**RISK DISCLOSURE NOTICE** 



# **INTRODUCTION**

This notice provides you with information about the risks associated with investment products, which you may invest in through services provided to you by IG Group entities, including IG Markets Limited , IG Index Limited and IG Europe GmbH ('IG')."IG provides investment services and products through the following accounts:

- Contracts for difference ('CFDs') are provided through a CFD Account.
- Spread bets are provided through a Spread Betting Account.
- Options Account are provided through an Options account.
- Turbo warrants are provided through a turbo warrants account.

Spread bets and CFDs are complex instruments and come with a high risk of losing money rapidly due to leverage.

74% of retail investor accounts lose money when trading spread bets and CFDs with this provider. .

You should consider whether you understand how Spread Bets and CFDs work, and whether you can afford to take the high risk of losing your money.

Options are complex instruments and your capital is at risk. Losses may be extremely rapid.

Turbo warrants are complex financial instruments and your capital is at risk. Losses may be extremely rapid.

To find out the risks which are relevant to the account you have chosen, please see the relevant sections below:

Section 1: Spread bets and CFDs (Retail clients)

Section 2: Spread bets and CFDs (Professional Clients)

Section 3: Options (Retail Clients)

Section 4: Options (Professional Clients)

Section 5: Turbo Warrants (Retail and Professional Clients)

Section 6: General Risks (applicable to all accounts)

This notice provides a general description of the risks of the products that you are able to trade, bet or invest in through your IG Accounts, and the services provided by IG.

This notice does not explain all of the risks involved in investment products or how such risks relate to your personal circumstances.

It is important that you fully understand the risks involved before making a decision to enter into a CFD , Spread Bet or Option (a 'Contract') with us,. If you are in any doubt about the risks involved with your Account, you should seek professional advice.

If you choose to enter into a Contract with us, instruct us to conduct a Transaction on your behalf or appoint us to manage investments for you, 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.

If you choose to buy or sell Turbo warrants with us and instruct us to execute orders on your behalf, 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.

## **SECTION 1: SPREAD BETS AND CFDs (RETAIL CLIENTS)**

Spread bets and CFDs are complex instruments and come with a high risk of losing money rapidly due to leverage. **74% of retail investor accounts lose money when trading spread bets and CFDs with this provider.** You should consider whether you understand how spread bets and CFDs work, and whether you can afford to take the high risk of losing your money.

# **CONTRACTS FOR DIFFERENCE (CFDs)**

CFDs are a type of transaction the purpose of which is to secure a profit or avoid a loss by reference to fluctuations in the value or price of an underlying instrument. Types of CFDs include but are not limited to, Foreign Exchange CFDs, Futures CFDs, Option CFDs, Share CFDs and Stock Index CFDs. CFDs can only be settled in cash.

Investing in a CFD carries a high degree of risk because the 'gearing' or 'leverage' often obtainable means that a relatively small movement in the market can lead to a proportionately much larger movement in the value of your investment and this can work against you, as well as for you. You may need to provide further funds with little or no notice. It is possible to lose all of the funds in your account.

### SPREAD BETTING

A financial spread bet is an agreement to exchange the difference between the open and closing value of the bet. When you place a financial spread bet, you are speculating on the direction of the future price movements in an underlying instrument. You specify an amount you want to bet on each point movement of the underlying instrument or index.

Investing in a spread bet carries a high degree of risk because the 'gearing' or 'leverage' often obtainable means that a relatively small movement can lead to a proportionately much larger movement in the value of your investment and this can work against you, as well as for you. You may need to provide further funds with little or no notice . It is possible to lose all of the funds in your account.

# SECTION 1: SPREAD BETS AND CFDS (RETAIL CLIENTS) (CONTINUED)

#### **NO ADVICE**

Our services are provided on an execution only basis. We do not provide investment advice in relation to CFDs. We sometimes provide factual information or research recommendations about a market, information about transaction procedures and information about the potential risks involved and how those risks may be minimised. However, any decision to use our products or services is made by you.

You are responsible for managing your tax and legal affairs including making any regulatory filings and payments and complying with applicable laws and regulations. We do not provide any regulatory, tax or legal advice. If you are in any doubt as to the tax treatment or liabilities of investment products available through your CFD or spread betting Account, you should seek independent advice.

#### **APPROPRIATENESS**

Before we enable you to trade on a CFD or spread bet account, we are required to make an assessment of whether the product(s) and/ or services you have chosen are appropriate for you, and to warn you if, on the basis of the information you provide to us, any product or service is not appropriate. Any decision to open an account and to use our products or services is yours. It is your responsibility to understand the risks involved with our products or services.

