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GENERAL RISK DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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1. Introduction

BDS Markets (hereafter “the Company”) is an Investment Dealer (Full Service Dealer, Excluding Underwriting). The Company is incorporated in the Republic of Mauritius with Company Registration No. **143350**) and is authorized and regulated by the Financial Services Commission (hereafter “FSC”) with License Number **C116016172**.

2. Risk Warnings

The Client should not engage in any investment directly or indirectly in Financial Instruments unless (s)he knows and fully understands the risks involved for each one of the Financial Instruments offered by the Company. Therefore, prior to applying for an account, the Client should consider carefully whether investing in a specific Financial Instrument is suitable for him/her in the light of his/her personal circumstances and financial resources.

In case the client does not understand the risks involved, he/she should seek advice or consultation from an independent financial advisor. If the Client still does not understand the risks involved in trading in any Financial Instruments, he/she should not trade at all.

3. General Risks and Acknowledgements

In consideration of the Company agreeing to engage into Binary Options and/or CFD trading with the Client, the Client acknowledges, understands, agrees and accepts the risks including but not limited:

- (a) The Company does not and cannot guarantee that funds deposited in the Client’s Account for trading will not be lost as a result of the Client’s transactions.
- (b) The Client acknowledges that, regardless of any information which may be offered by the Company, the value of any investment in Financial Instruments may fluctuate downwards or upwards and it is even probable that the investment may become of no value.
- (c) The Client acknowledges that he/she runs a great risk of incurring losses and damages as a result of the purchase and/or sale of any Financial Instrument and accepts that he/she is willing to undertake this risk.
- (d) Information of the previous performance of a Financial Instrument does not guarantee its current and/or future performance. The use of historical data does not constitute a binding or safe forecast as to the corresponding future performance of the Financial Instruments to which the said Information refers.
- (e) The Client is hereby advised that the transactions undertaken through the dealing services of the Company may be of speculative nature. Large losses may occur in a short period of time and may be equal to the total value of funds deposited with the Company.
- (f) Some Financial Instruments may not become immediately liquid, for example, as a result of reduced demand and the Client may not be in a position to sell them or easily obtain information on the value of these Financial Instruments or the extent of the associated risks.

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- (g) When a Financial Instrument is traded in a currency other than the currency of the Client's country of residence, any changes in the exchange rates may have a negative effect on its value, price and performance.
- (h) A Financial Instrument on foreign markets may entail risks different to the usual risks of the markets in the Client's country of residence. In some cases, these risks may be greater. The prospect of profit or loss from transactions on foreign markets is also affected by exchange rate fluctuations.
- (i) A Derivative Financial Instrument (i.e. option, future, forward, swap, contract for difference) may be a non delivery spot transaction giving an opportunity to make profit on changes in currency rates, commodity, stock market indices or share price called the underlying instrument.
- (j) The value of the Derivative Financial Instrument may be directly affected by the price of the security or any other underlying asset which is the object of the acquisition.
- (k) The Client should not purchase a Derivative Financial Instrument unless he/she is willing to undertake the risks of losing entirely all the money which he has invested and also any additional commissions and other expenses incurred.
- (l) Under certain market conditions (for example but not limited to the following situations: force majeure event, technical failure, communications network failure, poor or no liquidity, market news or announcements etc.) it may be difficult or impossible to execute an order.
- (m) Placing "Stop-Loss" Orders serves to limit your losses. However, under certain market conditions the execution of a "Stop-Loss" Order may be worse than its stipulated price and the realized losses can be larger than expected.
- (n) Should the Equity of the Client be insufficient to hold current positions open, the Client may be called upon to deposit additional funds at short notice or reduce exposure. Failure to do so within the required time may result in the liquidation of positions at a loss and the Client will be liable for any resulting deficit.
- (o) The Client's attention is expressly drawn to currencies traded so irregularly or infrequently that it cannot be certain that a price will be quoted at all times or that it may be difficult to effect transactions at a price which may be quoted owing to the absence of a counterparty.
- (p) Trading on-line, no matter how convenient or efficient, does not necessarily reduce risks associated with currency trading.
- (q) There is a risk that the Client's trades in Financial Instruments may be or become subject to tax and/or any other stamp duty, for example, because of changes in legislation or his/her personal circumstances. The Company does not warrant that no tax and/or any other stamp duty will be payable. The Client should be responsible for any taxes and/or any other duty which may accrue in respect of his/her trades.
- (r) Before the Client begins to trade, he/she should obtain details of all commissions and other charges for which the Client will be liable. If any charges are not expressed in money terms (but for example a dealing spread), the Client should ask for a written explanation, including appropriate examples, to establish what such charges are likely to mean in specific money terms.
- (s) The Company will not provide the Client with Investment Advice relating to investments or possible transactions in investments or make investment recommendations of any kind.

