

# SHEER MARKETS (CYPRUS) LIMITED CIF License No. 395/20 CLIENT AGREEMENT

## **Retail and Professional Clients**

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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Client Agreement (hereafter the "T&Cs" or "Terms and Conditions" or the "Agreement") is entered into:
  - (a) Sheer Markets (Cyprus) Ltd (hereinafter the "Company" or "Sheer Markets" or "we" or "us"), a limited liability company incorporated in the Republic of Cyprus with registration number HE 404686 and having its head address at 12 Archiepiskopou Makarou III, Kristelina Tower, Office 301, Mesa Geitonia, Limassol, 4000. Sheer Markets is authorised and regulated by the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission ("CySEC") as a Cyprus Investment Firm ("CIF") to offer certain Investment and Ancillary Services and Activities under the Provisions of the Investment Services, the Exercise of Investment Activities, the Operation of Regulated Markets and Other Related Matters Law of 2017, Law 87(I)/2017, as subsequently amended or replaced from time to time (the "Law"), with CIF license number 395/20; and
  - (b) A natural or legal person who has successfully completed the process of application and registration to open a Trading Account with the Company (the "Client" or "You" and has submitted all the required information and documentation, together referred as the "Parties").
- 1.2. By accepting this Agreement, the Client also accepts and agrees to be bound, inter alia, by the provisions of other contractual documentation (the "Policies"), which form an integral part of the Agreement, and which are required to electronically acknowledged and accepted by the Client during the online registration procedure:
  - (a) Client Categorization Policy
  - (b) Investor Compensation Fund
  - (c) Risks Disclosure Statement
  - (d) Order Execution Policy
  - (e) Conflicts of Interest Policy
  - (f) Privacy Policy
  - (g) Complaints Handling Process.

The Policies which can be amended from time to time and are uploaded on the Website and available for all Clients and prospective clients, set out the business terms upon which the Company will offer Services to the Client, the rights and obligations of both Parties, and shall govern the trading activity of the Client with the Company, and also include important information which the Company is required as an authorized CIF to provide to its prospective Clients under Applicable Regulation.

- 1.3. By applying for the Company's Services (e.g. when completing and submitting the Account Opening Application Form), the Client declares to have read, understood and accepted all the Policies and the Agreement and it means that if the applicant is accepted as a Client of the Company, the Client and the Company shall be bound by these. For this reason, you are advised to read carefully all the documents which form the Agreement and any other letters or notices sent by the Company and/or found on the Website such as the Key Information Document(s) and ensure that you understand and agree with these terms before entering into an agreement with the Company. If you do not fully understand any provisions in this Agreement and/or any document which forms part of this Agreement you must obtain independent legal advice.
- 1.4. By accepting and agreeing to the Terms and Conditions during the online registration process, the Client agrees to the provision of information through electronic means such Company's Website or the verified email of the Client (the "Durable Mediums") due to the nature of the relationship established between the relevant Parties, which is deemed acceptable and appropriate. The provision of information by means of electronic communication is treated as appropriate and acceptable since the Client has regular access to the internet. The provision by



the Client of an email address for the purposes of the carrying on of that business is considered as sufficient evidence. The Company will ensure that the information available within its Website will be always kept up to date.

- 1.5. The Agreement overrides any other agreements, arrangements, express or implied statements made by the Company.
- 1.6. For any questions or notices, you may contact the Company at:

Address:	12 Archiepiskopou Makariou III, Kristelina Tower
	Office 301, Mesa Geitonia 4000

Phone number:	+357 25 25 40 43
Email:	support@sheermarkets.com

1.7. If you are a consumer and we do not meet face to face to conclude this Agreement, but instead our communication is done through a website, as over the telephone, or by written correspondence (including e-mail), then the Distance Marketing of Financial Services Law N. 242(I)/2004 (implementing the EU directive 2002/65/EC) applies.

#### 2. Definitions and Interpretation

- 2.1 The Agreement which also includes and incorporates by reference the schedules hereto and any other schedules for the provision of Services, which you may request us to provide to you from time to time, sets out the terms on which we are willing to act for you. This Agreement supersedes any previous agreements between you and us on the same subject matter. This Agreement shall apply to all transactions contemplated under this Agreement, provided that in the event of a conflict between this Agreement and any other specific agreement between the Client and Sheer Markets that may govern any specific transaction, made between you and us, such other specific agreement shall prevail but only in relation to such specific transactions.
- 2.2 In this Agreement:
  - (a) References to "we" or "us" and/or any other similar wording relate to Sheer Markets;
  - (b) Words denoting the singular shall include the plural and vice versa. Words importing the masculine shall import the feminine and vice versa. Words denoting persons include corporations, partnerships, other unincorporated bodies and all other legal entities and vice versa;
  - (c) References to "persons" shall include any individual, firm, company, corporation, government, state or any association, trust, joint venture, or partnership (whether or not having separate legal personality);
  - (d) References to "writing" shall include the transmission of text electronically via the Durable Mediums;
  - (e) In the event where general words are specified such as "including", "for instance" or specific examples are given, the interpretation of the general words will not be limited to the examples given in the relevant clause;
  - (f) The Agreement and any present or future amendments or Schedules thereto, are written in the English language which is the official language in which you may communicate with us and receive any documents and notices. In case of differences between this document and any translation of it, the English version always prevail. The Company having does not have any responsibility or liability regarding the correctness of the information therein and the Client should always refer to the English version and the Website for information on the Company and its Policies;



- (g) Headings are for convenience only and will not affect the terms set in the Agreement.
- 2.3 In addition, the terms listed below shall have the following meaning:

"Abusive Trading" shall include any of the following actions such as, but not limited to placing "buy stop" or "sell stop" Orders prior to the release of financial data, arbitrage, manipulations, lag trading, usage of server latency, price manipulation, time manipulation, hunting of trading benefits, a combination of faster/slower feeds, abuse of the cancelation of trades feature available on the Platform or use (without the prior and written consent of the Company) of any software, which applies artificial intelligence analysis to the Company's systems and/or Platform(s) and/or Client's Trading Account.

"Account Credentials" shall mean a unique username and password used by you to access and use the Trading Platform.

"Affiliate" shall mean in relation to the Company, any entity which directly or indirectly controls or is controlled by the Company, or any entity directly or indirectly under common control with the Company; and "control" means the power to direct or the presence of ground to manage the affairs of the Company or entity. It shall also mean an entity which is not associated with the Company and it is responsible for the introduction of potential clients to the Company.

"Agreement" shall mean this "Client Agreement" with any of its Appendix and the Policies found on the Company's Website such as the Client Categorisation Policy, Investor Compensation Fund, Risks Disclosures, Order Execution Policy, Conflicts of Interest Policy and Privacy Policy, as amended from time to time and any subsequent Appendices added thereto.

"Authorized Person" shall mean a person who has provided, to the satisfaction of the Company, a document and/or Power of Attorney enabling him to act as representative of the Client.

"**Applicable Regulations**" shall mean (a) CySEC Rules or any other rules of a relevant regulatory authority having powers over the Company; (b) the Rules of the relevant Market; and (c) all other applicable laws, rules and regulations of Cyprus or of the European Union.

"**Base Currency**" shall mean in an FX Contract the first currency in the Currency Pair against which the Client buys or sells the Quote Currency.

"**Business Day**" shall mean any day, other than a Saturday or a Sunday, or the 25th of December, or the 1st of January or any other Cyprus or international holidays to be announced on the Company's Website or sent to your verified email.

"**Buy**" shall mean a Transaction in FX and CFD that is opened by offering to buy a specific number of a certain Underlying Asset and may also in our dealings with you in FX and CFDs, be referred to as a "long" or "Long Position".

"**CDD**" shall mean Customer Due Diligence and includes all measures taken by the Company for the identification and verification of your identity, as well as the construction of the economic profile.

"Client information" shall include, among others, personal details such as name, surname, place and date of birth, residential address, due diligence and know-your-customer information and documentation, financial details such as bank account, credit card details, bank statements, loan agreements, source of income, tax residency and tax identification number, employment and professional details.



"**Complaint"** means a statement of dissatisfaction addressed to a firm by a natural or legal person relating to the provision of an investment service provided under the Applicable Regulations.

"**Contract for Difference**" or "**CFD**" shall mean a derivative other than an option, future, swap or forward rate agreement, the purpose of which is to give the holder a long or short exposure to fluctuations in the price, level or value of an underlying, irrespective of whether it is traded on a trading venue, and that must be settled in cash or may be settled in cash at the option of one of the parties other than by reason of default or other termination event.

"**Corporate Action**" means the occurrence of any of the following (without limitation) in relation to the issuer of any relevant underlying Financial Instrument:

- Any rights, scrip, bonus, capitalization or other issue or offer of the Financial Instrument (e.g. shares) of whatsoever nature or the issue of any warrants, options or giving the rights to subscribe for the Financial Instrument;
- Stock splits or reverse splits;
- Acquisition or cancellation by the issuer of a Financial Instrument issued by it;
- Reduction, sub-division, consolidation or reclassification of the Financial Instrument;
- Any distribution of cash (including dividends or coupons) to the holders of the Financial Instrument;
- A take-over or merger offer;
- Amalgamation or reconstruction affecting the Financial Instrument concerned; and
- Any other event which has a diluting or concentrating effect on the market value of the underlying Financial Instrument.

"CRS" shall mean Common Reporting Standards.

"**Currency Pair**" shall mean the object or Underlying Asset of an FX Contract based on the change in the value of one currency against the other. A Currency Pair consists of two currencies (the Quote Currency and the Base Currency) and shows how much of the Quote currency is needed to purchase one unit of the Base Currency.

"CySEC" shall mean the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission, which is the Company's supervisory authority.

"CySEC Rules" shall mean the Rules, Directives, Regulations, Guidance notes opinions or recommendations of CySEC.

"**Equity**" means the balance of your Trading Account as adjusted by the addition of any unrealized profit or loss resulting from your open positions under your Transactions with the Company.

"Event of Default" shall have the meaning given in paragraph 26.1 of this Client Agreement.

"**Data Controller**" shall mean the natural or legal person, public authority, agency or other body which, alone or jointly with others, determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data; For the purposes of this Agreement, the Company shall be considered as the Data Controller of its clients' Client information.

"**Difference**" shall mean in an FX and CFD the difference in price upon the opening of a Transaction and the closing of such Transaction.

"Expiry Date" shall mean the date set specified on the Trading Platform with respect to certain Underlying Asset upon which any open Transaction for such Underlying Asset shall expire automatically.



"FATCA" shall mean the United States "Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act".

"Financial Data" shall mean any financial and market data, price quotes, news, graphs or any other data or information whatsoever available through the Trading Platform.

"Financial Institution" shall mean banks, financial institutions, brokers or other trading organizations.

"Financial Instrument" shall mean the Financial Instruments under the Company's CIF license which can be found in the About Us area on the Website under Legal Documents.

"FFI" means Foreign Financial Institution for the purposes of FATCA compliance.

"Force Majeure Event" shall have the meaning as set out in paragraph 17.1 of this Client Agreement.

"**FX Contract**" or "**FX**" shall mean the type of CFD where the Underlying Asset is a Currency Pair. Hence, any mention to CFDs in this Agreement also covers FX Contracts.

"GDPR" means The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679, as amended from time to time.

"Initial Margin" shall mean the minimum amount of money required in your Trading Account in order to open a Transaction, as specified on the Trading Platform from time to time for each specific Underlying Asset, excluding commission, transaction fees and any other related costs.

"Initial Margin Protection" means the initial margin as defined in Annex I of ESMA35-43-1397

"Intellectual Property Rights" shall mean patents, trademarks, service marks, trade names, logos, software code, icons, characters, layouts, trade names, trade secrets, buttons, colour scheme, internet domain names, rights in designs, copyright (including rights in computer software), database rights, semi-conductor topography rights, utility models, rights in know-how and other intellectual property rights, in each case whether registered or unregistered and including applications for registration, and all other rights or forms of protection having equivalent or similar effect anywhere in the world.

"Investment Services" shall mean the Investment Services under the Company's CIF license which can be found in the About Us area on the Website under Legal Documents.

"Leverage" is the practice of using Margin in order to increase the potential return of an investment which also symmetrically increases a potential loss. Trading on leveraged capital means that you can trade in amounts significantly higher than the funds you invest, which only serves as the margin commonly expressed as a ratio which describes an order of magnification of your potential profits or losses in comparison with the profits or losses that you would have incurred if you traded solely with your invested capital.

"Long Position" for FX and CFD trading shall mean a buy position that appreciates in value if underlying market prices increase. For example, in respect of Currency Pairs: buying the Base Currency against the Quote Currency.

"Limit Order" shall mean a type of order that trigger a buy or sell transaction at a specified price that is above or below the current market price.



"Maintenance Margin" shall mean the minimum amount of money required in your Trading Account as specified on the Trading Platform in order to keep a leveraged Transaction open on the Trading Platform.

"Manifest Error" shall mean any error that we reasonably believe to be obvious or palpable, including without limitation, offers to execute Transactions for exaggerated volumes of Underlying Assets or at manifestly incorrect market price quotes or prices at a clear loss.

"Margin" shall mean the Initial Margin and the Maintenance Margin collectively.

"Margin Close Out Level" means the closure of one or more of a retail client's open CFDs on terms most favourable to the client when the sum of funds in the Trading Account and the unrealised net profits of all open CFDs connected to the Trading Account falls to less than 50% of the total initial margin for all those open CFDs.

"Market Order" shall mean Orders which are executed at the best available market price.

"MIFID II" means Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments

**"MTF**" means multilateral trading facility which is a multilateral system, operated by an investment firm or a market operator, which brings together multiple third-party buying and selling interests in financial instruments – in the system and in accordance with non-discretionary rules – in a way that results in a contract in accordance with Title II of MiFID II.

"Normal Market Size" shall mean the maximum number of Underlying Assets that can be executed by the Company in the instant execution mode. These Terms and Conditions are applicable for Normal Market Size. The Company at its own absolute discretion. discretion may change these terms and conditions if the client wishes to make a transaction above the normal market size for the specified instrument.

"Open Position" shall mean any open contract which has not been closed.

"Order" shall mean an instruction from the Client to trade in FX and CFDs. For FX and CFD it means a Stop Loss or Take Profit order.

"OTC" means Over the Counter or off- exchange trading.

**"OTF**" means an organised trading facility which is a multilateral system which is not a regulated market or an MTF and in which multiple third-party buying and selling interests in bonds, structured finance products, emission allowances or derivatives are able to interact in the system in a way that results in a contract in accordance with Title II of MiFID II.

"Quote" shall mean the information of the current price for a specific Underlying Asset, in the form of the Bid and Ask prices.

"Quote Currency" shall mean in an FX Contract the second currency in the Currency Pair which can be bought or sold by the Client for the Base Currency.

"Parties" shall mean the parties to this Client Agreement – the Company and the Client. "Personal Area" a section on the Company's website dedicated to each Client containing information addressed to the specific Client and through which the Company and the Client may interact.



"**Pip**" shall mean in a measurement of movement in CFD trading, used to define the change in the value of CFD Transaction with Underlying Assets quoted in four decimal points the one hundredth of one percentage point. In CFD Transactions with Underlying Assets quoted in two decimal points, Pip shall mean the one percentage point.

"**Politically Exposed Person**" or "**PEP**" means a natural person who is or who has been entrusted with prominent public functions in the Republic of Cyprus or in another country, an immediate close relative of such person as well as a person known to be close associate of such person:

whereas "prominent public function" means any of the following public functions:

- heads of State, heads of government, ministers and deputy or assistant ministers;
- members of parliament or of similar legislative bodies;
- members of the governing bodies of political parties;
- members of supreme courts, of constitutional courts or of other high-level judicial bodies whose decisions are not subject to further appeal, except in exceptional circumstances;
- members of courts of auditors or of the boards of central banks;
- ambassadors, chargés d'affaires and high-ranking officers in the armed forces;
- members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of State-owned enterprises;
- directors, deputy directors and members of the board or equivalent function of an international organization;
- mayor;

provided that no public function referred in the above points shall be understood as covering middle-ranking or more junior officials and

whereas the term "close relatives" of a PEP includes the following:

- (a) the spouse, or a person considered to be equivalent to a spouse, of a PEP;
- (b) b) the children and their spouses, or persons considered to be equivalent to a spouse, of a PEP;
- (c) the parents of a PEP;

'Persons Known To Be Close Associates of a PEP' means natural person:

- (a) who is known to have joint beneficial ownership of legal entities or legal arrangements, or any other close business relations, with a PEP;
- (b) who has sole beneficial ownership of a legal entity or legal arrangement which is known to have been set up for the de facto benefit of a politically exposed person.

