# **KEY INFORMATION DOCUMENT – CFDs ON FOREX INSTRUMENTS**

#### **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

#### **Product**

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You are about to purchase a product that is not simple and may be difficult to understand.

### What is this product?

## **Type**

This investment product is a Contract for Differences ("CFD") on a forex instrument. A CFD is an Over the Counter ("OTC") leveraged financial instrument and its value is determined based on the value of an underlying asset. The investor makes a profit or a loss on the CFD based on the direction chosen (Buy or Sell) and the direction of the value of the underlying asset. The CFD is settled in cash only and the investorhas no rights whatsoever on the actual underlying asset.

### **Objectives**

The objective of the CFD is to allow an investor to gain leveraged exposure to the movement in the value of the underlying market (whether up or down), without actually needing to buy or sell the underlying asset. The exposure is leveraged since the CFD only requires a small proportion of the notional value of the contract to be put down upfront as initial margin and is one of the key features of trading CFDs. In the case of currencies, the prices are determined in interbank transactions whereby banks will quote each other prices of one currency against another currency. Prices of this specific investment product may be obtained either by liquidity providers who obtain such prices from market data aggregators or directly from market data aggregators who collect data from interbank transactions producing a market price for each currency against another currency. The market for most currencies is open 24 hours a day, 5 days a week from Sunday at 23:00 CET until Friday 22:00 CET. For specific trading hours please check arwebsite www.offersfx.com.

In order to purchase the specific CFD, the investor must have sufficient margin in its account. Margin requirements may be increased at the Company's discretion in cases of extreme market volatility.

The profit or loss is determined according to the following formula:

For Buy (Long) positions: Deal size (in units of base asset) x [Close Bid – Open Ask] = P/L (in units of the other asset) For Sell (Short) positions: Deal size (in units of base asset) x [Open Bid – Close Ask] = P/L (in units of the other asset)

The P/L from the closed positions is then converted into the base currency of the investor's account, if different. This is done on the basis of the relevant Bid/Ask rate of the two currencies at the time the position is closed.

The P/L is also affected by the fees charged by the Company, as detailed below. The P/L is calculated by, and shown on, the trading platform on a continuous basis, and losses on the positions will affect the investor's margin. Should the investor's margin reach 0 (zero), all investor's positions will automatically close which means that the investor will realize the losses. Therefore, it is important to maintain such level of margin to support the investor's open positions.

#### **Intended Retail Investor**

CFDs are intended for investors who wish to make directional transactions and take advantage of short term price movements in the rates of currencies and have the ability to sustain the risk of loss of their entire investment amount within a short period of time. Those investors have knowledge of, or are experienced with, leveraged products and have a full understanding on how the prices of CFDs are derived as well as the key concepts of margin and leverage.

What are the risks and what could I get in return?

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Lower Risk Higher Risk



The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you. We have classified this product as 7 out of 7, which is the highest risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance of the product at a very high level.

This risk indicator assumes that you keep the product for up to 24 hours. You may not be able to end the product easily or you may have to end at a price that significantly impacts the return on your investment. CFDs may be affected by slippage or the inability to end the product at a desired price due to unavailability of such price in the market. CFDs are OTC products and cannot be sold on any exchange, MTFs or other trading venue. There is no capital protection against market risk, credit risk or liquidity risk.

Currencies may fluctuate significantly in a short period of time. If the change in price is against the direction chosen by the investor, then the investor can experience significant losses over a short period of time up to a maximum of the amount held as margin in the investor's account. However, the investor will never owe to the Company any amount in excess of the available funds in the account in light of the contractual "Negative Balance Protection". Market conditions may mean that your CFD trade is closed at a less favorable price, which could significantly impact how much you get back.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.

### Performance scenarios (assuming no Overnight Financing effects):

Market developments in the future cannot be accurately predicted. The scenarios shown are only an indication of some of the possible outcomes based on recent returns. Actual returns could be lower.

The scenarios shown illustrate how your investment could perform. You can compare them with the scenarios of other products. The scenarios presented are an estimate of future performance based on evidence from the past on how the value of this investment varies, and are not an exact indicator. What you get will vary depending on how the market performs and how long you hold the CFD. The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances, and it does not take into account the situation where we are not able to pay you.

The table below shows the money Clients could get back under different scenarios, assuming that you buy 1 lot of EUR/USD, notional EUR 100,000 at 1.13500 and your position is closed on the same day. Leverage used is 1:30, i.e. 3.33% initial margin requirement (100,000 x 3.33%). Profit and loss accrues at \$10 for every 0.0001 movement in the underlying price. The position is closed on the same day.