During our application process, we will ask you for information about your financial assets and earnings. We do not monitor on your behalf whether the amount of money you have sent to us or your profits or losses are consistent with that information. It is up to you to assess whether your financial resources are adequate for your financial activity with us and your risk appetite in the products and services you use.

## SPREAD BETS AND CFDs - GENERAL RISKS

Our spread bets and CFDs are not listed on any exchange. The prices and other conditions are set by us in accordance with our obligation to provide best execution as set out in our order execution policy, to act reasonably and in accordance with the applicable Customer Agreement. Each CFD or spread bet you open with us (including where you have opened a CFD via our Direct Market Access platform) results in you entering into a Contract with us. These Contracts can be closed only with us, and are not transferable to any other person. No Contracts provide any right to the underlying instruments or voting rights.

All Contracts you enter into with us are legally enforceable by both parties.

### **RANGE OF MARKETS**

We offer our Contracts across a wide range of underlying markets. Although the prices at which you open Contracts are derived from the underlying market, the characteristics of our Contracts can vary substantially from the actual underlying market or instrument. Full details of all of our Contracts are set out in the Product Details section on our website, including: contract size, margin rates, last dealing time, settlement procedures, rollover procedures, commissions and currency.

### **NON-GUARANTEED STOPS**

When a non-guaranteed stop is triggered it has the effect of issuing an order from you to us to close your Contract. Your Contract is not closed immediately when the stop is triggered. We aim to deal with such orders fairly and promptly but the time taken to fill the order and the level at which the order is filled depends upon the underlying market and the number of client orders triggered.

In fast-moving markets, a price for the level of your order might not be available or the market might move quickly and significantly away from the stop level before we are able to fill it. To prevent this risk, guaranteed stops are available on certain Contracts.

#### **CORPORATE EVENTS**

We do not aim to make a profit from our clients from the outcome of corporate events such as rights issues, takeovers, mergers, share distributions or consolidations and open offers. We aim to reflect the treatment we receive, or, would receive if we were hedging our exposure to you in the underlying market.

Ultimately however, you are not dealing in the underlying market and therefore in relation to our Contracts:

- the treatment you receive may be less advantageous than if you owned the underlying instrument;
- we may have to ask you to make a decision on a corporate event earlier than if you owned the underlying instrument;
- the options we make available to you might be more restricted and less advantageous to you then if you owned the underlying instrument; and/or
- where you have a stop attached to your open share position,

the treatment that you will receive from us will always, to the greatest extent possible, aim to preserve the economic equivalent of the rights and obligations attached to your Contract with us immediately prior to the corporate event taking place.

#### **GOING SHORT ON INDIVIDUAL SHARES**

Going short on an individual share via a CFD carries some additional risks. These risks include but are not limited to:

- forced buy-back due to changes in regulatory or stock-borrowing conditions;
- imposition of, and increase in, borrowing charges over the lifetime of the Contract; and/or
- the obligation to take the other side of purchase opportunities (eg rights issues) afforded to clients who are long on the same stock. This might result in the obligation to go further short at unfavourable market prices.

In addition, you should be aware that corporate events affecting obligations of short sellers can often be announced at very short notice, leaving no opportunity (or choice) to close Contracts out and avoid participation.

### **GENERAL TRADING RISKS**

Even though the characteristics of your Contract will vary from those of the underlying instrument or market, it is important that you understand the risks associated with trading in the relevant underlying market because fluctuations in the price of the underlying market will affect your instruments and the profitability of your trades. Spread bets and CFDs are financial products that allow you to speculate on price movements in underlying markets and although the prices at which you trade these products are set by us, our prices are derived from the underlying market. Please see Section 5 for more details.

### **PAST PERFORMANCE**

Past performance is not an indication of future performance. The value of investments can go down as well as up.

## **GENERAL TRADING RISKS (CONTINUED)**

#### **CURRENCY**

If you trade in a market denominated in a currency other than your base currency, currency exchange fluctuations will impact your profits and losses.

### **VOLATILITY**

Movements in the price of underlying markets can be volatile. This will have a direct impact on your profits and losses. Knowing the volatility of an underlying market will help guide you as to where any Stops should be placed. It should be noted that volatility can be unexpected and unpredictable.