"**Position**" shall mean your position in relation to any FX and CFD currently open on your Trading Account.

"**Professional Client**" shall mean a client who possess the experience, knowledge and expertise to make its own investment decisions and properly assess the risks that it incurs. The categories of "Professional Clients" for the purposes of CySEC Rules are those specified in the Client Categorization Policy found on the Company's Website.

"**Registration Data**" shall mean certain personal and financial information that you are required to provide in order to complete the Account Opening Application Form and become our Client, such information can include without limitation a copy of your passport or if passport not available, photo of the identity card which shall be acceptable at the Company's discretion.

"**Retail Client**" shall mean a "Retail Client" for the purposes of the CySEC Rules, as specified in the Client Categorization Policy found on the Company's Website.



"**Sell**" shall mean an FX and CFD Transaction that is opened by offering to sell a specific number of a certain Underlying Asset, and may also in our dealings with you, be referred to as a "short" or "short position".

"Services" shall mean the services to be offered by the Company to the Client under this Agreement, as set out in paragraph 9.1 of this Client Agreement.

"Scalping" shall mean the situation where the Client opens too many positions in CFDs at the same time and closes them for less than five minutes or buying at Bid price and selling at Ask price, so as to gain the Bid/Ask difference.

"**Slippage**" shall mean the difference between the expected price of a Transaction in a CFD and the price the Transaction is actually executed at. At the time that an Order is presented for execution, the specific price requested by the Client may not be available; therefore, the Order will be executed close to or a number of pips away from the Client's requested price. If the execution price is better than the price requested by the Client, this is referred to as positive slippage. If the executed price is worse than the price requested by the Client, this is referred to as negative slippage. Slippage often occurs during periods of higher volatility (for example due to due to news events) making an Order at a specific price impossible to execute, when market orders are used, and also when large Orders are executed when there may not be enough interest at the desired price level to maintain the expected price of trade.

"**Software**" shall mean the software provided by us which you will need to download in order to use the Trading Platform.

"**Spread**" for FX and CFD trading shall mean the difference between Ask and Bid of an Underlying Asset in a FX and CFD at that same moment.

"**Stop Loss**" shall mean an offer to close a Transaction in an FX and CFD position at a price determined in advance by you which, in the case of a Buy is lower than the opening Transaction price and in the case of a Sell is higher than the opening Transaction price.

"Swap or Rollover" for FX and CFD trading shall mean the interest added or deducted for holding a position open overnight.

**"Take Profit**" shall mean offer to close a Transaction in an FX and CFD position at a price determined in advance by you which, in the case of a Buy is higher than the opening Transaction price and in the case of a Sell is lower than the opening Transaction price.

"**Tax**" means any tax, levy, impost, duty or other charge or withholding of a similar nature (including any penalty or interest payable in connection with any failure to pay or any delay in paying any of the same).

"Trading Account" shall mean the exclusive and unique account of the Client consisting of all the Open Positions and Orders of the Client the balance of the Client money and deposit/withdrawal transactions of the Client money. More information on the various types of Trading Accounts offered by the Company from time to time and their particular characteristics and requirements may be found in the Website.

**"Trading Platform"** or **"Electronic Trading Platform"** shall mean the electronic mechanism operated and maintained by the Company, consisting of a trading platform, computer devices, software, databases, telecommunication hardware, programs and technical facilities, which facilitates trading activity of the Client in FX and CFDs via the Trading Account.



"**Trailing Stop**" in FX and CFD trading shall mean a stop-loss order set at a percentage level below the market price - for a Long Position. The trailing stop price is adjusted as the price fluctuates. A sell trailing stop order sets the stop price at a fixed amount below the market price with an attached "trailing" amount. As the market price rises, the stop price rises by the trail amount, but if the pair price falls, the stop loss price does not change, and a market order is submitted when the stop price is hit.

"Third Party License" shall mean licenses from third parties governing third party software embedded or used in the Trading Platform.

"Trading Hours" shall mean the hours of trading as set forth on the Trading Platform for a particular Underlying Asset.

**"Transaction**" shall mean either the opening or closing of an offer to either buy or sell FX and CFD for an Underlying Asset on the Trading Platform, whether by you or us.

"**Underlying Asset**" shall mean the object or underlying asset in a CFD which may be Currency Pairs (for FX Contracts), Equity Indices, base or precious Metals, Forwards, Commodities, Stocks, Shares Indices and Futures. It is understood that the list is subject to change and Clients must refer each time on the Trading Platform.

"**Underlying Market**" shall mean the relevant market where the Underlying Asset is traded such as securities or futures exchanges, clearing houses, self-regulatory organizations, multilateral trading facilities or alternative trading systems.

"US Reportable Persons" means for the purposes of FATCA:

- (a) a US citizen (including persons with dual citizenship);
- (b) a US resident alien for tax purposes;
- (c) a US domestic partnership;
- (d) a domestic corporation;
- (e) any estate other than a foreign estate;
- (f) any trust if:
  - a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust;
  - one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust;
  - any other person that is not a foreign person

"**Website**" shall mean the Company's website <u>www.sheermarkets.com</u> or such other website as the Company may maintain from time to time.

"Written Notice" shall have the meaning set out in paragraph 33.5 of this Client Agreement.

2.4 Any reference to any act or regulation or Law shall be that act or regulation or Law as amended, modified, supplemented, consolidated, re-enacted or replaced from time to time, all guidance noted, directives, statutory instruments, regulations or orders made pursuant to such and any statutory provision of which that statutory provision is a re-enactment, replacement or modification.



#### 3. License and Use of the Trading Platform

- 3.1 The Trading Platform is not intended for distribution to, or use by, any person:
  - who is under the age of 18 years old and/or not of legal competence or of sound mind;
  - who resides in any country where such distribution or use would be contrary to local law or regulation. The Trading Platform and any other service provided by us is not available to persons residing in any country where FX and CFD trading activity or such services would be contrary to local law or regulation;
  - who is a citizen or resident of certain jurisdictions outside of the European Union; or
  - who is an employee, director, associate, agent, affiliate, relative, or otherwise connected to the Company or any affiliate thereto.
- 3.2 Without derogating from the above, we reserve the right, acting reasonably, to suspend and/or refuse access to and use of the Trading Platform and/or close the Trading Account and terminate the Client Agreement to anyone in our sole and absolute discretion.
- 3.3 You acknowledge that we may provide the Trading Platform to other parties, and agree that nothing herein will be deemed or construed to prevent us from providing such services.
- 3.4 Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, we hereby grant you, a personal limited, non-exclusive, fully revocable, non-transferable and non-sub-licensable license to install and/or use the Trading Platform in object code only, solely for your personal use and benefit in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 3.5 If any third-party software is included within or embedded in the Trading Platform, then such embedded third-party software shall be provided subject to the terms of this Agreement which apply to the Trading Platform. We provide no express or implied warranty, indemnity, or support for the Third-Party Licenses, and will have no liability. You as a client are permitted to use the services of the Company, pursuant to these Terms and Conditions in good faith and to this end, you are not permitted to use any electronic device, software algorithm or any trading strategy or arbitrage practices (example: latency abuse, price manipulation or time manipulation) which aims to manipulate or obtain an unfair advantage of the bid and offer prices.
- 3.6 We reserve any and all rights to the Trading Platform not expressly granted to you by this Agreement. The Trading Platform is to you solely for facilitating trading with the Company and under no circumstances is sold to you. The Trading Platform, all copies and any derivative works thereof (by whoever created), the associated goodwill, copyrights, trademarks, logos, know how, patents and any intellectual property rights, are and shall remain owned solely by the Company or our licensors. Other than provided above in this paragraph, no other license, right, or interest in any goodwill, trademark, copyright, logo, know how, patent, service mark or other Intellectual Property Right in the Trading Platform or any part or derivative work thereof is granted or conveyed to you.
- 3.7 You shall take all reasonable steps to:
  - procure and maintain in proper working order, throughout the term of this Agreement and at your own expense, the hardware, operating environment (including operating system software), backup means and infrastructure necessary for the installation, operation and maintenance of the Trading Platform (including without limitation uninterruptible power systems and electrical back-up devices);
  - prevent any virus infections, security breaches, and other disabling events from damaging the Trading Platform due to your actions or omissions;



- implement and plan to operate and maintain appropriate protection in relation to the security and control of access to your computer, computer viruses or other similar harmful or inappropriate materials, devices, information or data.
- 3.8 We will deliver the Trading Platform with reasonable skill and care.
- 3.9 From time to time and at our sole discretion, we shall have the right to add to, modify, or remove any part of the Trading Platform or undertake routine construction on the server. By doing so we are taking into consideration our Regulatory Obligations and to the extent we deem as appropriate in order not to negatively affect your best interests, we may notify you via Trading Platform alert or internal mailing system, or some other mean of communication. The fact that a client may not receive such a notice does not constitute a breach based on this agreement.
- 3.10 We have the right to shut down the Trading Platform at any time for maintenance purposes provided that a relevant written notice of two (2) days is provided by the CIF. In these cases, the Trading Platform will be inaccessible.
- 3.11 We make no express or implied representation or warranty:
  - that the Trading Platform will be available for access all the time, or at any time on a continuous uninterrupted basis (access to the Trading Platform may be affected, for example, by routine maintenance, repairs, reconfigurations or upgrades);
  - as to the operation, quality or functionality of the Trading Platform;
  - that the Trading Platform will be free of errors or defects; and
  - that the Trading Platform is free from viruses or anything else that has contaminating or destructive properties including where such results in loss of or corruption to your data or other property. We will not be liable for any data lost or any equipment or software replaced by you as a result of use of the Trading Platform.
- 3.12 You:
  - may only use the Trading Platform for so long as you are authorized to do so;
  - may not use the Trading Platform for any purpose other than for the purpose for which it has been provided under this Agreement; and
  - are responsible for the use of the Trading Platform (including the Account Credentials) by you.
- 3.13 You agree not to:
  - (a) use the Trading Platform for illegal or inappropriate purposes;
  - (b) (nor attempt to) interfere with or disrupt the proper operation of our software, hardware, systems or networks, including (but not limited to) not knowingly or negligently transmitting files that may interrupt, damage, destroy or limit the functionality of any computer software, hardware, systems or networks, including corrupted files or files that contain viruses, Trojan horses, worms, spyware or other malicious content;
  - (c) perform abusive trading;
  - (d) send massive requests on the server which may cause delays in the execution time;
  - (e) attempt to gain unauthorized access to our computer system or the computer system(s) of any other user, or to parts of the Trading Platform to which you do not have access rights or attempt to reverse engineer or otherwise circumvent any security measures that the Company has applied to the Trading Platform;
  - (f) take any action which does or may cause the provision of the Trading Platform to other users to be interrupted or degraded;
  - (g) convey any false, unlawful, harassing, defamatory, abusive, hateful, racial, threatening, harmful, vulgar, obscene, seditious or otherwise objectionable or offensive material of any kind or nature;
  - (h) carry out any commercial business on the Trading Platform;

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- (i) knowingly or negligently upload or download files that contain software or other material protected by copyright, trademarks, patents or other intellectual property rights (or by rights of confidentiality or privacy of publicity, where applicable) unless you own or control the rights thereto or have received all necessary consents;
- (j) falsify the origin or source of any content or other material;
- (k) use any software, which applies artificial intelligence analysis to the Company's systems and/or Trading Platform;
- (I) intercept, monitor, damage or modify any communication which is not intended for him;
- (m) use any type of spider, virus, worm, Trojan-horse, time bomb or any other codes or instructions that are designed to distort, delete, damage or disassemble the Trading Platform or the communication system or any system of the Company;
- (n) send any unsolicited commercial communication not permitted under applicable law or Applicable Regulations;
- (o) do anything that will or may violate the integrity of the Company computer system or Trading Platform or cause such system(s) to malfunction or stop their operation;
- (p) do any action that could potentially allow the irregular or unauthorized access or use of the Platform; or
- (q) unlawfully log into the Trading Platform and execute an order to buy or sell a Financial Instrument from a location or IP address originating from a region or jurisdiction where it is not allowed for regulatory reasons.
- 3.14 You shall not be entitled to download, save or copy the Trading Platform.
- 3.15 Should we reasonably suspect that you have violated the terms of paragraphs 3.13 3.15 hereunder, we are entitled to take one or more of the counter measures Events of Default of paragraph 26.1 hereunder.

#### 4. Account Credentials and Security

- 4.1. In the event that we accept you as our Client, we shall open a Trading Account in your name which will allow you to place Orders on our Trading Platform. It is agreed and understood that the Company offers different types of Trading Accounts, which have different margin Requirements and characteristics. Account Types can be found on our website.
- 4.2. In order to access the Trading Account, you will be asked to enter your Account Credentials issued by us to you, which are confidential and shall be used solely by you.
- 4.3. You:
  - (a) are responsible for ensuring that your Account Credentials remain confidential and for taking such other precautions as may be necessary to ensure they cannot be used by any person other than you or your authorized representative and making sure that a third party is not provided access to your computer for example via using team viewer to turn on control on your compute;
  - (b) must notify us immediately if you become aware that your Account Credentials have in any way become compromised or if any third party may be able to access the Trading Platform; and
  - (c) You agree we do not have to establish the authority of anyone quoting your Trading Account number or Account Credentials. The use of your Account Credentials by any third party is expressly prohibited.
- 4.4. If we believe that there is likely to be a breach of security, we may require you to change your Account Credentials or suspend your access to the Trading Platform. We reserve the right to edit,



amend or issue you with new Account Credentials or require a change of your Account Credentials at any time, by giving notice to you.

- 4.5. You are responsible for ensuring that you alone control access to your Account Credentials, and that no minor or other person is granted access to the Trading Platform using your Account Credentials. You acknowledge that you are ultimately and solely responsible for all actions on the Trading Platform through your Registration Data, including any unauthorized disclosure of your Account Credentials.
- 4.6. You undertake to immediately notify us immediately first orally and then in writing if you become aware of any loss, theft or use by any other person or entity other than you, of any of your Registration Data, including your Account Credentials. We will then take steps to prevent any further use of such Account Credentials and will issue replacement Account Credentials. You will be unable to place any Orders until you receive your replacement Account Credentials.
- 4.7. If we are informed from a reliable source that your Account Credentials may have been received by unauthorized third parties, we may, at our discretion without having an obligation to notify you in advance, deactivate the Trading Account.
- 4.8. You as the Client are permitted to access, store, display, analyze, modify, print the information that is available to you and relates to the operations of your trading accounts(s) via the trading platform and clients portal. You are nit permitted to publish, transmit or reproduce or otherwise provide access to third party, without prior disclosure and consent by the Company.
- 4.9. You acknowledge that we bear no responsibility if unauthorized third persons gain access to information, including electronic addresses, electronic communication, personal data and Account Credentials when the above are transmitted between the parties or any other party, using the internet or other network communication facilities, post, telephone, or any other electronic means.
- 4.10. You shall indemnify, defend, and hold us harmless from any claim, proceeding, loss or damages based upon any use, misuse, or unauthorized use of the Trading Platform through your Account Credentials.

#### 5. Intellectual Property

- 5.1. You acknowledge that all Intellectual Property Rights in the Trading Platform are owned by us or our licensors.
- 5.2. You will not:
  - (a) copy, record, edit, alter or translate any of the Trading Platform, or any part of the Trading Platform. This shall include, without limitation not removing, editing or otherwise interfering with (or attempting to remove edit or otherwise interfere with) any names, marks, logos or branding on the Trading Platform;
  - (b) reverse engineer, disassemble or otherwise attempt to derive source code for the Trading Platform in whole or in part except to the extent expressly permitted by law; and
  - (c) in any manner damage or impair any of our Intellectual Property Rights, and shall use your best efforts to protect our Intellectual Property Rights from infringement by third parties.
- 5.3. The Trading Platform, all copies and any derivative works thereof (by whoever created), the associated goodwill and any Intellectual Property Rights in the Trading Platform, are and shall remain owned solely by us or our licensors. Except for the license granted under this Client



Agreement, no other license, right, or interest in any goodwill or Intellectual Property Right in the Trading Platform or any part or derivative work thereof is granted or conveyed to you.

