



# Spread Betting Terms and Conditions

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## Risk Warning

Spread Betting involves many risks and we strongly advise you to only place a Spread Bet with money that you can afford to lose. It's up to you to make sure that Spread Betting suits your specific needs. You shouldn't engage in Spread Betting with us unless you understand the features and risks of Spread Betting.

The key risks to keep in mind when you're deciding whether to place a Spread Bet is:

- Spread Bets are leveraged products – so depositing a small amount of money will give you greater exposure to an Underlying Asset;
- the markets you're exposed to can be very volatile (i.e. they can move up and down in value quite quickly) and hard to predict;
- you won't own or have any rights in the Underlying Asset when you place a Spread Bet based on that asset (for example a Spread Bet based on Apple US shares doesn't mean you own Apple shares);
- if you're a Professional Client, it's possible for you to lose more than your initial investment;
- your losses may be far greater than the money you've deposited into your Account or that you're required to deposit to satisfy Margin Requirements – in other words you could end up with a negative amount in your Account that you have to pay us; and
- if you don't have enough money in your account to support an open SpreadBet , you may be Closed-Out of that Spread Bet before you're ready.

It's important that you read and understand the Agreements and consider getting independent advice before you start trading with us.

Please note that these Terms govern your use of our Spread Betting products. Please refer to our website for the legal documents that apply to your use of our other leveraged products.

## 1. Getting started

### Applying for an Account

- 1.1 You need to have an active Account before you can place a Spread Bet with us. You can apply for more than one Account.
- 1.2 This is the process for applying for, opening and activating your Account:

- (a) you need to complete an Application Form, which we'll decide to accept in our sole discretion;
- (b) if we accept your Application Form, we'll open an Account for you;
- (c) if we need you to pay us money as Margin, subject to clause 1.3:
  - (i) you need to deposit the Margin that we ask for into our trust account; and
  - (ii) once your money has been cleared, we'll credit your Account with the Margin that you've deposited.

1.3 We'll hold any money that you pay to us in compliance with FCA's Client Money Rules and clauses 4.6 to 4.8 of these Terms.

1.4 The FCA rules require us to assess your information regarding your knowledge and experience in the particular products and services that we offer so that we can assess whether our products and services are appropriate for you.

## Term

1.5 The Agreements take effect when you accept them online as part of your Account application process and will remain in force unless terminated under these Terms.

## No personal advice

1.6 The contents of these Terms and any information that we give you is general and doesn't take into account your personal situation, financial objectives or needs. In particular, we don't provide personal advice about whether you should open, hold or Close-Out a Spread Bet. You're entirely responsible for assessing the features and risks of the products that we offer and seeking your own independent advice about whether they're suitable for you, before you place a Spread Bet with us.

## Underlying Assets

- 1.7 You acknowledge that when you place a Spread Bet with us, you don't own, have any rights in, or take physical delivery of any Underlying Assets, and there's no exchange of one Underlying Asset for another.

## Appropriateness

- 1.8 We're required to ensure that our products are only distributed to people who have suitable levels of knowledge and experience to invest in them. Before you're able to place a Spread Bet with us, you'll need to pass our appropriateness test, which contains questions about your financial strength and your knowledge and experience in products that we offer. If you fail the appropriateness test, you won't be able to re-take the test for a period of time. You must ensure that the information that you provide in the appropriateness test is true and accurate. Unless you tell us otherwise in writing that the information you've previously provided is out of date, we'll be entitled to rely on it.

## Client classification

- 1.9 Your client classification will determine the level of regulatory protection that you'll get when you place a Spread Bet with us. Unless we agree otherwise, you'll be treated as a Retail Client in compliance with MiFID II. Retail Clients are given the highest regulatory protections available.
- 1.10 We'll send you a 'welcome' email once you've activated your Account which will confirm your client classification.
- 1.11 Please note that some of the FCA rules about client money may not apply to you if you're a Professional Client and agree to opt-out of the client money provisions.
- 1.12 If you want to be re-classified (either upgraded to a Professional Client or an Eligible Counterparty or downgraded to a Retail Client) then you'll need to provide us with a written request for re-classification.
- 1.13 We'll consider any re-classification requests on a case-by-case basis having regard to the FCA's requirements (as set out in COBS 3.5 and 3.7 of the FCA Handbook) and any change

in your circumstances, and make a decision at our discretion.

- 1.14 You're responsible for letting us know if you have a change in circumstances that warrants a re-classification of your client status.
- 1.15 If you request to opt-up to Professional or Eligible Counterparty status, we'll inform you of the regulatory protections that you'll lose before we agree to your re-classification request.
- 1.16 We may carry out additional reviews of your client classification at any time, at our discretion. We'll tell you in writing if anything impacts your classification.

## Entering into a Spread Bet with you

- 1.17 We enter into a Spread Bet with you when we accept an Order that you've submitted, provided that you comply with your obligations under the Agreements. Please refer to clause 2 of these Terms for more information on Orders and pricing.
- 1.18 Whenever we send you a notice that sets out an amount or rate for a Spread Bet or Order, you should take it as evidence of that amount or rate, unless it's proven incorrect. You're responsible for verifying the contents of each notice that you receive from us. We'll take our notices to be correct and conclusive, unless you tell us otherwise in writing within 3 Business Days of receiving it.
- 1.19 We enter into each Spread Bet with you as a principal. We don't enter into Spread Bets as an agent on your behalf.
- 1.20 You also enter into each Spread Bet with us as a principal, unless we otherwise agree with you in writing.
- 1.21 You can instruct us to enter into a Spread Bet which is opposite to one or more of your open Spread Bets.

## Closing-Out your Spread Bet

- 1.22 Your open Spread Bet is Closed-Out:
- (a) when we accept your Order requesting Close-Out of your Spread Bet (including

where the Order is deemed to be a Close-Out under clause 1.21 of these Terms); or

(b) by us under clause 16.

- 1.23 If your Spread Bet is Closed-Out under clause 16.2, we'll pay you any Profit and you must pay us any Loss on your Account, to the extent that these amounts haven't already been prepaid under clause 5 of these Terms.

## Trading on your Account

- 1.24 You must not permit another person to Spread Bet on your Account (as your agent or otherwise) without our written approval and without first completing any documents and due diligence process that we require from you and your proposed agent regarding these arrangements. You acknowledge that you're entirely responsible for any activities carried out by another person on your Account, whether or not you've appointed them as an agent in compliance with these Terms.
- 1.25 If you act as an agent for another person, we won't accept that person as a 'client' unless we agree with them in writing and have them complete the required documents, regardless of whether you identify that person to us.
- 1.26 You must let us know if you've withdrawn your agent's authorisation.
- 1.27 We reserve the right to decline or terminate any agency arrangements in our sole discretion.

## Treating your Accounts separately

- 1.28 If you've opened more than one Account with us, we'll treat your Accounts as entirely separate, except as otherwise set out in the Agreements.
- 1.29 If you have a credit on one of your Accounts, you're not released from any of your liabilities regarding your other Accounts, except where we exercise our rights under clause 5 and clause 16.3 of these Terms.
- 1.30 We can, in our absolute discretion, agree to treat your Accounts as one Account if you ask us to do so in writing. In this case, all references to your Account in the Agreements will be taken to be your total Accounts. We'll let you know

whether we agree to treat your Accounts as one Account within 7 days of receiving your request.

## Our Platform

- 1.31 The Platform is an online facility that allows you to execute your Spread Bets as well as view, download and print the Confirmations and other reports that we provide about your Account.
- 1.32 It's your responsibility to understand and assess the Platform before trading with us.
- 1.33 You can access and use the Platform to:
- (a) submit Orders to us;
  - (b) receive Confirmations and other reports that we make available to you by posting in the Platform;
  - (c) review your Spread Bets; and
  - (d) monitor your obligations under the Agreements.
- 1.34 The Platform is provided by third parties and because of this, we don't control, endorse or vouch for the accuracy or completeness of the Platform. It's provided to you on an "as is" basis, without any express or implied warranty or guarantee from us and we don't promise that it's fit for a particular purpose.
- 1.35 These terms apply to Spread Bets that you execute through our Platform:
- (a) we're not liable to you for any loss, expense, Cost or liability that you suffer or incur because of any failure of the Platform, data or service interruptions, transmission failure or delays or similar technical errors arising out of or in connection with the use, operation, performance and/or error or malfunction of the Platform, other than as a result of our fraud, willful default or negligence;
  - (b) we're not liable to you for any removal of Profits or Losses you might suffer due to errors in quotes which are the result of our typing errors, feed errors or any incorrect perception of information that you enter into the system other than as a result of our fraud, willful default or negligence;

- (c) we're entitled to make the necessary corrections in your Account based on the market value of the relevant Underlying Asset the time an error occurs;
- (d) the price of your Spread Bet may change in the time between when we initially offer it to you and when we receive your Order, because of delays in transmission between you and us. If we offer automatic Order execution to you, we're entitled to change the price at which your Order is executed to the market value at the time we receive the Order from you;
- (e) our Platform may be available in several versions, which can vary regarding certain features, including but not limited to the level of security applied and products and services available. We're not liable to you for any loss, expense, Cost or liability that you suffer or incur because you've used a different version of the Platform than our current standard version (with all available updates installed);
- (f) you're responsible for all Orders and for the accuracy of all information sent via the Platform using your name, password or any other means of personal identification implemented to identify you;
- (g) you must keep all passwords secret and ensure that no one else accesses your Account;
- (h) you're liable to us for Spread Bets executed via your password even if you haven't allowed your password to be used or your Account is wrongfully accessed; and
- (i) any Confirmation that we send or make available to you on the Platform is our confirmation of a Spread Bet, regardless of whether the Platform confirms that the Spread Bet is executed immediately when you send your instructions.