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(t) There may be situations, movements and/or conditions occurring at the weekend, at the beginning of the week or intra-day after the release of the significant macroeconomic figures, economic or political news that make currency markets to open with price levels that substantially differ from previous prices. In this case, there exists a significant risk that orders issued to protect open positions and open new positions may be executed at prices significantly different from those designated.

4. Third Party Risks

4.1 The Company may be required to hold your money in an account that is segregated from other Clients and the Company's money in accordance with current regulations, but this may not afford complete protection.

4.2 The Company may pass money received from the Client to a third party (e.g. a bank) to hold or control in order to effect a Transaction through or with that person or to satisfy the Client's obligation to provide collateral (e.g. initial margin requirement in respect of a Transaction. The Company has no responsibility for any acts or omissions of any third party to whom it will pass money received from the Client.

4.3 The third party to whom the Company will pass money may hold it in an omnibus account and it may not be possible to separate it from the Client's money, or the third party's money. In the event of the insolvency or any other analogous proceedings in relation to that third party, the Company may only have an unsecured claim against the third party on behalf of the Client, and the client will be exposed to the risk that the money received by the Company from the third party is insufficient to satisfy the claims in respect of the relevant account. The Company does not accept any liability or responsibility for any resulting losses.

4.4 A Company or Bank or Broker through whom the Company may deal with could give interests contrary to the Client's interests.

4.5 The insolvency of the Company or of a Bank or Broker used by the Company to effect its transactions may lead to the Client's positions being closed against his/her wishes.

5. Cash Settlements

Binary options and CFD trading can only be settled in cash.

6. Conflicts of Interests

The Company is the counterparty to all transactions entered into under the Client Agreement and, as such, the Company's interests may be in conflict with yours. For further details please read our Conflicts of Interest Policy which is available on the Company's website.

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7. Prices are set by the Company and may be different from prices reported elsewhere

The Company will provide the prices to be used in trading and the valuation of Client's positions in accordance with its Trading Policies and Procedures. The trading rates assigned to the assets on the Company's website are the ones at which the Company is willing to sell binary options and CFDs to its customers at the point of sale. As such, they may not directly correspond to real time market levels at the point in time at which the sale of options and/or CFDs occurs.

8. Rights to underlying assets

You have no rights or obligations in respect of the underlying assets relating to your binary options and CFD trading.