- 5.4. Unless expressly permitted in this Agreement, you shall not:
  - (a) assign, sublicense, transfer, pledge, lease, rent, distribute or share the Trading Platform or any rights thereto under the Client Agreement;
  - (b) separate any component part of the Trading Platform, or separately use any component part thereof on any equipment, machinery, hardware or system whatsoever;
  - (c) decompile, disassemble, reverse compile, reverse engineer, create derivative works of or reproduce (other than one copy solely for backup and archival purposes) the Trading Platform or any parts thereof;
  - (d) remove or destroy any proprietary marking or legends placed upon or contained within the Trading Platform;
  - (e) develop methods to enable unauthorized parties to use the Trading Platform;
  - (f) attempt to reconstruct or discover any source code, underlying ideas, algorithms, file formats or programming or interoperability interfaces of the Trading Platform by any means whatsoever;
  - (g) provide, lease, lend, use for timesharing or service bureau purposes, or otherwise use or allow others to use the Trading Platform for the benefit of third parties;
  - (h) work around any technical limitations in the Trading Platform, or use any tool to enable features or functionalities that are otherwise disabled in the Trading Platform;
  - (i) use similar processes and functions to develop competing features or functions with the Trading Platform;
  - (j) use the Trading Platform or any Financial Data to conduct any fraudulent, inappropriate or illegal activities, including without limitation deceptive impersonation;
  - (k) permit or encourage any third party to do any of the foregoing.

#### 6. Application and Registration Data

6.1. In order to use the Trading Platform and our Services, you must register with us by providing personal details, such as name, date of birth, country of tax residence, trading knowledge and experience etc. and including identification documents (i.e. valid Passport and recent Utility Bill), as Registration Data. After you fill in and submit the Account Opening Application Form together with all the required identification documentation and Registration Data required by us for our own internal checks, we will send you a notice informing you whether you have been accepted as a Client of the Company. It is understood that we are not to be required (and may be unable under Applicable Regulations) to accept a person as our Client until all documentation we require has been received by us, properly and fully completed by such person and all internal Company checks (including without limitation anti-money laundering checks, appropriateness test or suitability test, as the case may be) have been duly satisfied. It is further understood that we reserve the right to impose additional due diligence requirements to accept Clients residing in certain countries.

#### 6.2. You agree and undertake to:

- notify us of any changes to your personal and financial information and/or in your financial condition by emailing <u>support@sheetmarkets.com</u> or <u>backoffice@sheermarkets.com</u>;
- provide true, accurate, current and complete Registration Data as prompted by the registration process;
- maintain and promptly update the Registration Data to keep it accurate, current and complete by emailing any changes to <u>support@sheermarkets.com</u> and
- ensure that you log out from your Trading Account at the end of each session on the Website;
- We may carry out credit and other checks from time to time as we deem appropriate. Your Registration Data or other information may be used in the prevention of money laundering as



well as for the maintenance of your account. You authorize us to use your Registration Data and other information to perform the above checks in relation to your application process;

- In the event we become aware of any illegal activity or impropriety in the Registration Data, we may freeze your account. Should such an event occur we may not be in a position to release funds and may not be able to carry out subsequent instructions from you.
- In the event of failure of any due diligence requirement (e.g. failure to provide the Company with the requested identification documents within the requested timeframe), any funds deposited with the Company will be immediately returned to the same account and source from which they originated and the business relationship between you and the Company will be terminated.
- In the event that the Company is suspecting fraud, manipulation arbitrage or other forms of deceitful or fraudulent activity in a Client's account(s), the Company is entitled to withdraw any profits and charge additional costs which are deemed as adequate at its sole discretion and shall not be liable for the cancellation of any trading transaction or profits or in the event of damages or losses which may result from the suspension of the Account, closure or unwinding.
- 6.3. Once logged onto the Trading Platform using your Account Credentials, you authorize us to rely upon any information or instructions set forth in any data transmission using your Registration Data, without making further investigation or inquiry. Without limitation of the foregoing, we have no responsibility for transmissions that are inaccurate or not received by us, and we may execute any Transaction on the terms actually received by us.
- 6.4. In the case where the Client is a legal person, it is obliged to obtain a legal entity identifier from an appropriate authority duly licensed to provide legal entity identifiers. In the case of a legal person, the Client may not (where provided by Applicable Regulations) be able to execute any Transactions with the Company if it does not possess a legal entity identifier.

#### 7. Assessing Appropriateness and Suitability

- 7.1. Pursuant to the Law, when providing investment services other than investment advice or portfolio management, the Company is obliged to collect some information in order to assess the Client's knowledge and experience in the investment field relevant to the trading of CFD products.
- 7.2. You hereby represent and warrant that you understand the purpose of the assessment of appropriateness and the importance of providing the Company with full and correct information for this purpose. You are warned and hereby accept, that if you provide incorrect or incomplete information regarding your knowledge and experience in the investment field, this will adversely affect Company's ability to carry out the appropriateness assessment correctly. The lack of the Client to provide answers to the questions required by the Company will prevent the Company from assessing the client's knowledge and experience; therefore, Sheer Markets will not be in position to determine whether CFDs is appropriate for you.
- 7.3. The Company shall assume that information about his knowledge, experience, ability to bear losses and risk tolerance provided from the Client to the Company is accurate and complete and the Company shall have no responsibility to the Client if such information is incomplete or misleading or changes or becomes inaccurate and the Company will be deemed to have performed its obligations under Applicable Regulations, unless the Client has informed the Company of such changes.
- 7.4. If you are classified as a Professional Client, the Company is entitled under the Applicable Laws and Regulations to assume that you have the necessary experience and knowledge in order to understand the risks involved in relation to the Services or Transactions or types of Transactions



or CFDs, and to make your own evaluation of the merits and risks of any Transaction you enter into. This is due to the fact that Professional Clients possess the experience, knowledge and expertise to make their own investment decisions and properly assess the risks incurred.

- 7.5. If you are classified as a Retail Client, the Company is required by the Applicable Laws and Regulations to assess your knowledge and experience in trading in complex financial instruments such as CFDs in order to understand the risks involved and to assess whether such instruments are appropriate to you.
- 7.6. During the Account opening and registration stage you are required to provide to the Company information regarding your knowledge and experience, primarily with respect to trading in complex Financial Instruments such as CFDs, the types of services, transactions and financial instruments with you are familiar, the volume and frequency of your transactions in financial instruments and the period over which they have been carried our as well as information on your level of education, profession or former professions.
- 7.7. The information required to be obtained for the purposes of the appropriateness assessment is gathered by means of a standardised questionnaire. It is your responsibility to ensure that you provide with complete and correct information in order to enable the Company to carry out the appropriateness assessment. If the Company considers, in its discretion, that the responses provided are insufficient or are inconsistent or conflicting, it may require further clarifications for these responses.
- 7.8. The Company is entitled, at its sole discretion, to request additional information regarding the Client and/or to request an update of the data notified by the Client, whenever it deems necessary.
- 7.9. When providing the investment service of investment advice or portfolio management, we shall obtain the necessary information regarding your knowledge and experience in the investment field relevant to the specific type of product or service, your financial situation including your ability to bear losses, and your investment objectives including the risk tolerance so as to enable us to recommend you the investment services and financial instruments that are suitable for you and, in particular, are in accordance with your risk tolerance and ability to bear losses.
- 7.10. The provision of inaccurate and insufficient information about your knowledge, experience, financial situation and investment objectives, will result to our inability to provide the investment service investment advice or portfolio management services or recommend/invest on behalf of the client in unsuitable products. Therefore, you are urged to provide correct and accurate information in order for us to act at your best interests.

#### 8. Client Classification

- 8.1. This Clause shall be read in conjunction with our Client Categorisation Policy, which is uploaded onto our website. In accordance with the provisions of MiFID II, the Company will deal with the Client according to the type of categorisation of the Client as a Retail Client, Professional Client or Eligible Counterparty, with respect to the information provided to the Company during the account opening procedure. The three categories attempt to reflect both the Clients' level of knowledge and experience in the financial markets as well as the ability to understand and tolerate the risks emerging from their investment decisions so as to adopt appropriate measures suiting the characteristics of each category of Clients.
- 8.2. We shall treat you as a Retail Client for the purposes of the CySEC Rules and the Applicable Regulations.



- 8.3. You have the right to request a different method of categorization as is explained under the Client Categorization Policy found on the Company's Website. Such request shall be submitted to the Company in writing by sending an email to the address <u>compliance@sheermarkets.com</u> or <u>backoffice@sheermarkets.com</u> informing the relevant persons about your wish to be treated as a Professional Client either generally or in respect to a particular investment service or transaction or type of transaction.
- 8.4. However, if you request a different categorization and the Company agrees to such categorization, you accept that the level of protection that is afforded by CySEC Regulations and other Applicable Regulations may differ. For example, the Company cannot enter into title transfer financial collateral arrangements with Retail Clients; Renumeration practices which could provide an incentive to the Company's staff to recommend a particular financial instrument to a Retail Client when the Company could offer a different financial instrument which would better meet that Client's needs are also prohibited; In the case of Professional Clients and Eligible Counterparties, the Company may agree to provide more limited information as provided by Applicable Regulations.
- 8.5. It is understood that we have the right to review the Client's Categorization and change your Categorization if this is deemed necessary (subject to Applicable Regulations). You accept that when categorizing you and dealing with you, the Company will rely on the accuracy, completeness and correctness of the information provided by you in your Account Opening Application Form and the Appropriateness test. You have the responsibility to immediately notify us in writing if such information changes at any time thereafter.

#### 9. Services

- 9.1. If you are accepted as our Client, we shall be providing any of the following investment and/or ancillary services, subject to your obligations under the Agreement being fulfilled:
  - 1) Reception and transmission of orders in relation to one or more financial instruments;
  - 2) Execution of orders on behalf of clients;
  - 3) Provision of investment advice, provided that the Client accepts any additional agreement requested by the Company in this respect;
  - 4) Safekeeping and administration of financial instruments for the account of clients;
  - 5) Foreign exchange services where these are connected to the provision of investment services;
  - 6) Investment research and financial analysis or other forms of general recommendation relating to transactions in financial instruments.
- 9.2. It is understood that when trading in CFDs, there is no delivery or safekeeping of the Underlying Asset to which the CFD is referring to.
- 9.3. It is understood that not all of the Services under paragraph 9.1 of this Agreement may be applicable for each Client.

#### **10.** Advice and Commentary

10.1. The Company will not advise the Client about the merits of a particular Order or give him any form of investment advice. Any investment advice and/or statements of opinion shall be provided by the Company to the Client only where an additional agreement is concluded between the Company and the Client and the applicable suitability requirements are met. The Client alone will decide how to handle his Trading Account and place Orders and take relevant decisions based on his own judgment. In asking the Company to enter into any Transaction, the Client represents that he has been solely responsible for making his own independent appraisal



and investigation into the risks of the Transaction. He represents that he has sufficient knowledge, market sophistication, professional advice and experience to make his own evaluation of the merits and risks of any Transaction.

- 10.2. The Company assumes no fiduciary duty in its relations with the Client.
- 10.3. The Company will not be under any duty to provide the Client with any legal, tax or other advice relating to any Transaction. The Client may wish to seek independent advice before entering into a Transaction/if he is in any doubt as to whether he may incur any tax liabilities. The Client is hereby warned that tax laws are subject to change from time to time.
- 10.4. The Company may, from time to time and at its discretion, provide the Client (or in newsletters which it may post on its Website, or provide to subscribers via its Website or otherwise) with information, news, market commentary or other information. Where it does so:
  - (a) the Company will not be responsible for such information; the Company provides no representation, warranty or guarantee as to the accuracy and completeness of such Information or as to the tax or legal implications of any related Transaction.
  - (b) this information is provided solely to enable the Client to make his own investment decisions and does not constitute to any investment advice or unsolicited financial promotion to the Client.
  - (c) if the information contains a restriction on the person or category of persons or target market for whom that document is intended or to whom it is distributed, the Client agrees that he will not distribute it or share it with or pass this on to any such person or category of persons;
  - (d) Published research reports or general recommendations may be visible or appear to a client via different means and in one or more screens and as part of different subscriptions to receive information. We cannot guarantee that the client will receive such information and we cannot guarantee that the time of receiving this information will be the same as the time receive by other clients/ recipients of this information.
- 10.5. It is understood that market commentary, news, or other information provided or made available by the Company to the clients or visitors of the website are subject to change, amendments, withdrawal at any time and without prior notice.

#### **11. Confidentiality and Processing of Personal Data**

- 11.1. The Company is the Data Controller for the purposes of the applicable data protection legislation, including the GDPR and the Law on the protection of natural persons against the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data, Law 125(I)/2018 and/or other applicable data protection legislation and/or guidelines.
- 11.2. The Company may collect Client information directly from the Client (in his completed Account Opening Application Form or from his use of the Website otherwise) or from other persons including, for example, the credit reference agencies, fraud prevention agencies, banks, other financial institutions, third authentication service providers and the providers of public registers. Therefore, the Client hereby acknowledges and agrees to the collection and processing of personal data provided by the Client in connection with the opening of a trading account for the purpose of performing our obligations under these Terms and Conditions and for administering the relationship between the Client and us.
- 11.3. Client information which the Company holds is to be treated by the Company as confidential and will not be used for any purpose other than in connection with the provision, administration and improvement of the Services, anti-money laundering and due diligence checks, for administration



of the Services, for research and statistical purposes and for marketing purposes. Information already in the public domain, or already possessed by the Company without a duty of confidentiality will not be regarded as confidential.

- 11.4. The Company will use the relevant lawful bases applicable to each processing purpose mentioned in the Company's Privacy Policy that can be found in the About Us area under Legal Documents on the Company's Website.
- 11.5. The Company may on some occasions share your Personal Data with third parties in order to provide you with the Services and improve your trading experience, in accordance with the applicable laws and the Company's Privacy Policy. The Company will not disclose your Personal Data to any third party without your prior consent and/or without having a legal basis to do so. It is further understood, that we may transfer and/or disclose your personal data to countries outside of the EEA in case this is required for any of the purposes described in clause 11.3, provided that such transfer and/or disclosure of your personal data is in compliance with the relevant requirements of the applicable data protection legislation.
- 11.6. You hereby acknowledge and agree that the Company may pass information provided by you to the Company, to other companies belonging to the same group with the Company and to other associated companies, in accordance with the Company's Privacy Policy.
- 11.7. In accordance with the Company's Privacy Policy, the Company has the right to disclose Client information (including recordings and documents of a confidential nature, card details) in the following circumstances:
  - (a) where required by law or a court order by a competent Court.
  - (b) where requested by CySEC or any other regulatory authority having control or jurisdiction over the Company or the Client or their associates or in whose territory the Company has Clients.
  - (c) to government bodies and law enforcement agencies where required by law and in response to other legal and regulatory requests;
  - (d) to relevant authorities to investigate or prevent fraud, money laundering or other illegal activity;
  - (e) where necessary in order for the Company to defend or exercise its legal rights to any court or tribunal or arbitrator or Ombudsman or governmental authority;
  - (f) to such an extent as reasonably required so as to execute Orders and for purposes ancillary to the provision of the Services;
  - (g) to payment service providers and banks/credit institutions processing your transactions;
  - (h) to auditors or contractors or other advisers auditing, assisting with or advising on any of our business purposes; provided that in each case the relevant professional shall be informed about the confidential nature of such information and commit to the confidentiality herein obligations as well;
  - (i) only to the extent required and only the contact details to other service providers who create, maintain or process databases (whether electronic or not), offer record keeping services, email transmission services, messaging services or similar services which aim to assist the



Company collect, storage, process and use Client information or get in touch with the Client or improve the provision of the Services under this Agreement.