### **GAPPING**

Gapping is a sudden shift in the price of an underlying market from one level to another. Various factors can lead to gapping (for example, economic events or market announcements) and gapping can occur both when the underlying market is open and when it is closed. When these factors occur when the underlying market is closed, the price of the underlying market when it reopens (and therefore our derived price) can be markedly different from the closing price, with no opportunity to sell your instruments before the market opens. Unlike a guaranteed stop, a non-guaranteed stop will not protect you against the risk of gapping.

### MARKET LIQUIDITY

In setting our prices, spreads and the sizes in which we deal, we take into account the market or markets for the relevant underlying instruments. Market conditions can change significantly in a very short period of time, so that if you wish to sell an instrument or close a Contract, you may not be able to do so under the same terms as when you purchased or opened it. 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.

### **OUT-OF-HOURS MARKETS**

During the out-of-hours sessions on index markets, our quotations reflect our own view of the prospects for a market. This could include referring to price movements in other relevant markets which are open. Furthermore, business done by other clients may itself affect our quotations. There may be nothing against which to measure our quotation at these times.

#### **GEARING AND LEVERAGE**

Before you are allowed to enter into a Contract with us, you will generally be required to deposit money with us – this is called the margin requirement. This margin requirement will usually be proportion of the overall Contract value, for example 10% of the total Contract value. This means that you will be 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 margin requirement placed for the Contract, but a small price movement against you may result in substantial losses.

At all times during which you have open positions, you must ensure that your account balance, taking into account all running profits and losses, is equal to at least the total margin requirement that we require you to have deposited with us. Therefore, if our price moves against you, you may need to provide us with significant additional funds immediately to meet your margin requirement and maintain your open positions. If you do not do this, we will be entitled to close one or more or all of your positions. You will be responsible for any losses incurred as a result.

You should also be aware that under the applicable Customer Agreement we are entitled to increase margin rates at short notice. If we do so, you may be required to deposit additional funds into your account to cover the increased margin rates. If you do not do this, we will be entitled to close one or more or all of your positions.

The need to monitor your positions is of greater importance when you have entered into Contracts with us because of the effect of gearing. Gearing magnifies the rate at which profits or losses can be incurred and, as a result, it is important that you monitor your positions closely.

# **SECTION 2: SPREAD BETS AND CFDs (PROFESSIONAL CLIENTS)**

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# SECTION 2: SPREAD BETS AND CFDS (PROFESSIONAL CLIENTS) (CONTINUED)

#### **APPROPRIATENESS**

As a professional client, IG is allowed to assume that you have the necessary levels of experience and knowledge to transact with IG on a CFD or spread betting account.

During our application process, we will ask you for information about your financial assets and earnings. We do not monitor on your behalf whether the amount of money you have sent to us or your profits or losses are consistent with that information. It is up to you to assess whether your financial resources are adequate for your financial activity with us and your risk appetite in the products and services you use. Additionally, you are responsible for informing IG if you no longer meet the criteria to be considered a professional client.

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## **CURRENCY**

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### **VOLATILITY**

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## **GENERAL TRADING RISKS (CONTINUED)**

#### MARKET LIQUIDITY

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#### **OUT-OF-HOURS MARKETS**

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### **GEARING AND LEVERAGE**

Before you are allowed to enter into a Contract with us, you will generally be required to deposit money with us – this is called the margin requirement. This margin requirement will usually be a relatively modest proportion of the overall Contract value, 10% of the Contract value, for example. This means that you will be 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 margin requirement placed for the Contract, but a small price movement against you may result in substantial losses.

At all times during which you have open positions, you must ensure that your account balance, taking into account all running profits and losses, is equal to at least the total margin requirement that we require you to have deposited with us. Therefore, if our price moves against you, you may need to provide us with significant additional funds immediately to meet your margin requirement and maintain your open positions. If you do not do this, we will be entitled to close one or more or all of your positions. You will be responsible for any losses incurred as a result.

You should also be aware that under the applicable Customer Agreement we are entitled to increase margin rates at short notice. If we do so, you may be required to deposit additional funds into your account to cover the increased margin rates. If you do not do this, we will be entitled to close one or more or all of your positions.

Unless you have taken steps to place an absolute limit on your losses (for example, by attaching a guaranteed stop) it is possible for adverse market movements to result in the loss of the whole of your account balance and more, so that you owe additional money to us. We offer a range of risk management tools to help you to manage this risk.

The need to monitor your positions is of greater importance when you have entered into Contracts with us because of the effect of gearing. Gearing magnifies the rate at which profits or losses can be incurred and, as a result, it is important that you monitor your positions closely.

