn or pay depends on the type and size of Eligible Reference Instruments that underlie the applicable CFD, and how long you keep the position open. The Overnight Funding will only apply if the position is kept open beyond a specified time (the 'Overnight Funding Time').</p> <p>The Overnight Funding is calculated daily by applying the applicable interest rate ('Overnight Funding Rate') at the time of opening of the position to the opening value of the position. If the Overnight Funding Rate is negative, you will be liable to pay the Overnight Funding. If the Overnight Funding Rate is positive, you will be entitled to be paid the Overnight Funding.</p>



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	<p style="text-align: center;">Example 15</p> <p>For example, the applicable Overnight Funding Rate might be -9.00% for a whole year or -0.025% per day (we use a 360 day-count convention) and the opening value of a position could be \$72,000.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">$\\$72,000 \times -0.025\% = -\\$18.$</p> <p>Accordingly, you would be required to pay an Overnight Funding of \$18 per day, for every day that you keep your position open.</p> <p>To view the applicable Overnight Funding Rate and Overnight Funding Time for a specific Eligible Reference Instrument, go to the main lobby screen on the Plus500 Platform, select the Eligible Reference Instrument required and click on the 'Details' tab on the far right of the row.</p> <p>We may adjust Overnight Funding Rates at any time based on market conditions, but this will affect only new positions opened after the adjustment. Your Balance will be automatically credited or debited with Overnight Funding at the daily Overnight Funding Time.</p> <p><i>Weekends and holidays</i></p> <p>If a position is opened on a Friday and held until the following Monday (being the next trading day), the amount added to or subtracted from your Balance is three times the daily Overnight Funding (to cover the entire weekend period).</p> <p>If a position is opened during a holiday period, the Overnight Funding will be added to or subtracted from your Balance during that period until you close the position.</p>
<p>Guaranteed Stop Premium</p>	<p>In certain circumstances, you are permitted to place a "Guaranteed Stop Order" with us, which guarantees that a position will be closed-out at exactly the price specified in the Guaranteed Stop Order (see Section 2.4.4 of this PDS for further detail).</p> <p>You are required to pay a premium in consideration for us executing the Guaranteed Stop Order (the 'Guaranteed Stop Premium'). The Guaranteed Stop Premium will be deducted from your Account when the Guaranteed Stop Order is placed, and is non-refundable once the Guaranteed Stop Order is executed.</p> <p>The Guaranteed Stop Premium is calculated by multiplying the Guaranteed Stop % by the applicable Spread and rounding up to the nearest 2 decimal places. To view the Guaranteed Stop %</p>



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	<p>applicable to a specific Eligible Reference Instrument, go to the main lobby screen on the Plus500 Platform, select the Eligible Reference Instrument required and click on the 'Details' tab on the far right of the row.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Example 16</p> <p>The price being quoted on the Plus500 Platform for a CFD over Google shares is \$500/\$502. This means that the Spread is \$2 (\$502 - \$500 = \$2). The Guaranteed Stop % in respect of Google shares is 50%.</p> <p>James buys a CFD over 10 Google shares and decides to place a Guaranteed Stop Order in respect of that position. The Guaranteed Stop Premium payable by James will be \$10 (\$2 x 50% x 10 = \$10).</p> </div>
Interest on derivatives investor money	<p>We place derivatives investor money (as defined in Section 5 below) into our designated client money account (as defined in Section 5 below). We are entitled to keep any interest (which is calculated daily) on positive balances in the designated client money account and do not pay that interest on to clients.</p>
Credit card payment fees	<p>We will not charge you a fee for accepting a credit card payment from you.</p>
Withdrawal Fee	<p>All account withdrawal requests are subject to a minimum withdrawal amount, which is the lesser of USD 50 (or its equivalent in the Base Currency) or your Available Balance.</p> <p>Processing a withdrawal request of less than the minimum withdrawal amount will incur a fee of USD 10 (or its equivalent in the Base Currency).</p> <p>Where you wish to close your Trading Account and have funds remaining, please note that funds returned via credit card (where your credit card is capable of processing refunds) do not incur an additional fee (or the fee is minimal and will be absorbed by Plus500AU in these instances). However, where funds are returned via other methods (e.g. Wire, PayPal, etc.) a fee of USD 10 (or its equivalent in the Base Currency) will be deducted from your Balance.</p>
Inactivity Fee	<p>If there are no transactions on your Trading Account for a period of at least three months, a fee will be payable by you in return for our provision of administrative and information services and the continued availability of your Trading Account ('Inactivity Fee'). You can pay our Inactivity Fee as agreed with you from time to time or we may deduct such fee from any funds held by us on your behalf. The Inactivity Fee will be equal to the lesser of the remaining Balance in your account or USD 10, levied quarterly and</p>



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	in the Base Currency. Upon assessment of the Inactivity Fee, your Trading Account may also be closed by us without further notice to you.

5. HOW PLUS500AU TREATS FUNDS AND PROPERTY RECEIVED FROM YOU

We will ensure that any money paid to us by you to satisfy any margin requirement (**‘derivatives investor money’**) is:

- held on trust;
- paid promptly into a designated client money trust account held with an eligible deposit-taking institution (**‘designated client money account’**); and
- held separately from any money held for our own account.

By using our services, you relinquish the right to any interest on funds deposited in our designated client money accounts (also known as trust accounts). All derivatives investor money held by us is pooled in one designated client money account, which means that your money will not be held separately from money belonging to other clients of Plus500AU.

All derivatives investor money is held on trust for you until you withdraw the money, use the money to place a trade, or otherwise provide us with a legal right to that money because of outstanding fees owed to us or in such other circumstances as referred to in the Client Agreement.

We do not use derivatives investor money for the purpose of authorised hedging activity. Any obligations incurred by us in connection with such transactions are funded by us from our own money.

6. ABOUT PLUS500AU

Plus500AU is the product issuer. This means that we issue the CFDs described in this document, and do not act on behalf of anyone else.

Plus500AU is also the service provider. The information on our website or other promotional material or provided by our customer support via email/chat is generic only and must not be treated as advice that is suitable for you and it does not take into account your, or any other person’s, particular financial situation or goals (or any one or more of them).

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