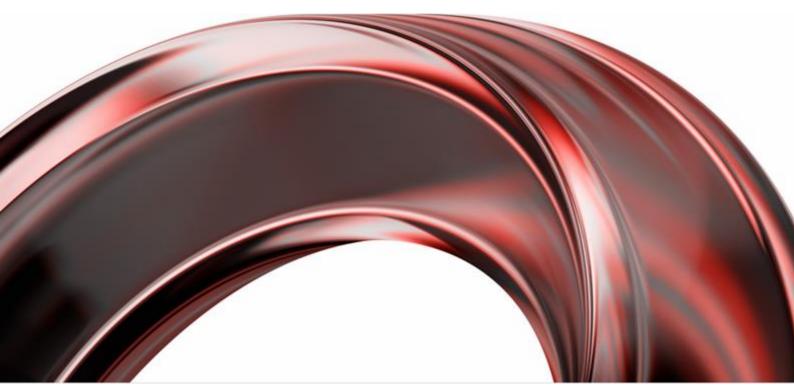


# **RISK DISCLOSURE POLICY**

**EC MARKETS LIMITED** 

AN INVESTMENT DEALER (FULL SERVICE DEALER EXCLUDING UNDERWRITING) LICENCE AND GLOBAL BUSINESS COMPANY LICENSED BY THE FSC





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# **OVERVIEW**

The following statements are intended to inform the Customer of the potential risks involved in trading on financial markets. Customers should be aware of the potential losses associated with such risks. This document forms an integral part of the Agreement between the Company and the Customer. Should there be no clear definition of a term set out in this document, the interpretation of that term shall be governed firstly by the definition given in the Client Agreement. This document cannot disclose all risks involved in trading due to the wide range of feasible situations.

In issuing a licence to EC Markets Limited (the "Company"), no regulatory authority has vouched for:

- 1) the reliability and financial soundness of the products offered or products on which the Company provides its service; and
- 2) the correctness of statements or opinions expressed by the Company, if any.

Every Customer should deal with the Company at their own risks and shall not be protected by any statutory compensation arrangements in any event whatsoever. Every person intending to trade on the products offered by the Company is recommended to seek independent advice on the investment viability and risk associated with such products and services proposed by the Company.

## **RISK STATEMENTS**

Online trading involves substantial risks, as indicated hereunder. Prospective Customers should be aware that they can benefit as well as lose all or part of their funds when engaging in trading activities.

In making a decision to trade in the Company's products, Customers must rely on their own examination of the products, including the merits and risks involved. The Company does not provide advice of any kind, including tax, investment, or legal advice other than general consultations to Customers. The Customer should not risk more than what he is prepared to lose.

The Customer must ensure that he understands the risks involved and take into account his level of experience before deciding to trade independent advice and consultation must be sought if the Customer deems it necessary. Online trading involves a high degree of risk. Customers may not receive the amount that they initially invested due to any of these risks and may lose all or part of their funds.

## **EFFECT OF LEVERAGE**

When executing trading operations under margin trading conditions, even small market movements may have a great impact on a Customer's Trading Account due to the effect of leverage. The Customer must take into consideration that if the trend on the market is against them, the Customer may sustain a total loss of their Initial Margin and any additional funds deposited to maintain Open Positions. The Customer shall be held fully responsible for all risks, financial resources used and the chosen trading strategy.

Many instruments are traded within wide ranges of intraday price movements. Consequently, Customers must carefully consider the fact that there is not only a high probability of profit, but also one of loss.



We provide dynamic leverage, which clients acknowledge, agree, and understand may be adjusted automatically without prior notice, based on the equity balance of each individual trading account (i.e., Balance + Floating Profit/Loss + Swap + Commission).

The leverage parameters per asset class, as well as the dynamic leverage tier based on equity, are outlined below.

### Leverage Per Asset Class

Туре	Leverage	Leverage Type
FX Major	Up to 1:1000	Dynamic
FX Minor	Up to 1:1000	Dynamic
FX Exotics	Up to 1:100	Dynamic
Metal	Up to 1:1000	Dynamic
Energy	1:200	Fixed
Cryptos	1:200	Fixed
Indices	1:50	Fixed

#### **Dynamic Leverage Tier**

Tier	Trading Account Equity (USD)	Forex Major & Minor, Metal Maximum Leverage
1	0.00 – 49,999.99	1000
2	50,000 – 99,999.99	500
3	100,000 or more	200

Whenever the accounts overall position changes, the system will automatically recalculate the required margin, applying the updated margin requirements based on each instrument's applicable leverage tier.

## Example:

Account equity: USD 45,000 therefore Tier 1 applied. The current tier leverage is 1000:1, where the margin requirement for Gold is USD 300 per lot, and for EURUSD it is USD 100 per lot. Assuming a total holding of 10 lots of long Gold, the total margin requirement is USD 3,000.

