

INTRODUCTION

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

IG provides a wide range of investment services and products through different accounts:

- Spread bets are provided through a Spread Betting Account;
- Contracts for difference ('CFDs') are provided through a CFD Account;
- Share Dealing services are provided through three different products: a Share Dealing Account, an IG Stocks and Shares ISA and an IG SIPP;
- Discretionary management services are provided through an IG Smart Portfolio Account. These services can also be provided within an IG Stocks and Shares ISA and an IG SIPP; and
- Options and futures on US instruments and certain share dealing services in US instruments linked to options contracts and futures contracts are provided through a US Options and Futures Account,

(each an 'Account' and together, the 'Accounts').

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

70% of retail investor accounts lose money when trading spread bets and CFDs with this provider.

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

All financial instruments involve an element of risk. The value of your investment may fall as well as rise and you may get back less than your initial investment.

Options contracts and futures contracts are considered high risk and complex financial products which come with a high degree of risk of losing money. The ability to trade options contracts and futures contracts on margin further increases the risk of losing money. It is possible to lose more money than you have deposited in your US Options and Futures Account when trading on margin.

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

Section 1: Spread bets and CFDs (Retail clients)

Section 2: Spread bets and CFDs (Professional Clients)

Section 3: Share Dealing services (execution only)

Section 4: Discretionary Management services (IG Smart Portfolios)

Section 5: US Options and Futures (Retail clients)

Section 6: General Risks (applicable to all accounts)

It is important that you fully understand the risks involved before making a decision to enter into a CFD or Spread bet (each a '**Contract**') with us, or to buy or sell an instrument using our Share Dealing services or via your US Options and Futures Account (each a '**Transaction**') or appoint us to manage investments for you through an IG Smart Portfolio. If you are in any doubt about the risks involved with your Account, you should seek professional advice.

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

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

If you choose to enter into a Contract with us, instruct us to conduct a Transaction on your behalf or appoint us to manage investments for you, it is important that you understand the risks involved, that you have adequate financial resources to bear such risks and that you monitor your positions carefully.

SECTION 1: SPREAD BETS AND CFDs (RETAIL CLIENTS)

Spread bets and CFDs are complex instruments and come with a high risk of losing money rapidly due to leverage in these products which provide you with multiplied, increased exposure to market movements. Leverage trading can help increase your returns, but it may magnify your losses too – making trading using leverage riskier than without using it. **70% of retail investor accounts lose money when trading spread bets and CFDs with this provider.** You should consider whether you understand how spread bets and CFDs work; whether entering into a spread bet or CFD will help you meet your financial objectives, and whether you can afford to take the high risk of losing your money.

WHAT ARE CONTRACTS FOR DIFFERENCE (CFDs)

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

Investing in a CFD carries a high degree of risk because the ‘gearing’ or ‘leverage’ often obtainable means that a relatively small movement in the market can lead to a proportionately much larger movement in the value of your investment and this can work against you, as well as for you. You may need to provide further funds with little or no notice to keep your position(s) open. It is important to remember that your initial investment is comparatively smaller than non-leveraged trades and as such, you should always consider your trade in terms of its full value and downside potential. It is also possible to lose all of the funds in your account

WHAT IS SPREAD BETTING?

A financial spread bet is an agreement to exchange the difference between the open and closing value of the bet. When you place a financial spread bet, you are speculating on the direction of the future price movements in an underlying instrument.

You specify an amount you want to bet on each point movement of the underlying instrument or index.

Investing in a spread bet carries a high degree of risk because the ‘gearing’ or ‘leverage’ often obtainable means that a relatively small movement can lead to a proportionately much larger movement in the value of your investment and this can work against you, as well as for you. You may need to provide further funds with little or no notice to keep your position(s) open. It is important to remember that your initial investment is comparatively smaller than non-leveraged trades and as such, you should always consider your trade in terms of its full value and downside potential. It is also possible to lose all of the funds in your account.

