



## **Risk Disclosure Policy**

### HIGH RISK INVESTMENT WARNING

Trading Contracts for differences (CFDs) and leveraged Foreign Exchange (FX) in general is highly speculative and may not be suitable for all investors.

Margin trading carries significant risks, including the risk of losing the entirety of your initial investment. You should be aware of all the risks associated with trading CFDs and leveraged FX.

## 1. Introduction

Focus Markets LLC ("**Focus Markets**", "the Company") is incorporated in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with number **356 LLC 2020** and registered address at Euro House, Richmond Hill Road, Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, P.O Box 2897. Focus Markets offers financial and commodity-based derivative instruments and other securities and is authorised and regulated in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

## 2. Scope of the Policy

This Risk Disclosure Policy (hereinafter the "Policy") is provided to the Company's Clients and prospective Clients in compliance with the provisions of the Law.

The Policy forms part of the Client's agreement, namely, the Terms and Conditions Agreement with the Company, thus the Client is also bound by the terms of this Policy, as set out herein.

Before applying to the Company for a trading account and before they begin to trade with the Company, all Clients and prospective Clients should read carefully the following risk disclosures and warnings contained in this document relating to CFDs and leveraged FX.

However, it is noted that this Policy cannot and does not disclose or explain all of the risks and other significant aspects involved in dealing in CFDs and leveraged FX. The notice was designed to explain in general terms the nature of the risks involved when dealing in CFDs and leveraged FX on a fair and non-misleading basis.

## 3. General Risk Warning

The Client should not engage in any investment directly or indirectly in Financial Instruments unless he knows or understands the risks involved for each one of the financial instruments offered by the Company.

The Client should acknowledge that you run a great risk of incurring losses and damages as a result of the purchase and/ or sale of any financial instrument and accept that he is willing to undertake this risk.

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Client should be aware of all the risks associated with trading in CFDs and leveraged FX and seek independent professional expert advice if he has any doubts. The Company does not provide such advice. If the Client does not understand the risks involved in trading in CFDs and leveraged FX, he should not trade at all.

#### 4. Technical Risks

- 4.1. The Client and not the Company shall be responsible for the risks of financial losses caused by failure, malfunction, interruption, disconnection or malicious actions of information, communication, electricity, electronic or other systems.
- 4.2. If the Client undertakes transactions on an electronic system, he will be exposed to risks associated with the system including the failure of hardware, software, servers, communication lines and internet failure. The result of any such failure may be that his order is either not executed according to his instructions or it is not executed at all. The Company does not accept any liability in the case of such a failure.
- 4.3. The Client acknowledges that the unencrypted information transmitted by e-mail is not protected from any unauthorised access.
- 4.4. At times of excessive deal flow the Client may have some difficulties to be connected over the phone or the Company's Platform(s)/system(s), especially in fast Market (for example, when key macroeconomic indicators are released).
- 4.5. The Client acknowledges that the internet may be subject to events which may affect his access to the Company's Website and/or the Company's trading Platform(s)/system(s), including but not limited to interruptions or transmission blackouts, software and hardware failure, internet disconnection, public electricity network failures or hacker attacks. The Company is not responsible for any damages or losses resulting from such events which are beyond its control or for any other losses, costs, liabilities, or expenses (including, without limitation, loss of profit) which may result from the Client's inability to access the Company's Website and/or Trading System or delay or failure in sending orders or Transactions.
- 4.6. The Client is warned that when trading in electronic platform he assumes risk of financial loss which may be a consequence of amongst other things:
- 4.7. Failure of Client's devices, software and poor quality of connection;
- 4.8. The Company's or Client's hardware or software failure, malfunction or misuse.
- 4.9. In connection with the use of computer equipment and data and voice communication networks, the Client bears the following risks amongst other risks in which cases the Company has no liability of any resulting loss:
  - Power cut of the equipment on the side of the Client or the provider, or communication operator

(including voice communication) that serves the Client;

- Physical damage (or destruction) of the communication channels used to link the Client and provider (communication operator), provider, and the trading or information server of the Client;
- Outage (unacceptably low quality) of communication via the channels used by the Client, or the Company or the channels used by the provider, or communication operator (including voice communication) that are used by the Client or the Company;
- Wrong or inconsistent with requirements settings of the Client Terminal;
- Untimely update of the Client Terminal;
- The use of communication channels, hardware and software, generate the risk of non-reception of a message (including text messages) by the Client from the Company;
- Trading over the phone might be impeded by overload of connection;
- Malfunction or non-operability of the Platform, which also includes the Client Terminal.