9. Trading Platform Risks

- 9.1 Clients, who undertake transactions on an electronic trading system, will be exposed to risks associated with the system including the failure of hardware and software (Internet/Servers). The result of any system failure may be that an order is not executed according to the instructions provided for it or it is not executed at all. The Company does not accept any liability in the case of such failure. The use of wireless connections or dial-up connections, or any other form of unstable connection at the client's end, may result in poor or interrupted connectivity or lack of signal strength causing delays in the transmission of data between the client and the Company, when using the Company's Electronic Trading Platform. Such delays or disturbances may result in the client sending out of date "Market Orders". In these circumstances, the Company will update the price and execute the order at the best available "market price".
- 9.2 The Client acknowledges that only one Instruction is allowed to be in the queue at one time. Once the client has sent an Instruction, any further Instructions sent by the Client are ignored and the "orders is locked" message appears until the first Instruction is executed.
- 9.3 The Client acknowledges that the only reliable source of Quotes Flow information is that of the live Server's Quotes Base. Quotes Base in the Client Terminal is not a reliable source of Quotes Flow Information because the connection between the Client Terminal and the Server may be disrupted at some point and some of the Quotes simply may not reach the Client Terminal.
- 9.4 The Client acknowledges that when an Order is closed or being executed, it may not be cancelled or modified.
- 9.5 The Client may lose all amounts (s)he has deposited with the Company as margin. The placing of certain orders available on the Trading Platform (e.g. "stop-loss" or "limit" orders) that are intended to limit losses to certain amounts may not always be effective because market conditions or technological limitations may make it impossible to execute such orders. Please also note that for all orders (including guaranteed stop loss orders) the Client may sustain the loss (which the Client's order is intended to limit) in a short period of time. In other cases, the execution of a "Stop-Loss" order may be worse than its stipulated price and the realized losses can be larger than expected.

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10. Technical Risks

- 10.1 The Company shall not be responsible for the risks of financial losses caused directly or indirectly by failure, malfunction, interruption, disconnection or malicious actions of information, communication, electricity, electronic or other systems.
- 10.2 The Company has no responsibility if authorized third persons have access to information, including electronic addresses, electronic communication and personal data when the above are transmitted between the Company and any other party, using the Internet or other network communication facilities, telephone, or any other electronic means.
- 10.3 The Client acknowledges that the unencrypted information transmitted by e-mail is not protected from any unauthorized access.
- 10.4 At times of excessive deal flow the Client may have some difficulties to be connected over the phone or the Company's trading platform(s)/ system(s), especially in the fast Market (for example, when key macroeconomic indicators are released).
- 10.5 The Client acknowledges that the internet may be subject to events which may affect his/her access to the Company's website and/or the Company's trading platform(s)/system(s), including but not limited to interruptions or transmission blackouts, software and hardware failure, internet disconnection, public electricity network failure or hacker attacks. The Company is not responsible for any damages or losses resulting from such events which are beyond its control or for any other losses, costs, liabilities or expenses (including, without limitation, loss of profit) which may result from the Client's inability to access the Company's Website and/or Trading System or delay or failure in sending orders or Transactions.
- 10.6 The Client is warned that when trading in an electronic platform (s)he assumes risk of financial loss which may be a consequence of amongst other things:
- (a) Failure of Client's devices, software and poor quality of connection.
 - (b) The Company's or Client's hardware or software failure, malfunction or misuse.
 - (c) Improper work of Client's equipment.
 - (d) Wrong setting of Client's Terminal.
 - (e) Delayed updates of Client's Terminal.
- 10.7 In connection with the use of computer equipment and data and voice communication networks, the Client bears the following risks amongst other risks in which cases the Company has no liability of any resulting loss:
- (a) Power cut of the equipment on the side of the Client or the provider, or communication operator (including voice communication) that serves the Client.
 - (b) Physical damage (or destruction) of the communication channels used to link the Client and provider (communication operator), provider, and the trading or information server of the Client.

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- (c) Outage (unacceptably low quality) of communication via the channels used by the Client, of the channels used by the provider, or communication operator (including voice communication) that are used by the Client.
- (d) Wrong or inconsistent with requirement settings of the Client Terminal.
- (e) Untimely update of the Client Terminal.
- (f) When carrying out transactions via the telephone (land or cell phone lines) voice communication, the Client runs the risk of problematic dialing, when trying to reach an employee of the broker service department of the Company due to communication quality issues and communication channel loads.
- (g) The use of communication channels, hardware and software, generate the risk of non-reception of a message (including text messages) by the Client from the Company.
- (h) Trading over the phone might be impeded by overload connection.
- (i) Malfunction or non-operability of the trading system (platform), which also includes the Client Terminal.
- (j) Outage (unacceptably low quality) of communication via the channels used by the Company, in particular physical damage (destruction) of the communication channels by third parties.