## Our Trading Hours

- 1.36 The Platform opens on Sunday at 5.01pm New York (EST) time and closes at 4:55pm New York (EST) time Friday. You can view live prices and place live Orders during these hours except during rollover from 4:59pm to 5:01pm New York time, when trading is disabled. You

can still access the Platform and view your Account, market information, research and our other services outside of these hours, but you acknowledge that you won't be able to engage in Spread Betting activity or access any live prices.

- 1.37 We'll provide services to you outside of these hours at our sole discretion. Trading times for each Spread Bet may vary within these times, please check our [website](#) for further information on trading sessions for your Spread Bet.
- 1.38 We're not obliged to quote Underlying Asset prices or accept Orders on a public holiday in any jurisdiction which, in our reasonable opinion, affects the relevant Underlying Asset. We provide notices of public holidays and the Underlying Assets affected within the Platform.

## 2. Orders and pricing

- 2.1 We'll conclude your transactions in good faith and in-line with our Order Execution Policy, which complies with FCA rules.

### Quoting Underlying Asset prices

- 2.2 We quote the prices at which we're prepared to enter into a Spread Bet with you.
- 2.3 You acknowledge that:
- (a) any quote that we provide you under this clause 2 is indicative only; and
  - (b) we don't enter into a Spread Bet with you until we accept your Order, in compliance with the Agreements.

### Placing an Order with us

- 2.4 By placing an Order with us, you can:
- (a) offer to enter into a new Spread Bet with us; or
  - (b) ask us to Close-Out an open Spread Bet.
- 2.5 You can provide us with verbal or written Orders (including via the Platform as set out below). We'll acknowledge your instructions either verbally or in writing, as appropriate.
- 2.6 Your Order can be:

- (a) a day Order, which means that your Order will be automatically cancelled at 22.00 GMT; or
  - (b) a “good ’til cancelled” Order, which means that your Order will remain capable of being accepted by us, until either you cancel it or we accept it.
- 2.7 Before placing an Order you’re responsible for ensuring that:
- (a) the amount of money that you have on deposit in your Account is equal to or more than the Margin that we require for your Order; and
  - (b) you comply with clause 5 of these Terms.
- 2.8 You must provide us with these details when you place an Order with us:
- (a) whether you intend to be the Long Party or the Short Party under the Spread Bet;
  - (b) the Spread Bet Quantity; and
  - (c) the Underlying Asset and any other information that we require for your Order.
- (b) Limit Orders and Stop Loss Orders to place a Spread Bet when the price reaches a predefined level, as applicable to the various Underlying Assets offered.
- 2.14 You must place Limit Orders to buy and Stop Loss Orders to sell below the current market price.
- 2.15 You must place Limit Orders to sell and Stop Loss Orders to buy above the current market price.
- 2.16 If the bid price for a sell Order or ask price for a buy Order is reached, the Order will be filled as soon as possible at the price available in the market. We can’t guarantee that Limit Orders or Stop Loss Orders will be executed at the specific level or amount you set.
- 2.17 If you ask us to cancel an Order and we don’t receive your request until after we’ve accepted that Order, the Spread Bet or Close-Out resulting from our acceptance of your Order is valid and binding on you and us under the Agreements.
- 2.18 You acknowledge that any action you take to modify or cancel an Order is ineffective unless:

(a) we’ve received a cancellation notice from you in a form that’s acceptable to us; or

(b) we’ve cancelled the Order in our system.

2.19 If there’s a conflict between:

(a) the Agreements; and

(b) our records of a Spread Bet or an Order, our records of the transaction will prevail.

## Our acceptance of your Order

- 2.9 We can accept an Order from you in whole or in part, at our discretion. We accept your Order when we record the transaction that relates to your Spread Bet in our system.
- 2.10 If we decide not to accept your Order, we’ll let you know.
- 2.11 If we accept your Order, we’ll send you a Confirmation. We can email Confirmations and other reports to you in addition to making them available to you within the Platform. You acknowledge that we’re not obliged to provide you with any other notice of acceptance.
- 2.12 Once we accept your Order, it’s binding on you. You acknowledge that the validity of your Order and/or your Spread Bet won’t be affected if you don’t receive a Confirmation.
- 2.13 You can place these types of Orders (or a combination of them) with us:
- (a) market Orders, to place a Spread Bet as soon as possible at the price available in the market; or

## Pricing errors

- 2.20 It’s possible for errors, omissions or misquotes (“**Material Errors**”) to occur in the pricing that we quote for Spread Bets.
- 2.21 A Material Error may include an incorrect price, date, time or any error or lack of clarity of any information regarding a Spread Bet.
- 2.22 If your Spread Bet is based on a Material Error, we reserve the right to do any of these things (or a combination of them), without your consent:

- (a) amend the terms and conditions of the Spread Bet to reflect what we consider to have been a fair price at the time the Spread Bet was entered into, had there been no Material Error;
- (b) apply an equity adjustment to your Account, if:
  - (i) the value of the adjustment reflects what we consider to have been the fair price at the time the Spread Bet was entered into, had there been no Material Error; and
  - (ii) we provide you with a record of the adjustment as soon as reasonably practical afterwards;
- (c) Close-Out your Spread Bet;
- (d) require you to repay us any money we've paid you regarding the Spread Bet;
- (e) void the Spread Bet from the outset; or
- (f) not take any action to amend or void the Spread Bet.

2.23 We'll exercise our rights under clause 2.22 reasonably, in good faith and as soon as we're reasonably able to after we become aware of the Material Error. Where possible, we'll let you know before we take any action under this clause, but if that's not possible, we'll let you know as soon as possible afterwards.

2.24 In the absence of fraud or gross negligence on our part, we're not liable to you for any loss, Cost, claim, demand or expense that you incur or suffer (including loss of profits or indirect or consequential losses), arising from or connected with a Material Error, including where the Material Error arises from an information service that we rely on.

## Price, execution process and Platform manipulation

2.25 If we reasonably believe that you've manipulated our prices, execution processes or the Platform, including using any electronic device, software, algorithm, trading strategy or arbitrage practice (including but not limited to latency abuse, price manipulation or time

manipulation) to take unfair advantage of the way in which we construct, provide or convey our bid or ask prices, we may in our sole and absolute discretion, and subject to clause 2.22, do one or more of these things without your consent:

- (a) enforce the Spread Bet against you if you owe money to us under the Spread Bet;
- (b) treat the Spread Bet as void from the outset if we owe money to you under the Spread Bet, unless you provide us with conclusive evidence that you haven't committed any breach of warranty, misrepresentation or breach of undertaking under the Agreements, within 30 days of us giving you notice under this clause;
- (c) withhold any funds that we suspect have been made from these activities;
- (d) make any corrections or adjustments to your Account;
- (e) close your Account; and/or
- (f) take any other action that we consider appropriate.

## 3. Dealings between you and us

3.1 We're entitled to act on the verbal or written Orders that we receive using your username, account number, user ID and/or password:

- (a) of any Authorised Person; or
- (b) of any person who appears to us to be an Authorised Person, even if that the person doesn't actually have authority.

3.2 You agree to promptly provide us with the relevant instructions when we require them from you. If you don't give us prompt instructions, we may, in our absolute discretion, take whatever steps we think are necessary (at your cost) for the protection of you or us, at our discretion. This provision also applies in situations when we're unable to contact you.

3.3 If we receive an instruction to pay you money that's due to you, or if we otherwise think it's warranted, we may ask you for confirmation of your instructions.

3.4 If you're more than one person entering into the Agreements (for example, joint account holders):

- (a) you're jointly and severally liable under the Agreements;
- (b) we may act on instructions received from any one of you, provided those instructions come from, or appear to us to come from, you, whether or not you're an Authorised Person;
- (c) any notice or other communication that we provide to one of you, is taken to be provided to all of you; and
- (d) our rights under clause 16 apply if an Event of Default occurs regarding any one of you.

## 4. Payments to and from your Account

### Adjustments to your Account

4.1 You can access this information in your Account:

- (a) the Spread Bets that you've entered into with us;
- (b) the payments you've made or that you're required to make to us; and
- (c) the payments we've made or that we're required to make to you.