4.10. The Client may suffer financial losses caused by the materialisation of the above risks, the Company accepting no responsibility or liability in the case of such a risk materialising and the Client shall be responsible for all the related losses he may suffer.

## 5. Trading Platform

5.1. The Client is warned that when trading in an electronic platform he assumes risk of financial loss which may be a consequence of amongst other things:

- Failure of Client's devices, software and poor quality of connection.
- The Company's or Client's hardware or software failure, malfunction or misuse.
- Improper work of Client's equipment.
- Wrong setting of Client's Terminal.
- Delayed updates of Client's Terminal.

5.2. The Client acknowledges that only one Instruction is allowed to be in the queue at one time. Once the Client has sent an Instruction, a new Instruction can be given to the Company.

5.3. The Client acknowledges that the only reliable source of Quotes Flow information is that of the live Server's Quotes Base. Quotes Base in the Client Terminal is not a reliable source of Quotes Flow information because the connection between the Client Terminal and the Server may be disrupted at some point and some of the Quotes simply may not reach the Client Terminal.

5.4. The Client acknowledges that when the Client closes the order placing/ deleting window or the position opening/closing window, the Instruction, which has been sent to the Server, shall not be cancelled.

5.5. Orders may be executed one at a time while being in the queue. Multiple orders from the same Client

Account in the same time may not be executed.

- 5.6. The Client acknowledges that when the Client closes the Order, it shall not be cancelled.
- 5.7. In case the Client has not received the result of the execution of the previously sent Order but decides to repeat the Order, the Client shall accept the risk of making two Transactions instead of one.
- 5.8. The Client acknowledges that if the Pending Order has already been executed but the Client sends an instruction to modify its level, the only instruction, which will be executed, is the instruction to modify Stop Loss and/or Take Profit levels on the position opened when the Pending Order triggered.

## **6. Risks and Warning Associated with Transactions in Complex Financial Instruments (CFDs and Leveraged FX)**

### **6.1. General**

Although CFDs and leveraged FX can be used for the management of investment risk, some of these products are unsuitable for many investors. Different CFDs and leveraged FX involve different levels of exposure to risk and in deciding whether to trade in such instruments the Client should be aware of the risks and factors contained in this document. However, it is noted that this document cannot disclose all the risks and other important aspects of CFDs and leveraged FX.

Trading in CFDs and leveraged FX are VERY SPECULATIVE AND HIGHLY RISKY and is not suitable for all members of the general public.

The Client should not deal in these products unless he understands their nature and the extent of his exposure to economic, legal and other risks involved and that he may lose entirely all his money, additional commissions and other expenses incurred.

The Client should also be satisfied that the product is suitable for him in light of his personal financial circumstances, financial resources, lifestyle and obligations and are financially able to assume the loss of their entire investment.

The Client should have the knowledge to understand CFDs, leveraged FX trading and the Underlying assets and Markets. CFDs are derivative financial instruments deriving their value from the prices of the underlying assets/markets in which they refer to (for example currency, equity indices, stocks, metals, indices futures, forwards etc.). Although the prices at which the Company trades are set by an algorithm developed by the Company, the prices are derived from the Underlying Assets /market. It is important therefore that the Client understands the risks associated with trading in the relevant underlying asset/ market because fluctuations in the price of the underlying asset/ market will affect the profitability of his trade.

The Company will not provide the Client with any advice relating to CFDs, leveraged FX, the Underlying Assets and Markets or make investment recommendations of any kind. So, if the Client does not understand the risks

involved, he should seek advice and consultation from an independent financial advisor. If the Client still does not understand the risks involved in trading in CFDs and leveraged FX, he should not trade at all.

