



Leverage Policy

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1. Introduction

This Leverage Policy (the “Policy”) is issued pursuant to, and in compliance with the requirements of EU Directive 2014/65/EU on Markets in Financial Instruments (“MiFID”) and the Investment Services and Activities and Regulated Markets Law of the Republic of Cyprus Law 87(I)/2017, which transposed MiFID II into Cyprus legislation.

Furthermore, the Policy complies with Circular C271, which has been issued by the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (the “CySEC”) on 4 June 2018 pursuant to the European Securities and Markets Authority Decision (EU) 2018/796 to implement product intervention measures on Contracts for Differences (“CFDs”) and Binary Options in the Union, as this may be amended from time to time.

It is the Company’s obligation to review the Policy once a year, and where relevant amendments need to be made, the Company’s Compliance function shall be responsible for the update of the Policy, prior to its submission at the Board of Directors for its further approval.

2. Purpose

The Policy defines the leverage limits applicable to retail clients when investing in CFDs. The Policy does not apply to Professional clients and/or eligible counterparties, as they possess the necessary knowledge and experience to understand the risks involved when investing in complex products such as CFDs. In this respect, Professional clients and/or Eligible Counterparties may be granted a higher leverage.

3. Leverage Ratios for Different Asset Classes and Financial Instruments

With respect to retail clients, in accordance with the applicable regulation, the Company offers different categories of leverage and margin requirements depending on the particular asset in order for the client to manage the exposure of the account in a more efficient way during volatile markets. The main idea is to protect the Clients’ accounts by requiring lower margin requirements for less volatile instruments and higher margin requirements for higher volatile instruments. This concept is illustrated below.

The Leveraged products relate to underlying asset classes and financial instruments. We set out here below these classes together with the maximum leverage levels we make available through our trading platforms.

| Retail Clients | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|
| Security/Symbols | Leverage | Margin Required |
| Forex majors (pair of any two of these – EUR, USD, JPY, GBP, CAD, CHF) | 1:30 | 3.33% |
| Forex minors, Exotics, Gold (XAU), major Indices (CAC, FTSE, DAX, DOW, S&P500, NASDAQ, NK, EURO STOXX50, ASX) | 1:20 | 5% |
| Commodities (All except Gold), minor indices (All except Major Indices), Energies, Futures | 1:10 | 10% |
| Shares, Bonds | 1:5 | 20% |
| Cryptocurrencies | 1:2 | 50% |

4. Leverage to professional and opt-in professional clients

A professional client, or a retail client who has opted-in the professional client's status (upon his written request), either generally or in respect of an investment service or transaction, or product may be provided with a higher leverage. The below table discloses the maximum limits that may be provided to professional clients:

| Professional Clients | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Security/Symbols | Leverage | Margin Required |
| Forex majors and minors | 1:500 | 0.2% |
| Forex Exotics | 1:200 | 0.5% |
| Forex (USDHKD) | 1:50 | 2.0% |
| Forex (USDCNH) | 1:100 | 1.0% |
| Energies | 1:500 | 0.2% |
| Indices | 1:200 | 0.5% |
| Indices (China50) | 1:100 | 1.0% |
| Bonds | 1:200 | 0.5% |
| Cryptocurrencies | 1:5 | 20.0% |
| Stocks | 1:20 | 5.0% |
| Metals | 1:500 | 0.20% |
| Soft Commodities | 1:100 | 1.0% |
| Futures VIX | 1:100 | 1.0% |
| Futures Brent | 1:100 | 1.0% |
| Futures DXY | 1:200 | 0.5% |
| Futures WTI | 1:100 | 1.0% |

5. Negative Balance Protection

Negative balance protection is offered to clients in order to ensure that the maximum loss for the clients at any point in time never exceeds the clients' available funds.

Should you require any further information with regard to the Leverage Policy, kindly contact our Compliance Department at compliance@icmarkets.eu