4.2 You permit and direct us and our Liquidity Provider to do any of these things regarding your Account, without letting you know:

- (a) debit from your Account any Free Balance that you request to withdraw and any money that you owe us under the Agreements;
- (b) credit to your Account any money that you deposit and any amounts that we owe you under the Agreements; and
- (c) designate the money in your Account as either Free Balance or Margin depending on the amount of money that you deposit

with us, your Orders, Spread Bets and market movements, in compliance with the Agreements.

### Payment methods

4.3 We reserve the right to remove or restrict the payment methods that you use to deposit and withdraw money from your Account.

4.4 We'll only accept withdrawals/deposits of money if we're satisfied that you or your authorised representative is the sender of the money. If we decide that the money has come from someone other than you (i.e. from a funding method in someone else's name), we reserve the right to decline your deposit and return the money to the original payment method, net of any transfer fees and charges that we've incurred.

4.5 If we're not satisfied that a payment method is in your name, we reserve the right to ask you for documents to prove this before we decide whether to credit your Account.

### How we use the money that you deposit with us

4.6 We deposit the money that you pay us into our segregated client money account, which is an account held with a CRD credit institution and maintained in compliance with the FCA's Client Money Rules and the Financial Service Compensation Scheme for eligible investors, up to a maximum of £85000. Further details of the Scheme are available on request or at the Scheme's official website at [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk).

4.7 We may hold the money that you pay us with financial institutions located outside of the United Kingdom, which are subject to laws and regulations that are different from those that apply to financial institutions in the United Kingdom. If a foreign financial institution becomes insolvent or fails, your money may be treated differently than it would be if it was held in the United Kingdom. We're not liable for the solvency, acts or omissions of any financial institution or other third party holding client money. We'll exercise all due skill, care and diligence in selecting, appointing and reviewing the institution(s) where we deposit your money.

4.8 You acknowledge and agree that:

- (a) we don't keep your money separate from the money of other clients in our segregated client money account;
- (b) we'll only withdraw your money from our segregated client money account to:
  - (i) make a payment in line with your written directions (including but not limited to Mark to Market payments;
  - (ii) transfer Margin to our Liquidity Provider;
  - (iii) withdraw fees charged as part of a deposit or withdrawal transaction;
  - (iv) pay money to us that we're entitled to as a result of you trading with us;
  - (v) make a payment that's otherwise permitted by law or in compliance with the operating rules of a licensed market; and
  - (vi) we reserve the right, at any time in our sole discretion, to setoff any unrealised losses you have incurred on an open Spread Bet against any money that we hold on your behalf to your credit;
- (c) any money that we withdraw from our segregated client money account under clause 4.8 belongs to us and will no longer be held on your behalf;
- (d) unless we otherwise agree in writing with you:
  - (i) we're solely entitled to any interest or earnings derived from your money being deposited in our segregated client money account and the trust account of our Liquidity Provider. We decide when the interest or earnings are due and payable to us at our discretion and we're under no obligation to pay any interest to you; and
  - (ii) we may use your money in our segregated client money account to meet our obligations in connection with margining, guaranteeing, securing, transferring, adjusting or settling

dealings in our Products (including dealings with our Liquidity Provider) and for meeting trading obligations with other clients. Any money that we withdraw from our segregated client money account under this clause 4.8(d)(ii) will be held in one or more accounts in our Liquidity Provider's name.

## Withdrawing your Free Balance

- 4.9 If your Account shows that you have Free Balance, you can ask us to pay some or part of that Free Balance to you.
- 4.10 Please note that we can choose to withhold some or all of any withdrawal that you request at our discretion if:
  - (a) we need you to maintain a certain amount of money in your Account to meet our Margin requirements under clause 5;
  - (b) we're lawfully entitled to withhold the amount; or
  - (c) in line with clauses 4.3 and 4.5 of these Terms.
- 4.11 We'll let you know as soon as reasonably possible if we decide to withhold any part of your Free Balance under clause 4.10.
- 4.12 It may take us up to 3 business days to process your withdrawal request. If further information is required under clause 4.5, this may further delay processing of your withdrawal. We'll take all reasonable steps to keep you informed about the progress of your withdrawal requests under this clause, including any delays and other information that we need.
- 4.13 You acknowledge and agree that we'll deposit the money that you withdraw in your bank account:
  - (a) on the value date received by the institution, net of any transfer fees or other charges that we've incurred which have been imposed by the institution (or intermediary involved in the process) that holds the funds;
  - (b) using the same transfer method and the same remitter through which we originally received the money from you. In this situation, we'll return the part of the money

you've requested net of any transfer fees or other charges that we incur.

- 4.14 From time to time we may merge the money held in different Accounts without your permission. This doesn't under any circumstances imply that you have the right to a credit facility.
- 4.15 We reserve the right to decline a withdrawal that you have requested using a specific payment method and suggest an alternative to your chosen payment method.
- 4.16 You acknowledge that the holding institution may reverse some or all of the money you've requested to withdraw, for any reason. If this happens, we'll need to immediately reverse the amount from your Account, net of any transfer fees or other charges that we've incurred, using the same payment method through which we originally received the funds. You acknowledge that:
- (a) this may result to a negative balance in your Account; and
  - (b) if this happens, we may merge the money held in your different Accounts as set out in clause 4.14 above.

## 5. Margin requirements and Platform systems

### Your Margin obligations

- 5.1 You acknowledge that it's your responsibility to be aware of our Margin requirements and agree to pay money into your Account to meet those requirements, at all times while your Spread Bet is open. We're not obliged to let you know when the money you have on deposit in your Account is less than our Margin requirements.
- 5.2 If the money in your Account isn't enough to cover our Margin requirements for your Spread Bet, you must Close-Out your Spread Bet and/or transfer the necessary additional money to us in cleared funds.
- 5.3 If we ask you to transfer money to us to meet our Margin requirements, you must take this action immediately. If you don't, we'll consider it an Event of Default under these Terms. We may also cancel any Orders or Close-Out one

or more of your Spread Bets or part of a Spread Bet at our sole discretion without being liable to you, regardless of whether you transfer additional money to us under this clause 5.

- 5.4 You can calculate the Margin requirements for your Spread Bet from within the Platform. When placing Orders over the phone, it's your responsibility to request all relevant information in respect of your Account, including any open Spread Bets, to ensure you meet our Margin requirements. We're not responsible for any losses you incur as a result of failing to request this information.
- 5.5 We operate Margin Call and Margin stop-out systems designed to prevent you from incurring a negative balance on your Account. Our system is automated and will monitor every client Account while the markets are open. Margin is monitored as a percentage and calculated as follows:
- $$\text{Equity} / \text{Margin} = \text{Margin Percentage}$$
- 5.6 Each type of Platform that we offer has a different Margin Call and stop-out system.
- 5.7 There may be differences between the way Margin is calculated on an Account basis between the Platforms. Before using a Platform, we recommend that you make yourself aware of the specific Margin requirements by visiting the relevant website for the Platform.

### MetaTrader 4 and MetaTrader 5

- 5.8 If you're a Retail Client or a Professional Client and your Margin Percentage falls below 90% in MetaTrader 4/MetaTrader 5, the Platform will automatically trigger a Margin Call. A Margin Call will be displayed to you in two ways:
- (a) the Platform will send you an internal email to inform you of the Margin Call, providing an audible notification; and
  - (b) the area of the Platform that displays your balance and equity will flash red.
- 5.9 If you're a Retail Client and your Margin Percentage falls below 50%, the Platform will automatically trigger a Margin stop-out. This will begin to Close-Out your open Spread Bets until your Margin Percentage rises above 50% again.

- 5.10 If you're a Professional Client and your Margin Percentage falls below 20%, the Platform will automatically trigger a Margin stop-out. This will begin to Close-Out your open Spread Bets until your Margin Percentage rises above 20% again.

## cTrader

- 5.11 cTrader doesn't currently have a Margin Call system built into its software. It's your responsibility to monitor your Margin through the Platform.
- 5.12 If you're a Retail Client or a Professional Client, the cTrader stop-out system will activate if your Margin Percentage is 50% or below.

## Accessing the Platform

- 5.13 If we're not able to give you access to the Platform to view your Account information because of circumstances outside of our control, we'll attempt to contact you to ask you to deposit more money into your Account to meet our Margin requirements. You acknowledge that in extreme circumstances where your Spread Bet is moving or has moved particularly quickly against you, we may not be able to contact you before exercising our rights to Close-Out your Spread Bet under the Agreements. This waiver applies to you regardless of any communications we have with you.

## 6. Negative equity balances

- 6.1 When certain market conditions take place that are outside of our control, the Platform's automated stop-out procedures may not prevent you from incurring a negative equity balance on your Account.
- 6.2 In this situation, if you're a Retail Client:
- (a) you won't be liable for any negative equity balance on your Account; and
  - (b) we'll adjust your Account equity balance to zero within 1 Business Day.
- 6.3 If you find a negative equity balance on your Account that hasn't been corrected, please contact us at [support@pepperstone.com](mailto:support@pepperstone.com).