NO ADVICE

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

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

APPROPRIATENESS

Before we enable you to trade on a CFD or spread bet account, we are required to make an assessment of whether the product(s) and/ or services you have chosen are appropriate for you, and to warn you if, on the basis of the information you provide to us, any product or service is not appropriate. Any decision to open an account and to use our products or services remains yours. This Risk Disclosure Notice will help explain the nature of the risks you take when entering into a CFD or spread bet with us. If you do not understand any of this information please contact us. You should not enter into a CFD or spread bet if you do not understand the risks involved and what they might mean for you.

During our application process, we will ask you for information about your financial assets, earnings and experience. We do not monitor on your behalf whether the amount of money you have sent to us or your profits or losses are consistent with that information, nor do we independently verify your experience beyond the statements you make to us. It is up to you to assess whether your financial resources are adequate for your financial activity with us and your risk appetite in the products and services you use.

SPREAD BETS AND CFDs – GENERAL RISKS

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

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

RANGE OF MARKETS

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

NON-GUARANTEED STOPS

When a non-guaranteed stop is triggered it has the effect of issuing an order from you to us to close your Contract. Your Contract is not closed immediately when the stop is triggered. We aim to deal with such orders fairly and promptly but the time taken to fill the order and the level at which the order is filled depends upon the underlying market and the number of client orders triggered. In fast-moving markets, a price for the level of your order might not be available or the market might move quickly and significantly away from the stop level before we are able to fill it. To prevent this risk, guaranteed stops are available on certain Contracts.

CORPORATE EVENTS

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

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

- the treatment you receive may be less advantageous than if you

owned the underlying instrument;

- we may have to ask you to make a decision on a corporate event earlier than if you owned the underlying instrument;
- the options we make available to you might be more restricted and less advantageous to you than if you owned the underlying instrument; and/or
- where you have a stop attached to your open share position, the treatment that you will receive from us will always, to the greatest extent possible, aim to preserve the economic equivalent of the rights and obligations attached to your Contract with us immediately prior to the corporate event taking place.

GOING SHORT ON INDIVIDUAL SHARES

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

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

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

GENERAL TRADING RISKS

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

PAST PERFORMANCE

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

CURRENCY

If you trade in a market denominated in a currency other than your base currency, currency exchange fluctuations will impact your profits and losses. For example, if your income or wealth is denominated in UK Pounds Sterling (**GBP**), if you invest in instruments denominated in other currencies, and the GBP loses value against the currency in which your instruments are denominated in, this will diminish the value of your investments in real terms. You may also incur charges as a result of currency exchange. Please see our costs and charges document for further detail.

VOLATILITY

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

GAPPING

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

MARKET LIQUIDITY

In setting our prices, spreads and the sizes in which we deal, we take into account the market or markets for the relevant underlying instruments. Market conditions can change significantly in a very short period of time, so that if you wish to sell an instrument or close a Contract, you may not be able to do so under the same terms as when you purchased or opened it. Under certain trading conditions it may be difficult or impossible to liquidate a position. This may occur, for example, at times of rapid price movement if the price rises or falls in one trading session to such an extent that under the rules of the relevant exchange trading is suspended or restricted.

OUT-OF-HOURS MARKETS

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

SECTION 2: SPREAD BETS AND CFDs (PROFESSIONAL CLIENTS)

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

APPROPRIATENESS

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

During our application process, we will ask you for information about your financial assets, earnings and experience. We do not monitor on your behalf whether the amount of money you have sent to us or your profits or losses are consistent with that information, nor do we independently verify your experience beyond the statements you make to us. It is up to you to assess whether your financial resources are adequate for your financial activity with us and your risk appetite in the products and services you use. Additionally, you are

responsible for informing IG if you no longer meet the criteria to be considered a professional client.

SPREAD BETS AND CFDs – GENERAL RISKS

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

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

RANGE OF MARKETS

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- the treatment you receive may be less advantageous than if you owned the underlying instrument;
- we may have to ask you to make a decision on a corporate event earlier than if you owned the underlying instrument;
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- where you have a stop attached to your open share position, the treatment that you will receive from us will always, to the greatest extent possible, aim to preserve the economic equivalent of the rights and obligations attached to your Contract with us immediately prior to the corporate event taking place.