- (j) to a Trade Repository or similar under the Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties (CCPs) and trade repositories (TRs) (EMIR).
- (k) only to the extent required, to other service providers for statistical purposes in order to improve the Company's marketing, in such a case the data will be provided in an aggregate form.
- (I) where necessary in order for the Company to defend or exercise its legal rights to any court or tribunal or arbitrator or Ombudsman or governmental authority.
- (m) to anyone authorised by you.
- (n) to an Affiliate or introducing broker of the Company or any other company in the same group of the Company.
- (o) to any third-party where such disclosure is required in order to enforce or apply our Terms and Conditions or other relevant agreements.
- (p) to successors or assignees or transferees or buyers, with fifteen (15) Business Days prior Written Notice to the Client; this will happen in the event that the Company decides to sell, transfer, assign or novate to a third party any or all of its rights, benefits or obligations under the Agreement with you or the performance of the entire Agreement subject to providing fifteen (15) Business Days Prior Written Notice to the Client. This may be done without limitation in the event of merger or acquisition of the Company with a third party, reorganisation of the Company, winding up of the Company or sale or transfer of all or part of the business or the assets of the Company to a third party.
- (q) Client Information is disclosed in relation to US taxpayers to the Inland Revenue in Cyprus, which will in turn report this information to the IRS of the US according to the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) of the USA and the relevant intergovernmental agreement between Cyprus and the US.
- 11.8. You acknowledge our processing of all such information for the purposes of performing our duties and obligations under this Agreement and for the purpose of administering the relationship between you and us. You agree we may share your personal information with third parties for these purposes and we may also use the information for analysis and improving our product and services in line with our Privacy Policy found on our Website in the About Us area under Legal Documents.
- 11.9. You recognize that you may receive commentary, analysis, market updates and/or confidential or proprietary information, provided that you prior consent for the provision of such information is collected by the Company. You further acknowledge that you are entitled to withdraw such consent at any time by contacting us at <a href="mailto:support@sheermarkets.com">support@sheermarkets.com</a>.
- 11.10. In the event that you have consented to the use of your personal data by the Company for marketing and information management purposes, or to conduct market research for the Company, then the Company may share these data with other companies in its group or with



carefully selected external parties that may use the personal data to provide you with information about the products and services that may be of your interest. You further acknowledge that you are entitled to withdraw consent at any time by contacting us at <a href="support@sheermarkets.com">support@sheermarkets.com</a>.

11.11. Under certain circumstances, you have the right in relation to your personal data:

**Right of access** – you have the right to request from us to provide you with a copy of the personal data that we hold about you.

**Right of rectification** – you have a right to request from us to correct the personal data that we hold about you that is inaccurate or incomplete.

**Right to be forgotten** – you have a right to request from us in certain circumstances to erase your personal data from our records. In case that these circumstances apply to your case and provided that no exception to this obligation applies (e.g. where we are obliged to store your personal data in compliance with a legal obligation under Cypriot or EU law), the Company acting as your controller will erase your personal data from its records.

**Right to restriction of processing** – you have a right to request from us where certain conditions apply, to restrict the processing of your personal data.

**Right of portability** – you have the right to request from us where certain conditions apply, to have the data we hold about you transferred to another organisation. Where these conditions apply, the Company will transfer your personal data to another organisation.

**Right to object** – you have the right to object on grounds relating to your particular situation, to certain types of processing such as direct marketing or where we are relying on a legitimate interest (or those of a third party) and there is something about your particular situation which makes you want to object to processing on this ground as you feel it impacts on your fundamental rights and freedoms. In some cases, we may demonstrate that we have compelling legitimate grounds to process your information which override your rights and freedoms.

**Request the transfer** of your personal data to you or to a third party. We will provide to you, or a third party you have chosen, your personal data in a structured, commonly used, machine-readable format. Note that this right only applies to automated information which you initially provided consent for us to use or where we used the information to perform a contract with you.

**Right to withdraw consent where** we are relying on consent to process your personal data. However, this will not affect the lawfulness of any processing carried out before you withdraw your consent. If you withdraw your consent, we may not be able to provide certain products or services to you. We will advise you if this is the case at the time you withdraw your consent.

In respect to the aforementioned rights, we will respond to requests for personal data and, where applicable, will correct, amend or delete your personal data. You can send the relevant request to the following e-mail address: <a href="mailto:support@sheermarkets.com">support@sheermarkets.com</a>.

- 11.12. You must read and acknowledge the Privacy Policy of the Company available online.
- 11.13.All information belonging to or relating to us including, without limitation, information concerning business plans, customers, supplies, services, Intellectual Property Rights and/or financial information received by you as a result of entering into or performing the Client Agreement which is designated as confidential by us or is otherwise clearly confidential in nature constitutes "confidential information".



- 11.14. You agree not to use our confidential information for any purpose other than the purpose for which it is supplied to you under the Client Agreement and agree not to divulge confidential information received from us to any third party, and to prevent its disclosure to or access by any third party without our prior written consent except as may be required by law or any legal or regulatory authority.
- 11.15.You will use a reasonable degree of care to protect our confidential information. This obligation will survive the termination of this Agreement, in respect of a particular item of confidential information, until such earlier time as that item of confidential information reaches the public domain other than through your breach of this term.
- 11.16. You acknowledge that we shall be entitled to seek specific performance, injunctive relief or any other equitable remedies for any breach or threatened breach of any provision of this paragraph, which remedies shall not be deemed to be exclusive remedies for such breach or threatened breach by you but shall be in addition to all other remedies available to us at law, in equity, or otherwise.

#### 12. Administration and Marketing

12.1. You accept that the Company may, for the purpose of administering the terms of the Agreement, from time to time, make direct contact with the Client by telephone, fax, email, or post.

#### 13. Telephone Calls, Faxed Documents and Records

- 13.1. Telephone conversations between the Client and the Company shall be recorded and kept by the Company and recordings will be the sole property of the Company. The Client accepts such recordings as conclusive evidence of the Orders or conversations so recorded.
- 13.2. Faxed documents received by the Company may be electronically scanned and reproduction of the scanned version shall constitute conclusive evidence of such faxed instructions.
- 13.3. Our records will be evidence of your dealings with us in connection with the Trading Platform. You will not rely on us to comply with your record keeping obligations, although records will be made available to you on request.
- 13.4. Under Applicable Regulations, the Company will keep records containing Client personal data, trading information, account opening documents, communications and anything else which relates to the Client, for at least five years after termination of the Agreement or a Transaction.
- 13.5. Telephone conversations and communications between the Client and the Company as well as well as internal communications which relate to the Client` affairs and/or Transactions and/or Orders are recorded and kept by the Company and such recordings and communication will be the sole property of the Company. The Client accepts such recordings or communication as conclusive evidence of the Orders or conversations so recorded. A copy of such recordings and communications will be available on request by the Client, for a period of five (5) years and where requested by CySEC, for a period of up to seven years.
- 13.6. The Company has automated solutions in respect to the Account opening procedure, specifically during the Appropriateness and Suitability Test. The systems are constituted by a scoring system and are calculating the results automatically. By entering to this Agreement, you understand and consent that those Tests are automated and based on your answers, the Company may reject you as a Client and/or refuse trading on a specific financial instrument.



#### 14. Trade Confirmations and Reporting

- 14.1. The Company shall provide the Client with adequate reporting on his Orders. For this reason, the Company will provide the Client with an online access to his Client Account via the Platform(s) used by the Client, which will provide him with sufficient information in order to comply with CySEC Rules and Applicable Regulations in regard to client reporting requirements.
- 14.2. The Company will promptly provide the Client, in a durable medium, with the essential information concerning the execution of his Order.
- 14.3. Confirmations for all Transactions that the Company has executed on your behalf will be available on your Trading Account accessible online, which is updated constantly as each Transaction is executed. You may also be able to see your cash position, Equity and Margin Level on the relevant Electronic Trading Platform on which you are trading.
- 14.4. The Company will send a notice to the client in a durable medium as provided by Applicable Regulations, confirming execution of the Order as soon as possible and no later than the first business day following execution or, where the confirmation is received by the Company from a third party, no later than the first business day following receipt of the confirmation from the third party. Such notification will include the information provided in Applicable Regulations, including, but not limited to, the following information which is common to all Orders:
  - a) [Company identification]
  - b) [Trading Date]
  - c) [Type of the Order]
  - d) [Instrument Identification]
  - e) [Nature of the order, e.g. buy/sell]
  - f) [the quantity, the unit price and the total consideration]
  - g) [the total sum of commissions and expenses]
- 14.5. Furthermore, the Company shall supply the Client, on request, with information about the status of his Order.
- 14.6. If the Client has a reason to believe that a report / trade confirmation is wrong or if the Client does not receive a report / trade confirmation when he should, the Client shall contact the Company within ten (10) Business Days from the date report / trade confirmation of the Order was sent or ought to have been sent. Failure on your part to do so will result in the relevant trade confirmation or your cash position, Equity or Margin Level as displayed being considered as final and binding on you. In exercising the above rights the Company shall at all times act reasonably and shall inform you as soon as reasonably practicable of becoming aware of an error.
- 14.7. The Company will, depending on the Transaction and on whether it should be reported under Applicable Regulations, report the Transactions to the competent authority as provided by Applicable Regulations.
- 14.8. The Company will publish annually the information required in regard to its Execution Venues, as required by Applicable Regulations, in a machine-readable electronic format, available for downloading by the Client on the Company's website <u>www.sheermarkets.com</u>.

#### **15. General Rules of Trading**

15.1. Without prejudice to any other provisions herein and in particular paragraph 15.13 of this Client Agreement, once the Client places an Order on the Trading Platform, the Company arranges for the execution of the said Order with the Execution Venue according to the Summary of Best Interest and Order Execution Policy, found on the Company's Website. It is understood that the



Company executes the Client Orders in CFDs as a principal to principal against the Client, i.e. the Company is the Execution Venue for the execution of the Client Orders.

- 15.2. You acknowledge and agree that each Transaction conducted on the Trading Platform, is comprised of first an offer by you to us to complete a Transaction (whether such offer is to open a Position or close an Open Position) at a certain price quoted on the Trading Platform, and our subsequent acceptance of your offer. An Offer will be deemed to have been completed only when your offer has been received and accepted by us. Our acceptance of an offer will be evidenced by our confirmation of its terms to you and its completion.
- 15.3. You may request to cancel or amend a Transaction at any time prior to our completing such a Transaction.
- 15.4. We reserve the right to void from the outset any Transaction containing or based on any Manifest Error. In the absence of our fraud or willful default, we will not be liable to you for any loss, cost, claim, demand or expense following any Manifest Error.
- 15.5. You shall comply with any restrictions that we notify to you from time to time with respect to your activities on the Trading Platform, including without limitation, the size of Transactions or other conditions that may apply to our Quote.
- 15.6. You acknowledge that the Trading Platform is independent of any Underlying Markets and we are under no obligation to quote a particular price or follow the trading rules consistent with such Underlying Markets. You further acknowledge that the triggering of your Order is linked to the prices quoted on the Trading Platform, with reference to market data. The Company may provide to the client only the relevant information which is available via the applicable Liquidity Provider and/or Price Feed Provider and/or Exchange. Prices provided by the Company are not linked to the prices quoted elsewhere on the relevant Underlying Markets and the Company does not guarantee that when executing an Order its price will be more favorable than one which might be available elsewhere. In determining whether the prices quoted on the Trading Platform reach or exceed the price accepted by us in a Transaction, we will be entitled (but not obliged), in our absolute discretion, to disregard any prices quoted on our Platform during any pre-market, postmarket or intra-day auction periods in the relevant Underlying Markets, or during any intra-day or other period of suspension in the relevant Underlying Markets, or during any other period that in our reasonable opinion may give rise to short-term price spikes or other distortions.
- 15.7. When you place an Order on the Trading Platform, you agree that you are not dealing a recognized exchange.
- 15.8. You undertake and agree not to use the prices quoted on the Trading Platform for any purpose other than for your own trading purpose, and you agree not to redistribute our prices to any other person whether such redistribution is for commercial or other purposes.
- 15.9. You acknowledge that each Transaction is made for a specified number of units that constitute the Underlying Asset. You may only complete Transactions on the Trading Platform for the minimum number of units as set forth on the Trading Platform as the "Unit Amount", and in multiples of such "Unit Amount" up until the maximum amount permitted by the Trading Platform. You acknowledge and agree that we may set, in our sole and absolute discretion, the "Unit Amount" for each Underlying Asset.
- 15.10. Each Position opened by you, and any Transaction completed, will be binding on you.



- 15.11. You may request a Quote to open or close a Position for a particular Underlying Asset, at any time during the Trading Hours for such Underlying Asset. We will be under no obligation to but may, in our absolute discretion, provide a Quote and accept and act on your offer to open or close a Position for an Underlying Asset outside of the Trading Hours of such Underlying Asset. In some cases, Transactions may only be traded during the time when the relevant Underlying Market is open. Trading Hours are displayed on the Trading Platform under the details link for each specific Underlying Asset. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of which Underlying Asset may be affected.
- 15.12. Without prejudice to any of our right hereunder, if, prior to the acceptance of your Order to open or close a Position, we become aware that any of the factors set out in paragraph 15.13 herein, has not been met, we reserve the right to reject your Order outright. If we have, nevertheless, already opened or closed a Position prior to becoming aware that a factor set out in paragraph 15.13 herein has not been met, we may in our discretion, either treat such a Transaction as void from the outset or close the Open Position at our then prevailing price. However, we may, in our absolute discretion, allow you to open or, as the case may be, close the Open Position in which case you will be bound by the opening or closure of such Position, notwithstanding that the factors in paragraph 15.13 herein were not satisfied.
- 15.13. The factors referred to in paragraph 15.12 include the following:
  - (a) the quote must be obtained via the Trading Platform or by such other means as we may from time to time notify you;
  - (b) your offer to open or close the Position must be given while the quote is still valid;
  - (c) the Quote must not contain a Manifest Error;
  - (d) when you offer to open a Position, the number of units in respect of which the Transaction is to be opened must be neither smaller than the minimum unit amount specified on the Trading Platform, as applicable, from time to time, nor greater than the amount permitted in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;
  - (e) when you offer to close part but not all of an open Position both the part of the Position that you offer to close and the part that would remain open if we accepted your offer must not be smaller than the minimum unit amount specified on the Trading Platform;
  - (f) Force Majeure Event must not have occurred when you offer to open or close a Transaction, which affect the execution of the Transaction;
  - (g) An Event of Default must not have occurred in respect of you;
  - (h) when you offer to open any Position, the opening must not result in your exceeding any Initial or Maintenance Margin amount, credit or other limit placed on your dealings;
  - (i) subject to paragraph 15.12 herein, your offer must be given to us during the Trading Hours for the applicable Underlying Asset in respect of which you offer to open or close the Position;
  - (j) the internet connection or communications are not disrupted;
  - (k) there is no request of regulatory or supervisory authorities of Cyprus or a court order to the contrary;
  - (I) the legality or genuineness of the Order is under not under doubt;
  - (m) there are Normal Market Conditions; and
  - (n) any other reasonable factor that we, in our sole discretion, notify you from time to time.
- 15.14. Use of any robots, spiders or other automated data entry system within the Trading Platform are prohibited.
- 15.15. The Company is under no obligation, unless otherwise agreed between the Client and the Company, to monitor or advise the Client on the status of any Transaction. It is the Client's responsibility to be aware of his positions at all times. It is noted that the Company offers margin close-out protection to retail CFD trading accounts. Margin close-out protection means the

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closure of one or more of the retail client's open CFDs on terms most favourable to the client, when the sum of funds in the CFD trading account and the unrealised net profits of all open CFDs connected to that account falls to less than 50% of the total initial margin protection for all those open CFDs. More information in relation to the initial margin protection, as well as the margin close-out protection may be found in the Company's Leverage Policy that can be found on the Company's Website About Us area under Legal Documents.

- 15.16.One or more of the Client's trades may be affected by a corporate action type event ("Corporate Action") the occurrence of which may have a dramatic effect on their trade(s) and/or on their trading account generally. The Company will undertake any actions that it considers reasonable and necessary to give effect to the Corporate Action as it relates to the Client's CFD trade(s). The actions the Company may take upon the occurrence of a Corporate Action are as follows:
  - a) the Client's trading account may be credited or debited with an amount due
  - b) the Client's open trades and/or working Orders including any Take Profit or Stop Loss Orders may be adjusted, closed or cancelled to reflect the terms of the Corporate Action
  - c) one or more new trades may be opened on the Client's trading account, as soon as practicable and as a result of the corporate event
  - d) the Company may increase the margin factor in relation to the affected trade(s)
  - e) the Company may restrict access to the trading account so that the Client is not able to close one or more of the affected trades until after the Corporate Action has passed.

The Company recommends that before Clients open a trade with the Company they carry out their own research into whether the trade that they intend to open is liable to be the subject of a Corporate Action and if so the likely effect of that action on the trade that they wish to open.

The Client is responsible to ensure that sufficient amount of funds, is placed in the client's account in order to make any additional transactions in financial instruments pursuant to the corporate action. The Company is not obliged to take any action on the client's behalf if there no sufficient funds in place to proceed with such an action.