11. Risks particularly associated with transactions in financial instruments (CFDs)

11.1 Investing in some Financial Instruments entails the use of “gearing” or “leverage”. In considering whether to engage in this form of investment, the Client should be aware that the high degree of “gearing” or “leverage” is a particular feature of Derivative Financial Instruments. This stems from the

margin system applicable to such trades, which generally involves a comparatively modest deposit or margin in terms of the overall contract value, so that a relatively small movement in the underlying market can have a disproportionately dramatic effect on the Client’s trade. If the underlying market movement is in the Client’s favour, the client may achieve a good profit, but an equally small adverse market movement can not only quickly result in the loss of the Client’s entire deposit, but also expose the Client to a large additional loss. In regard to transactions in derivative Financial Instruments, a derivative Financial Instrument is a non-deliverable spot transaction giving an opportunity to make profit or loss on changes in currency rates, commodity, stock market indices or share prices called the underlying instrument. The Client must not purchase derivative Financial Instrument unless he/she is willing to undertake the risks of losing entirely all the money which he has invested and also any additional commissions and other expenses incurred. For further details please read our Risk Disclaimer for Financial Instruments which is available on the Company’s website.

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11.2 Transactions may not be undertaken on a recognized or designated investment exchange and, accordingly, they may expose the Client to greater risks than exchange transactions.

The terms and conditions and trading rules may be established solely by the Execution Venue. The Client may also have to close any position with the same counterparty with whom it was originally entered into. In regard to transactions in Financial Instruments with the Company, the Company is using a Trading Platform for transactions in Financial Instruments which does not fall into the definition of a recognized exchange or a Multilateral Trading Facility.

12. The Company is not an advisor or a fiduciary to the Client

Where the Company provides generic market recommendations, such generic recommendations do not constitute a personal recommendation or investment advice and have not considered any of specific Client's personal circumstances or investment objectives nor is it an offer to trade, or the solicitation of an offer to trade in any binary options and/or CFDs. Each decision made by the Client to trade in binary options and/or in CFDs with the Company and each decision as to whether a transaction is appropriate or proper for the Client is an independent decision made by the Client himself. The Company does not act as an advisor or serving as a fiduciary to the Client. The Client agrees that the Company has no fiduciary duty to the Client and no liability in connection with and is not responsible for any liabilities, claims, damages, costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with the Client following the Company's generic trading recommendations or taking or not taking any action based upon any generic recommendation or information provided by the Company.

13. Recommendations are not guaranteed

The generic market recommendations provided by the Company are based solely on the judgment of the Company's personnel and should be considered as such. The Client acknowledges that (s)he enters into any transactions relying on his/her own judgment. Any market recommendations provided are generic only and may or may not be consistent with the market positions or the intentions of the Company and/or its affiliates. The Company's generic recommendations are based upon information believed to be reliable, but the Company cannot and does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness thereof or represent that following such generic recommendations will eliminate or reduce the risk inherent in trading in binary options and CFDs.

14. No guarantee of profit

There are no guarantees of profit or avoidance of losses when trading in binary options and in CFDs. The Client has not and will not receive any such guarantees from the Company or from any of its representatives. The Client must become aware of the risks inherent in trading in binary options and CFDs and is financially able to bear such risks and withstand any losses incurred.

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Important Notice: This document and the Risk Disclaimer for Financial Instruments does not disclose, contain or explain all of the risks and other significant aspects involved in dealing in all Financial Instruments and Investment Services. This document was designed to explain in general terms the nature of the risks involved when dealing in Financial Instruments on a fair and non-misleading basis in accordance with the Law.

Please read the Risk Disclaimer in Financial Instruments available on the Company's Website if you are considering trading with the Company in derivative financial instruments such as CFDs.