GOING SHORT ON INDIVIDUAL SHARES

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

- forced buy-back due to changes in regulatory or stock-borrowing conditions;

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- the obligation to take the other side of purchase opportunities (eg rights issues) afforded to clients who are long on the same stock. This might result in the obligation to go further short at unfavourable market prices.

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

GENERAL TRADING RISKS

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

PAST PERFORMANCE

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

CURRENCY

If you trade in a market denominated in a currency other than your base currency, currency exchange fluctuations will impact your profits and losses. For example, if your income or wealth is denominated in UK Pounds Sterling (**GBP**), if you invest in instruments denominated in other currencies, and the GBP loses value against the currency in which your instruments are denominated in, this will diminish the value of your investments in real terms. You may also incur charges as a result of currency exchange. Please see our costs and charges document for further detail.

VOLATILITY

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

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MARKET LIQUIDITY

In setting our prices, spreads and the sizes in which we deal, we take into account the market or markets for the relevant underlying instruments. Market conditions can change significantly in a very short period of time, so that if you wish to sell an instrument or close a Contract, you may not be able to do so under the same terms as when you purchased or opened it. Under certain trading conditions it may be difficult or impossible to liquidate a position. This may occur, for example, at times of rapid price movement if the price rises or falls in one trading session to such an extent that under the rules of the relevant exchange trading is suspended or restricted.

OUT-OF-HOURS MARKETS

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SECTION 3: SHARE DEALING SERVICES (EXECUTION ONLY)

WHAT ARE THE IG SHARE DEALING SERVICES?

IG's Share dealing services are offered through Share Dealing Accounts, IG Stocks and Shares ISA and IG SIPPs. Our Share Dealing services allow you to instruct us to buy or sell financial instruments (Shares and Exchange Traded Products) on your behalf.

All instruments offered through our Share Dealing Services are listed on an exchange, which means that the prices are not set by us. We will act on any instruction that you provide us to buy or sell an instrument on your behalf in accordance with our obligation to provide best execution as set out in our order execution policy, to act reasonably and in accordance with the applicable Customer Agreement. We may place your instructions to deal outside of an exchange if this satisfies our order execution policy, which can be found [here](#).

As part of our service, we will arrange for the custody of your instruments.

All investments purchased for you or transferred to us by you into your IG Share Dealing Account or IG Stocks and Shares ISA, will be purchased in the name of and/or held by a nominee company selected by us, for the benefit of you.

Investments purchased for you or transferred to us by you into your IG SIPP Account will be purchased in the name of and/or held by a nominee company selected by us for the benefit of the trustee(s) of your SIPP.

As investments will be held in the name of a nominee company, you may not have voting rights that you would have had if you held the investment in your own name.

Share Dealing Services: General Risks

All financial investments involve an element of risk. The value of any investment you make through our Share Dealing services may fall as well as rise and you may get back less than your initial investment. Past performance is not an indication of future performance.

The risks you are exposed to will vary according to the instruments you instruct us to buy and sell on your behalf.

You should be aware that:

- physical shares admitted to trading on a regulated market are not high risk financial products; and
- many Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) are not high risk financial products;
- exchange Traded Commodities (ETCs) and certain ETFs are considered high risk financial products, normally due to their use of derivatives, and are not appropriate for many retail clients.

Currency Risk: If you trade in a market denominated in a currency other than your base currency, currency exchange fluctuations will impact your profits and losses. For example, if your income or wealth is denominated in UK Pounds Sterling (**GBP**), if you invest in instruments denominated in other currencies, and the GBP loses value against the currency in which your instruments are denominated in, this will diminish the value of your investments in real terms. You may also incur charges as a result of currency exchange. Please see our costs and charges document for further detail.

Liquidity Risk: Under certain market conditions it may be difficult or

impossible to liquidate a position. This may occur, for example, at times of rapid price movement if the price rises or falls in one trading session to such an extent that under the rules of the relevant exchange trading is suspended or restricted.