- 15.17.*Insolvency*. If a company, whose Underlying Asset forms the CFD goes into insolvency or is otherwise dissolved, we shall close any such of your open Transactions in CFD of that Underlying Asset. The closing date shall be the date of insolvency.
- 15.18. The Company will use reasonable efforts to execute an Order, but it is agreed and understood that despite the Company's reasonable efforts transmission or execution may not always be achieved at all for reasons beyond the control of the Company.

#### 16. Our Right to Force Close or decline orders

- 16.1. The Company has the right, at any time and for any reason and without giving any notice and/or explanation, to refuse, at its discretion, to execute any Order, including without limitation in the following cases:
  - 16.1.1. If the Company has adequate reasons to suspect that the execution of an Order is part of an attempt to manipulate the market, trading on inside information, relates to money laundering activities or terrorist financing or fraud or if it can potentially affect in any manner the reliability, efficiency, or smooth operation of the Trading Platform;
  - 16.1.2. If the Client does not have sufficient available funds deposited with the Company or in his bank account to pay the purchase price of an Order along with the respective fees and commissions necessary to carry out the transaction in the Trading Platform.
  - 16.1.3. If the order is a result of the use of inside confidential information (insider trading).



16.2. The Company has the right to cancel a transaction if it has adequate reasons / evidence to believe that fraud or other illegal action have led to the Transaction or Orders have been placed on prices that have been displayed as a result of system errors or the Transaction has been performed in violation of this Agreement.

#### 17. Force Majeure

- 17.1. We may, in our reasonable opinion, determine that a Force Majeure Event exists. A Force Majeure Event will include, but is not limited to, the following:
  - (a) any act, event or occurrence (including without limitation any strike, riot or civil commotion, act of terrorism, war, industrial action, acts and regulations of any governmental or supra national bodies or authorities) that, in our opinion, prevents us from maintaining an orderly market in one or more of the FX and CFDs in respect of which we deal on the Trading Platform;
  - (b) act of God, earthquake, tsunami, hurricane, typhoon, accident, storm, flood, fire, epidemic or other natural disaster making it impossible for the Company to offer its Services;
  - (c) labour disputes and lock-out which affect the operations of the Company;
  - (d) the suspension or closure of any Underlying Market or the occurrence, abandonment or failure of any Underlying Asset on which we base, or to which we in any way relate, our quote, or the imposition of limits or special or unusual terms on the trading in any such market or on any such event;
  - (e) suspension of trading on a Market, or the fixing of minimum or maximum prices for trading on a Market, a regulatory ban on the activities of any party (unless the Company has caused that ban), decisions of state authorities, governing bodies of self-regulating organizations, decisions of governing bodies of organized trading platforms;
  - (f) a financial services moratorium having been declared by appropriate regulatory authorities or any other acts or regulations of any regulatory, governmental, or supranational body or authority;
  - (g) the occurrence of an excessive movement in the level of any Transaction and/or Underlying Market or our anticipation (acting reasonably) of the occurrence of such a movement;
  - (h) any breakdown or failure of transmission, communication or computer facilities, interruption of power supply, or electronic or communications equipment failure; or
  - (i) the failure of any relevant supplier, Financial Institution, intermediate broker, agent or principal of ours, custodian, sub-custodian, dealer, Underlying Market, clearing house or regulatory or self-regulatory organization, for any reason, to perform its obligations.
- 17.2. If we determine that a Force Majeure Event exists, we may, in our absolute discretion, without notice and at any time, take one or more of the following steps:
  - (a) Suspend or modify the application of any or all terms of the Agreement to the extent that the Force Majeure Event makes it impossible or impractical for the Company to comply with them.
  - (b) Take or omit to take all such other actions as the Company deems to be reasonably appropriate in the circumstances with regard to the position of the Company, the Client and other clients.
  - (c) Shut down the Platform(s) in case of malfunction for maintenance or to avoid damage.
  - (d) Close out all or some of the clients open positions.
  - (e) Refuse to accept Orders from Clients.
  - (f) Inactivate the Client Account.
  - (g) Increase Margin requirements without notice.
  - (h) Decrease leverage levels

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- (i) Close out any or all Open Positions at such prices as the Company considers in good faith to be appropriate.
- (j) Increase Spreads.
- (k) Decrease Leverage.
- (I) Change Stop Out Level.
- 17.3. You agree that we will not be liable in any way to you or to any other person in the event of a Force Majeure Event, nor for our actions pursuant to paragraph 17.2, if we decide to take such action. The Parties shall be released of all responsibilities for partial or full nonfulfillment, as well as for improper fulfillment of the obligations under this Agreement, if such non-fulfillment or improper fulfillment was a result of a Force Majeure Event, which occurred after the Client Agreement were concluded.

#### 18. Margin Requirements and Margin Calls

- 18.1. In order to open a Position for an Underlying Asset, you undertake to provide the Initial Margin in your Trading Account. In order to keep a Position Open, you undertake to ensure that the amount in your Trading Account equals or exceeds the Maintenance Margin. Margin Requirements are available at the Platform. You acknowledge that the Margin for each Underlying Asset differs. Deposits into your Trading Account can be made by wire transfer or another method of payment, to a bank account, or other location, as we may notify to you from time to time. Based on the amount of money you have in your Trading Account, we retain the right to limit the amount and total number of open Transactions that you may wish to open or currently maintain on the Trading Platform.
- 18.2. It is your responsibility to ensure that you understand how Margin Requirements are calculated.
- 18.3. Unless a Force Majeure Event has occurred, the Company has the right to change the Margin requirements, giving to the Client five (5) Business Days Written Notice prior to these amendments. New Margin Requirements shall be applied for new positions. The Company has the right to change Margin requirements without prior notice to the Client in the case of Force Majeure Event. In this situation the Company has the right to apply new Margin requirements to the new positions and to the positions which are already open where this is deemed necessary. All changes shall be effected on the Platform and/or the Website and the Client shall be informed via email and be requested to consent to such updates. It is the Client's responsibility to monitor at all times the amount deposited in his Trading Account against the amount of any Margin required under this Agreement and any additional margin that may become necessary to keep his/her positions open.
- 18.4. The Company shall not have an obligation to make any Margin Call to the Client but in the event that it does, or in the event that the Trading Platform warns the Client that it reached a certain percentage of the Margin in the Trading Account, the Client should take any or any of the three options, within a short period of time, to deal with the situation:
  - (a) Limit his exposure (close trades); or
  - (b) Hedge his positions (open counter positions to the ones he has right now) while reevaluating the situation; or
  - (c) Deposit more money in his Trading Account.
- 18.5. Subject to Clause 15.15 in relation to the provision of margin close-out protection to retail clients, failure to meet the Margin Requirements at any time or failure to take an action under paragraph 18.5 of this Client Agreement, gives us the right in our sole discretion, to close any and all of your Open Positions whether at a loss or a profit without further notice to you. It is your



responsibility to monitor, at all times, the amount deposited in your Trading Account against the amount of Maintenance Margin required as a result of your trading decisions.

18.6. Margin shall be paid in monetary funds in the Currency of the Trading Account.

#### 19. Settlement, Payments, Costs and Taxes

- 19.1. Upon completing a Transaction:
  - You shall be liable for the Difference if the Transaction is:
    - (i) a Sell, and the closing price of the Transaction is higher than the opening price of the Transaction; or
    - (ii) a Buy, and the closing price of the Transaction is lower than the opening price of the Transaction.
  - You shall receive the Difference if the Transaction is:
    - (i) a Sell, and the closing price of the Transaction is lower than the opening price of the Transaction; or
    - (ii) a Buy, and the closing price of the Transaction is higher than the opening price of the Transaction.
- 19.2. Unless we agree otherwise, all sums for which either Party is liable under paragraph 19.1 above in this Client Agreement are immediacy payable upon closing of the Transaction. You hereby authorise us to debit or credit your Trading Account with the relevant sums at the closing of each Transaction. It is understood that once you place an Order, until such Order is executed and the Transaction is closed, the Maintenance Margin shall be unavailable for withdrawal.
- 19.3. You shall be liable for any and all taxes, fees and assessments with respect to any Transaction you complete on the Trading Platform. It is your obligation alone to calculate and pay all taxes applicable to you in your country of residence, or otherwise arising as a result of your trading activity from the use of the Trading Platform.
- 19.4. It is possible that other costs, including taxes, relating to transactions carried out on the Trading Platform may arise for which you are liable and which are neither paid via us nor imposed by us.
- 19.5. You undertake to pay all stamp expenses relating to this Agreement and any documentation which may be required for the currying out of the Transactions under this Agreement.
- 19.6. Costs and Charges applicable to your account will be provided to you in good faith, agreed with you before entering into any transaction and will be shown on the statement available in the Trading Account.
- 19.7. Further information in respect to costs and charges are provided on the Company's Website as well as within the Agreement. Any alteration to charges will be notified to you before the time of the change via the Company's Trading Account or email declared during the registration procedure.
- 19.8. The Company is in a position to provide you with an itemized breakdown of costs and charges upon your request. The respective request should be addressed to the <u>support@sheermarkets.com</u>.



- 19.9. The following costs and charges are applicable when trading CFDs on the available underlying assets:
  - 19.9.1. *Spread*: It is hereby clarified that in relation to CFD trading, you are required to pay the Difference, i.e. the difference between the Bid Price (Sell) and the Ask Price (Buy). All of our spreads are variable and are charged automatically once the position is open. Under normal trading conditions the minimum spread is applied while the spread might be widened under extreme trading conditions. Our spreads are set at our absolute discretion and any changes are effective immediately. Please refer to the Website for more information.
  - 19.9.2. A *Swap f*ee is also applicable for CFDs trading. A daily overnight swap charge will apply to all open positions that remain open every day at 21:00 UTC time. The Company calculates its swaps based on the fees obtained by the counterparties used to execute the relevant transactions. More information in regard to the Overnight Swap charges can be found on the Website.

The charges for positions being held over Friday and swapped to Saturday is different than other days and includes the charge over weekend. Please note that on the CFDs market, when a position is held open overnight from Friday to Saturday, the overnight swap is tripled. This is because for a position opened on Friday, the value date is Friday. When a position is kept open overnight from Friday to Saturday, the value date will be moved forward 3 days, to Monday, skipping the weekend. Therefore, the overnight swap is tripled since the Client has to be charged swap charges for 3 days instead of just one.

- 19.9.3. *Currency conversion rates*: Investing in financial instruments with an Underlying Asset listed in a currency other than your base currency entails a currency risk as the financial instrument is settled in a currency other than your base currency and hence the value of your return may be affected by its conversion into the base currency.
- 19.10. In addition to the above, the Company reserves the right to charge Commissions or add fees or charges for opening a Position in CFDs in the future, upon providing at least one month's prior Written Notice to the Client. Commissions may also be charged.
- 19.11. Accounts without trading activity (trading activity shall mean open/close a trade or deposit) for a consecutive period as specified in section 23 of the Agreement shall be classified as Inactive Accounts and there will be charge as per the details outline in the respective section.
- 19.12. When the Client engages for the provision of Strategies (i.e. Portfolio Management) and provided that he is suitable for such service, the Client will be charged a performance fee of 30% of the performance of the portfolio, only in the event of a profitable movement on the value of the portfolio.
- 19.13. The applicable fees or charges or commissions, from time to time, may be found on the Company's Website <u>www.sheermarkets.com</u>.
- 19.14. The Company has the right to vary its fees, charges and commissions from time to time according to the provisions of paragraph 24.5 of this Client Agreement.
- 19.15. Should your country of residence operate regulations or laws which restrict the use of currency or require you to report receipts and payments of that currency to a regulator or legal authority, you agree that you will fulfill any reporting obligations or obtain any required consents or



approvals which may arise as a result of your use of the Trading Platform or associated transactions.

#### **20.** Deposits and Withdrawals

- 20.1. The Client may deposit funds into the Trading Account at any time during the course of this Agreement. The minimum deposit amount which must be standing to the credit of Client's Trading Account is USD200 or EUR200 or the relevant currency equivalent. For the provision of the investment service of Portfolio Management the minimum deposited amount is EUR3.000.
- 20.2. Deposits will be made via wire transfer or any other the methods accepted by the Company from time to time. The Company will not accept third party or anonymous payments in the Trading Account. Deposits for Margin and any other deposits due will, unless otherwise agreed or specified by us, be required in the Currency of the Trading Account, based on your country of origin as specified in your address and as shall be specified on the Trading Platform. We shall not, and you shall not request us to, convert any monies standing to your credit or which have been paid by you into your Trading Account in one currency to another currency. The detailed information about deposit options is shown on the Website.
- 20.3. The Company shall have the right to request the Client at any time any documentation to confirm the source of funds deposited into the Trading Account.
- 20.4. The Company shall have the right to reject a deposit of the Client if the Company is not duly satisfied as to the legality of the source of funds. The Company has the right not to accept funds deposited by the Client and/ or to cancel his/her deposits and remit them back in the following circumstances:
  - failure to provide any documents requested by the Company either for client identification purposes or for any other reason, including with respect to verifying the source of wealth and/of funds;
  - if the Company suspects or has concerns that the submitted documents may be false or fake;
  - if the Company suspects that Client is involved in illegal or fraudulent activity or is engaged in abusive trading practices;
  - if the Company has been informed that Client's credit or debit card (or any other payment method used) has been lost or stolen;
  - where the Company considers that will be a chargeback risk;
  - where the Company is not able to identify the Client as an original remitter of the funds or where is unable to return the funds to the same source of payment.
- 20.5. If the Client makes a deposit, the Company shall credit the relevant Trading Account with the relevant amount actually received by the Company within one (1) Business Day following the amount is cleared in the bank account of the Company.
- 20.6. If the funds sent by the Client are not deposited in the Trading Account when they were supposed to, the Client shall notify the Company and request from the Company to make a banking investigation of the transfer. The Client agrees that any charges of the investigation may be deducted from his Trading Account or paid directly to the bank performing the investigation. The Client understands and agrees that in order to perform the investigation the Client shall have to provide the Company with the requested documents and certificates.
- 20.7. The Company shall affect withdrawals of Client funds upon the Company receiving a relevant request from the Client in the method accepted by the Company.



- 20.8. Upon the Company receiving an instruction from the Client to withdraw funds from the Trading Account, the Company shall process the withdrawal request on the same day that the request was made, or the next working day if the client's request is received outside of normal trading hours, if the following requirements are met:
  - (a) the withdrawal instruction includes all necessary information in the Personal Area;
  - (b) the instruction is to make a transfer to the originating account (whether that is a bank account, a payment system account etc.) from which the money was originally deposited in the Trading Account or at the Client's request to a bank account belonging to the Client (supporting documentation will be requested);
  - (c) the account where the transfer is to be made belongs to the Client;
  - (d) at the moment of payment, the Client's Balance exceeds the amount specified in the withdrawal instruction including all payment charges;
  - (e) there is no Force Majeure event which prohibiting the Company from effecting the withdrawal.
  - (f) the Client must be fully verified according to Verification guidelines set forth on the Website.

In case any of the above-mentioned conditions have not been met, the Company shall at its sole discretion take any necessary actions to ensure that (i) the identity of the Client is appropriately verified, (ii) the transfer is effected to the account that belongs to the Client, (iii) the Client has sufficient funds in his Client Account in order to maintain all Open Positions.

- 20.9. It is agreed and understood that withdrawals will only be effected towards the Client. The Company will not make withdrawals to any other third party or anonymous account.
- 20.10. The funds will be returned in the same method and to the same account from which they originated. The Company reserves the right to decline a withdrawal request of the Client asking for a specific transfer method.
- 20.11.All payment and transfer charges of third parties will be borne by the Client and the Company shall debit the relevant Trading Account for these charges.
- 20.12. Withdrawal fees may apply from time to time depending on the Client or type of Trading Account. The applicable fees may be found on the Company's Website <u>www.sheermarkets.com</u>.
- 20.13. Mistakes made by the Company during transfer of funds shall be refunded to the Client. It is understood that should the Client provide wrong instructions for a transfer, the Company may be unable to correct the mistake and the Client may have to bear the loss.
- 20.14. Where the Company is facing a chargeback from any financial institution, which chargeback relates to Client's trading activity, the Company shall be entitled to provide such financial institution with such evidence of the Client relationship as may be necessary in order for the Company to demonstrate to the relevant financial institution the existence of a trading relationship and relevant trading activity.

