

**ACLIVE WEALTH ADVISORY (PTY) LTD
RISK DISCLOSURE POLICY**

INTRODUCTION

ACLIVE WEALTH ADVISORY (PTY) LTD is the company which owns and operates the brand “CIFMarkets” (the “Company”, “we”, “us”, “our”, “CIFMarkets”), found online at www.cifmarkets.com. ACLIVE WEALTH ADVISORY (PTY) LTD is duly registered in South Africa with a registration number 2022/427817/07, regulated by FSCA (Financial Sector Conduct Authority) with a license number 54857 and registered office address at 1 Hood Avenue, Rosebank, Johannesburg, Gauteng, 2196.

The Company is operating under the Section 8 of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002 (Act No.37 of 2002) (collectively the “Act and Applicable Regulations”).

This notice is provided to the Client (as defined in the Company’s Terms and Conditions), in accordance with the applicable regulations. Each instrument product and service have its own distinct risks and it should be understood that this Policy cannot and does not disclose or explain all of the risks and other significant aspects involved in these products or how such risks relate to the Client’s personal circumstances. This notice is solely designed to explain in general terms the nature of the risks associated with dealing in the instruments offered by the Company and to help the Client take informed investment decisions.

Prior to applying for an account, the Client should carefully consider whether trading in Forex/CFDs provided by the Company is suitable for the Client considering their needs, circumstances and financial situation. Trading in Forex/CFDs entails the use of leverage. If the Client is in any doubt about the risks involved, they should seek independent professional advice. In considering whether to engage in this form of trading, the Client should be aware of the following:

TRANSACTION-ASSOCIATED RISK

1. The Company’s services are offered on an execution-only basis. It does not provide the client with investment advice relating to its services and products and does not make investment recommendations of any kind. The Company sometimes provides 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 minimized, However, any decision to use our investment products or services is solely made by the Client.

2. The Company does not and cannot guarantee the initial capital of the Client's account or its value at any time or any money invested. The Client acknowledges and accepts that, regardless of any information which may be offered by the Company, the value of the products may fluctuate.
3. The Client acknowledges and accepts that they run a great risk of incurring losses and damages because of the dealing in Forex/CFDs as such transactions undertaken through the Company may be of a speculative nature. Large losses may occur in a short period of time, equaling the total of their funds deposited with the Company. The Client should not enter a transaction with the Company, unless they are willing to undertake the risk of losing entirely all the funds invested.
4. The client ensures that they understand that trading is very risky and speculative and they are advised to not risk more than they are prepared to lose. Before deciding to trade, the Client must ensure that they understand the risks involved for each one of the Financial Instruments offered by the Company and take into account their level of experience. Therefore, prior to applying for a trading account, the Client should carefully consider whether investing in a specific Financial Instrument is suitable for him/her in light of their personal circumstances and financial resources. If the client does not understand the risks involved, then independent advice and consultation must be sought. The Company will not provide the client with any personal investment advice in relation to trading in Forex, CFDs and/or any other Financial Instruments. The Customer acknowledges that there is a great risk of incurring losses when trading in Forex/CFDs and accepts that he/she is willing to undertake this risk.

PRICE VOLATILITY

Placing Stop-Loss orders serves to limit their losses. However, Forex/CFDs can be highly volatile and the value of the underlying instruments may fluctuate rapidly under certain market conditions, which cannot be controlled either by the Company or the client therefore stop loss order cannot guarantee the limit of loss.

Movement in the price of underlying markets can be volatile and unpredictable. This will have a direct impact on their profits and losses; knowing the volatility of an underlying market will assist the Client in evaluating whether any stop orders should be placed.

The price may 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.

Gapping is a sudden shift in the price of an underlying market from one level to another and can occur when the underlying market is either open or even closed due to various factors/events (i.e., release of important news announcements, economic events, etc). When such factors/events occur and the underlying market is closed, the price of the underlying market when its re-opens may be different from the closing price with no opportunity to sell the product before the market opens.

Trading in Forex/CFDs is highly speculative, involves an outstanding Risk of loss and is not suitable for everyone but only for those investors who:

- a) Understand and are willing to assume the economic, legal and other risks involved.
- b) Are financially able and prepared to lose all their Invested capital.
- c) Have the knowledge to understand Forex/CFD trading and the underlying assets.

The client represents, warrants and agrees that he/she understands these risks, is willing and able, financially and otherwise, to assume the risks of trading in Forex/ CFDs and that the loss of the client's entire Account balance with the company will not change the client's lifestyle.

2. PRICES ARE SET AND PROVIDED BY THE COMPANY'S MARKET MAKER AND MAY DIFFER FROM PRICES REPORTED ELSEWHERE

The Company will provide the prices to be used in trading and valuation of client positions in accordance with its Trading Policies and Procedures. Prices are provided by the Market Maker of the Company. The trading rates assigned to the assets on the Company's website are the ones at which the Company is willing to sell Forex/CFDs 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 options occurs.

MARGIN REQUIREMENTS

Clients are required to deposit a margin with the Company in order to open a position. The margin requirement will depend on the underlying instrument of the derivative products, level of leverage chosen and the value of position to be established. The Company will not notify the client for any margin call to sustain a loss-making decision. The Company has the discretionary right to start closing positions when the margin level decreases to about 50% and automatically close all positions at market prices if the margin level drops below 20%.

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The Company guarantees that there will be no negative balance in the account when trading the instruments provided by the Company.