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APPROPRIATENESS

The majority of instruments in which you can invest through our Share dealing services are considered 'non-complex' and are not considered high risk financial products. However, because certain Exchange-Traded Products (ETPs), SPACs, non-UK/EU funds, and a selection of other product types are considered high risk financial products, where we make these available to you we are required to make an assessment of whether these products are appropriate for you, and to warn you if, on the basis of the information you provide to us, that they are not appropriate. We will usually do this before you are able to invest in high risk products. Any decision to open an account and to use our products or services remains yours. This Risk Disclosure Notice will help explain the nature of the risks you take when you use our Share Dealing Services. If you do not understand any of this information please contact us. You should not use our Share Dealing Services if you do not understand the risks involved and what they might mean for you.

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INVESTMENT SPECIFIC RISKS

SHARES

Shares, also known as equities, represent a portion of a company's share capital. The extent of your ownership in a company depends on the number of shares you own in relation to the total number of shares in issue.

Shares are mostly bought and sold on regulated exchanges (such as the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange) and their values can go down.

In respect of shares in smaller companies, there is an extra risk of losing money when such shares are bought or sold. There can be a big difference between the buying and selling price of these shares. If they have to be sold immediately, you may get back much less than you paid for them.

Shares in companies incorporated in emerging markets may be harder to buy and sell than those shares in companies in more developed markets and such companies may also not be regulated as strictly.

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS (ETFs)

ETFs are open ended collective investment schemes ('CIS') that trade throughout the day like a share on the secondary market (i.e. through an exchange). Each ETF seeks to track a benchmark and holdings are not altered in rising or falling markets, so when the benchmark falls in value, the ETF will too. ETFs can be physical (where the fund invests directly in the underlying assets that comprise the index) or synthetic (where the fund gains exposure to the index by entering into a swap agreement with a counterparty).

You should read the terms of any key investor information document or prospectus carefully before deciding on an investment. The value of ETFs can fall as well as rise, and you could get back less than you initially invest. It is your responsibility to ensure that you fully understand the contents of the documentation provided and if you are in any doubt you should seek professional advice.

The risks of each ETF are dependent on the benchmark the ETF seeks to track (i.e. what the ETF itself is invested in). For example, ETFs which invest in emerging markets are often subject to higher levels of volatility than those invested in more established markets and the price of ETFs which invest in bonds will likely change if interest rates do. ETFs that focus on a specific country or sector may display greater volatility than those tracking the wider market and so should be considered as higher risk than more diversified ETFs. However, there are no guarantees that an ETF will have the same characteristics as the benchmark index and the returns will vary from that of the benchmark index.

The use of derivatives within some ETFs means that these products may not be appropriate for many investors. Their characteristics may differ more widely from the benchmark index than those which do not use derivatives and they should be considered higher risk. In relation to ETFs that you may purchase through your Share Dealing Account, IG Stocks and Shares ISA or IG SIPP Account, you do not have any right to the underlying instruments.

It may not be possible to trade units or shares in ETFs if there is no liquid market. If there is low liquidity in the market then you may not be able to buy or sell units at a price considered to be fair.

Any income you receive from your investment in an ETF may vary with the dividends or interest paid by the underlying investments and so could fall as well as rise.

Full details of the ETFs offered are set out in the Product Details on our website.

EXCHANGE TRADED COMMODITIES

ETCs are non-CIS exchange traded products and as such, are generally subject to less regulation than ETFs. This means that you might have less

investor protection if you chose to invest in ETCs, so you should consider whether these are the correct investments for you. ETCs follow the price movement of the underlying asset (usually the price of a commodity) and can gain exposure to a wide range of markets without the cost of investing directly. ETCs can be physical (where the fund invests directly in the underlying assets that comprise the index) or synthetic (where the fund gains exposure to the index by entering into a swap agreement with a counterparty).

The characteristics of ETCs can vary substantially from the underlying market to which they provide exposure. As with shares, the value of your investment can go down as well as up and you might not get back the original amount you invested. The use of derivatives within some ETCs means that these products may not be appropriate for many investors and they should be considered higher risk.

