

# KEY INFORMATION DOCUMENT CFD ON AN INDEX

# **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**

Contracts for difference on an equity (or share) are offered by **Axi Financial Services (UK) Ltd** ("Axi", "we", "our" or "us"), registered in England and Wales, under company number 06050593. Axi Financial Services (UK) Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom, with Firm Reference Number 466201. Our website is <a href="https://www.axi.com/uk">www.axi.com/uk</a>

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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 document relates to products known as contracts for difference which are more commonly referred to as **CFDs**. A CFD is a leveraged contract that an investor enters into with Axi on a bilateral basis and which allows speculation on rising or falling prices in an underlying index. A CFD on an Index is where the underlying investment option that you choose is a stock index such as the Dow Jones, FTSE or Dax. An equities 'index' (or in plural form "indices") is a distinct cross section of each stock exchange's most prominent companies.

An investor can buy the CFD (or 'go long') if they think the value of the index will rise or sell the CFD (or 'go short') if they believe the value of the index will fall. The price of the CFD is derived from the price of the underlying index which may be the current ('cash') price or a forward ('futures') price. If an investor is long a US30 CFD and the cash price of the underlying index rises, the value of the CFD will increase and at the end of the contract we will pay the difference between the closing value of the contract and the opening value of the contract. Conversely, if an investor is long a US30 CFD and the price of the underlying index falls, the value of the CFD will decrease and at the end of the contract they will pay us the difference between the closing value of the contract and the opening vale of the contract. A cash CFD does not have a pre-defined maturity date and is therefore open-ended.

A CFD on an index referencing the underlying futures price works in exactly the same way except that these contracts have an expiry date; a date upon which the contract automatically closes.

#### **Objectives**

The objective of the CFD is to allow an investor to gain leveraged exposure to the price movement in the underlying index. To open a position an investor is required to deposit a portion of the total value of the contract and this is referred to as the margin requirement. Trading on margin can enhance any losses or gains made.

For example, if an investor buys 1 CFD with an initial margin amount of 5% (or 20 to 1) and an underlying index price of 24750, the initial investment will be \$1,237.50 (5%\*24750). However, the notional value of the contract is \$24,750 which shows the effect of leverage. Each 1 point change in the price of the underlying index results in the value of the CFD changing by \$1. If the investor is long and the market increases in value, a \$1 profit will be made for every 1 point increase in that market. If the market decreases in value however, a \$1 loss will be incurred for each point the market decreases. Conversely, if an investor holds a short position, a profit is made in line with any decrease in that market, and a loss for any increases in the market.

A negative price movement may lead to an increased margin balance and the requirement to add more funds. If an investor does not have sufficient funds in his account the CFD may be automatically closed ('liquidated').

### **Intended Retail Investor**

CFDs are high risk products and therefore not appropriate for everyone. They are intended for investors who have experience with, or knowledge of, the financial markets and specifically the risks associated with trading leveraged

products. They will likely be risk orientated and be trading with money they can afford to lose. Finally, they will normally be looking to gain short term exposures to these financial instruments and markets.

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



The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of these products compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets.

We have classified these products 7 out of 7, which is the highest risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a very high level.

There is no recommended minimum holding period for this product. The risk indicator assumes that you may not be able to close your CFD at the price you want due to market volatility or you have to close your CFD at a price that significantly impacts how much you get back.

**Be aware of currency risk.** You can trade CFDs that are denominated in a different currency, so the final return you will get depends on the exchange rate between the two currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator shown above.

In some circumstances you may be required to make further payments to pay for losses. In some circumstances, for example if you do not maintain the minimum margin that is required, your CFD will be liquidated (closed) automatically by us.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. If, in the unlikely event, we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment. However, you may benefit from a consumer protection scheme (see the section "what happens if we are unable to pay you"). The indicator shown above does not consider this protection.

### **Performance Scenarios**

The scenarios shown below 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 keep the investment/product. The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances, and it does not take into account the unlikely situation where we are not able to pay you.