#### **DIGITAL 100S & SPRINTS**

Digital 100s & Sprints are both Binary products. Binary bets are a type of financial spread bet that can be placed through a Spread Betting Account, Binary Options are a type of CFD available on a CFD Account (collectively 'Binaries'). Binaries share many of the same trading risk characteristics as Spread Bets and CFDs, but due to the different pay out structure there are some different features to be aware of:

- There is no effect of leverage.
- For some types of Binary you will not be able to close the position prior its expiry time.

When trading binaries your capital is at risk. Whilst the amount you can win or lose when trading binaries is fixed there is potential to make substantial losses. This can include losing your entire initial investment.

## **SECTION 3: OPTIONS (RETAIL CLIENT)**

Options are high risk financial products, which are not appropriate for many members of the public.

#### OPTIONS

Options are a type of transaction which gives the buyer of the option the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell an underlying product at a fixed price at a fixed point in time to or from the writer of the option.

IG will provide European style options which means that they can only be exercised at the point of expiry.

Investing in an option carries a high degree of risk because the structure of the product means that a small change in the price of the underlying market can lead to a proportionally larger move in the price of the option which can work for you as well as against you. Additionally, when selling options, the value of the option (and consequently the risk you are exposed to) can increase infinitely in certain circumstances meaning that it is possible to lose the whole balance of your account. Option prices can be affected by a range of factors, including movement in the underlying market, expected volatility, time to expiry and the relevant reference rate.

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You are responsible for managing your tax and legal affairs including making any regulatory filings and payments and complying with applicable laws and regulations. We do not provide any regulatory, tax or legal advice. If you are in any doubt as to the tax treatment or liabilities of investment products available through your options Account, you should seek independent advice.

# **SECTION 3: OPTIONS (RETAIL CLIENT) (CONTINUED)**

#### **APPROPRIATENESS**

If you are a retail client, before we enable you to trade on an options account, we are required to make an assessment of whether the product(s) and/ or services you have chosen are appropriate for you, and to warn you if, on the basis of the information you provide to us, any product or service is not appropriate. Any decision to open an account and to use our products or services is yours. It is your responsibility to understand the risks involved with our products or services.

During our application process, we will ask you for information about your financial assets and earnings. We do not monitor on your behalf whether the amount of money you have sent to us or your profits or losses are consistent with that information. It is up to you to assess whether your financial resources are adequate for your financial activity with us and your risk appetite in the products and services you use.

## **OPTIONS - GENERAL RISKS**

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#### **RANGE OF MARKETS**

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### **CORPORATE EVENTS AND DIVIDENDS**

Generally, when determining the bid and offer prices for our options, we will not take into account dividends or other corporate events that may affect the price of the underlying instrument prior to the end of the Expiry Date of the option. Therefore, if a dividend is paid in respect of the financial instrument to which your Option relates (for example, if constituent shares of the underlying index pay dividends), and if your Option is open on the ex-dividend date for the relevant financial instrument, we will make an adjustment to your account on the ex-dividend day to account for this dividend payment.

### **EUROPEAN OPTIONS**

IG offers European options. This means that they can only be exercised at the expiry of the option, rather than at any point during the lifetime of the option. As a result, it is possible that you see a profit when the option is in (or out of) the money when you cannot exercise the option. Market movements may mean that the option then moves against you, causing you to miss out on profits and realise a loss on expiry. You can still close your position prior to expiry to capture profits or avoid a loss.

All options will be cash settled unless otherwise agreed in writing. If you have agreed with IG that settlement and delivery will take place at the expiry of the option, it is your responsibility to ensure that you have the facility to deliver or accept the underlying asset.

Even though the characteristics of your option may differ from those of the underlying instrument or market, it is important that you understand the risks associated with trading in the relevant underlying market because fluctuations in the price of the underlying market will affect your instruments and the profitability of your trades. Options are financial products that allow you to speculate on price movements in underlying markets and although the prices at which you trade these products are set by us, our prices are derived from the underlying market and will be affected by movements in the underlying market. Please see Section 3 for more details.

### **FACTORS IN OPTIONS PRICES**

There are a number of factors which will have an impact on the price of an option, most notably price and volatility or expected volatility of the underlying market, and time left until the expiry of the option. It is important to be aware of all of these as they will all affect the price of the option. For example, when buying Call Option it is possible for the price of the option to fall even if the price of the underlying increases if the volatility falls and the option expiry date becomes closer as there will less time value remaining.