Trading in Forex/CFDs entails the use of leverage. In considering whether to engage in this form of investment, the Client should be aware of the high degree of leverage. This stems from the margin 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 movement is in the Client's favor, they may achieve a good profit, but an equally small adverse market movement may quickly result in the loss of their entire deposit. The Client must not trade in Forex/CFDs unless they are willing to undertake the risks of losing all the money invested.

Should the equity in the Client's trading account be insufficient to hold current positions open, they will be required to deposit additional funds at short notice or reduce exposure (margin call), should they require to keep positions open. Failure to do so within the time required may result in the liquidation of positions at a loss (i.e., stop-out). The client is always responsible for any losses incurred as a result.

NO GUARANTEES FOR PROFITS

There are no guarantees of profit or of avoiding losses when trading in Forex/CFDs. The Customer acknowledges and accepts that he/she has not received such guarantees from the Company or from any of its representatives. The Customer must become aware of the risks inherent in trading in Forex/CFDs and is financially able to bear such risks and withstand any losses incurred.

RIGHT TO CANCEL AN ORDER

The Customer will have the right to cancel their trade for a period of at least 2 seconds after clicking the CALL or PUT button (cancelling the trade will not affect the Client's trading balance and the funds will be returned to the trading account).

EXPIRY SYSTEM ERRORS

In case the expiry system fails for any reason and the Forex/CFD does not close at the available market price when the instructed price has been met, the system will issue a notification to the Company, in order for the position to be resolved manually. The affected client will be placed in the same position had the CFD closed at the available market price when the instructed price has been met.

RISKS PARTICULARLY ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSACTIONS IN FX/CFD FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Investing in some Financial Instruments entails the use of “gearing” or “leverage”. In considering whether to engage in this form of investment, the Client should be aware that the high degree of “gearing” or “leverage” is a particular feature of Derivative Financial Instruments. This stems from 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 Client’s entire deposit, but also expose the Client to a large additional loss. In regard to transactions in derivative Financial Instruments, a derivative Financial Instrument is a non-deliverable spot transaction giving an opportunity to make profit or loss on changes in currency rates, commodity, stock market indices or share prices called the underlying instrument. The Client must not purchase derivative Financial Instrument unless he/she is willing to undertake the risks of losing entirely all the money which he has invested and also any additional commissions and other expenses incurred.

For further details please read our Risk Disclaimer for Financial Instruments which is available on the Company’s website.

THIRD PARTY RISK

- i. The Company may transfer money received from the Customer to a third party (e.g. OTC counterparty, clearing house, bank, Liquidity Provider/ Market Maker, Intermediate broker) in the course of facilitating the Transactions of the Customer or to effect a transaction through or with that party. The Company bears no responsibility for the insolvency, acts or omissions of any such third party.
- ii. The third party to whom the Company will transfer the 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 insolvency or withdrawal or winding up proceedings against the third party, may lead to the Client’s positions being liquidated or closed against their wishes or non-execution of Client orders/transactions. In addition, the Company may only have an unsecured claim against the third party on behalf of the Client and the Client understands that there is a risk that their claim will not be satisfied. The Company does not accept any liability or responsibility for any resulting losses.
- iii. The Company may deposit Customer money with a depository who may have a security interest, lien or right of set-off in relation to that money.
- iv. A third party through whom the Company deals with could have interests contrary to the Customer’s interests.

OTHER OBLIGATIONS

Before the Client begins to trade, they should obtain details of all commissions and other charges for which they will be liable, and which may be found on the Company's website. If any changes are not expressed in money terms (dealing spread instead), the Client should obtain a clear explanation including appropriate examples to establish what such changes are likely to mean in specific money terms. The Client acknowledges and understands that commissions and other charges may change at any time and that it is their sole responsibility to remain up to date by visiting the Company's website.

Before the Client begins to trade, they should also obtain details regarding the financial instrument they wish to trade in, such as the margin requirements, position and/or volume limits, swaps etc. This information is available on the Company's website. The Client acknowledges and understands that the said information may change at any time and that it is their sole responsibility to remain up to date by visiting the Company's website.

The value of open positions is subject to swaps which are deducted from form the client's account for instruments held overnight throughout the life of the contract. For more information regarding swap rates and the respective calculations please visit the Company's website.

The Client is responsible for any taxes and/or any other duty or legal affairs (i.e. regulatory filings and paymtoder to ensure that they comply with the applicable laws and regulations. The Company does not warrant that no tax and/or any other stamp duty will be payable. The Company does not provide any regulatory, tax or legal advice and as such the Client may wish to seek independent advice.

Although electronic communication is often a reliable way to communicate with Clients, no electronic communication is entirely reliable or always available. The Client should be aware that electronic communications may fail, may be delayed may not be secure and/or may not reach the intended destination.

The Company is required to hold client money in an account that is segregated from the Company's money in accordance with the Act and Applicable Regulations, but this may not afford a complete protection.

A change in laws or regulations made by the government or a regulatory body may 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.

The insolvency or default of the Company, a Bank or any other relevant counterparty used by the Company to effect transactions may lead to their positions being closed out without

their consent.

FORCE MAJEURE EVENT

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 Service Agreement with the Client or fail or delay in performing its obligations. As a result, the Client may suffer financial loss. The Company will not be held liable or have any responsibility for any type of loss or damage arising, directly or indirectly, due to a Force Majeure event.

REVIEW AND APPLICABILITY

The Company reserves the right to review and/or amend its Risk Disclosure Policy at its sole discretion, whenever it deems fit or appropriate. The Risk Disclosure Policy is not part of the Terms and Conditions, and the Company is not intended to be contractually binding or impose or seek to impose any obligations on us which the Company would not otherwise have, but for the Act and Applicable Regulations.