

KEY INFORMATION DOCUMENT

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 with other products.

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

PRODUCT

Product name:	Contracts for Difference (CFD) on Cryptocurrencies
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WHAT IS THIS PRODUCT?

Type

This financial product is known as “*contract for difference*” or a CFD. A CFD allows you to obtain an indirect exposure by opening long (buying) or short (selling) positions in an underlying asset such as security, commodity, index and other asset types. This means that you will never actually own the underlying asset, but you may gain profit or suffer loss as a result of price movements in the underlying asset as if you had actually owned it.

This document provides key information on CFD where the underlying instrument is a cryptocurrency, such as Bitcoin or Ether.

The cryptocurrencies on which we currently offer CFDs can be found at: <https://www.dukascopy.com/europe/english/crypto/range-of-markets/>.

Objectives

The CFD on cryptocurrency is a form of tradable contract serving two main objectives, namely speculation and hedging:

1. Speculation

You may use Cryptocurrency CFD to speculate on price movement in an underlying asset, for example in BTC/USD pair. If you believe the BTC price will strengthen in the future against USD - your objective is to buy BTC/USD CFD at a lower price and then to sell BTC/USD contract at a higher price later on. If you believe BTC will weaken against USD in the future – your objective is to sell BTC/USD CFD contract at a particular price and expect it to be bought later at a lower price. Favorable price movement will result in profit while opposite to yours price movement will result in a loss, both equal to difference between buy and sell prices multiplied by the contract/exposure amount. (hence the contract is “for difference”).

2. Hedging

If you own the actual underlying asset (such as bitcoin, for example) you may be exposed to market risk meaning the price of your underlying asset may decrease over time. To mitigate this risk you may use CFD on cryptocurrency by opening an opposite direction position, thus keeping the price fixed at the date of entering into position.

Contract for difference uses the price of the corresponding cryptocurrency as proxy for its price definition, thus its value is in a direct dependency from the latter but, unlike the underlying, it has no expiry date, which allows leaving the holding period to the discretion of the client.

Intended retail investors

The product might not be appropriate for all retail investors. Investors must possess in-depth financial knowledge, have previous experience in highly speculative financial markets and have free funds that may be lost completely.

The product may be of interest for investors that intend to (1) exploit price movements of the underlying without actually owning it; (2) hedge exposures in the underlying asset or its close peers, especially in the case where a minimization of capital outlay or short-selling is needed for the hedge.

■ Term of the Product

The Product has no maturity date, can be unilaterally terminated by Dukascopy under special conditions, which include, but are not limited to the following:

- ✓ Extraordinary market conditions;
- ✓ Termination or restructuring of the underlying;
- ✓ Lack of liquidity or degradation of execution conditions.

Termination is executed in form of closing existing open client exposures in the Product.

Termination dates and specific conditions are defined once (if ever) circumstances forcing to terminate the PRIIP are emerging and cannot be scheduled in advance.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS AND WHAT COULD I GET IN RETURN?

■ Summary Risk Indicator

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



Presence of the currency risk. Note that in case if the Product is denominated in a currency different from the currency of your investments (base currency of the trading account) the final return is subject to the risk of exchange rate fluctuations between these currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator presented above.

Liquidity risk. Although this Product shall be considered liquid in the interpretation of the [Regulation \(EU\) 2017/653](#) (Part 4 of Annex II), you shall take into consideration the presence of an inherent liquidity risk, which manifests itself in the fact that the difference between the Bid and Ask price (i.e. the spread) may vary at different times of the day, which affects the total effective costs of trading the Product.

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

Presence of leverage makes it possible that the total loss you may incur may exceed the amount invested. However, in this case you will not be held liable for clearing the negative balance. Neither the latter risk, nor the protection is considered in the risk indicator above.

If we are unable to pay you due to insolvency, you may benefit from the Investor Protection Law that ensures that clients of an insolvent institution have their protected deposits in the amount of up to 20'000 euro paid out to them within the period of three months. The risk indicator above does not consider this protection.

■ Performance scenarios

This key information document is not specific to a particular product. It applies to a CFD on cryptocurrencies Product offered by Dukascopy Europe IBS AS. For each CFD trade you place, you will be responsible for choosing the underlying instrument, when you open and close, the size (risk) and whether to use risk mitigation features (e.g. stop loss orders).

Each instrument has a different point cost (value risked for every change of a certain digit in price) associated with it. These can be found in the [Range of Markets](#) section of the website.

The table below shows potential profit and loss under different scenarios. These scenarios assume that you have a starting equity of 2'500 USD and choose to buy/sell 0.2 CFDs on Bitcoin (BTC/USD), where every contract corresponds to 1 Bitcoin. The point value of this instrument is 1 USD, meaning that every 1-point shift (1st digit after the decimal place) in price will bring a profit/loss of 0.2 USD (given the position size is 0.2 contracts). Is it assumed that the position is held intraday only (i.e. no overnight holding costs apply):

BTC/USD, 0.2 contracts (1 Bitcoin each)

Opening price: 60'000 USD

Initial position amount: 12'000 USD

Min. margin requirement: 6'000 USD (instrument leverage is 1:2)