- 6.4 Negative balance protection doesn't apply to any commissions and charges that you've incurred on your Account. It also doesn't apply to you if:

- (a) you're classified as a Professional Client or Eligible Counterparty (please refer to clauses 1.9 to 1.16 of these Terms for more information on client classification); or
- (b) you've incurred the negative equity balance on your Account as a result of a breach of these Terms or any applicable market rules.

## 7. Mark to Market Payments, commissions, charges and other costs

### Mark to Market Payments

- 7.1 We calculate the value of your Spread Bet as at each Valuation Time.
- 7.2 If the value of your Spread Bet is greater than its previous value at Valuation Time, the Short Party/Seller need to pay the Long Party/Buyer the difference between the current value of your Spread Bet and the previous value.
- 7.3 If the value of your Spread Bet is less than its previous value at Valuation Time, the Long Party/Buyer must pay the Short Party/Seller the difference between the current value of your Spread Bet and the previous value.
- 7.4 If the value of your Spread Bet is greater on the Close-Out date than its previous value at Valuation Time, the Long Party must pay the Short Party the difference between the current value and the previous value.
- 7.5 If the value of your Spread Bet is less on the Close-Out date than its previous value at Valuation Time, the Short Party must pay the Long Party the difference between the current value and the previous value.
- 7.6 We'll credit any Mark to Market Payments that we owe you to your Account.
- 7.7 We'll debit any Mark to Market Payments that you owe us from your Account on the same

Business Day on the Valuation Time or Close-Out date, as relevant.

- 7.8 We'll treat any Mark to Market Payment that we make under this clause 7:
- (a) firstly as a refund of any Loss prepaid by you under clause 7.9(b); and
  - (b) secondly, if the Mark to Market Payment exceeds the amount referred to in clause 7.8(a), the excess will be treated as a prepayment of any Profit.
- 7.9 We'll treat any Mark to Market Payment that we you make under this clause 7:
- (a) firstly as a refund of any Profit that we've prepaid under clause 7.8(b); and
  - (b) secondly, if the Mark to Market Payment exceeds the amount referred to in clause 7.9(a), the excess will be treated as a prepayment of the Loss.

## Commissions

- 7.10 You're required to pay us the commissions and other charges that apply to your Spread Bet. To view the commissions and charges applicable to your Spread Bet, please visit our 'Accounts Overview' page on our [website](#) and select the relevant product from the list provided.
- 7.11 Generally, we'll vary our commissions and charges by giving you 30 days' notice. Sometimes we might need to make these changes more quickly because of circumstances beyond our control. If this happens, we'll give you as much notice as possible. These circumstances include:
- (a) changes in our relationship with our Liquidity Providers which affect our cost structures; and
  - (b) changes in commissions (including as a result of significant currency fluctuations because we're charging commission in foreign currency) and charges from exchanges, clearing houses, information providers or other third party providers that we pass on to you.
- 7.12 We debit our commissions and charges from your Account at Close of Business on the day you incur them.

## Interest on open Spread Bets

- 7.13 If you don't pay us the money that you owe us under the Agreements within our required timeframe, we may charge you interest on the unpaid amount at the default interest rate, which will be the LIBOR rate plus 3%. We'll debit the default interest amount from your Account each day until you pay us what you owe under the Agreements.
- 7.14 We may change our default interest rates without giving you notice when the changes are to your advantage, or because of any of these external circumstances that are beyond our control:
- (a) changes in domestic or overseas monetary or credit policies, or developments in money or bond markets that affect interest rates; or
  - (b) changes to our relationships with our Liquidity Providers which affect our cost structures.
- 7.15 In all other situations, we'll give you 30 days' notice before we change our interest rates.

## Currency conversions

- 7.16 Money can be paid under the Agreements in these currencies, on the terms set out in this clause: British Pound Sterling (GBP), Euro (EUR), Australian Dollars (AUD), United States Dollars (USD) and Swiss Francs (CHF).
- 7.17 If you transfer amounts of money that are denominated in different currencies between your Accounts, we'll convert each amount into your nominated currency (from those listed in clause 7.16 above) at the current spot rate, minus a conversion fee that we'll charge you of up to 1 per cent.
- 7.18 Your realised Profits and Losses will be converted into your nominated currency (from those listed in clause 7.16 above) at the current spot rate immediately on Closing-Out your Spread Bet.
- 7.19 We'll debit any money you owe us under clause 7.17 and 7.18 from your Account at Close of Business on the day that a currency conversion occurs.

7.20 We may waive or defer our conversion calculation fee at our discretion.

## Daily Funding Rates

7.21 If your Spread Bet is open at Close of Business it will be subject to a Daily Funding Charge or Daily Funding Benefit.

7.22 We do this by adjusting the value of your open Contract by an amount equal to the Daily Funding Charge or Daily Funding Benefit, in line with these terms:

(a) if you're the Long Party and:

- (i) the bought Daily Funding Rate is positive, we'll credit your Contract with a Daily Funding Benefit; or
- (ii) the bought Daily Funding Rate is negative, we'll debit your Contract with a Daily Funding Charge;

(b) if you're the Short Party and:

- (i) the sell Daily Funding Rate is positive, we'll credit your Contract with a Daily Funding Benefit; or
- (ii) the sell Daily Funding Rate is negative, we'll debit your Contract with a Daily Funding Charge

## 8. Our rights

8.1 In addition to any other rights we have under the Agreements, we can do these things, with or without letting you know:

- (a) Close-Out all or part of your Spread Bets in our absolute discretion;
- (b) reduce your position limit;
- (c) refuse your Orders;
- (d) terminate the Agreements between us and you, including these Terms;
- (e) adjust the price, size or value of your Spread Bet; or
- (f) adjust the Margin requirements for your Spread Bet.

8.2 We may exercise our rights under clause 8.1 if:

- (a) an Event of Default has occurred;
- (b) we reasonably consider that there are abnormal trading conditions;
- (c) we reasonably consider that it's necessary for the protection of our rights under the Agreements;
- (d) we're unable to make prices in the relevant Spread Bet because the necessary market information isn't available, for reasons beyond our control;
- (e) we decide to do so in our absolute discretion and, in this case only, let you know in writing;
- (f) we consider that you may be in possession of 'inside information';
- (g) we consider that you may be in breach of any applicable law;
- (h) either party is asked to do so by the FCA or any other regulatory agency or authority;
- (i) you don't have enough money in your Account to meet our Margin requirements in respect of your Account; or
- (j) the total value of your Orders and all other orders for an Underlying Asset is below the minimum or above the maximum values that we reasonably consider appropriate in the market.

8.3 You acknowledge that we're not under any duty to open or Close-Out your Spread Bet or pay any Free Balance to you if we, acting reasonably, believe that doing so would breach our legal or regulatory obligations. If you've opened a Spread Bet before we've formed this belief we may, at our discretion, either Close-Out your Spread Bet at the then prevailing bid or ask price, or void the Spread Bet from the outset.

## 9. Market suspension and disruption

9.1 If, at any time:

- (a) trading in an Underlying Asset on any exchange is limited or suspended; or
- (b) trading is limited or suspended on any exchange which restricts trading within any relevant index, so that we're prevented from determining the price of the Underlying Asset, then we'll take the price of the Underlying Asset as being the price immediately preceding the limitation or suspension.

9.2 If the limitation or suspension continues for 5 Business Days, we may Close-Out your part or all of your Spread Bet in our discretion. When this happens, we'll decide the Close-Out date and the Close-Out value of your Spread Bet in good faith (the Close-Out value will be the Underlying Asset price x the number of Spread Bets).

9.3 We reserve the right at all times during any limitation or suspension period to adjust the price of any affected Underlying Asset in our reasonable discretion, taking into account the prevailing market conditions.

## 10. Corporate Actions

### Corporate Actions

10.1 If your Spread Bet is the subject of a Corporate Action, we'll decide what adjustment, if any, we'll make to your Spread Bet or your Order to:

- (a) preserve the economic equivalent of the rights and obligations of you and us in relation to the Spread Bet immediately before the Corporate Action took place; and/or
- (b) replicate the same effect of the Corporate Action on your Spread Bet that it would have on someone with an interest in the relevant Underlying Asset. This may include Closing-Out a Spread Bet or opening a new Spread Bet.

10.2 We'll act reasonably to decide on any adjustments that we make to your Spread Bet or Order under this clause 10. These adjustments can include changes to the size, value or number of your Spread Bets and to the level of your Order. Any action that we take under this clause 10 will be effective from a date that we set and may be retrospective. Once we

make an adjustment to your Spread Bet or Order, it's binding on you.

10.3 If you're the Long Party on the Spread Bet that's affected by a Corporate Action, we'll consider any preferences you have about the action or adjustment we should make to your Spread Bet or Order, provided that you let us know within a reasonable period of time after the Corporate Action. If you're the Short Party, we'll take whatever action that we consider necessary, in line with clause 10.2. We'll let you know about any adjustment as soon as reasonably practicable.