Account equity increases to USD 52,000 therefore Tier 2 is applied when the next trade is made:

- If no new positions are opened or closed, the margin requirement will remain unchanged.
- If a new position to BUY 1 lot of EURUSD is added in addition to the existing Gold position, the margin of the existing Gold position will remain at USD 3,000, and the margin of the EURUSD position will be applied at Tier 2 leverage which is 500:1 and equates to USD 200:

Total Margin will be Gold at 3000 + EURUSD at 200 = USD 3,200



 However, if an additional 1 lot of long Gold is added, the margin requirement per lot on Gold moves to Tier 2 and becomes USD 600 or 500:1. The system will also automatically recalculate the margin requirement for all of the open Gold positions:

Total margin = 11 lots × USD 600 = USD 6,600.

If 1 lot of the existing Gold position is closed, the system will also recalculate the remaining open position margin requirement:

Total margin = 9 × USD 600 = USD 5,400

If 10 lots of a short Gold position are opened, the system treats these positions as fully hedged. The required
margin will be calculated as zero, as per standard practice.

Total margin = USD 0.

Clients should also note that the leverage provided by the Company can be as high as 1000:1. The client acknowledges and understands that the Company reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to apply a maximum leverage of 30:1.

### **TECHNICAL RISKS**

Customers shall assume the risk of financial loss caused by the failure of information, communication, electronic and other systems.

When executing trading operations through the Client Terminal, the Customer shall assume the risk of financial loss, which can be caused by:

- a) the failure of the Customer's hardware, software, and internet connection;
- b) the improper operation of the Customer's equipment;
- c) the wrong settings in the Client Terminal;
- d) delayed Client Terminal updates; and
- e) the Customer's ignorance of the applicable rules described in the user guide for the Client Terminal and in the Help section.

The Customer acknowledges that at the moment of peak load there may be some difficulties in getting telephone communication with a company representative, especially on the fast market (for example, when key economic indicators are released). The Customer acknowledges that under abnormal market conditions, the execution time for Customer Instructions may increase.

## TRADING PLATFORM

The Customer acknowledges that only one Request or Instruction is allowed in the queue. Once the Customer has sent a Request or Instruction, any other Request or Instruction sent by the Customer will be ignored. In the "Order" window, the "Order is locked" message will appear.



The Customer acknowledges that the only reliable source of quoting information is the server for Customers with live accounts. The quote base in the Customer terminal shall not be considered a reliable source of quoting information given that in the case of a bad connection between the Client Terminal and the server, some of the quotes simply may not reach the Client Terminal.

The Customer acknowledges that when the Customer closes the window to place/modify/delete an Order, as well as the window to open/close a position, the Instruction or Request which has been sent to the server will not be cancelled. The Customer assumes the risk of executing unplanned Transactions in the event that the Customer sends another Instruction before receiving the result from the Instruction sent previously.

The Customer acknowledges that if an Order has already been executed but the Customer sends an Instruction to modify the level of a pending Order and the levels of Stop Loss and/or Take Profit orders at the same time, the only Instruction that will be executed is the Instruction to modify the Stop Loss and/or Take Profit levels on the position opened on that Order.

# COMMUNICATIONS

The Customer shall assume the risk of any financial loss caused by the Customer either not receiving a notification from the Company or it being delayed. The Customer acknowledges that unencrypted information transmitted by email is not protected from unauthorized access.

The Customer also agrees that the Company shall have the right to delete messages sent to the Customer through internal mail 5 (Five) days after they have been sent, despite the fact that the Customer may not have received them yet.

The Customer assumes full responsibility for the safekeeping of information received from the Company and shall bear the risk of any financial loss caused by unauthorized access to the Customer's trading account by any person. The Customer shall bear all risks of financial loss caused by a Force Majeure Event.

The Customer shall bear all financial and other risks when completing operations (or actions connected with these operations) on financial markets that are statutorily prohibited or restricted by the legislation of the jurisdiction in which the Customer is resident.

The Customer must be aware of commissions and other charges before trading. Charges may be expressed in monetary terms, percentage terms or in other unit of measurement and it is therefore the responsibility of the Customer to understand what such charges amount to.

# **REIMBURSEMENT OF INVESTMENT**

In case the company disengages with a Customer whose status (e.g., he/she becomes a PEP) or fitness and propriety changes (e.g., there are hits or adverse media reports or sanctions in the Customer) during the business relationship, investments made will then be reimbursed. Investments are made via credit card / wire transfers / Virtual Cards. The withdrawals are made on source-to-source basis.

For example, if a deposit is made via wire transfer, the funds will be reimbursed by wire transfer itself.