It may not be possible to trade shares in ETCs if there is no liquid market. If there is low liquidity in the market then you may not be able to buy or sell units at a price considered to be fair.

In relation to ETCs that you may purchase through your Share Dealing Account, Stocks and Shares ISA or SIPP Account you do not have any right to the underlying instruments.

COLLATERAL RISKS (PROFESSIONAL CLIENTS ONLY)

When you enter into the Collateral Customer Agreement with us, we agree to take security over the assets in your Share Dealing Account in place of cash for payment of margin on your linked CFD Account or Spread Betting Account as applicable.

The value of shares, CFDs and spread bets will rise and fall. If the collateral value of the assets in your Share Dealing Account, together with any cash on your linked CFD Account or Spread Betting Account as applicable, falls below the amount required to maintain your open positions, you may be closed out of your spread bet or CFD positions on that linked account, and we will have the right to sell the assets in your Share Dealing Account in order to pay for any resulting deficit.

As the value of the assets in your Share Dealing Account fluctuates, the value of the collateral that you can utilise as margin will also fluctuate. You will need to monitor your Share Dealing Account and your linked CFD Account or Spread Betting Account to ensure that the collateral value and any cash you have deposited on your linked CFD Account or Spread Betting Account is sufficient to fund your open positions on that account.

You will only be able to use our collateral services to cover margin requirements on open positions on your linked Spread Betting Account or CFD Account and you will need to cover any running losses using the available cash in your linked Spread Betting Account or CFD Account.

SECTION 4: DISCRETIONARY MANAGEMENT SERVICES (IG SMART PORTFOLIOS)

IG's discretionary investment management services are provided through IG Smart Portfolios. IG Smart Portfolios can be held in an IG Smart Portfolio general investment account, an IG Stocks and Shares ISA and an IG SIPP.

These services allow you to appoint IG to manage investments in ETFs on your behalf in seeking a specific investment objective. As part of our service, we will arrange for the custody of your instruments. All investments bought or transferred to us on your behalf in your IG Smart Portfolio will be purchased in the name of and/or held by a nominee company selected by us, for the benefit of you unless your IG Smart Portfolio is held in an IG SIPP, in which case they will be held by a nominee company selected by us for the benefit of the trustee(s) of

your SIPP. We are not obliged to but we may tell you of, or arrange the exercise of any voting rights attaching to any shares or funds units we hold on your behalf, whether exercisable at an annual general meeting or otherwise in relation to a specified corporate event.

All financial investments involve an element of risk. The value of your IG Smart Portfolio may fall as well as rise and you may get back less than your initial investment. Past performance is not an indication of future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when making an investment decision.

The specific risks to which you are exposed to will depend on the underlying investments held in your IG Smart Portfolio. These investments will be Exchange Traded Funds ('ETFs'). More information

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about the risks of investing in ETFs is below.

ADVICE

In order to guide you to the right IG Smart Portfolio, we will present you with a series of questions to assess your attitude to investing. This will allow us to 'match up' your answers to one of our predetermined IG Smart Portfolios. This does not constitute a personal recommendation specifically for you – it only matches you up with a pre-determined portfolio which most people with a similar risk score to you would be recommended.

It does not take into account your wider financial situation or investment needs.

We sometimes provide factual information about IG Smart Portfolios and the underlying investment held, information about the potential risks involved and information on which portfolio other clients with a similar risk tolerance to you may choose. However, any decision to use our products or services is made by you. You are responsible for managing your tax and legal affairs, including making any regulatory filings, payments and complying with applicable laws and regulations. We do not provide any investment, tax or legal advice. If you are in any doubt as to the tax treatment or liabilities of investment products available through your IG Smart Portfolio, you should seek independent investment, financial or legal advice.

SUITABILITY

Before we can manage investments on your behalf, we are obliged to undertake an assessment to ensure that the transactions we instruct on your behalf are suitable for you. This includes assessing your knowledge and experience, investment objectives (including risk tolerances) and financial situation where they are relevant to IG Smart Portfolios. Please be aware that, given the limited nature of IG Smart Portfolios, we are not obliged to make a comprehensive assessment of your financial situation and other investments accurately. Therefore our assessment in relation to your IG Smart Portfolio does not take into account for example your broader investment portfolio or level of debt.