## **6.2. Leverage and Gearing**

Transactions in foreign CFDs and leveraged FX carry a high degree of risk. The amount of initial margin may be small relative to the value of the CFDs and leveraged FX so that transactions are “leveraged” or “geared”.

A relatively small market movement will have a proportionately larger impact on the funds the Client has deposited or will have to deposit; this may work against the Client as well as for the Client. The Client may sustain a total loss of initial Margin funds and any additional funds deposited with the Company to maintain his position. If the market moves against the Client’s position and/or Margin requirements are increased, the Client may be called upon to deposit additional funds on short notice to maintain his position. Failing to comply with a request for a deposit of additional funds, may result in closure of his position(s) by the Company on his behalf and he will be liable for any resulting loss or deficit.

## **6.3. Risk-reducing Orders or Strategies**

The placing of certain Orders (e.g. “stop-loss” orders, where permitted under local law, or “stop-limit” Orders), which are intended to limit losses to certain amounts, may not be adequate given that markets conditions make it impossible to execute such Orders, e.g. due to illiquidity in the market. Strategies using combinations of positions, such as “spread” and “straddle” positions may be as risky as taking simple “long” or “short” positions. Therefore, Stop Limit and Stop Loss Orders cannot guarantee the limit of loss.

Trailing Stop and Expert Advisor cannot guarantee the limit of loss.

## **6.4. Volatility**

Some CFDs and leveraged FX trade within wide intraday ranges with volatile price movements. Therefore, the Client must carefully consider that there is a high risk of losses as well as profits. The price of CFDs is derived from the price of the Underlying Asset in which the CFDs refer to (for example Currency Pairs, equity indices, metals, commodities and forwards or any other asset available for CFD trading with the Company according to the Company’s discretion from time to time). CFDs, leveraged FX and related Underlying Markets can be highly volatile. The prices of CFDs, leveraged FX and the Underlying Asset may fluctuate rapidly and over wide ranges and may reflect unforeseeable events or changes in conditions, none of which can be controlled by the Client or the Company. Under certain market conditions it may be impossible for a Client’s order to be executed at declared prices leading to losses. The prices of CFDs, leverage FX and the Underlying Asset will be influenced by, amongst other things, changing supply and demand relationships, governmental, agricultural, commercial and trade programs and policies, national and international political and economic events and the prevailing psychological characteristics of the relevant marketplace.

## 6.5. Margin

The Client acknowledges and accepts that, regardless of any information which may be offered by the Company, the value of CFDs and leveraged FX may fluctuate downwards or upwards and it is even probable that the investment may become of no value. This is owed to the margining system applicable to such trades, which generally involves a comparatively modest deposit or margin in terms of the overall contract value, so that a relatively small movement in the Underlying Market can have a disproportionately dramatic effect on the Client's trade. If the Underlying Market movement is in the Client's favor, the Client may achieve a good profit, but an equally small adverse market movement can not only quickly result in the loss of the Clients' entire deposit but may also expose the Client to a large additional loss.

## 6.6. Liquidity

Some of the Underlying Assets may not become immediately liquid as a result of reduced demand for the Underlying Asset and Client may not be able to obtain the information on the value of these or the extent of the associated risks.

## 6.7. Off-exchange Transactions in CFDs and Leveraged FX

CFDs and leveraged FX offered by the Company are off-exchange transactions. While some off-exchange markets are highly liquid, transactions in off-exchange or non-transferable derivatives may involve greater risk than investing in on-exchange derivatives because there is no exchange market on which to close out an Open Position. It may be impossible to liquidate an existing position, to assess the value of the position arising from an off-exchange transaction or to assess the exposure to risk. Bid prices and Ask prices need not be quoted, and, even where they are, they will be established by dealers in these instruments and consequently it may be difficult to establish what a fair price is.

In regard to transactions in CFDs and leveraged FX the Company is using an Online Trading Systems for transactions in CFDs and leveraged FX which does not fall into the definition of a recognised exchange as this is not a Multilateral Trading Facility and so do not have the same protection.

## 6.8. Contingent Liability Investment Transactions

Contingent liability investment transactions, which are margined, require the Client to make a series of payments against the purchase price, instead of paying the whole purchase price immediately. The Margin requirement will depend on the underlying asset of the Financial Instrument. Margin requirements can be fixed or calculated from current price of the underlying instrument and it can be found on the website of the Company.