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## **GENERAL TRADING RISKS (CONTINUED)**

#### **GEARING AND LEVERAGE**

Before you are allowed to enter into a short Contract with us, you will generally be required to deposit money with us – this is called the margin requirement. This margin requirement will usually be proportion of the overall Contract value, for example 10% of thetotal Contract value. This means that you will be 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 margin requirement placed for the Contract, but a small price movement against you may result in substantial losses.

Before you are allowed to enter into a long Contract with us, we will require you to pay the Option premium which is the full value of the Contract at the time of opening the Contract.

At all times during which you have open positions, you must ensure that your account balance, taking into account all running profits and losses, is equal to at least the total margin requirement that we require you to have deposited with us. Therefore, if our price moves against you, you may need to provide us with significant additional funds immediately to meet your margin requirement and maintain your open positions. If you do not do this, we will be entitled to close one or more or all of your positions. You will be responsible for any losses incurred as a result.

You should also be aware that under the applicable Customer Agreement we are entitled to increase margin rates at short notice. If we do so, you may be required to deposit additional funds into your account to cover the increased margin rates. If you do not do this, we will be entitled to close one or more or all of your positions.

The need to monitor your positions is of greater importance when you have entered into Contracts with us because of the effect of gearing. Gearing magnifies the rate at which profits or losses can be incurred and, as a result, it is important that you monitor your positions closely.

# **SECTION 4: OPTIONS (PROFESSIONAL CLIENTS)**

Options are high risk financial products, which are not appropriate for many members of the public.

#### **OPTIONS**

Options are a type of transaction which gives the buyer of the option the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell an underlying product at a fixed price at a fixed point in time to or from the writer of the option.

IG will provide European style options which means that they can only be exercised at the point of expiry.

Investing in an option carries a high degree of risk because the structure of the product means that a small change in the price of the underlying market can lead to a proportionally larger move in the price of the option which can work for you as well as against you. Additionally, when selling options, the value of the option (and consequently the risk you are exposed to) can increase infinitely in certain circumstances meaning there is no limit to your losses. It is possible to lose more than the funds on your account. Option prices can be affected by a range of factors, including movement in the underlying market, expected volatility, time to expiry and the relevant reference rate.

# **NO ADVICE**

Our services are provided on an execution only basis. We do not provide investment advice in relation to options. We sometimes provide factual information or research recommendations about a market, information about transaction procedures and information about the potential risks involved and how those risks may be minimised. However, any decision to use our products or services is made by you.

You are responsible for managing your tax and legal affairs including making any regulatory filings and payments and complying with applicable laws and regulations. We do not provide any regulatory, tax or legal advice. If you are in any doubt as to the tax treatment or liabilities of investment products available through your options Account, you should seek independent advice.

### **APPROPRIATENESS**

f you are a professional client, IG is allowed to assume that you have the necessary levels of experience and knowledge to transact with IG on an options account. During our application process, we will ask you for information about your financial assets and earnings. We do not monitor on your behalf whether the amount of money you have sent to us or your profits or losses are consistent with that information. It is up to you to assess whether your financial resources are adequate for your financial activity with us and your risk appetite in the products and services you use.

# **OPTIONS - GENERAL RISKS**

Our options are not listed on any exchange. The prices and other conditions are set by us in accordance with our obligation to provide best execution as set out in our order execution policy, to act reasonably and in accordance with the applicable Customer Agreement. Each option you buy or sell with IG results in you entering into a Contract with us.

All Contracts you enter into with us are legally enforceable by both parties.

### **RANGE OF MARKETS**

We offer our options across a wide range of underlying markets. Although the prices at which you open Contracts are derived from the underlying market, the characteristics of our Contracts can vary substantially from the actual underlying market or instrument. Full details of all of our Contracts are set out in the Product Details section on our website, including: contract size, last dealing time, settlement procedures, commissions and currency.

### **CORPORATE EVENTS AND DIVIDENDS**

Generally, when determining the bid and offer prices for our options, we will not take into account dividends or other corporate events that may affect the price of the underlying instrument prior to the end of the Expiry Date of the option. Therefore, if a dividend is paid in respect of the financial instrument to which your Option relates (for example, if constituent shares of the underlying index pay dividends), and if your Option is open on the ex-dividend date for the relevant financial instrument, we will make an adjustment to your account on the ex-dividend day to account for this dividend payment.