It is up to you to assess whether your broader financial resources are adequate for your financial activity with us in the products and services you use. It is your responsibility to understand the risks involved with our products or services.

RISKS OF EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS (ETFs) WITHIN A SMART PORTFOLIO

ETFs are open ended collective investment schemes ('CIS') that trade throughout the day like a share on the secondary market (i.e. through an exchange). Each ETF seeks to track a benchmark and holdings are not altered in rising or falling markets, so when the benchmark falls in value, the ETF will too. ETFs can be physical (where the fund invests directly in the underlying assets that comprise the index) or synthetic (where the fund gains exposure to the index by entering into a swap agreement with a counterparty).

The value of ETFs can fall as well as rise, and you could get back less than you initially invest. The specific risks of each ETF are dependent on the benchmark the ETF seeks to track (i.e. what the ETF itself is invested in). For example, if an ETF trades in a currency that is different to the base currency of your IG Smart Portfolio, change in foreign exchange rates will impact the performance of your portfolio. ETFs which invest in emerging markets are often subject to higher levels of volatility than those invested in the developed world and the price of ETFs which invest in bonds will likely change if interest rates do. ETFs that focus on a specific country or sector may display greater volatility than those tracking the wider market and so should be considered as higher risk than more diversified ETFs. However, there are no guarantees that an ETF will have the same characteristics as the benchmark index and the returns will vary from that of the benchmark index.

The use of derivatives within some ETFs means that these products may not be appropriate for many investors. Their characteristics may differ more widely from the benchmark index than those which do not use derivatives and they should be considered higher risk. It may not be

possible to trade units or shares in ETFs if there is no liquid market. If there is low liquidity in the market then we may not be able to buy or sell units at a price considered to be fair, which could have a negative impact on the value of your portfolio.

Any income you receive from your investment in an ETF may vary with the dividends or interest paid by the underlying investments and so could fall as well as rise.

In relation to ETFs that you hold in your IG Smart Portfolio, you do not have any right to the underlying instruments.

More information about a specific ETF, including the risks of investing, can be found on our website in the key investor information document or prospectus which you should read carefully before deciding on an investment.

Full details of the ETFs held in your IG Smart Portfolio are available with the IG Smart Portfolio platform on our website.

Options contracts and futures contracts are considered high risk and complex financial products which come with a high degree of risk of losing money.

Where you are approved to do so, the US Options and Futures Service allows you to trade futures contracts, options contracts and certain other US instruments on margin. Trading on margin carries a high degree of risk because the 'gearing' or 'leverage' often obtainable means that a relatively small movement in the market can lead to a proportionately much larger movement in the value of your investment and this can work against you, as well as for you. You may need to provide further funds with little or no notice to keep your position(s) open. It is important to remember that your initial investment is comparatively smaller than non-leveraged trades and as such, you should always consider your trade in terms of its full value and downside potential. It is also possible to lose more money than you have deposited in your US Options and Futures Account when trading on margin.

Prior to entering any Transactions on your US Options and Futures Account, you should consider whether you understand how futures contracts, options contracts and any Transactions involving trading on margin work and whether you can afford to take the high risk of losing your money.

WHAT IS THE US OPTIONS AND FUTURES SERVICE?

IG's US Options and Futures Service is offered through US Options and Futures Accounts. The US Options and Futures Service allows you to instruct us to buy or sell certain exchange-traded options contracts and futures contracts on your behalf. We may also buy and sell other US instruments on your behalf, primarily where this is linked to your trading of options contracts and futures contracts, for example, where you take physical delivery of US instruments to which an options contract or futures contract relates.

WHAT ARE FUTURES CONTRACTS AND OPTIONS CONTRACTS?

An options contract provides a party with the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell a particular instrument at a certain price by a certain expiration date provided certain conditions are satisfied (for example, the underlying price of the instrument to which the options contract relates being equal to or higher than the strike price). The terms of your options contract may require that the contract is settled in cash, meaning you have no right to or interest in the underlying instrument, or it may allow for physical settlement, meaning you will take ownership of the underlying instrument if the option is exercised.