If the Client trades in CFDs or leveraged FX, he may sustain a total loss of the funds he has deposited to open and maintain a position. If the market moves against the Client, he may be called upon to pay substantial additional funds at short notice to maintain the position. If the Client fails to do so within the time required, his position may be liquidated at a loss and he will be responsible for the resulting deficit. It is noted that the Company will not

have a duty to notify the Client for any Margin Call to sustain a loss-making position.

Even if a transaction is not margined, it may still carry an obligation to make further payments in certain circumstances over and above any amount paid when the Client entered the contract.

Contingent liability investment transactions which are not traded on or under the rules of a recognised or designated investment exchange may expose the Client to substantially greater risks.

#### **6.9. Suspensions of Trading**

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 under the rules of the relevant exchange trading is suspended or restricted. Placing a Stop Loss will not necessarily limit the Client's losses to the intended amounts, because market conditions may make it impossible to execute such an Order at the stipulated price. In addition, under certain market conditions the execution of a Stop Loss Order may be worse than its stipulated price and the realised losses can be larger than expected.

#### **6.10. No Delivery**

It is understood that the Client has no rights or obligations in respect of the leveraged FX or Underlying Assets relating to the CFDs he is trading. There is no delivery of the underlying asset.

#### **6.11. Slippage**

Slippage is difference between the expected price of a Transaction in a CFDs or leveraged FX, and the price the Transaction is actually executed at. Slippage often occurs during periods of higher volatility (for example due to news events) making an Order at a specific price impossible to execute, when market orders are used, and also when large Orders are executed when there may not be enough interest at the desired price level to maintain the expected price of trade.

### **7. Charges and Taxes**

- 7.1. The Provision of Services by the Company to the Client is subject to fees, available on the Company's website. Before the Client begins to trade, he should obtain details of all fees, commissions, charges for which the Client will be liable. It is the Client's responsibility to check for any changes in the charges.
- 7.2. If any charges are not expressed in monetary terms (but, for example, as a percentage of contract value), the Client should ensure that he understands what such charges are likely to amount to.
- 7.3. The Company may change its charges at any time.
- 7.4. There is a risk that the Client's trades in any Financial Instruments may be or become subject to tax and/or any other duty for example because of changes in legislation or his personal circumstances. The Company does not warrant that no tax and/or any other stamp duty will be payable. The Company does



not offer tax advice.

- 7.5. The Client is responsible for any taxes and/or any other duty which may accrue in respect of his trades.
- 7.6. It is noted that taxes are subject to change without notice.
- 7.7. It is noted that the Company's prices in relation to CFDs and leveraged FX trading are set by the Company and may be different from prices reported elsewhere. The Company's trading prices are the ones at which the Company is willing to sell CFDs and leveraged FX to its Clients at the point of sale. As such, they may not directly correspond to real time market levels at the point in time at which the sale of CFD or Leverage products occurs.

## **8. Third Party Risks**

- 8.1. The Company may pass money received from the Client to a third party (e.g. an intermediate broker, a bank, a market, a settlement agent, a clearing house or OTC counterparty) to hold or control in order to effect a Transaction through or with that person or to satisfy the Client's obligation to provide collateral (e.g. initial margin requirement) in respect of a Transaction. The Company has no responsibility for any acts or omissions of any third party to whom it will pass money received from the Client.
- 8.2. The third party to whom the Company will pass money may hold it in an omnibus account and it may not be possible to separate it from the Client's money, or the third party's money. In the event of the insolvency or any other analogous proceedings in relation to that third party, the Company may only have an unsecured claim against the third party on behalf of the Client, and the Client will be exposed to the risk that the money received by the Company from the third party is insufficient to satisfy the claims of the Client with claims in respect of the relevant account. The Company does not accept any liability or responsibility for any resulting losses.
- 8.3. The Company may deposit Client money with a depository who may have a security interest, lien or right of set-off in relation to that money.
- 8.4. A Bank or Broker through whom the Company deals with could have interests contrary to the Client's Interests.

## **9. Insolvency**

The Company's insolvency or default may lead to positions being liquidated or closed out without the Client's consent.

