

Plus500 Ltd



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CFD's can put your capital at risk if used in a speculative manner. CFD's are categorized as high risk by some regulatory authorities as there is no protection of capital, no guaranteed return and customers can lose the amount invested. With the Plus500 Trading Platform it is not possible to lose more than the amount invested and customers cannot be left in debt to Plus500. Trading CFD's is not suitable for all investors; make sure you fully understand the risks involved.

[This Risk Disclosure Notice forms part of the Client Agreements as defined in the User Agreement](#)

- 1.1. You are considering dealing using the Plus500 ("we", "our", "us") trading platform in Contracts for Difference ('CFDs'). CFDs are high risk investments, which are not suitable for many investors.
- 1.2. This notice provides you with information about the risks associated with CFDs, but it cannot explain all of the risks nor how such risks relate to your personal circumstances. If you are in doubt you should seek professional advice.
- 1.3. It is important that you fully understand the risks involved before deciding to enter into a trading relationship with us. If you choose to enter into a trading relationship with us, it is important that you remain aware of the risks involved, that you have adequate financial resources to bear such risks and that you monitor your positions carefully.

2. **MAGNIFIED LOSSES**

- 2.1. The nature of margin trading markets means that both profits and losses can be magnified and, unless you place a Close at Loss or a Limit Order, you could incur very large losses if your position moves against you. However you cannot lose more than the balance on your Trading Account.

3. **CFDS ARE NOT SUITED FOR LONG TERM INVESTMENT**

- 3.1. CFDs are not suited to the long term investor. If you hold a CFD open over a long period of time the associated costs increase, and it may be more beneficial to buy the underlying asset instead.



4. NO RIGHTS TO THE UNDERLYING INSTRUMENT

- 4.1. CFDs do not provide any right to the underlying instruments, or in the case of CFDs referenced to shares, to voting rights.

5. ONLY INVEST MONEY YOU CAN AFFORD TO LOSE

- 5.1. Do not invest in CFDs with money you cannot afford to lose. An investment in CFDs carries a high degree of risk to the investor and, due to fluctuations in value; the investor may not get back the amount he has invested.

6. APPROPRIATENESS

- 6.1. Subject to our obligation to assess the appropriateness of the Trading Platform for your circumstances, any decision whether or not to open an account, and whether or not you understand the risks is yours.
- 6.2. We may also ask you for information about your financial assets and earnings. We do not monitor on your behalf whether the amount of money that you have sent us or your profits and losses are consistent with that information. It is up to you to assess whether your financial resources are adequate and what level of risk you take.

7. POTENTIAL RISKS

- 7.1. You cannot lose more than your Trading Account balance.
- 7.2. Before you open a CFD trade with us we require you to lodge money with us as Initial Margin and, in order to keep a Transaction open, you must ensure that the amount in your Trading Account exceeds the Maintenance Margin. The Initial Margin will differ between Instruments and the amounts will be indicated on the Trading Platform. This means that you will be trading using 'leverage' or 'gearing' and this can work for or against you; a small price movement in your favour can result in a high return on the Initial Margin placed for the trade, but a small price movement against you may result in substantial losses.
- 7.3. We will further require you to ensure that the amount in your Trading Account exceeds the Maintenance Margin in order to keep a Transaction open. Therefore, if our price moves against you, you may need to provide us with substantial additional Margin, at short notice, to maintain your open



trades. If you do not do this, we will be entitled to close one or more or all of your trades. You will be responsible for any losses incurred.

- 7.4. You should also be aware that under our User Agreement we are entitled, at our sole discretion, to make a Margin Call. Under the User Agreement, you are required to satisfy any Margin Calls immediately, by wire transfer in the time prescribed by us. If you do not do this, we will be entitled to close one, or more, or all of your trades.
- 7.5. Unless you have taken steps to place an absolute limit on your losses (for example, by placing a Close at Loss or Close at Profit order on your account) it is possible for adverse market movements to result in the loss of the entire balance of your Trading Account. We offer a range of risk management tools to help you to manage this risk.

8. NOT SUITABLE AS INCOME

- 8.1. The inherent concept of CFDs means they are not suitable for an investor seeking an income from his investments as the income from such investments may fluctuate in value in money terms. For an investment in an OTC product, which is not a readily realisable investment, it may be difficult to sell or realise the investment and obtain reliable information about its value or the extent of the risks to which it is exposed.

9. FLUCTUATIONS IN THE MARKET

- 9.1. It is important that you comprehend the risks associated with trading on a market as fluctuations in the price of the underlying market will have an effect on the profitability of the trade. For example: the value of investments denominated in foreign currencies may diminish or increase due to changes in the rates of exchange.
- 9.2. CFDs are therefore only suitable for those customers who fully understand the market risk and have previous trading experience. If unsure, it is advisable to seek independent advice.

10. DERIVATIVES

- 10.1. Positions opened with us are not traded on any exchange. The prices and other conditions are set by us, subject to any obligations we have to provide best execution, to act reasonably and in accordance with our user agreement and with our order execution policy. Each CFD trade that you open through our Trading Platform results in you entering into a contract



with us; these contracts can only be closed with us and are not transferrable to any other person.

11. NEED TO MONITOR POSITIONS

11.1. Because of the effect of gearing and therefore the speed at which profits or losses can be incurred it is important that you monitor your positions closely. It is your responsibility to monitor your trades.

12. OPERATIONAL RISKS

12.1. Operational risks with Plus500 on your computer are inherent in every CFD transaction. For example, disruptions in Plus500's operational processes such as communications, computers, computer or mobile networks or external events may lead to delays in the execution and settlement of a transaction. Plus500 does not accept or bear any liability whatsoever in relation to the operational processes of Plus500, except to the extent that it is caused by the fraud or dishonesty by Plus500.

13. CURRENCY RISK

Customers should be aware that CFD's denominated in currencies other than their home currency have the additional risk associated with currency fluctuations.



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