While you can use options contracts to speculate on the directional price movements of an instrument, you should be aware that the price of an option contract is not exclusively related to movements in the price of the underlying one a one-to-one basis, any possible profits and losses may also be caused by other factors such as (but not limited to) implied volatility, time to expiration, changes to interest rates and taxes and the rate of change of the above factors.

A futures contract provides a party with the obligation to buy or sell a particular instrument at a certain price on a pre-agreed future date. Where the relevant conditions of the futures contract are satisfied on the expiry date, the parties are obligated to conclude that futures contract. The terms of your futures contract may require that the contract is settled in cash, meaning you have no right to or interest in the underlying instrument, or it may allow for physical settlement, meaning you will take ownership of the underlying instrument at the settlement date.

All instruments offered through the US Options and Futures Service are listed on an exchange, which means that the prices are not set by us. We will act on

any instruction that you provide us to buy or sell an instrument on your behalf in accordance with our obligation to provide best execution as set out in our order execution policy, to act reasonably and in accordance with the applicable Customer Agreement. We may place your instructions to deal outside of an exchange if this satisfies our order execution policy, which can be found [here](#).

USE OF THIRD PARTY BROKER

We have partnered with a third-party – Apex Clearing Corporation (the **Third Party Broker**) – in order to make the US Options and Futures Service available to you. The Third Party Broker is registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as a broker-dealer, with the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission as a futures commissions merchant and is registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. The Third Party Broker's registered office is One Dallas Center. 350 N. St. Paul, Suite 1300, Dallas, Texas 75201, United States of America. You can find further information relating to the Third Party Broker, including in relation to its regulatory status, at its website: <https://apexfintechsolutions.com/> and via <https://brokercheck.finra.org/firm/summary/13071>.

The Third Party Broker will arrange for the clearing and settlement of transactions entered into by you under the US Options and Futures Service, for holding your money and instruments and for managing corporate events and actions occurring in relation to your instruments.

The provision of the US Options and Futures Service is dependent on the Third Party Broker and you will need to enter various contractual agreements with the Third Party Broker directly in order to receive the US Options and Futures Service (the **Third Party Broker Contracts**). We have no control over the content of the Third Party Broker Contracts or the actions that the Third Party Broker may take under the Third Party Broker Contracts and the taking of such actions by the Third Party Broker may impact your ability to access and use the US Options and Futures Service and / or the functionality available to you via your US Options and Futures Account.

THIRD PARTY BROKER RISK DISCLOSURES

The Third Party Broker has made available to you a number of risk disclosures that relate to a variety of matters connected to the US Options and Futures Services. You can access these disclosures here [LINK]. We have not repeated the content of those risk disclosures here and you will need to read the disclosures made by the Third Party Broker carefully prior to accessing the US Options and Futures Services. If you are in any doubt about the risks detailed in the disclosures made by the Third Party Broker, you should seek professional advice.

MONEY AND ASSETS HELD BY THE THIRD PARTY BROKER

The Third Party Broker is responsible for holding any monies deposited in your US Options and Futures Account and for holding any instruments that you acquire via your access to and use of the US Options and Futures Services.

Whilst we will open accounts with the Third Party Broker to hold your money and will comply with the FCA's Client Money Rules as they apply to us when doing so, the Third Party Broker will not be subject to the Client Money Rules and so will not directly offer you any protections afforded by the Client Money Rules.

The instruments that the Third Party Broker holds for you will be held in accordance with local regulatory requirements applicable to the Third Party Broker and that service will be governed by the Third Party Broker Contracts.

The Third Party Broker will not hold your instruments in accordance with the FCA's Client Assets Rules and so will not directly offer you any protections afforded by the Client Asset Rules.

In the event of the Third Party Broker's insolvency, any process for the recovery of any instruments held by the Third Party Broker on your behalf may not be governed by English law and this may impact the speed and manner with which

your instruments will be returned to you and whether you are able to receive your assets back or otherwise accept any available payments in cash.