# **OPTIONS - GENERAL RISKS (CONTINUED)**

#### **EUROPEAN OPTIONS**

IG offers European options. This means that they can only be exercised at the expiry of the option, rather than at any point during the lifetime of the option. As a result, it is possible that you see a profit when the option is in (or out of) the money when you cannot exercise the option. Market movements may mean that the option then moves against you, causing you to miss out on profits and realise a loss on expiry. You can still close your position prior to expiry to capture profits or avoid a loss.

All options will be cash settled unless otherwise agreed in writing. If you have agreed with IG that settlement and delivery will take place at the expiry of the option, it is your responsibility to ensure that you have the facility to deliver or accept the underlying asset.

# **FACTORS IN OPTIONS PRICES**

There are a number of factors which will have an impact on the price of an option, most notably price and volatility or expected volatility of the underlying market, and time left until the expiry of the option. It is important to be aware of all of these as they will all affect the price of the option. For example, when buying Call Option it is possible for the price of the option to fall even if the price of the underlying increases if the volatility falls and the option expiry date becomes closer as there will less time value remaining.

## **GENERAL TRADING RISKS**

Even though the characteristics of your option may differ from those of the underlying instrument or market, it is important that you understand the risks associated with trading in the relevant underlying market because fluctuations in the price of the underlying market will affect your instruments and the profitability of your trades. Options are financial products that allow you to speculate on price movements in underlying markets and although the prices at which you trade these products are set by us, our prices are derived from the underlying market and will be affected by movements in the underlying market. Please see Section 3 for more details.

### **PAST PERFORMANCE**

Past performance is not an indication of future performance. The value of investments can go down as well as up.

# **CURRENCY**

If you trade in a market denominated in a currency other than your base currency, currency exchange fluctuations will impact your profits and losses.

## **VOLATILITY**

Movements in the price of underlying markets can be volatile. This will have a direct impact on your profits and losses. It should be noted that volatility can be unexpected and unpredictable.

## GAPPING

Gapping is a sudden shift in the price of an underlying market from one level to another. Various factors can lead to gapping (for example, economic events or market announcements) and gapping can occur both when the underlying market is open and when it is closed. When these factors occur when the underlying market is closed, the price of the underlying market when it reopens (and therefore our derived price) can be markedly different from the closing price.

#### MARKET LIQUIDITY

In setting our prices, spreads and the sizes in which we deal, we take into account the market or markets for the relevant underlying instruments. Market conditions can change significantly in a very short period of time, so that if you wish to sell an instrument or close a Contract, you may not be able to do so under the same terms as when you purchased or opened it. 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.

#### **OUT-OF-HOURS MARKETS**

During the out-of-hours sessions on index options, our quotations reflect our own view of the prospects for a market. This could include referring to price movements in other relevant markets which are open. Furthermore, business done by other clients may itself affect our quotations. There may be nothing against which to measure our quotation at these times.

### **GEARING AND LEVERAGE**

Before you are allowed to enter into a short Contract with us, you will generally be required to deposit money with us – this is called the margin requirement. This margin requirement will usually be proportion of the overall Contract value, for example 10% of the total Contract value. This means that you will be 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 margin requirement placed for the Contract, but a small price movement against you may result in substantial losses.

Before you are allowed to enter into a long Contract with us, we will require you to pay the Option premium which is the full value of the Contract at the time of opening the Contract.

At all times during which you have open positions, you must ensure that your account balance, taking into account all running profits and losses, is equal to at least the total margin requirement that we require you to have deposited with us. Therefore, if our price moves against you, you may need to provide us with significant additional funds immediately to meet your margin requirement and maintain your open positions. If you do not do this, we will be entitled to close one or more or all of your positions. You will be responsible for any losses incurred as a result.

You should also be aware that under the applicable Customer Agreement we are entitled to increase margin rates at short notice. If we do so, you may be required to deposit additional funds into your account to cover the increased margin rates. If you do not do this, we will be entitled to close one or more or all of your positions.

The need to monitor your positions is of greater importance when you have entered into Contracts with us because of the effect of gearing. Gearing magnifies the rate at which profits or losses can be incurred and, as a result, it is important that you monitor your positions closely.

# **SECTION 5: TURBO WARRANTS (RETAIL AND PROFESSIONAL CLIENTS)**

Turbo warrants are complex financial instruments and your capital is at risk. Losses may be extremely rapid.

### **TURBO WARRANTS (TWS)**

TWs are transferable securities that provide you with a specified entitlement according to predefined conditions. They are instruments providing exposure to the performance of an underlying asset. The purpose of investing in TWs is to benefit from exposure to an underlying asset, by purchasing a security whose value varies in relation to that underlying asset. Types of TWs include Foreign Exchange TWs, Commodities TWs and Stock Index TWs. TWs Long or Short are available for directional investment or hedging solutions.