## Takeovers

10.4 If your Spread Bet's Underlying Asset is shares in a company that's the subject of a takeover offer, then:

- (a) we'll use our reasonable endeavours to let you know about the takeover offer;
- (b) we'll apply the terms of the takeover offer to your Spread Bet, as if you were a holder of the Underlying Asset;
- (c) we may offer you the opportunity to agree to the takeover offer (as it applies to your Spread Bet), or we may choose to agree to it on your behalf where we, acting reasonably, believe it's in your best interests. In either case, your Spread Bet will be suspended and you won't be able to take any action with it until the closing date of the takeover offer, when the Spread Bet will be Closed-Out in line with the terms of the takeover offer;
- (d) you acknowledge and agree that we're entitled to cancel or adjust your Spread Bet or Order to reflect the takeover offer, and that you'll be bound by any cancellation or adjustment that we make;
- (e) if you don't agree to the takeover offer and we don't agree to it on your behalf, but the takeover goes ahead anyway (for example, if drag-along rights apply), you agree that we're entitled to cancel or adjust your Spread Bet or Order to reflect the takeover offer, and that you'll be bound by any cancellation or adjustment that we make; and

- (f) we may let you know of our intention to Close-Out your Spread Bet at any time before the closing date of the takeover offer. The Close-Out date of the Spread Bet will be the date that we send this notice to you. We'll decide the price that your Spread Bet is Closed-Out at, based on our reasonable assessment of the market value of the Underlying Asset at the relevant time.

## Voting rights

- 10.5 You acknowledge that we won't transfer voting rights in an Underlying Asset to you, or otherwise allow you to influence how we or any agent that we appoint exercise any voting rights that we hold.

## Interest

- 10.6 We'll assess the value of your open Spread Bets and calculate the cost of holding the position at the benchmark interest rate plus (or minus) our fixed overnight charge, which is available on our website. We'll apply a different final interest rate depending on whether you're the Long Party or Short Party:

- (a) if you're the Short Party, you'll receive the benchmark interest rate minus our fixed overnight charge; and
- (b) if you're the Long Party, you'll pay the benchmark interest rate plus our fixed overnight charge..

- 10.7 For some expiring Spread Bets, our quote for that Spread Bet (which is based on the Underlying Market), will include an interest component. Please check the Platform to see which of our Spread Bets contain interest components. We won't adjust expiring Spread Bets for interest as set out in clause 10.6.

## Dividends

- 10.8 We'll either credit or debit your Account with a dividend adjustment if the Underlying Asset for your Spread Bet is a stock, share or index which pays a dividend, and your Spread Bet is open on the ex-dividend day for that Underlying Asset.
- 10.9 If you're the Long Party, unless we agree otherwise with you, we'll credit your Account

with a cash adjustment which will generally reflect either:

- (a) the net dividend that a taxpayer in the jurisdiction where the Underlying Asset is based would receive if they held the same position in the Underlying Asset; or
- (b) usual practice for dividend payments in the jurisdiction where the Underlying Asset is based.

- 10.10 If you're the Short Party, we'll debit your Account with a cash adjustment which will generally reflect the pre-tax dividend amount, unless we agree otherwise with you.

- 10.11 For some expiring Spread Bets, our quote for that Spread Bet (which is based on the Underlying Market) will include a forecasted dividend component. Please check the Platform to see which of our Spread Bets contain interest components. We won't adjust expiring Spread Bets for dividends as set out in clauses 10.8 to 10.10.

- 10.12 If a dividend is declared or paid for an Underlying Asset of an expiring Spread Bet:

- (a) and the dividend is:
- (i) a special dividend;
- (ii) unusually large or small; or
- (iii) payable on an ex-dividend date that's unusually early or late; or
- (b) if a previously regular dividend is omitted, we may make an appropriate adjustment (which may be retrospective) to the price that your Spread Bet is opened at, or the size of your Spread Bet, having regard to dividend payments in previous years for the same Underlying Asset.

## 11. Market abuse

- 11.1 Because we automatically pass on your Spread Bets to our Liquidity Provider, your Spread Bets and Orders can have a distorting influence on the Underlying Market as well as an impact on our prices.
- 11.2 Each time you open or Close-Out a Spread Bet, you represent and warrant to us that:

- (a) you haven't and won't place the particular Spread Bet or Order with us if doing so would result in either:

- (i) you, or others that you're acting together with; or
- (ii) us, as a result of our automatic hedging of our exposure to you in respect of your Spread Bet or Order;

having an exposure to the price of the Underlying Asset which is equal to or exceeds the amount of a declarable interest in the relevant financial instrument. For the purpose of these Terms, the level of a declarable interest will be the prevailing level at the material time, set by law or regulation or by the relevant exchange upon which the Underlying Asset is listed; and

- (b) you haven't and won't place a Spread Bet with us in connection with:

- (i) a placing, issue, distribution or other similar event;
- (ii) an offer, take-over, merger or other similar event; or
- (iii) any other corporate finance style activity that you're involved or otherwise interested in; and

- (c) you will disclose any economic interest that you have in the Underlying Asset to which your Spread Bet or Order relates, where required by law or regulation;

- (d) you won't place or Close-Out a Spread Bet and you won't place an Order that breaches any law or regulation regarding insider dealing or market manipulation. For the purpose of these Terms you agree that we may proceed on the basis that when you open or Close-Out a Spread Bet or place an Order with us on a share price, you may be treated as dealing in securities within the meaning of Part V of the Criminal Justice Act 1993, the Market Abuse Regulation [Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on market abuse] and any other law or regulation regarding market abuse.

and without being under any obligation to let you know our reason for doing so, Close-Out any Spread Bets that you may have open and/or treat all Spread Bets Closed-Out under this clause 11.3 as void.

## 12. Your obligations

### Warranties and representations

- 12.1 You and each Guarantor (if relevant) warrant and represent that:

- (a) you've obtained all relevant and necessary consents regarding the performance, validity or enforceability of the Agreements and any Spread Bet or Order you enter into;
- (b) you're not subject to any law or regulation which prevents your performance under the Agreements or any Spread Bet or Order;
- (c) you comply with all laws that apply to you including, without limitation, all tax laws and regulations, exchange control and registration requirements;
- (d) the information you give us is complete, accurate and not misleading;
- (e) unless stated in the Application Form, you're not acting as trustee of a trust;
- (f) none of the money that you've deposited in your Account is subject to an Encumbrance;
- (g) you haven't committed an Event of Default which continues un-remedied;
- (h) you're not subject to any current or pending actions or claims which might have a material adverse effect on your or the Guarantor's ability to perform your respective obligations under the Agreements, or any Spread Bet or Order; and
- (i) you're not entitled to claim for yourself or any of your assets or revenues, any right of general immunity or exemption on the grounds of sovereignty or otherwise from suit, execution, attachment or other legal process, in respect of your obligations under the Agreements or any Spread Bet or Order;

- 11.3 You acknowledge that for the purpose of complying with our legal and regulatory obligations we may, in our absolute discretion

(j) if you completed the Application Form in the name of company:

- (i) you're validly existing under the laws of your country of incorporation; and
- (ii) you have the necessary authority to enter into the Agreements with us;

(k) if you completed the Application Form in the name of a trustee:

- (i) you're the only trustee of the trust;
- (ii) no action has been taken or proposed to either terminate the trust or remove you as trustee of the trust;
- (iii) you have power under the trust deed to enter into and comply with your obligations under the Agreements and any Spread Bet or Order;
- (iv) you have a right to be fully indemnified out of the assets of the trust regarding the obligations that you incur under the Agreements and any Spread Bet or Order and the trust fund is sufficient to satisfy that right of indemnity;
- (v) you're not, and have never been, in default under the trust deed;
- (vi) you and your directors and other officers (as relevant) have complied with their obligations in connection with the trust; and
- (vii) you've carefully considered the purpose of the Agreements and any Spread Bet or Order and consider that entering into these documents and transactions is for the benefit of the beneficiaries and that their terms are fair and reasonable; and

(l) you'll use the services offered by us under the Spread Bet or Order in good faith, including:

- (i) not using any electronic device, software, algorithm, any trading

strategy or any arbitrage practices (such as but not limited to latency abuse, price manipulation or time manipulation) that aims to manipulate or take unfair advantage of the way in which we construct, provide or convey our bid or offer prices. You agree that using any device, software, algorithm, strategy or practice in your dealings with us whereby you are not subject to any downside market risk will be evidence that you are taking unfair advantage of us; and

- (ii) not using any electronic device, software, algorithm, or any trading strategy that aims to manipulate or take unfair advantage of our Platform.

12.2 The above warranties and representations will be taken as repeated each time you place an Order.

12.3 You and the Guarantor acknowledge that we've entered into the Agreements in reliance on the representations and warranties in this clause 12.

12.4 You and the Guarantor agree to:

- (a) let us know immediately if any warranty or representation that you or the Guarantor have made under this clause 12 is or becomes incorrect or misleading;
- (b) do everything necessary to ensure that no Event of Default occurs; and
- (c) provide us with any financial or other information relating to either yourself or the Guarantor that we may reasonably request.