#### 21. Safeguarding of Client Money

21.1. The Company will promptly place any Client money it receives into one or more segregated account(s) (denoted as 'clients' accounts') with reliable financial institutions (within or outside Cyprus or the EEA) such as a credit institution or a bank in a third country. It is understood that the Company may keep merchant accounts in its name with payment services providers used to settle payment transactions of its Clients. However, for the avoidance of doubt, it is noted that such merchant accounts are not used for safekeeping of Client money but only to effect settlements of payment transactions.



- 21.2. According to Applicable Regulations, the Company shall exercise due skill, care and diligence in the selection and appointment and periodic review of the financial institution of paragraph 21.1 of this Client Agreement and the arrangements for holding of Client money. The Company takes into account the expertise and market reputation of such institutions with the view of ensuring the protection of Client's rights, as well as any legal or regulatory requirements or market practices related to holding of Client money that could adversely affect Client's right.
- 21.3. According to Applicable Regulations, for the purposes of safeguarding of Client money, the Company:
  - (a) shall keep such records and accounts as are necessary to distinguish Clients' assets from its own and of other Clients'; such records shall be accurate and correspond to the Client money;
  - (b) shall conduct, on a regular basis, reconciliations between its internal accounts and records and those of any third parties by whom those assets are held;
  - (c) shall at all times keep Client money segregated from the Company's own money;
  - (d) shall not use Client money in the course of its own business;
  - (e) shall take the necessary steps to ensure that Client money deposited with a financial institution (according to paragraph 21.1 of this Client Agreement) are held in an account(s) identified separately from any accounts used to hold funds of the Company;
  - (f) shall introduce adequate organizational arrangements to minimize the risks of the loss or diminution of Client money, as a result of misuse, fraud, poor administration, inadequate record keeping or negligence.
- 21.4. The financial institution (of paragraph 21.1 of this Client Agreement) where Client money will be held may be within or outside Cyprus or the EEA. It is understood that the legal and regulatory regime applying to any such financial institution outside Cyprus or the EEA will be different from that of Cyprus.
- 21.5. The financial institution to which the Company will pass Client money (as per paragraph 21.1 of this Client Agreement) may hold it in an omnibus account. Hence, in the event of the insolvency or any other analogous proceedings in relation to that financial institution, the Company may only have an unsecured claim against the financial institution on behalf of the Client, and the Client will be exposed to the risk that the money received by the Company from the financial institution is insufficient to satisfy the claims of the Client.
- 21.6. It is understood that the Company may hold Client money and the money of other clients in the same account (omnibus account). In such instance, the Client is warned that there is a risk of loss emanating from the use of omnibus accounts in financial or credit institutions. Omnibus accounts may also hold other types of risks including legal, liquidation risk, haircut risk, third party risk etc.
- 21.7. The Company shall not account to the Client for income payments and interest earned on Client money (other than profit gained through trading Transactions from his Trading Account(s) under this Agreement) and the Client waives all right to interest payments from the deposit of clients funds with the Company.
- 21.8. The Company is a member of the Investors Compensation Fund (ICF). The objective of the ICF is to secure any claims of the covered clients, i.e. Retail Clients, against members of the ICF. The main essence of the ICF is to compensate covered clients for any claims arising from the failure of a member of the ICF to fulfil its obligations towards its clients despite whether that obligation arises from the legislation, the client agreement or from wrongdoing on the part of the member of the ICF. The maximum limit of compensation coverage equals to 20.000EUR or 90% of the covered investor's claim whichever is lower. So, depending on his/her classification, the Client



may be entitled to compensation from the ICF in the event that the Company is unable to meet its obligations as explained in the document with the title Investors Compensation Fund that can be found in the About Us area under Legal Documents on <u>www.sheermarkets.com</u>.

- 21.9. The Company shall not conclude title transfer financial collateral arrangements with any Client who is a Retail Client for the purpose of securing or covering present or future, actual or contingent or prospective obligations of such Client.
- 21.10. The Company shall not grant security interests, liens or rights of set-off over Client money enabling a third party to dispose of the Client's money in order to recover debts that do not relate to the Client or provision of services to the Client, unless this is required by Applicable Law in a third country jurisdiction in which the Client money may be held. If the Company will enter into such an agreement, it will amend this Client Agreement accordingly to reflect this.
- 21.11. The Company provides to the Client access to an online system on which the Client can obtain information in relation to the Client money that the Company holds on behalf of the Client, as provided by Applicable Regulations.
- 21.12. Given the nature of the business relationship, the Company will provide the Client with information on the amount of the assets held by the Company, i.e. financial instruments or funds, through the Trading Account. Upon client request, the Company shall provide such statement more frequently at no cost, as it will be agreed with the Client. The Company shall send to the client a statement of the client funds held by the Company, via email, on a quarterly basis.

#### 22. Netting and Set-Off

- 22.1. If the aggregate amount payable by the Client is equal to the aggregate amount payable by the Company, then automatically the mutual obligations to make payment are set-off and cancel each other.
- 22.2. If the aggregate amount payable by one party exceeds the aggregate amount payable by the other party, then the party with the larger aggregate amount shall pay the excess to the other party and all obligations to make payment will be automatically satisfied and discharged.
- 22.3. In case of termination of the present Agreement, the Company has the right to combine all or any Trading Accounts opened in the Client name and to consolidate the Balances in such accounts and to set-off such Balances in the event of termination of the Agreement.
- 22.4. It should be noted that the Company does operate on a "negative balance protection" basis with respect to retail clients. This means the limit of a retail client's aggregate liability for all CFDs connected to its Trading Account with the Company to the funds in that CFD trading account. For more information regarding the Company's Negative Balance Protection, please refer to the Company's Order Execution Policy that can be found in the About Us area under Legal Documents on <u>www.sheermarkets.com</u>.

#### 23. Inactive and Dormant Trading Accounts

23.1. If the Trading Account is inactive for two (2) years or more, and after notifying the Client in its last known contact details, the Company reserves the right to close the Trading Account and render it dormant. Money in the dormant account shall remain owing to the Client and the Company shall make and retain records and return such funds upon request by the Client at any time thereafter.



23.2. Dormant accounts with positive credit balances will be charged a €10 maintenance fee per month.

### 24. Amendments

- 24.1. The Company may change any terms of the Agreement for any of the following reasons:
  - (a) Where the Company reasonably considers that the change would make the terms of the Agreement easier to understand; or the change would not be to the disadvantage of the Client;
  - (b) To cover the involvement of any service or facility the Company offers to the Client; or the introduction of a new service or facility; or the replacement of an existing service or facility with a new one; or the withdrawal of a service or facility which has become obsolete, or has ceased to be widely used, or has not been used by the Client at any time in the previous year, or it has become very expensive for the Company to offer;
  - (c) To enable the Company to make reasonable changes to the services offered to the Client as a result of changes in the banking, investment or financial system; or technology; or the systems or Platform used by the Company to run its business or offer the Services hereunder;
  - (d) As a result of a request of CySEC or of any other authority or as a result of change or expected change in Applicable Regulations;
  - (e) Where the Company finds that any term in the Agreement is inconsistent with Applicable Regulations. In such a case, it will not rely on that term but treat it as if it did reflect the relevant Applicable Regulations and shall update the Agreement to reflect the Applicable Regulations.
- 24.2. For any change made under paragraph 24.1, the Company shall provide the Client with advance notice of at least five (5) Business Days. However, the Client acknowledges that a change which is made to reflect a change of Applicable Regulations may, if necessary, take effect immediately.
- 24.3. For any change made under (a), (d) and (e) of paragraph 24.1 herein, the notice of the Company shall be a Written Notice including a post on the Company's Website. For any other change of the Client Agreement the Company, where the Company elects to provide such Written Notice via a post on the Website, the Company shall also provide the said Written Notice with an additional means of Written Notice.
- 24.4. When the Company provides Written Notice of changes under paragraph 24.1, it shall tell the Client the date it comes into effect. The Client shall accept/consent to the change before that date. In case the Client does not accept the change, the Client shall inform the Company that the Client wishes to terminate the Agreement and not accept the change. The Client shall not have to pay any charges as a result of terminating in this case, other than costs due and payable for Services offered until the termination.
- 24.5. The Company shall have the right to review its costs, fees, charges, commissions, financing fees, swaps, trading conditions, execution rules, roll over policy and trading times, found on the Company's website and/or Platform, from time to time. Such changes shall be effected on the Website and /or the Platform and the Client will be informed in advance accordingly. In the absence of a Force Majeure event, the Company shall be providing the Client with advance notice via email of at least 5 Business Days . The Client shall accept/consent to the change before that date. In case the Client does not accept the change, the Client shall inform the Company that the Client wishes to terminate the Agreement and not accept the change. The Client shall not have to pay any charges as a result of terminating in this case, other than costs due and payable for Services offered until the termination.



# 25. Commencement, Right of Withdrawal, Termination and Results of Termination

#### **Commencement Date**

25.1. The Agreement shall take effect and commence on the day of receipt by the Client of a notice sent by the Company informing you (i.e. the client) have been accepted as the Company's Client, which is upon activation of your account or the completion of the due diligence measures or any other procedures or when a Trading Account has been opened for you (the "Commencement Date").

### Right of Withdrawal

- 25.2. Notice is provided that, based on the EU framework concerning the distance marketing of consumer financial services and the corresponding/ harmonizing legislation in the Republic of Cyprus (i.e. Law 242(I)/2004), as these may be amended, supplemented and/ or replaced:
  - (a) You as a Consumer, i.e. a natural person who, in distance contracts, is acting for purposes which are outside his trade, business or profession, have the right to withdraw from the Agreement by providing written notice to us within fourteen (14) calendar days from the Commencement Date. Under the above circumstances you are under no obligation to provide any reason for the above withdrawal within the said withdrawal period, and without prejudice to points (b), (c) and (d) below, nor will you bear any costs or penalties.
  - (b) Regarding any services whose price may depend on fluctuations in the financial market outside of our control, and which (services) you may potentially utilize via our trading facilities within the above described withdrawal period and before any written notice of withdrawal as indicated in point (a) above is received by us, then accordingly the right of withdrawal shall not apply, and any termination/ withdrawal/ cancellation request by you shall be subject to the relevant terms of the present Agreement.
  - (c) In the event of a valid withdrawal from the Agreement (in accordance to point (a) above), we shall return any potentially deposited amount by you prior to the receipt by us of the written withdrawal notice, except any costs which may be incurred pursuant to your legitimate requests and/ or instructions prior to your valid withdrawal/ cancellation.
  - (d) It is clarified that, based on the above provisions, if the right of withdrawal shall not take effect in a valid and legal manner within the fourteen (14) calendar days period thereafter the present Agreement shall continue to be in effect and shall fully apply, including all other termination and/ or cancellation provisions in the present Agreement

#### Termination and Results of Termination

- 25.3. Without prejudice to the Company's rights under this Agreement to terminate it immediately without prior notice to the Client, the Company may terminate this Agreement with immediate effect by giving at least seven (7) Business Days Written Notice to the Client. The Client shall have the right to terminate this Agreement with immediate effect by giving at least seven (7) Business Days Written Notice to the Company.
- 25.4. Termination by any Party will not affect any obligation which has already been incurred by either Party or any legal rights or obligations which may already have arisen under the Agreement or any Transactions made hereunder.
- 25.5. Upon termination of this Agreement, all amounts payable by the Client to the Company will become immediately due and payable including (but without limitation) all outstanding costs and any other amounts payable to the Company, any charges and additional expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Company as a result of the termination of the Agreement.
- 25.6. Once notice of termination of this Agreement is sent and before the termination date:
  - (a) the Client will have an obligation close all his Open Positions. If he fails to do so, upon termination, the Company will close any Open Positions at current prices;



- (b) the Company will be entitled to cease to grant the Client access to the Platform(s) or may limit the functionalities the Client is allowed to use on the Platform(s);
- (c) the Company will be entitled to refuse to accept new Orders from the Client;
- (d) the Company will be entitled to refuse to the Client to withdraw money from the Trading Account and the Company reserves the right to keep Client's funds as necessary to close positions which have already been opened and/or pay any pending obligations of the Client under the Agreement.
- 25.7. Upon Termination any or all the following may apply:
  - (a) The Company has the right to combine any Trading Accounts of the Client, to consolidate the Balances in such Trading Accounts and to set off those Balances;
  - (b) The Company has the right to close the Trading Account(s);
  - (c) The Company has the right to convert any currency in the Trading Accounts;
  - (d) The Company has the right to close out the Client's Open Positions;
  - (e) In absence of illegal activity or suspected illegal activity or fraud of the Client or instructions from the relevant authorities, if there is Balance in the Client's favour, the Company will (after withholding such amounts that in the Company's absolute discretion considers appropriate in respect of future liabilities) pay such Balance to the Client as soon as reasonably practicable and supply him with a statement showing how that Balance was arrived at and, where appropriate, instruct any Nominee or/and any Custodian to also pay any applicable amounts. Such funds shall be delivered in accordance to the Client's Instructions to the Client. It is understood that the Company will effect payments only to an account in the name of the Client. The Company has the right to refuse, at its discretion, to effect thirty party payments. In the event that the Client fails to provide instructions or the Client cannot be reached at his last known address, the Company shall forward such funds (at its sole discretion) directly to his bank account and/or back to the same source of deposit. It is the Client's responsibility to update his Registration Data, the company having no liability towards the Client for any lost money.

## 26. Event of Default

- 26.1. Each of the following constitutes an "Event of Default":
  - (a) The failure of the Client to perform any obligation due to the Company under this Agreement.
  - (b) If an application is made in respect of the Client pursuant to the Cyprus Bankruptcy Act or any equivalent act in another Jurisdiction (if the Client is an individual), if a partnership, in respect of one or more of the partners, or if a company, a receiver, trustee, administrative receiver or similar officer is appointed, or if the Client makes an arrangement or composition with the Client's creditors or any procedure which is similar or analogous to any of the above is commenced in respect of the Client.
  - (c) The failure of the Client to provide any Initial Margin and/or Hedged Margin, or other amount due under the Agreement;
  - (d) The failure of the Client to submit any identification documentation and/or any other information as required by the Company from time to time;
  - (e) The failure of the Client to perform any obligation due to the Company emanating from the Agreement or any other documents concluded with the Company;
  - (f) Where any representation or warranty made by the Client in paragraph 27 of this Client Agreement is or becomes untrue.
  - (g) The Client (if the Client is an individual) dies or is declared absent or becomes of unsound mind.
  - (h) Any other circumstance where the Company reasonably believes that it is necessary or desirable to take any action set out in paragraph 26.2 of this Client Agreement.
  - (i) An action set out in paragraph 26.2 is required by a competent regulatory authority or body or court.



- (j) The Client involves the Company in any type of fraud or illegality or breach of Applicable Regulations or is at risk of involving the Company in any type of fraud or illegality or breach of Applicable Regulations.
- (k) In cases of material violation by the Client of the requirements established by legislation of the Republic of Cyprus or other countries, such materiality determined in good faith by the Company.
- (I) If the Company suspects that the Client is engaged into money laundering activities, or terrorist financing, or card fraud, or other criminal activities.
- (m) The Company reasonably suspects that the Client performed a prohibited action as set out in paragraphs 3.13.-3.15, 5.2 and 5.4 of this Client Agreement.
- (n) The Company reasonably suspects that the Client performed Abusive Trading.
- (o) The Company reasonably suspects that the Client opened the Trading Account fraudulently.
- 26.2. If an Event of Default occurs the Company may, at its absolute discretion, at any time and without prior Written Notice, take one or more of the following actions:
  - (a) Terminate this Agreement immediately without prior notice to the Client.
  - (b) Cancel any Open Positions.
  - (c) Temporarily or permanently bar access to the Platform or suspend or prohibit any functions of the Platform.
  - (d) Reject or Decline or refuse to transmit or execute any Order of the Client.
  - (e) Restrict the Client's trading activity.
  - (f) In the case of fraud, reverse the funds back to real owner or according to the instructions of the law enforcement authorities of the relevant country.
  - (g) Cancel of profits gained through Abusive Trading.
  - (h) Immediately cancel all trades that were executed by the Client.
  - (i) Take legal action for any losses suffered by the Company.