In the event of the Third Party Broker's default or insolvency, you will have no ability to make a claim under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Any monies or assets held by the Third Party Broker are addressed by the SIPC Investor Protection Scheme, which provides coverage for claims up to \$500,000, including a maximum of \$250,000 for cash claims. Further information can be found at <https://www.sipc.org/>.

GOING SHORT

Going short on an instrument via Transactions on your US Options and Futures Account carries significant additional risks that you should be mindful of before entering into any such transaction. In particular, where you are short, your potential loss in relation to any position is unlimited and you will be subject to margin requirements over the lifetime of your position which may increase at very short notice. A failure to deposit appropriate margin can result in your position being closed on little to no notice. You should ensure you have considered these risks carefully before opening a short position.

SELL TO CLOSE / LIQUIDITY

The options contracts and futures contracts available for trading via the US Options and Futures Services are exchange-traded instruments. This means that the only way to close your position in relation to any options contract or futures contract is to issue an instruction to deal to us to sell that contract on your behalf (or to buy that contract if you have a short position). In the event that there is insufficient liquidity in relation to the options contract or futures contract in question, you may not be able to close your position or the closure of your position may be delayed, which could cause losses or contribute to additional losses.

NO ADVICE

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

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

APPROPRIATENESS

Before we enable you to trade on a US Options and Futures Account, we are required to make an assessment of whether the product(s) and/ or services you have chosen are appropriate for you, and to warn you if, on the basis of the information you provide to us, any product or service is not appropriate. Any decision to open an account and to use our products or services remains yours.

This Risk Disclosure Notice will help explain the nature of the risks you take when entering into transactions on your US Options and Futures Account. If you do not understand any of this information please contact us. You should not enter into any transactions on your US Options and Futures Account if you do not understand the risks involved and what they might mean for you.

During our application process, we will ask you for information about your financial assets, earnings and experience. We do not monitor on your behalf whether the amount of money you have sent to us or your

~~profits or losses are consistent with that information, nor do we~~

independently verify your experience beyond the statements you make to us. It is up to you to assess whether your financial resources are adequate for your financial activity with us and your risk appetite in the products and services you use.

CURRENCY

Your US Options and Futures Account is denominated in US Dollars (**USD**). Any monies that you deposit in your US Options and Futures Account in any permitted currency that is not USD will be converted into USD and likewise if you choose to withdraw monies from your US Options and Futures Account into any permitted currency that is not USD, your withdrawal balance will be converted. This may impact your profits and losses. For example, if the profits on your US Options and Futures Account are denominated in USD but GBP loses value against USD, then this will diminish the value of your investments in real terms. You may also incur charges as a result of currency exchange. Please see our costs and charges document for further detail.

NEED TO MONITOR POSITIONS

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

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

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

OUR SERVICES

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

CLEARING HOUSE PROTECTIONS

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

INSOLVENCY

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

DEFAULT

Spread Betting Accounts are provided by IG Index Limited. CFD Accounts, IG Share Dealing Accounts, US Option and Futures Accounts, IG Smart Portfolio Accounts, IG SIPPs and IG ISAs are provided by IG Markets Limited. In the unlikely event of IG suffering an insolvency or financial default and not being able to meet its obligations, IG is a member of the UK Financial Services Compensation Scheme (the **FSCS**) which covers the first **£85,000** of any claim to the relevant firm. Whether you are able to claim depends on the type of business and your personal circumstances. As noted above in relation to the US Options and Futures Accounts, you may not be able to make a claim under the FSCS in the event of the Third Party Broker's default or insolvency. In the unlikely event of IG's insolvency, any claim under the FSCS in relation to the US Options and Futures account may not cover amounts held by the Third Party Broker.

TAX

Our current understanding of applicable UK tax law is that spread bets are taxed as bets not as capital gains. This can be advantageous when you make profits. However, the tax treatment may change and is subject to HMRC interpretation in individual cases. We do not provide tax advice and if you are in any doubt as to your tax obligations, you should seek independent advice.

REGULATORY AND LEGAL RISK

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

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