## 13. Indemnity and Liability

### Indemnity

13.1 You indemnify us against any liability or losses arising from, and any Costs incurred in connection with:

- (a) us acting in good faith in connection with the Agreements or any Spread Bet or Order, based on instructions which

objectively appear to originate from either you or from an Authorised Person on your Account;

- (b) an Event of Default;
- (c) the Agreements or any Spread Bet or Order; or
- (d) us acting in compliance with any direction, request or requirement of any regulatory authority or government body.

13.2 You agree to pay any amounts that you owe us under this indemnity on demand from us.

13.3 This indemnity survives termination of the Agreements.

## Exclusion of liability

13.4 We're not liable for any losses or Costs that you incur through:

- (a) your exercise or attempted exercise of, failure to exercise, or delay in exercising, a right or remedy under the Agreements;
- (b) us not accepting your Orders or our delay in accepting your Orders; or
- (c) us not designating or delaying in designating amounts of money in your Account as either Margin or Free Balance,

except where you incur a loss or Cost as a result of our negligence, fraud or willful default.

## 14. Tax

### Taxes generally

14.1 You must pay and account for any transfer or similar duties or taxes, and any loan security or other stamp duties chargeable in connection with any transaction made under the Agreements. If we're required to pay any withholding tax or other levies on your behalf, we reserve the right to deduct these amounts from your Account or ask you to pay or reimburse us for any payments. You agree to indemnify us and keep us indemnified against any liability arising as a result of your failure to comply with this clause.

14.2 If you are resident in the UK, profits that you make from Spread Bets may be exempt from capital gains tax. Tax treatment depends on individual circumstances and can change or may differ in a jurisdiction other than UK. You should seek independent advice in this regard. We'll be responsible for paying any applicable UK betting duty or levy regarding any Spread Bets that you make.

## Withholding

14.3 If you pay us any money that's subject to any withholding or deduction, you must pay us the relevant additional amount, so that the money we actually receive equals the full amount we would have received had no withholding or deduction been made.

14.4 If we make any payment to you that's subject to any withholding or deduction, we'll pay you the net amount after making the withholding or deduction and won't pay you an additional amount.

## 15. Guarantee

15.1 Your obligations under the Agreements must be guaranteed:

- (a) if you're a company (including a trustee), by each director of the company; and
- (b) in any other circumstance if we decide, in our absolute discretion, that a guarantee is required.

15.2 The Guarantor acknowledges that we're acting in reliance on them incurring obligations and giving rights under this clause 15.

15.3 The Guarantor unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees your compliance with your obligations in connection with the Agreements, including each obligation to pay us money.

15.4 If you don't comply with your obligations on time and in compliance with the Agreements, then the Guarantor agrees to comply with those obligations on demand from us. We can make a demand on the Guarantor regardless of whether we've made demand on you.

## Guarantor indemnity

15.5 The Guarantor indemnifies us against any liability or losses arising from, and any Costs we incur, if:

- (a) you don't comply with an obligation (including an obligation to pay money) under the Agreements;
- (b) an obligation you would otherwise have under the Agreements (including an obligation to pay money) is found to be unenforceable;
- (c) an obligation the Guarantor would otherwise have under clause 15.3 is found to be unenforceable; or
- (d) a representation or warranty that you've made by under the Agreements is found to have been incorrect or misleading.

15.6 The Guarantor agrees to pay any amounts due under clause 15.3 on demand from us.

15.7 It's not necessary for us to incur an expense or make a payment before enforcing this right of indemnity.

## Extent of guarantee and Guarantor indemnity

15.8 The guarantee in clause 15.3 is a continuing obligation, despite any intervening payment, settlement or other arrangement and extends to all of your obligations under the Agreements.

15.9 The Guarantor waives any right they have of first requiring us to begin proceedings or enforce any other right against you or any other person before claiming from them under this guarantee and indemnity.

## Acknowledgement

15.10 The Guarantor acknowledges that before entering into this guarantee and indemnity, they:

- (a) were given a copy of the Agreements (and all documents giving rise to your obligation in connection with the Agreements) and

had full opportunity to consider their provisions; and

- (b) are responsible for making themselves aware of your financial position and any other person who guarantees any of your obligations in connection with the Agreements.

## Payments

15.11 The Guarantor agrees to make payments under this guarantee and indemnity:

- (a) in full, without set-off, counterclaim or any withholding or deduction unless prohibited by law; and
- (b) in the currency in which the payment is due, and otherwise in Australian dollars, in immediately available funds.

15.12 If the Guarantor makes a payment that's subject to any withholding or deduction, the Guarantor agrees to pay us an additional amount to ensure that the amount of money that we actually receive equals the full amount we would have received had no withholding or deduction been made.

## Protecting our rights

15.13 The rights given to us under this guarantee and indemnity, and the Guarantor's liabilities under it, aren't affected by any act or omission by us or any other person. For example, our rights and liabilities aren't affected by anything:

- (a) which varies or replaces the Agreements;
- (b) which releases you or gives you a concession (such as more time to pay us);
- (c) which releases any person who gives a guarantee or indemnity in connection with any of your obligations;
- (d) by which a person becomes a Guarantor after the date of this guarantee and indemnity;
- (e) by which the obligations of any person who guarantees any of your obligations (including obligations under this guarantee

and indemnity) may become unenforceable;

- (f) by which any person who was intended to guarantee any of the obligations doesn't do so, or doesn't do so effectively;
- (g) by which a person who is a co-Guarantor or co-indemnifier is discharged under the Agreements or by operation of law;
- (h) by a person dealing in any way with the Agreements or this guarantee and indemnity;
- (i) by the death, mental or physical disability, or liquidation, administration or insolvency of any person including you or the Guarantor;
- (j) by changes in the membership, name or business of any person; or
- (k) by acquiescence or delay by us or any other person.

## Guarantor's rights are suspended

15.14 As long we require any obligation to be complied with in connection with this guarantee and indemnity, the Guarantor may not, without our consent:

- (a) reduce their liability under this guarantee and indemnity by claiming that you or they or any other person has a right of set-off or counterclaim against us;
- (b) exercise any legal right to claim to be entitled to the benefit of another guarantee, indemnity, or Encumbrance given in connection with the Agreements or any other amount payable under this guarantee and indemnity;
- (c) claim an amount of money from you or another guarantor (including a person who has signed the Application Form as a "Guarantor"), under a right of indemnity; or
- (d) claim an amount of money in your liquidation, administration or insolvency or of another guarantor of any of your obligations (including a person who has

signed the Application Form as a "Guarantor").

## 16. Termination

16.1 If all of your Spread Bets have been Closed-Out, you may terminate the Agreements, including these Terms and your rights associated with the use of the Platform immediately by giving us notice in writing.

16.2 We may:

- (a) Close-Out any of your Spread Bets; and
- (b) terminate the Agreements, including these Terms and your rights associated with the use of our Platform, either:
  - (i) at any time by giving you 7 days' notice; or
  - (ii) immediately and without notice to you, after an Event of Default or to otherwise protect our interests.

16.3 On termination by either you or us, we may consolidate all of your Accounts and deduct all amounts that you owe us from any Account, before transferring any credit balances on any Account to you.

16.4 The rights and obligations listed below will continue to apply to you after the Agreements have been terminated, in addition to the rights set out at clause 16.3:

- (a) any indemnity granted by you;
- (b) the guarantee and indemnity granted under clause 15;
- (c) all of your and the Guarantor's confidentiality obligations;
- (d) your obligations regarding the Platform under clause 1;
- (e) the representations and warranties that you and the Guarantor have given to us;
- (f) any exclusion of our liability under the Agreements; and
- (g) any other rights or obligations you have which arise before the Agreements are terminated.

## 17. General

### Confidentiality

- 17.1 Each party agrees not to disclose information provided by any other party that isn't publicly available (including the existence or contents of the Agreements) except:
- (a) with the consent of the party who provided the information (and that consent isn't to be unreasonably withheld);
  - (b) if allowed or required by law, the Agreements, our Privacy Policy or required by a stock exchange;
  - (c) in connection with any legal proceedings relating to the Agreements; or
  - (d) to any person in connection with an exercise of rights or a dealing with rights or obligations under the Agreements (including in connection with preparatory steps such as negotiating with any potential assignee or potential sub-participant or other person who is considering contracting with us in connection with the Agreements).

### Consent to telephone recording

- 17.2 You agree that we may record all telephone conversations, internet conversations (chat), and meetings between you and us and use or disclose those recordings, or transcripts from those recordings, to any party (including but not limited to any regulatory authority and/or court of law) in connection with any dispute or anticipated dispute between us and you or in line with our legal and regulatory obligations.

### Netting

- 17.3 If at any time both you and we owe each other the same amounts of money under the Agreements, in the same currency, then each of our obligations to make payment of that money will be automatically satisfied and discharged. If the amounts aren't in the same currency, we'll convert the amounts in compliance with clauses 7.16 to 7.20 of these Terms.