The following assumptions have been made to complete the scenarios in Table 1:

US30				
Opening price	37,450.55			
Trade size (\$ per point)	2			
Margin %	5%			
Margin Requirement (\$)	3,401.31			
Notional Value (\$)	68,026			

Table 1

LONG Performance scenario	Closing price (inc spread)	Price change	Profit/loss	SHORT Performance scenario	Closing price (inc spread)	Price change	Profit/loss
Favourable	38,012.31	1.50%	\$1,123.52	Favourable	36,888.79	-1.50%	\$1,123.52
Moderate	37,637.80	0.50%	\$374.51	Moderate	37,263.30	-0.50%	\$374.51
Unfavourable	36,888.79	-1.50%	-\$1,123.52	Unfavourable	38,012.31	1.50%	-\$1,123.52
Stress	35,578.02	-5.00%	-\$3,745.05	Stress	39,323.08	5.00%	-\$3,745.05

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

### What happens if Axi Financial Services (UK) Ltd is unable to pay out?

We segregate your money from our own funds in accordance with the UK FCA's Client Asset rules. However, in the unlikely event we are unable to meet our financial obligations to you, you may lose the value of your investment. Your investment is covered by the UK's Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) which covers eligible investments up to £85,000 per person, per firm. See <a href="https://www.fscs.org.uk">www.fscs.org.uk</a> for further information.

### What are the costs?

The table shows the different types of costs involved when you trade a CFD on an index:

One off costs	Spread	The spread is the difference between the buy (ask) price and the sell (bid) price. For example, if the instrument is trading at mid-price of 24750, our ask price (the price at which you can buy) might be 24752 and our bid price (the price at which you can sell) might be 24748. The full cost of the spread is realised each time you open and close a trade.			
	Financing fees	In relation to cash products only: Financing fees (or 'interest', 'holding fees' or 'swaps') are charged on any open position held overnight. They will be credited or debited (as applicable) to your account at the close of the day. We calculate our financing charges on a daily basis using the applicable underlying bank rate +/- 2.5%. Charges are annualised and triple finance charges are charged on a Friday to reflect the charge over the weekend.			
Ongoing fees	Rollover fee	In relation to futures products only: The principle of the futures CFD rollover process is that traders will neither profit nor lose from the CFD rolling from the current underlying futures price to the next. You will be credited or debited with a rollover charge or swap benefit that reflects the buying and selling of the expiring and next underlying instrument contract. For example, if you have incurred a profit on the change to the new contract price you will receive a rollover charge which will offset the gain. If you incurred a loss on the change to the new contract price you will receive a swap benefit which will offset the loss. We typically switch from using the front month to the next serial futures contract 1-2 trading days prior to the underlying instrument's last trading day when liquidity can be limited.			
	Corporate actions	Index CFDs are made up of a group of stocks that may pay dividends throughout the year. In the event a dividend is paid on a stock the value of the stock will drop and therefore so does the value of the index. In relation to cash products only, dividend adjustments are made in relation to indices and are paid on net positions only. Short positions will be positively impacted by the drop in index price while long positions are negatively impacted. The funds will be debited or credited (as applicable) to your account at the close of business on the ex-dividend date.			
Incidental	Third party	Where applicable, we may share a proportion of the spread with the third party that has			
costs	fees	introduced you.			

## How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

CFDs are intended for short term trading and in some cases intraday; they are generally not suitable for long term investments. There is no recommended holding period for this product, no cancellation period and therefore no cancellation fees. You can open and close a CFD on an index at any time during market hours.

### How can I complain?

If you wish to make a complaint you should contact the Compliance department on +44 203 857 2080, by emailing compliance@ofmarkets.com, or in writing to us at Axi Financial Services (UK) Ltd, 1st Floor, 1 Finsbury Market, London, EC2A 2BN.

If your issue is not resolved and/or you are not satisfied with our response you may refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). See www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk for further information.

### Other relevant information

Further information with regards to this product can be found on our website in our Product Schedule.

The <u>Legal Documentation</u> section on our website contains important information about your account. You should ensure you have read and understood all the terms of the Client Agreement.