## **10. Communication between the Client and the Company**

- 10.1. The Client shall accept the risk of any financial losses caused by the fact that the Client has received with delay or has not received at all any notice from the Company.

- 10.2. The Client acknowledges that the unencrypted information transmitted by e-mail is not protected from any unauthorised access.
- 10.3. The Company has no responsibility if unauthorised third persons have access to information, including electronic addresses, electronic communication and personal data, access data when the above are transmitted between the Company and the Client or when using the internet or other network communication facilities, telephone, or any other electronic means.
- 10.4. The Client is fully responsible for the risks in respect of undelivered Company Online Trading System internal mail messages sent to the Client by the Company.

## **11. Force Majeure Events**

- 11.1. In case of a Force Majeure Event the Company may not be in a position to arrange for the execution of Client Orders or fulfil its obligations under the agreement with the Client. As a result, the Client may suffer financial loss.
- 11.2. The Company will not be liable or have any responsibility for any type of loss or damage arising out of any failure, interruption, or delay in performing its obligations under the Client Agreement where such failure, interruption or delay is due to a Force Majeure event.

## **12. Abnormal Market Conditions**

The Client acknowledges that under Abnormal Market Conditions the period during which the Orders are executed may be extended or it may be impossible for Orders to be executed at declared prices or may not be executed at all.

## **13. Foreign Currency**

When a Financial Instrument is traded in a currency other than the currency of the Client's country of residence, any changes in the exchange rates may have a negative effect on its value, price and performance and may lead to losses for the Client.

## **14. Advice and Recommendations**

- 14.1. The Company will not advise the Client about the merits of a particular Transaction or give client any form of investment advice and the Client acknowledges that the Services do not include the provision of investment advice in CFDs and leveraged FX or the Underlying Markets. The Client alone will enter into Transactions and take relevant decisions based on his own judgement. In asking the Company to enter into any Transaction, the Client represents that he has been solely responsible for making his own independent appraisal and investigation into the risks of the Transaction. He represents that he has sufficient knowledge, market sophistication, professional advice and experience to make his own

evaluation of the merits and risks of any Transaction. The Company gives no warranty as to the suitability of the products traded under the Client Agreement and assumes no fiduciary duty in its relations with the Client.

- 14.2. The Company will not be under any duty to provide the Client with any legal, tax or other advice relating to any Transaction. The Client should seek independent expert advice if he is in any doubt as to whether he may incur any tax liabilities. The Client is hereby warned that tax laws are subject to change from time to time.
- 14.3. The Company may, from time to time and at its discretion, provide the Client (or in newsletters which it may post on its Website or provide to subscribers via its Website or the Trading Platform or otherwise) with information, recommendations, news, market commentary or other information but not as a service. Where it does so:
- the Company will not be responsible for such information;
  - the Company gives no representation, warranty or guarantee as to the accuracy, correctness or completeness of such information or as to the tax or legal consequences of any related Transaction;
  - this information is provided solely to enable the Client to make his own investment decisions and does not amount to investment advice or unsolicited financial promotions to the Client;
  - if the document contains a restriction on the person or category of persons for whom that document is intended or to whom it is distributed, the Client agrees that he will not pass it on to any such person or category of persons;
  - the Client accepts that prior to dispatch, the Company may have acted upon it itself to make use of the information on which it is based. The Company does not make representations as to the time of receipt by the Client and cannot guarantee that he will receive such information at the same time as other clients.
- 14.4. It is understood that market commentary, news, or other information provided or made available by the Company are subject to change and may be withdrawn at any time without notice.

## 15. No Guarantees of Profit

The Company provides no guarantee of profit or of avoiding losses when trading. The Client has received no such guarantees from the Company or from any of its representatives. The Client is aware of the risks inherent in trading and is financially able to bear such risks and withstand any losses incurred.

## 16. Conclusion

This policy cannot and does not disclose or explain all of the risks and other significant aspects involved in all Financial Instrument(s) and Investment Services, the Company may provide additional warnings to the Client regarding the risks entailed in his selected Investment Services and Financial Instruments, based on, inter alia, the

Categorisation assigned to him by the Company.