- 17.4 If the total amount of money that's owed by one party exceeds the total amount that's owed by the other, then both of our obligations to pay each other will be satisfied and discharged when the party who owes the larger total amount pays the excess to the other party.
- 17.5 You agree that any claims we have against each other are finally discharged by means of Close-Out netting if the Agreements are terminated under clause 16. We'll decide the Close-Out values for each affected Spread Bet in our sole discretion. The final amount of money that one party will pay to the other will be the difference between the payment obligations of both parties.

### How we can exercise our rights

- 17.6 We may exercise a right or remedy or give or refuse our consent in any way that we consider appropriate (including by enforcing clauses under the Agreements).
- 17.7 If we don't exercise a right or remedy fully or at a given time, we may still exercise it later.
- 17.8 Our rights and remedies under the Agreements are in addition to our other legal rights and remedies. We may enforce our rights and remedies in any order we choose.

### Set-off

- 17.9 We may set off any amount of money that we owe you (whether or not it's due for payment) against any amount of money that you owe us under the Agreements, any Spread Bet or an Order.
- 17.10 We may do anything necessary to action any set-off under this clause (including varying the date for payment of any amount of money that we owe you). This clause applies despite any other agreement between you and us.

### Reinstatement of rights

- 17.11 Under liquidation, administration, solvency or creditor protection laws, a person may claim that a transaction (including a payment) in connection with the Agreements is void or voidable. If a claim is made and upheld, conceded or compromised, then:

- (a) we're immediately entitled as against you and the Guarantor to the rights under the Agreements to which we were entitled immediately before the transaction; and
- (b) on our request, you and the Guarantor agree to do anything (including signing any document) to restore any rights (including the Guarantee) that we held immediately before the transaction.

## No merger

- 17.12 Our rights under the Agreements are in addition to and aren't affected by any Encumbrance that we hold or any of your or the Guarantors other obligations, despite any rule of law or equity or any statutory provision that says otherwise.

## Further steps

- 17.13 You agree to do anything we ask of you (such as obtaining consents, signing and producing documents and getting documents completed and signed):
- (a) to bind you and any other person intended to be bound under the Agreements; and
  - (b) to show whether you're complying with the Agreements.

## Changes

- 17.14 We may vary these Terms at any time, with notice to you. In doing so we must comply with any applicable law.
- 17.15 By giving you 30 days' notice, we may charge you additional fees and/or commissions or increase the current fees and/or commissions under the Agreements, in line with clause 6.2 of these Terms.

## Waivers

- 17.16 A provision of these Terms, or right created under them, may not be waived or varied except in writing.

## Assignment

- 17.17 You can't assign or otherwise deal with your rights under the Agreements or a Spread Bet or allow any interest in them to arise or be varied without our consent.
- 17.18 We can assign or otherwise deal with our rights under the Agreements or a Spread Bet without your consent. You agree that we may disclose any information or documents we consider necessary to help us exercise this right.

## Inconsistent law

- 17.19 A provision of the Agreements that's void, illegal or unenforceable is ineffective only to the extent of the voidness, illegality or unenforceability, but the remaining provisions aren't affected.
- 17.20 Neither our rights or your liabilities under the Agreements are affected by anything which might otherwise affect them at law.
- 17.21 Any present or future legislation that works to vary your obligations in connection with the Agreements, and which adversely affects our rights, powers or remedies (including by way of delay or postponement) is excluded except to the extent that its exclusion is prohibited or rendered ineffective by law.

## Notices and other communications

- 17.22 We may, to the extent of your authorisation, send a communication under the Agreements to you or your Authorised Person.
- 17.23 Unless the Agreements expressly say otherwise, all notices, certificates, consents, approvals, waivers and other communications in connection with the Agreements:
- (a) must be sent by email or other means that we specify from time to time;
  - (b) must be signed or issued by the sender (if an individual) or an Authorised Officer of the sender; and
  - (c) will be taken to be received upon sending, unless the sender receives an automated

message informing them that the email has not been delivered.

- 17.24 Communications take effect from the time they're received unless a later time is specified in them.

## Applicable law

- 17.25 The Agreements are governed by the laws in force in England and Wales and you submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of that place.

## Currency of payments

- 17.26 All payments under the Agreements must be made in British Pounds Sterling or any other currency that we may agree to.

## Defaults

- 17.27 Each failure by you to pay an amount payable to us under the Agreements is deemed to be an application for credit from us.

## Disputes

- 17.28 You acknowledge that our internal and external dispute resolution procedures don't prevent us from commencing proceedings in any other relevant jurisdiction for the enforcement of any complaint determination.

## 18. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

- 18.1 We may have a conflict of interest in acting as principal on both sides of a transaction. Because of the nature of the financial products that we provide, we can sometimes have residual long or short Spread Bets as a result of total client volume in one particular direction.

## 19. Privacy

- 19.1 We recognise the need to treat your Personal Data in an appropriate way and in compliance with the Data Protection Laws.

- 19.2 You should read the Agreements, including these Terms and our Privacy Statement carefully, before submitting an Application Form to us. Our [UK Privacy Policy](#) explains how we collect, use and disclose your Personal Data, in compliance with the Data Protection Laws.

- 19.3 We're the "data controller" under the Data Protection Laws. "Processing" your Personal Data means doing anything with your Personal Data including accessing, disclosing, destroying or using your Personal Data in any way. We process your Personal Data in these ways:

(a) we collect Personal Data from you to process your Application Form, and if your Application Form is accepted, to administer your investment and provide you with the products and services you've asked for. If you don't provide us with your Personal Data, we may not be able to process your Application Form or provide you with our products and services;

(b) to do these things, we may disclose your Personal Data on a confidential basis to our Service Providers, our related bodies corporate, our professional advisers, or to a proposed purchaser of the whole or any substantial part of our business;

(c) we may also disclose your Personal Data to:

(i) relevant regulators (such as the FCA or anti-money laundering regulators) as required or permitted by law;

(ii) your financial advisor, if you've given us consent to contact them;

(iii) third party credit or identification agencies;

(iv) a third party broker or agent that you have authorised to refer your business to us or to transact on your Account on your behalf; and

(d) we may also use your Personal Data to create anonymised statistical data.

- 19.4 In addition, we may use your Personal Data to tell you about the other products and services that we and other members of the Pepperstone

group of companies offer and for client profiling (such as targeted advertising and creating lookalike audiences). This can also involve us sharing your Personal Data with our related bodies corporate and Service Providers. Please contact our support team on [support@pepperstone.com](mailto:support@pepperstone.com) if you want to opt-out from us using or disclosing your Personal Data for this purpose. It's important that you do this because, in applying for an Account, you'll otherwise be taken to have consented to our use and disclosure of your Personal Data for this purpose.

19.5 We may transfer, store or process some or all of your Personal Data using our related bodies corporate or Service Providers located outside of the EEA, including our parent company in Australia and businesses that we sub-Spread Bet with to help us provide our products and services and for associated business purposes. Data protection laws and regulations in some countries may not be as strict as they are in the UK. We'll ensure that we take adequate steps to protect your Personal Data if we send it outside of Europe.

19.6 By submitting your Application Form and accepting these Terms, you consent to our use and disclosure of your Personal Data in compliance with this clause 19 and our Privacy Policy. You have a right to access the Personal Data that we hold about you and we reserve the right to charge you a reasonable fee for this access. You can request access to your Personal Data in writing by emailing [support@pepperstone.com](mailto:support@pepperstone.com) and addressing your email to the attention of our Data Protection Officer.

19.7 If our business is sold (in whole or in part) or we undergo a corporate re-organisation, you agree that any Personal Data that we hold about you may be disclosed for analysing the sale or restructure or transferred to a third party and used for the same purpose that you've agreed to under these Terms.

19.8 All our staff are trained to handle Personal Data confidentially and all Personal Data in our possession is held in secure computer-based storage facilities or secure paper-based files. We have security measures in place to prevent unauthorised people from accessing these storage facilities.

19.9 Our website may install cookies on your computer to provide you with a better service or

enhance your client experience. You have the option to turn these cookies off via your personal browser settings, although this will affect your ability to view parts of our website.

19.10 Our Cookies Policy and full Privacy Policy is available on our [website](#).

## 20. Definitions

20.1 Some of the words in these Terms have particular meanings:

**Account** means the trading account that you hold with us.

**Agreements** means these Terms, the Application Form, the Confirmations and the information that's located on Platform or our website, which together govern our relationship with you.

**Application Form** means the online form that you complete on our website to open an Account with us.

**Authorised Person** means the person that you authorise to give instructions to us in connection with your Account.

**Business Day** means a day on which banks are open for general banking business (a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) in London.

**Close of Business** means 5.00pm New York time (10pm GMT).

**Close-Out** or **Closed-Out** means the termination of all or part of your Spread Bet in compliance with the Agreements.