## 27. Representations and Warranties

- 27.1. You agree that each of the following representations and warranties are deemed repeated each time you open or close a Transaction by reference to the circumstances prevailing at such time:
  - (a) the Registration Data provided to us during registration phase and at any time thereafter is complete, true, accurate and not misleading in all respects and the certificates provided are authentic;
  - (b) you are of sound mind, legal age and legal competence;
  - (c) you are duly authorized to execute and deliver the Client Agreement, to open each Transaction and to perform your obligations hereunder and thereunder and have taken all necessary action to authorize such execution, delivery and performance;
  - (d) you understand how the Transactions hereunder operate before you place an offer to open a Transaction on the Trading Platform. By doing so, you warrant that you understand the terms and conditions of the Client Agreement, and any legal and financial implications thereof;
  - (e) you have read and understand the Risks Disclosure and Warnings Notice found on the Company's Website;
  - (f) you have taken all reasonable steps to understand the specifications and characteristics of the Trading Platform and the associated hardware, software, data processing and telecommunication systems and networks required to access and operate the Trading Platform;
  - (g) You are acting as a principal and not as agent or representative or trustee or custodian on behalf of someone else. The Client may act on behalf of someone else only if the Company specifically consents to this in writing and provided all the documents required by the Company for this purpose are received;



- (h) any person representing you in opening or closing a Transaction will have been, and the person entering into the Client Agreement on your behalf is, duly authorized to do so on your behalf;
- (i) you are not an employee of any Underlying Market, a corporation in which any Underlying Market owns a majority of the capital stock, a member of any Underlying Market and/or firm registered on any Underlying Market or any bank, trust or insurance company that trades in Financial Instruments covered under this Agreement between us;
- (j) you will not enter into any Transaction for the purposes of arbitrage, Scalping or to exploit any temporal and/or minor inaccuracy in any rate or price offered on the Trading Platform;
- (k) you have obtained all relevant governmental or other authorizations and consents required by you in connection with the Client Agreement and in connection with opening or closing Transactions and such authorizations and consents are in full force and effect and all of their conditions have been and will be complied with;
- (I) the execution, delivery and performance of the Agreement and your use of the Trading Platform including each Transaction you complete thereto will not violate any law, ordinance, charter, by-law or rule applicable to you, in the jurisdiction in which you are resident, or any agreement by which you are bound or by which any of your assets are affected;
- (m) other than in exceptional circumstances you will not send funds to your Trading Account from any bank account other than as stipulated in the Registration Data. Whether exceptional circumstances exist will be determined by us from time to time;
- (n) the Client funds used for trading are not in any direct or indirect way the proceeds of any illegal activity or used or intended to be used for terrorist financing;
- (o) you are not a Politically Exposed Person and does not have any relationship (for example relative or business associate) with a person who holds or held in the last twelve months a prominent public position. If the above statement is untrue and in the event that you have not disclosed this already in the Account Opening Application Form, you will inform the Company as soon as possible and will notify the Company if at any stage during the course of this Agreement you become a Politically Exposed Person;
- (p) you confirm that you have regular access to the internet and consent to the Company providing you with information, including, without limitation, information about amendments to the terms and conditions, costs, fees, this Agreements, Policies and information about the nature and risks of investments by posting such information on the Website <u>www.sheermarkets.com</u>.
- 27.2. Any breach by you of any of the representations and warranties set forth in this Clause or anywhere else in the Client Agreement renders any Transaction voidable from the outset or capable of being closed by us at our then prevailing prices, in our absolute discretion.

## 28. Indemnity

- 28.1. In the event the Company provides the Information as specified in paragraph 10 of this Client Agreement, the Company shall not, in the absence of its fraud, willful default or gross negligence, be liable for any losses, costs, expenses or damages suffered by you arising from any inaccuracy or mistake in any such information given.
- 28.2. If the Company, its directors, officers, employees, Affiliates, or agents incur any claims, damage, liability, costs or expenses, which may arise in relation to the execution or as a result of the execution of the Agreement and/or in relation to the provision of the Services and/or in relation to the use of the Platform(s), then the Company, its directors, officers, employees, Affiliates, or agents bear no responsibility whatsoever, it is your responsibility to indemnify the Company for such.
- 28.3. The Company shall in no circumstances be liable to you for any consequential, special, incidental or indirect losses, damages, loss of profits, loss of opportunity (including in relation to subsequent



market movements), costs or expenses you may suffer in relation to the Agreement, the provision of the Services or the use of the Platform(s).

28.4. The Company's cumulative liability to you shall not exceed the fees paid to the Company under this Agreement for the Provision of the Services and use of the Platform(s).

## 29. Disclaimers

- 29.1. We, specifically, do not warrant that:
  - (a) the Trading Platform will meet your individual requirements and it is therefore your responsibility to ensure that the facilities and functions of the Trading Platform meet your requirements;
  - (b) your equipment, software, and communication connections will be compatible with the hardware and software we employ to provide the Trading Platform;
  - (c) the use of the Trading Platform will be uninterrupted, secure or error-free or free of bugs and you agree that the existence of any minor errors or bugs shall not constitute a breach of this Client Agreement;
  - (d) we will be able to prevent third party disruptions of and to the operation of the Trading Platform;
  - (e) errors will be corrected in the Trading Platform; or
  - (f) we will detect every bug in the Trading Platform.
- 29.2. You acknowledge that we do not control the transfer of data over telecommunications facilities, including without limitation the internet, nor are we responsible for communication failures, distortions or delays when trading online (via the internet or a mobile service).
- 29.3. You acknowledge that the trading you conduct on the Trading Platform is not conducted on a recognized Exchange, rather they are undertaken over the counter (OTC) and as such they may expose the Client to greater risks than regulated exchange transactions. For more information, please visit the Company's Order Execution Policy that can be found on www.sheermarkets.com About Us area under Legal Documents.
- 29.4. We hereby further disclaim any, and shall have no, liability or loss resulting from or related to any:
  - (a) disruption of your connections to the internet;
  - (b) security breaches resulting in part or in whole from third-party software or networking goods or services or from actions or events outside of our reasonable control;
  - (c) use of the Trading Platform that is not in strict compliance with the Client Agreement, or any technical documentation we provide to you or make available to you by any other means, including without limitation, on our Website;
  - (d) any failure by the Company to perform any of its obligations under the Agreement as a result of Force Majeure Event or any other cause beyond its control;
  - (e) any person obtaining your Account Credentials prior to the Client's reporting to the Company of the misuse of the same;
  - (f) unauthorized third persons having access to information, including electronic addresses, electronic communication, personal data and Account Credentials when the above are transmitted between the Parties or any other party, using the internet or other network communication facilities, post, telephone, or any other electronic means;
  - (g) any of the risks of the Risks Disclosure and Warnings Notice, found on the Company's Website;
  - (h) any changes in the rates of tax;
  - (i) any acts or omissions (including negligence and fraud) of the Client;
  - (j) if you are relying on functions such as Trailing Stop, Expert Advisor and Stop Loss Orders;

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- (k) the occurrence of Slippage; and
- (I) Currency risk materializing.
- 29.5. With respect to any Financial Data or other information that we provide to you in connection with your use of the Trading Platform:
  - (a) this information is provided solely to enable the Client to make his/her own investment decisions and does not amount to investment advice, unless it is otherwise explicitly stated and agreed between the Company and the client;
  - (b) we are not responsible or liable if any such data or information is inaccurate or incomplete in any respect;
  - (c) we are not responsible or liable for any actions that you take or do not take based on such data or information;
  - (d) you will use such data or information solely in accordance and for the purposes set forth in the Client Agreement;
  - (e) such data or information is proprietary to us, and you will not retransmit, redistribute, publish, disclose or display in whole or in part such data or information to third parties except as required by applicable regulations; and
  - (f) you will use such data or information solely in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations.

## **30.** Limitation of Liability

- 30.1. We shall not be liable to you for any loss, save in cases of gross negligence, fraud or willful default on our behalf.
- 30.2. You will be liable to us for:
  - (a) any loss (whether direct or indirect) of revenue or profits;
  - (b) any loss (whether direct or indirect) of anticipated savings;
  - (c) any loss (whether direct or indirect) of goodwill or injury to reputation;
  - (d) any loss (whether direct or indirect) of business opportunity or arising from business interruption;
  - (e) any loss (whether direct or indirect) of or corruption to data;
  - (f) indirect, consequential, incidental, exemplary, punitive or special loss or damage in each case arising out of or in connection with the Client Agreement including without limitation as a result of breach of contract, negligence or any other tort, under statute or otherwise, and regardless of whether either party knew or had reason to know of the possibility of the loss, injury or damage in question.
- 30.3. Nothing in this paragraph 30 will exclude, limit or restrict either Party's liability for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation committed by that Party (or anyone on its behalf).
- 30.4. Our liability, to the extent applicable, for infringement of third party intellectual property rights shall be limited to breaches of rights subsisting in Cyprus.
- 30.5. The Client Agreement set out the full extent of our obligations and liabilities in respect of the supply of the Trading Platform.
- 30.6. We shall not be held liable and are released from all claims and losses arising out of:
  - (a) any act or omission by any person obtaining access to your Trading Account or Account Credentials, whether or not you have authorized such access;
  - (b) delay, failure or error by you in implementing any reasonable instruction we have provided to you;
  - (c) inaccurate or incomplete instructions received by you;

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- (d) any reliance or use by you or any other third party with access to your Trading Account of any Financial Data, whether to complete a Transaction on the Trading Platform or for any other purpose whatsoever.
- 30.7. In the event that the Company provides advice, information or recommendations to the Client, the Company shall not be responsible for the profitability of such advice, information or recommendations. The Client acknowledges that the Company shall not, in the absence of its fraud, willful default or gross negligence, be liable for any losses, costs, expenses or damages suffered by the Client arising from any inaccuracy or mistake in any information given to the Client including, without limitation, information relating to any Transactions. Subject to the right of the Company to void or close any Transaction in the specific circumstances set out this Agreement, any Transaction following such inaccuracy or mistake shall nonetheless remain valid and binding in all respects on both the Company and the Client.

## 31. Authority to Trade

- 31.1. You hereby authorize us to act on any instruction given or appearing to be given by you on the Trading Platform via the use of your Account Credentials.
- 31.2. We shall be entitled, and you hereby authorize us, to rely upon any oral, electronic or written communication or instruction received from you. You agree that:
  - (a) once logged on to the Trading Platform following entry of the Account Credentials, we are authorized to act upon instructions without enquiring as to the validity of the instructions and to consider the instructions of like force and effect as written orders made by you;
  - (b) following log-in to the Trading platform, nothing in this paragraph will oblige us to verify the validity of each instruction or the signatures prior to every trade; and
  - (c) you shall bear the risk of all instructions, whether authorized, unauthorized, improper or fraudulent, even if it transpires such instructions were provided without your authority. You shall indemnify us against and save us harmless from all losses, costs, fees, damages, expenses, claims, suits, demands and liabilities whatsoever that we may suffer or incur or that may be brought against us, in any way relating to or arising out of our acting upon, delay in acting upon or refusal to act upon any such instructions or information.
- 31.3. Without derogating from the above, we will not be under any duty to act in accordance with any instruction if we reasonably believe that:
  - (a) the person who provided such an instruction was acting in excess of his authority;
  - (b) acting upon such an instruction would infringe any law, rule, regulation or the Client Agreement; or
  - (c) in the event that we have accepted an offer to perform a Transaction that we later suspect falls within points (a) and (b) hereunder this paragraph 31.3, we may, in our absolute discretion, either close such a Transaction at the then prevailing price quoted on the Trading Platform or treat the Transaction as having been void from the outset. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as an obligation on our part to inquire about the authority of any person who purports to represent you.
- 31.4. Any offer to open or close a Transaction (including an Order) must be made by you through the Trading Platform only, or via phone subject to conditions of paragraph 31.2 of this Client Agreement. Written offers to open or close a Transaction, including offers sent by email or text message will not be accepted.
- 31.5. If we receive an offer to open or close a Transaction other than in accordance with paragraph 31.4 of this Client Agreement, we may act on such an offer, in our absolute discretion, however



we will not be responsible for any loss, damage or cost that you suffer or incur arising out of any error, delay or omission in our acting or refusing to act on such an offer.

## 32. Relationship of the Parties

32.1. You will open each Transaction with us as principal and not as agent for any person. This means that unless we have otherwise agreed in writing, we will treat you as our Client for all purposes and you will be directly and personally responsible for performing your obligations under each Transaction entered into by you. If you act in connection with or on behalf of someone else, whether or not you identify that person to us or not, we will not accept that person as a Client of ours and we will accept no obligation to them unless otherwise specifically agreed in writing.

## 33. Communication, Written Notices and Language

- 33.1. Unless the contrary is specifically provided in this Agreement, any notice, request or other communication (other than Orders which shall be given only in accordance to paragraph 33.2 hereunder) to be given to the Company by the Client under the Agreement shall be sent to the Company's address below (or to any other address which the Company may from time to time specify to the Client for this purpose) by email, post if posted in Cyprus, or airmail if posted outside Cyprus, or commercial courier service and shall be deemed delivered only when actually received by the Company at the contact details appearing in the first page.
- 33.2. It is agreed and understood that Orders shall be placed on the Trading Platform and shall not be communicated to the Company in any other means. Only when the Platform is not operational, Orders may be placed via phone.
- 33.3. In order to communicate with the Client, the Company may use any of the following methods: email, Platform's internal mail, telephone, post, commercial courier service, air mail or the Company's Website or Personal Area.
- 33.4. The Company shall contact the Client at the contact details on his Registration Data. Hence, the Client has an obligation to notify the Company immediately of any change in the Client's contact details.
- 33.5. The following methods of communication are considered as Written Notice from the Company to the Client: email, Platform's internal mail, facsimile transmission, post, commercial courier service, air mail or the Company's Website.
- 33.6. The following methods of communication are considered as Written Notice from the Client to the Company: email, post, commercial courier service or air mail or commercial courier.
- 33.7. Any communications sent to the Client (documents, notices, confirmations, statements, reports etc.) are deemed received:

(a) If sent by email, within one hour after emailing it and provided the email has left from the Company's outlook.

- (b) If sent by the Platform's internal mail, immediately after sending it.
- (c) If sent by facsimile transmission, upon receipt by the sender of a transmission report from its facsimile machine confirming receipt of the message by recipient's facsimile machine.
- (d) If sent by telephone, once the telephone conversation has been finished.

(e) If sent by post, seven calendar days after posting it.

(f) If sent via commercial courier service, at the date of signing of the document on receipt of such notice.

(g) If sent by air mail, eight Business Days after the date of their dispatch.

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(h) If posted on the Company Website, within one hour after it has been posted and relevant notification email has been sent to the Client.

(i) if posted on the Personal Area, immediately once posted.

33.8. The Language in which the Client may communicate with the Company is English, which is the Company's official language. From time to time, the Company may employee staff who speak the Client's native language, in which case the Client may find it more convenient to communicate with the Company in that language. However, it is clarified that all documents and information provided by the Company shall be in English. Translation or information provided in languages other than English is for informational purposes only and do not bind the Company or have any legal effect whatsoever, the Company having no responsibility or liability regarding the correctness of the information therein and the Client should also refer to the English version and the Website for information on the Company and its policies.

## 34. Entire Agreement

34.1. The Client Agreement set out the entire agreement and understanding between the parties in respect of the matters dealt with in them. They supersede any previous agreement or understanding between you and us in respect of their subject matter.

#### 35. Severability

35.1. Should any part of this Agreement be held by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable or illegal or contravene any rule, regulation or by law of any Market or regulator, that part will be deemed to have been excluded from this Agreement from the beginning, and this Agreement will be interpreted and enforced as though the provision had never been included and the legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions of the Agreement or the legality, validity or enforceability of this provision in accordance with the law and/or regulation of any other jurisdiction, shall not be affected.

#### 36. Waiver

- 36.1. Any failure to exercise or any delay in exercising a right or remedy provided by the Client Agreement will not constitute a waiver of the right or remedy or a waiver of any other rights or remedies. A waiver of a breach of any of the terms of the Client Agreement will not constitute a waiver of any other breach and will not affect the other terms of the Client Agreement.
- 36.2. The rights and remedies provided by the Client Agreement are cumulative and (except as otherwise provided in the Client Agreement) are not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided at law or in equity.
- 36.3. Where the Client comprises two or more persons, the liabilities and obligations under the Agreement shall be joint and several. Any warning or other notice given to one of the persons which form the Client shall be deemed to have been given to all the persons who form the Client. Any Order given by one of the persons who form the Client shall be deemed to have been given by all the persons who form the Client.