Investing in a TW carries a high degree of risk because the 'gearing' or 'leverage' so that a relatively small movement in the price of the underlying instrument or asset results in a much larger movement, unfavourable or favourable, in the price of TWs. The price of TWs can therefore be volatile. TWs may expire worthless if the underlying instrument or asset does not perform as expected.. It is possible to lose all of the money invested in a TW.

#### **NO ADVICE**

Our services are provided on an execution only basis. We do not provide investment advice in relation to turbo warrants. We sometimes provide factual information or research recommendations about an underlying market, information about transaction procedures and information about the potential risks involved and how those risks may be minimised. However, any decision to use our services is made by you.

You are responsible for managing your tax and legal affairs including making any regulatory filings and payments and complying with applicable laws and regulations. We do not provide any regulatory, tax or legal advice. If you are in any doubt as to the tax treatment or liabilities of TWs available through your Turbo Warrant Account, you should seek independent advice.

## **APPROPRIATENESS**

Before we enable you to trade on a TW account, for a retail client we are required to make an assessment of whether the product(s) and/or services you have chosen are appropriate for you, and to warn you if, on the basis of the information you provide to us, any product or service is not appropriate. Any decision to open an account, to buy or sell TWs and to use our services is yours. It is your responsibility to understand the risks involved with TWs.

If you are a professional client, IG is allowed to assume that you have the necessary levels of experience and knowledge to trade in TWs via IG.

During our application process, we will ask you for information about your financial assets and earnings. We do not monitor on your behalf whether the amount of money you have sent to us or your profits or losses are consistent with that information. It is up to you to assess whether your financial resources are adequate for your financial activity with us and your risk appetite in TWs.

## **TURBO WARRANTS - GENERAL RISKS**

TWs are intended for retail or professional clients who pursue the disproportionate participation in price changes and / or hedging and have a short-term investment horizon. TW is a financial instrument for clients with informed knowledge and / or experience with leveraged financial products. The client may bear losses up to the total loss of the capital invested and attaches no importance to a capital protection.

TW does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment plus any commission or other transaction charges.

#### **CAPITAL RISK**

Capital is fully at risk. Clients may lose up to the entire value of their investment;

- if the client sells their TWs prior to the scheduled redemption or exercise date at an amount that is less than the initial purchase price;
- if the TWs are redeemed early for reasons beyond the control of the issuer and the amount paid or delivered is less than the initial purchase price;
- if the strike price of TWs is subject to certain adjustments (notably a daily funding amount) or alternative valuations following certain disruptive market events that result in the amount to be paid or delivered being reduced to an amount or value that is less than the initial purchase price.

#### KNOCK OUT RISK

If the reference price of the underlying instrument or asset reaches the knock out level, trading in TWs will cease and the TWs become worthless immediately. A client will lose the entire value of its investment in such circumstance.

### **COUNTERPARTY RISK**

Clients face counterparty risk to the TWs issuer in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings or some other event which negatively affects the issuer's ability to repay amounts due under the TWs. Any failure by the issuer to make payments due under the TWs may result in the loss of all or part of the client investment.

#### **GEARING AND LEVERAGE RISK**

TWs are characterised by their leverage effect. The leverage effect (gearing) of TWs, essentially arises out of the considerably smaller amount of capital, as compared to a direct investment in the underlying, that needs to be committed by a client in order to speculate on the price movement of the underlying. This means that a change in the value of the relevant underlying may result in a disproportionate change in the value of the TWs. TWs are associated with a disproportionate risk of loss due to their leverage effect. It can be to the client's advantage in the case of a favourable performance of the underlying but can also be to the client's disadvantage in the case of an unfavourable performance of the underlying.

### **CURRENCY RISK**

If you trade in TWs denominated in a currency other than your TWs Account base currency, you will receive payments in a different currency, so the final return you will get depends on the exchange rate between the two currencies.

#### MARKET LIQUIDITY

TWs are authorised for trading on a multilateral trading facility or regulated market. It cannot be guaranteed that such authorisation for trading will prevail for the term of the TWs. In case such authorisation is cancelled it may be very difficult to find market participants who are willing to purchase and sell the TWs. Therefore, it cannot be guaranteed that a liquid market will exist in TWs irrespective of the presence of a market maker. Extraordinary market conditions or markets exhibiting extreme volatility may stop any market making activity. Consequently, a liquid secondary market in TWS may not develop. A liquid secondary market may not prevail for the term of TWs.