**Confirmation** means a message that we send you via the Platform to confirm the execution of your Order.

Each of these situations is a **Corporate Action**:

(a) if the Underlying Asset is shares, a declaration by the issuer of the shares, of any of the following:

(i) a subdivision, consolidation, redenomination or reclassification of shares, a share buy-back or cancellation, or a free distribution of shares to existing shareholders as a bonus, capitalisation or similar issue;

(ii) a distribution to existing underlying shareholders of additional shares, other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of

dividends and/or proceeds of the issuer's liquidation in equal proportion with payments to holders of the underlying shares, securities, rights or warrants granting the right to a distribution of shares or to purchase, subscribe or receive shares, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price per share as decided by us;

- (iii) the voiding of an Underlying Asset that trades, or has traded, on a "when issued" basis, in which case any Spread Bet that relates to that Underlying Asset will also be void;
  - (iv) any other event regarding shares that have the same effect as any of the above events or that otherwise dilute or concentrate the market value of the shares, whether temporary or otherwise; or
- (b) if the Underlying Asset is a digital asset (including any virtual currency), any event that we, acting reasonably, consider to have the same effect as any of the events set out in (a)(i) to (v) above including, but not limited to, hard or soft forks, any distribution to the holder of the digital asset (including of a second digital asset) or any event the otherwise dilutes or concentrates the market value of the digital asset; or
- (c) if the Underlying Asset is not based on shares: any other event that has the same effect as any of the above events or that otherwise dilutes or concentrates the market value of that Underlying Asset, whether temporary or otherwise.

**Costs** include costs, charges and expenses, including those incurred in connection with advisers.

**Daily Funding Benefit** means a benefit that you could receive for holding the Spread Bet through 5pm New York Time, which we'll calculate at our discretion.

**Daily Funding Charge** means a charge that you could incur for holding a Spread Bet through 5pm New York time, which we'll calculate at our discretion.

**Daily Funding Rate** means the rate at which we'll apply a Daily Funding Charge or Daily Funding Benefit to you.

**Data Protection Laws** means applicable UK and EEA data protection laws and regulations, including but not limited to the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018, as updated, replaced or amended from time to time.

**EEA** means European Economic Area.

**Encumbrance** means any mortgage, lien, charge, pledge, assignment by way of security, security interest, title retention, preferential right or trust arrangement, claim, covenant, profit a prendre, easement or any other security arrangement or any other arrangement having the same effect.

Each of these situations is an **Event of Default**:

- (a) you fail to pay any amount of money that you owe to us under the Agreements on time, including, for the avoidance of doubt, any situation where the money in your Account is less than the Margin we require;
- (b) you fail to comply with any of your obligations under the Agreements (other than those covered by sub-clause (a) and, if the non-compliance can be remedied, you fail to remedy the non-compliance within 7 days;
- (c) an event or a series of events occurs which has or is likely to have a material adverse effect on your ability to comply with the Agreements;
- (d) any change in law or interpretation which makes it unlawful for us to perform any provision of the Agreements;
- (e) we or you are requested to end a Spread Bet (or any part of a Spread Bet) by any regulatory agency or authority;
- (f) you die or become of unsound mind;
- (g) a representation or warranty that's made by you or for you in connection with the Agreements is found to have been incorrect or misleading;
- (h) you exceed the Exposure Limit on your Account;
- (i) you or a Guarantor becomes insolvent;
- (j) if you're a trustee of a trust:
  - (i) you cease to be the trustee of the trust or any step is taken to appoint

- another trustee of the trust, in either case without your consent; or
  - (ii) an application or order is sought or made in any court for:
    - (A) your removal as trustee of the trust;
    - (B) property of the trust to be brought into court or administered by the court or under its control; or
    - (C) a notice is given or meeting summoned for your removal as trustee of the trust or for the appointment of another person as trustee jointly with you;
  - (k) the Agreements or your Spread Bet is or becomes (or is claimed by you or anyone for you to be) wholly or partly void, voidable or unenforceable;
  - (l) distress, execution or other process is levied against any of your property and isn't removed, discharged or paid within 7 days;
  - (m) any security created by any mortgage or charge becomes enforceable against you and the mortgagee or chargee takes steps to enforce the security or charge; or
  - (n) we reasonably consider that it's necessary to protect us or our associates.
- (b) a liquidator or trustee in bankruptcy or similar person is appointed to you;
  - (c) you're insolvent;
  - (d) you're in liquidation, in provisional liquidation, under administration or wound up or have had a controller appointed to your property;
  - (e) you're subject to any arrangement, assignment, moratorium or composition, protected from creditors under any statute or dissolved;
  - (f) an application or order has been made (and, in the case of an application, it is not stayed, withdrawn or dismissed within 30 days), resolution passed, proposal put forward, or any other action taken, in each case in connection with you, which is preparatory to or could result in any of (a), (b) or (c) above;
  - (g) you're taken to have failed to comply with a statutory demand;
  - (h) you're otherwise unable to pay your debts when they fall due; or
  - (i) something having a substantially similar effect to (a) to (h) happens to you under the law of any jurisdiction.

**Long Party** is when you execute an Order to 'buy' a Spread Bet.

**Loss** means, the difference between the opening value and the Close-Out value of your Spread Bet if you're:

- (a) the Long Party and the value of your Spread Bet is lower when it's Closed-Out than when you opened it; or
- (b) the Short Party and the value of your Spread Bet is higher when it's Close-Out than when you opened it.

**Margin** means the amount of money that you need to deposit into your Account to enter into or maintain a Spread Bet with us under the Agreements, which varies depending on the Underlying Asset and other factors.

**Margin Call** means a notification sent to you, usually via the Platform, requesting you to top up the amount of money that you have in your Account as Margin.

**Margin Percentage** means the percentage of Margin required for your particular Spread Bet, as specified by us at our discretion and published on our website.

**Mark to Market Payments** means the payments calculated under clause 7.

**MiFID II** means the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (EU Directive (2014/65/EU)).

**Exposure Limit** means a limit that we place on the sum of all of your Spread Bet values.

**FCA** means the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, the regulatory body which authorizes and regulates our business.

**Free Balance** means the excess money (if any) in your Account that's more than our Margin requirements.

**Guarantor** means any person(s) identified as such in your Application Form.

**LIBOR** means the London Interbank Offered Rate.

**Limit Order** means a pending Order to enter or Close-Out a Spread Bet at a trigger price that's either the same or better than the price that's currently available in the market.

**Liquidity Provider** means a counterparty that we pass Spread Bets to, to manage our risk, also known as a hedging counterparty.

You will be considered **Insolvent** if:

- (a) you commit an act of bankruptcy;

**Order** means an offer that you make to enter into a Spread Bet with us under the Agreements.

**Personal Data** has the meaning given to it under the Data Protection Laws.

**Platform** means any online software that we make available to you for entering into Spread Bets under the Agreements.

**Profit** means the difference between the opening value of your Spread Bet and the value of your Spread Bet when you Close-Out if you're:

- (a) the Long Party and the value of your Spread Bet is higher when it's Close-Out than when you opened it; or
- (b) the Short Party and the value of your Spread Bet is lower when it's Close-Out than when you opened it.

**Service Providers** means our agents, contractors, or the third party providers that we outsource our services to.

**Short Party** is when you execute an Order to 'sell' a Spread Bet.

**Specified Date** means the future value date that you nominate for your Spread Bet.

**Spread Bet** means a financial spread bet, a type of contract-for-difference that we offer which allows you to bet on the difference between the opening and closing prices of an Underlying Asset.

**Spread Bet Quantity** means the notional quantity to which your Spread Bet or Order relates.

**Stop Loss Order** means a pending order to exit a Spread Bet if the set trigger price is reached.

**Terms** means these Terms and Conditions.

**UK** means the United Kingdom.

**Underlying Asset** means the instrument or asset that underlies your Order or Spread Bet and determines the value of that Spread Bet – for example an index, commodity, currency, futures Spread Bet, equity, crypto currency or any other instrument or asset.

**Underlying Market** means the market in which an Underlying Asset is listed . For example, the London Stock Exchange.

**Valuation Time** means the Close of Business on each Business Day or any other time that we decide in our absolute discretion.

**We, us, our** means Pepperstone Limited, a limited company registered in England & Wales at 70 Gracechurch Street, London, EC3V 0HR which is authorised and regulated by the FCA (No. 684312).

20.2 A reference in the Agreements (including these Terms) to:

- (a) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (b) law means common law, principles of equity, and laws made by parliament (and laws made by the parliament include regulations and other instruments under them, and consolidations, amendments, re-enactments or replacements of any of them);
- (c) the word "person" includes an individual, a firm, a body corporate, a partnership, a joint venture, an unincorporated body or association, or any government agency;
- (d) if a period of time dates from a given day or the day of an act or event, it's to be calculated exclusive of that day.

20.3 If an event under the Agreements needs to occur on a day that isn't a Business Day then the relevant day will be taken to be the next Business Day.

20.4 Headings are for convenience only and don't affect the interpretation of the Agreements.



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