Initial equity: 2'500 USD

	Long position (Buy)			Short position (sell)		
	Price shift / new price	Profit/Loss	New equity	Price shift / new price	Profit/Loss	New equity
Stress scenario	-7% / 55'800	-840 USD	1'660 USD	+7% / 64'200	-840 USD	1'660 USD
Unfavorable scenario	-2.5% / 58'500	-300 USD	2'200 USD	+2.5% / 61'500	-300 USD	2'200 USD
Moderate scenario	-0.25% / 59'850	-30 USD	2'470 USD	+0.25% / 60'150	-30 USD	2'470 USD
Favorable scenario	+2% / 61'200	+240 USD	2'740 USD	-2% / 58'800	+240 USD	2'740 USD

Also, there are several types of trading risks, including leverage risk, which you should be aware of before beginning to trade. Some of those (the list is not exhaustive) include Leverage risk, Margin risk, Foreign exchange risk, Market risk, Market disruption risk, Online trading platform and IT risk.

The market may perform differently in the future. Intraday movements may exceed daily movements. What you make or lose will vary depending on how the market performs and how long you keep the contract open. Note that your contract may be closed automatically if you do not maintain sufficient margin on your account. The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances, but it is not the worst case and it does not take into account the situation where we are not able to pay you. The figures shown include all the costs of the Product itself, but may not include all the costs that you pay to your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

WHAT HAPPENS IF DUKASCOPY EUROPE IS UNABLE TO PAY OUT?

Dukascopy Europe IBS AS is a European Union licensed Investment Brokerage Company which is regulated by the Bank of Latvia (Latvijas Banka).

In accordance with the Investor Protection Law and Investor Compensation Schemes Directive (Directive 97/9/EC) compensation at 90% of the irrevocably lost value of financial instruments, or of losses incurred by the non-performance of investment services is guaranteed for an investor, but not more than 20'000 EUR for each client. Further and more detailed information is available on the official web pages of the [Bank of Latvia](#).

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

The person selling you or advising you about this Product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs, and show you the impact that all costs will have on your investment over time.

■ Costs over time

The table below shows the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These costs depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the Product and what are the exact commission rates applicable in your situation. The amounts shown are illustrations based on an example investment of 0.2 contracts (= 0.2 Bitcoins) in BTC/USD with a total value of 12'000 USD.

Assumptions used:

- ✓ The position is opened long (Buy).
- ✓ Maximum trading commission is applied.
- ✓ Least advantageous overnight policy is used.
- ✓ The position is held overnight and closed the next day.
- ✓ You would get back the amount that you invested (0% return)

	If you cash in after 1 day (Holding period used in the example)
Total costs	-17.70 USD
Holding period cost impact*	-0.15%

* This illustrates how costs reduce your return within the conditions and holding period described in the example. For example, it shows that if you exit the investment after the period in the example (2 days), your holding period expected return is projected to be 0.15% before costs and 0.00 % after costs.

■ Composition of costs

The table below shows the exact composition of costs from the example referred to in the previous table. For comparison purposes a Short position is also presented in addition to the Long example. The percentage figures show the impact of the cost on return during the holding period used in the example.

		Long		Short		
One-off costs upon entry or exit	Spread	-10.02 USD	-0.08%	-10.02 USD	-0.08%	The spread is the difference between the Bid (Sell) and Ask (Buy) price quoted on our trading platform and is payable on opening and closing a contract. The spread is variable and largely depends on market liquidity.
	Trading commission	-1.26 USD	-0.01%	-1.26 USD	-0.01%	Trading commission is payable for every executed order. Its amount depends on Net deposit, Equity. Refer to Fee Schedule for more details.
Ongoing costs	Overnight swap cost	-6.42 USD	-0.05%	0.00 USD	0.00%	If you hold a long or short position after the market close, an overnight holding cost may be debited or credited to your account. Its amount is commonly determined by the reference rates and also depends on your trading activity.
Incidental costs	Performance fees	Not applicable				
	Carried interest	Not applicable				
Total costs		-17.70 USD	-0.15%	-11.28 USD	-0.09%	

HOW LONG SHOULD I HOLD IT AND CAN I TAKE MONEY OUT EARLY?

There is no required minimum holding or recommended period that you must keep your investment open for. CFDs are generally used for short term trading on price movements, often intraday. Your investment can be opened and closed at any time during market hours.

Available funds on your account can be withdrawn at any time by way of submitting a withdrawal request from your [client area](#) or by contacting your account manager or the support team.

HOW CAN I COMPLAIN?

You may submit a complaint directly to Account Manager appointed to you or by sending an e-mail to legal@dukascopy.eu. You may send hard-copy complaints to: Lāčplēša iela 20A-1, Rīga, LV-1011, Latvia.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Other relevant information on the Product can be found under the following links:

- ✓ Product description: <https://www.dukascopy.com/europe/english/cfd/what-are-cfds/>
- ✓ Margin requirements: <https://www.dukascopy.com/europe/english/cfd/margin-requirements/>
- ✓ Overnight policy: <https://www.dukascopy.com/europe/english/cfd/cfd-overnight-policy/>
- ✓ Fee schedule: <https://www.dukascopy.com/europe/english/about/fee-schedule/>
- ✓ Target market description: <https://www.dukascopy.com/media-storage/2058405796/i/>