CFD on a currency pair (held intraday)				
EUR/USD pair opening price:	(P)	1.1355		
Trade size (per CFD):	(TS)	1 LOT (insert lot size i.e. 100000 EUR) 3.33%		
Margin %:	(M)			
Leverage:	(L)	1:30		
Margin Requirement (\$):	$MR = P \times TS \times M + Spread$	\$3801		
Notional value of the trade (\$):	TN = TS x P	100000 EUR x 1.1355 = \$113550		

BUY/LONG Performance Scenario	Closing Price (inc. spread)	Price change	Profit/Loss	SELL/SHORT Performance Scenario	Closing price(inc. spread)	Price change	Profit/Loss
Favourable	1.1695	3%	\$3400	Favourable	1.1015	-3%	\$3400
Moderate	1.1525	1.5%	\$1700	Moderate	1.1185	-1.5%	\$1700
Unfavourable	1.1015	-3%	\$-3400	Unfavourable	1.1695	3%	\$-3400
Stress	1.0674	-6%	\$-6810*	Stress	1.2036	6%	\$-6810*

## \*The loss is restricted to your account balance as we offer negative balance equity protection.

The figures shown in the performance scenarios do not consider your personal tax situation, therefore the tax legislation of your home member state may have an impact on the actual pay-out.

### What happens if Merba Ltd is unable to pay out?

In the event that the Company becomes insolvent and is unable to pay out to its investors, Retail Clients may be eligible to compensation of up to €20,000 by the Investor Compensation Fund ("ICF") set up by the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### What are the costs?

The Company charges a spread when an investor buys a CFD. A spread is the difference between the Sell ("Bid") and Buy ("Ask") price of the CFD which is multiplied by the deal size. The spread per each underlying asset is detailed on the Company's website but each investor may have different spreads on all or some of the underlying asset based on the investor's history, volume, activities or certain promotions.

The below table portrays an illustration of types of costs along with their meaning:

	Spread	The difference between the buy price and the sell price is called the spread. This cost is realised each time you open and close a trade.			
One off costs	Currency Conversion	Any cash, realised profit and losses, adjustments, fees and charges that are denominated in a currency other than the base currency of your account, will be converted to the base currency of your account and a currency conversion fee will be charged to your account.			
Ongoing costs	Daily holding Cost/Swap/Rollover	A fee is charged to your account for every night that your position is held. This means the longer you hold a position, the more it costs. Swaps can be viewed on the trading platform and the Company's website.			

For the purpose of the example we will assume a  $\in 10,000$  transaction in EUR/USD with a -18 pips spread. EUR/USD pip is the  $4^{th}$  decimal digit (0.0001).  $\in 10,000$  TS/10000=1\$per pip

The amount of  $\in 2$  will be deducted from the P/L upon opening the transaction and therefore immediately after opening the transaction the P/L of that transaction will be  $\in 2$  this in case price not moving. If yes than pnl can be difference

In addition to the above, the Company charges Overnight Financing (OF) for deals that remain open at the end of the daily trading session. This OF may be subject to credit or debit, calculated on the basis of the relevant interest rates for the currencies in which the underlying instrument is traded, plus a mark-up. The mark-up for EUR/USD pair is -1.8 pips per long short trade, but also may change acc groups.

If the calculated OF Percentage is positive, it means that an applicable amount will be added (credited) to the investor's account. A negative OF Percentage means that an applicable amount will be subtracted (debited) from the investor's account. If the CFD's quoted currency differs from the account's currency, it will be converted to the account's currency at the prevailing exchange rates.

Calculation of OF Percentage for Long Positions: -1.8 pips Calculation of OF Percentage for Short Positions: -1.8pips

To reach the OF Amount, OF percentage (as calculated above) is multiplied by the deal amount (in units of the base asset), as **How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?** 

CFDs on currency are usually held for less than 24 hours. You can cash out the CFD at any point you wish during regular market indicated in the formula below:Overnight Financing Amount = Pip value of deal/account x -1.8 =\$-1.8 hours, but it may not be at a price beneficial to you or your investment goals.

### How can I complain?

If you wish to make a complaint you should contact our Compliance Team on <a href="mailto:complainted">compliance@offersfx.com</a>, by emailing or in writing, indicating your name, account number and nature of the complaint. If you do not feel that your complaint has been resolved satisfactorily, you may refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman of the Republic of Cyprus. More information can be found in our Complaints Handling Policy available at our website.

#### Other relevant information

If there is a time lag between the time you place your order and the moment it is executed, your order may not be executed at the price you expected. The Trading Terms & Conditions as well as all related Policies and other Disclosure Documents of our website contains important information regarding your account. You should ensure that you are familiar with all the terms and policies that apply to your account. This key information document does not contain all information relating to the product. For other information about the product and the legally binding terms and conditions of the product, please refer to our website at www.offersfxcom