# GENERAL UNDERLYING RISKS

It is important that you understand the risks associated with trading in the relevant underlying instrument or asset because fluctuations in the price of the underlying market will affect your instruments and the profitability of your trades.

### **PAST PERFORMANCE**

Past performance of an underlying is not an indication of its future performance.

#### **CURRENCY**

The issue currency of TWs may differ from the currency in which the underlying is traded. The relative interest rate differential between the current interest rate on the currency of the underlying and the current interest rate on the issue currency may adversely affect the price of the TWs.

#### **VOLATILITY OF THE UNDERLYING**

Movements in the price of the underlying instrument or asset can be volatile. This will have a direct impact on your profits and losses. It should be noted that volatility can be unexpected and unpredictable.

### **GAPPING**

Gapping is a sudden shift in the price of an underlying from one level to another. Various factors can lead to gapping (for example, economic events or market announcements) and gapping can occur both when the underlying market is open and when it is closed. When these factors occur when the underlying market is closed, the price of the underlying market when it reopens (and therefore the TW price) can be markedly different from the closing price. In instances of the underlying market gapping, it is likely that there will be gapping in the TWs prices of instruments which derive their value from an underlying market.

### **MARKET LIQUIDITY**

Market conditions can change significantly in a very short period of time, so that if you wish to sell an instrument, you may not be able to do so under the same terms as when you purchased it. 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.

#### **OUT-OF-HOURS MARKETS**

During the out-of-hours trading sessions of an index or a commodity underlying, no knock out events will occur.

# SECTION 6: GENERAL RISKS (APPLICABLE TO ALL ACCOUNTS)

#### **NEED TO MONITOR POSITIONS**

It is important that you monitor all of your positions closely. It is your responsibility to monitor your positions and during the period that you have any open Contracts or Transactions, you should always have the ability to access your Accounts.

#### **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

We offer you the opportunity to deal and communicate with us via electronic means, for example by our dealing platform and, in certain circumstances, by email. Although electronic communication is often a reliable way to communicate, no electronic communication is entirely reliable or always available. If you choose to deal with us via electronic communication, you should be aware that electronic communications can fail, can be delayed, may not be secure and/or may not reach the intended destination.

### **OUR SERVICES**

Instructions to deal from you to us form a commitment which may only subsequently be revoked by you with our prior consent (such consent will not be unreasonably withheld) at any time before the instruction to deal is executed.

#### **CLEARING HOUSE PROTECTIONS**

On many exchanges, the performance of a transaction by us (or third-party with whom we are dealing on your behalf) is 'guaranteed' by the exchange or clearing house and we may have the benefit of certain legal protections from our clearing member. However, it is unlikely that in most circumstances this guarantee or legal protections will cover you, the customer, and may not protect you if we or, another party were to default on obligations owed to you.

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#### **INSOLVENCY**

The insolvency or default of any other brokers involved with your transaction, may lead to positions being liquidated or closed out without your consent. In certain circumstances, you may not get back the actual assets that you have invested and you may have to accept any available payments in cash. On request, we will provide you with an explanation of the extent to which we will accept liability for any insolvency of, or default by, other firms involved with your transactions.

### **DEFAULT**

In the unlikely event of IG suffering a financial default and not being able to meet its obligations, IG participates in the Securities Trading Companies Compensation Fund (Entschädigungseinrichtung der Wertpapierhandelsunternehmen (EdW), 10865 Berlin/Germany), which covers eligible investments up to 90% of the claim, maximum €20,000 per person, per firm. See http://www.e-d-w.de

IG also participates in the UK's Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) which covers eligible investments up to £50,000 per person, per firm. See www.fscs.org.uk

#### TAX

We do not provide tax advice and if you are in any doubt as to your tax obligations, you should seek independent advice.

### **REGULATORY AND LEGAL RISK**

The risk that a change in laws and regulations will materially impact a security and investments in a sector or market. A change in laws or regulations made by the government or a regulatory body can increase the costs of operating a business, reduce the attractiveness of investment and/or change the competitive landscape and as such alter the profit potential of an investment.

This risk is unpredictable and may vary from market to market. In emerging markets such risk may be higher than in more developed markets. For example in emerging markets the inadequacy or absence of regulatory measures can give rise to an increased danger of market manipulation, insider trading or the absence of financial market supervision can affect the enforceability of legal rights.