#### 37. Assignment

37.1. You may not assign or transfer any of your rights or delegate any of your obligations under the Client Agreement, whether by operation of law or otherwise, either on a permanent or temporary basis to a third party, without our prior written consent.



## **38.** Complaints and Disputes

- 38.1. In case the client is not satisfied with any of the investment services offered by the Company or the terms of the Agreement, the Client is eligible to submit a formal complaint by using the relevant Form which can be accessed through the Website. The Company may not be able to accept your complaint via other means; therefore, the Client is encouraged to report a complaint, as per the procedure specified on the Company's website under the area Legal Documents.
- 38.2. The Company will acknowledge receipt (via email) of your complaint within five (5) business days from the receipt of your complaint and provide you the unique reference number of your complaint. The unique reference number should be used in all your future contact with the Company.
- 38.3. Once we acknowledge receipt of your complaint, we will review it carefully, investigate the circumstances surrounding your complaint and will try to resolve it without undue delay and within the bounds of our mandate. In case the Company is unable to respond within two months, you will be issued a notice in writing or other durable medium where you will be informed of the reason/s for the delay and the period of time necessary to complete the investigation. This period of time cannot exceed three (3) months from the submission of the Complaint.
- 38.4. If a situation arises which is not expressly covered by this Agreement, the Parties agree to try to resolve the matter on the basis of good faith and fairness and by taking such action as is consistent with market practice.
- 38.5. If the Client is not satisfied with the Company's final decision, it is noted that the Client may have the right to make a complaint at the Financial Ombudsman body of Cyprus.
- 38.6. The Client's right to take legal action remains unaffected by the existence or use of any complaints procedures referred to above.

#### **39. Multiple Account Holders**

- 39.1. Where the Client comprises two or more persons, the liabilities and obligations under the Agreement shall be joint and several. Any warning or other notice given to one of the persons which form the Client shall be deemed to have been given to all the persons who form the Client. Any Order given by one of the persons who form the Client shall be deemed to have been given by all the persons who form the Client.
- 39.2. In the event of the death or mental incapacity of one of the persons who form the Client, all funds held by the Company or its Nominee, will be for the benefit and at the order of the survivor(s) and all obligations and liabilities owed to the Company will be owed by such survivor(s).

#### **40.** Inducements and Conflicts of Interest

- 40.1. It is understood that the Company does not arrange for the execution of Client Orders with another entity (the Liquidity Provider) and executes Client Orders as a principal to principal against the Client. Nevertheless, when it is regarded that the Company will not provide the best possible result, it may arrange for the execution of Client Orders with other Liquidity Providers.
- 40.2. When the Company deals with or for the Client, the Company, an associate or some other person connected with the Company, may have an interest, relationship or arrangement that is material in relation to the transaction concerned or that conflicts with the Client's interest. By way of example only, when the Company deals with a Transaction for or on behalf of the Client:



- (a) The Company or a Relevant Person is likely to make a financial gain, or avoid a financial loss, at the expense of the Client.
- (b) The Company or a Relevant Person has an interest in the outcome of a service provided to the Client or of a transaction carried out on behalf of the Client, which is distinct from the Client's interest in that outcome.
- (c) The Company or a Relevant Person has a financial or other incentive to favour the interest of another Client or group of Clients over the interests of the Client.
- (d) The Company or a Relevant Person carries on the same business as the Client.
- (e) The Company or a Relevant Person receives or will receive from a person other than the Client an inducement in relation to a service provided to the Client, in the form of monies, goods or services, other than the standard commission or fee for that service.
- 40.3. Under the Law, the Company is required to take all reasonable steps to detect and avoid conflicts of interest. The Company is committed to act honestly, fairly and professionally and in the best interests of its Clients and to comply, in particular, with the principles set out in the Law when providing the Services. The Company shall disclose possible conflicts of interest which cannot be managed/mitigated, before the provision of investment services. The Company's Conflict of Interest Policy can be found on the Company's website <u>www.sheermarkets.com</u> in the About Us area under Legal Documents.
- 40.4. Generally, we are obliged to act honestly, fairly and professionally in accordance with the best interest of you. In this respect, under inducement rules, we will not pay to or accept from any party any fee or commission in connection with the provision of an investment service or an ancillary service unless these payments and/or benefit meet certain criteria as defined in the Applicable Laws and Regulations. Similarly, we will not provide to or receive from any party (other than you) any non-monetary benefit in connection the provision of investment service or an ancillary service.
- 40.5. By way of derogation of the above and when Execution only services are given, in case where the fee, commission or non-monetary benefit was designed to enhance the quality of the relevant service to the client and does not impair compliance with our duty to act honestly, fairly and professionally for your best interest, we may pay, provide, accept or receive a fee, commission or non-monetary benefit. In such a case, we will clearly disclose to you. The information to be disclosed include inter alia, the existence, nature and amount of the payment or benefit, whether the Company accepts minor non-monetary benefits, ongoing inducements, the methodology of calculation of such amounts if not known from the beginning.
- 40.6. In promoting and marketing its services, the Company may engage affiliates which are paid on a Cost Per Acquisition (CPA) scheme or Cost Per Lead (CPL) respectively. The activities of such affiliates are solely to introduce you as potential client to the Company. They are not permitted to offer any form of investment advice, legal advice, inducement, recommendation or portfolio management to you or to handle any of your funds or cash. In addition, such persons are not allowed to have direct communication with the Client; hence the Client shall not provide the login details in the Electronic Trading Platform to any such persons.

## 41. Provision of Services to Spanish Residents

- 41.1 The terms set in this section apply only to clients who register with Sheer Markets and are residents of Spain.
- 41.2 The National Securities Market commission of Spain (the "CNMV") has determined that, due to the complexity of CFDs and the risks involved, the purchase of such a product by Retail Clients is



not appropriate/suitable. In this respect, pursuant to the relevant requirements introduced by CNMV, you are warned that you are about to purchase a product that is complex and difficult to understand: Contracts for Differences (CFDs). CNMV has determined that, due to its complexity and the risks involved, the purchase of this product by retail investors is not appropriate/suitable.

41.3 By accepting the Terms and Conditions you are acknowledging that you were warned that:

- Product that is difficult to understand. The CNMV considers that, in general, it is not appropriate for retail investors.
- The product you are about to purchase CFDs is a leveraged product. Please be aware that the losses incurred may be equal to the amount initially invested.

## 42. Money Laundering, Sanctions and Prevention of Financial Crime

- 42.1 The Company is required to comply with the provisions and requirements of the AML Law. You represent, warrant and undertake that you are now and will be at all times compliant with the provisions of the Prevention and Suppression of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Laws of 2007-2018. In this respect it is noted that the Company may refuse to provide you with further explanations as to any action or refusal or failure to take any action.
- 42.2 If a regulatory body or other authority makes an enquiry in respect of any of your Transactions, you agree to co-operate with the Company and to promptly on demand supply all and any information requested in connection with the enquiry.
- 42.3 You specifically represent and warrant to the Company (to the extent applicable) the following:
  - Where you are a legal person, you have made full and genuine disclosure of all your ultimate beneficial owners and of each person who maintains a synthetic, economic, direct or indirect interest in more than 25% (or another percentage that may be deemed appropriate in your circumstances) of your share capital or economic rights (including the economic rights to the transactions undertaken);
  - You have provided, or you will provide, us with the information that will enable us to establish
    your identity, to understand your business, economic and risk profile, including your sources
    of funds and source of wealth, and to identify (where you are a legal person) your beneficiaries
    and controlling persons, as required under the Applicable Laws and Regulations, as well as to
    determine the nature of your intentions while entering into this Agreement;
  - Where you or any of your ultimate beneficial owners, directors, officers, employees, agents or underlying clients for whom you might act hereunder is a PEP, adequate disclosure of this fact has been made to the Company and, if during the term hereof, you or any of your ultimate beneficial owners, directors, officers, employees, agents or underlying clients for whom you might act hereunder becomes a PEP, you will notify the Company of such fact immediately;
  - Neither you nor any of your associates, nor any of your or their directors, officers, employees, agents, or underlying clients is an individual or entity that is subject to any Sanctions, or is legally or beneficially owned or controlled by a person that is subject to any Sanctions;
  - If any information provided in respect of yourself will be changed, you will immediately notify the Company of such change. You understand that your Account and any assets may be frozen or blocked at the Company's sole discretion and any Services provided may be suspended;
  - You will not use your Account on behalf of any third party and you agree and accept that your Account and any assets thereon may be frozen or blocked at the Company's sole discretion to the extent any such assets are held with, transferred or delivered to, us on behalf of a third party;
  - All remittances in your Account result from bona fide economic activity which have been duly reported to the relevant tax authorities, and have not been obtained as a result of activities related with AML.



- 42.4 With respect to the timing of application of the CDD procedures, this normally occurs before the establishment of the business relationship. In certain circumstances where the money laundering risk is assessed as low and provided that you provide the required documentation as reasonably practicable, the timing of application of the CDD measures may occur during the course of the business relationship.
- 42.5 We can open one or more trading accounts to allow you to place orders in the financial instruments. Prior entering into any transactions you must proceed with the depositing of funds, as per the provisions of Section 20 of the Terms and Conditions.
- 42.6 You may deposit funds into the Client Account at any time during the course of this Agreement. The minimum deposited amount which must appear in your trading account is USD/EUR 200 for execution only services. When you transfer funds to your account, the time taken for the funds to appear on the said account depends on the method used to deposit.
- 42.7 We only accept deposits from a bank account or through other means that are linked to your bank account (e.g. credit card), that matches the name of the Client with which the business relationship is established. No third-party payments are acceptable by us.
- 42.8 By way of derogation to the rule specified in Clause 42.4, you can make an initial deposit up to EUR500 and trade without having your account verified. In such case, you agree and undertake to provide us with all information and KYC documentation we require as part of our CDD procedures **within** five (5) days from the time the funds appear in your live MT5 trading account or the acceptance of this Agreement, whichever comes first.
- 42.9 If you fail to provide the required documents within the respective timeframe and having your account verified, all open positions will be closed automatically at the lapse of the five (5) days and your remaining balance will be returned to the same source from which they originated, including any profits gained during this timeframe or losses incurred. Also, your account status will be set to "closed".
- 42.10 In the event where you are not able to provide all KYC documentation and information within the timeframe of five (5) days for reasonable reasons which must be communicated to the Company in advance, the timeframe can be extended to fifteen (15) days, at the Company's own discretion and pursuant to the ML/TF internal controls and procedures.
- 42.11 In the event where your initial deposit exceeds the amount of EUR500 and your account is not verified, the Company reserves the right to hold and freeze such funds until you provide all information and KYC documentation. Such funds will be returned to the same source from which they originated within fifteen (15) days from the receipt, if you fail to provide us with the required information.

## 43. Common Reporting Standards

- 43.1 The Cypriot Government has and will be committing to a number of inter-governmental agreements for the automatic exchange of financial account information developed by the OECD, known as Common Reporting Standard (CRS) to share tax information, where applicable, with the tax authorities in other jurisdictions.
- 43.2 The requirement to collect certain information about each Client's tax arrangement is part of the Cypriot legislation thus Sheer Markets is legally obliged to collect it. All Clients are requested to disclose their tax ID (where applicable) and tax residencies since this information will be reported to the relevant tax authorities, when required. The Company has the right to provide such



information to the local tax authorities which may exchange this information with tax authorities of other jurisdictions pursuant to the intergovernmental agreements relevant to the exchange of financial account information.

- 43.3 The Company does not provide tax advice to its Clients, and therefore if you have any questions about determining your tax residence in any particular country, please contact your tax adviser or the local tax authority. In regards to the declaration of tax residency, please note that according to the requirements for the validity of self-certification of the standard for automatic exchange of Financial Account information in tax matter by the account holder.
- 43.4 The Company may at any time be required under the provisions of Applicable Laws and Regulations, to provide information about you or your Tax position to any regulatory body or authority located within Cyprus or abroad. You hereby consent to the Company providing such information about you in these circumstances.

## 44. FATCA

44.1 Without limiting the foregoing, the Company, a regulated CIF, is required to comply based on the Intergovernmental Agreement between Cyprus and the United States and has taken all reasonable steps to be considered in compliance with FATCA. The Client acknowledges and accepts that the Company, as an FFI, is required to disclose information in relation to any US reportable persons to the relevant authorities, as per the reporting requirements of FATCA. The Client may contact the Company for additional information and/or clarifications prior to the signing of the Agreement.

#### 45. Product Governance and Key Information Documents

- 45.1 Under the requirements imposed by the CySEC in relation to Product Governance, the Company has determined and identified the Positive and Negative Target Market for each of the asset class of CFDs products offered. As part of the account opening procedure, you acknowledge that you should provide the necessary information to enable us to determine whether you fall within the identified Target Market of clients or not. Such information aims to evaluate whether your needs, characteristics and objectives are in line with the characteristics and risks of the complex and leveraged products offered by the Company.
- 45.2 If you provide us with incorrect or incomplete information required under Product Governance regime, you will adversely affect our ability to carry out correctly our obligation and thus, you may be allowed to enter into Transactions in Financial Instruments that should not be marketed and offered to you.
- 45.3 The KID is the document prepared by the Company for the packaged retail and insurance-based investment products (the "**PRIIPs**") manufactured and sold by the Company to Retail Clients. In accordance with the requirements of PRIIPs Regulation, the purpose of the KID is to provide Retail Clients with overview information on the Company, applicable laws and regulations, the services offered as well as the nature and risks involved in the trading of CFDs.
- 45.4 As the KID constitutes an overview of the risks involved, it is provided to clients only for the purpose of helping Retail Clients to understand the nature, costs, risk and rewards of the relevant products and to help Clients to compare it with other products of similar characteristics. The KID is provided to retail Clients and it should be used for information purposes. This Agreement comprises the primary legal Agreement between Client and the Company for the services we provide to the Client as described herein. The KIDs for the different underlying assets of CFDs are



available through the Company and are uploaded on its Website. The Retail Client has the right to receive the KID on paper. In such a case, please contact <u>support@sheermarkets.com</u>.

## 46. Transaction Reporting

- 46.1 In accordance with MiFIR, the Company is obliged to report transactions on financial instruments that are admitted for Trading on a Trading Venue ("ToTV") or for which a request for admission to trading has been made, financial instruments where the underlying is a financial instrument ToTV; and financial instruments where the underlying is an index or a basket composed of financial instruments ToTV.
- 46.2 You are irrevocably authorize us to report all of your reportable transactions to CySEC. For the purposes of facilitating Transaction Reporting, you should provide us, among other, with the following supporting documentation, in an acceptable by us format:
  - (a) Natural Person: Depending on the country of your residence, you should provide us with such supporting documentation as required by the Annex II of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/590 regarding national client identifiers for natural persons to be used in transaction reports, including but not limited to the passport number or identity card number or concatenation (CONCAT) number.
  - (b) Legal Person: You should provide us with the Legal Entity Identifier ("LEI"), the 20-digit, alphanumeric code that enables clear and unique identification of legal entities participating in financial transactions. It is emphasized that we will not be in a position to provide a service triggering the obligation for us to submit a transaction report for a transaction entered into on your behalf, prior obtaining the LEI from your side. Failure to renew your LEI on an annual basis will result to the termination of this Agreement.
- 46.3 You should also provide us with any additional information and/or supporting documentation may be requested from time to time, required under MiFIR or any other applicable laws and regulations, in order to comply with our reporting obligation.

#### 47. EMIR

46.4 Each party acknowledges that pursuant to EMIR reporting purposes, disclosures will be made in respect to the Transactions carried out through your Trading Account, including personal data to the trade repository registered or recognized in accordance with EMIR or to any third party which the Company may outsource the relevant reporting.

## 48. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

- 41.1. The interpretation, construction, effect and enforceability of the Client Agreement shall be governed by the Laws of Cyprus, and you and we agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Cyprus courts for the determination of disputes. You agree all Transactions carried out on the Trading Platform are governed by Cyprus Laws regardless of the location of the Registered User.
- 41.2. All transactions on behalf of the Client shall be subject to Applicable Regulations and any other public authorities which govern the operation of the Cyprus Investment Firms, as they are amended or modified from time to time. The Company shall be entitled to take or omit to take any measures which it considers necessary to ensure compliance with the Applicable Regulations, the relevant market rules. Any such measures as may be taken shall be binding on the Client.



## Appendix – FX and CFD TRADING TERMS

#### **1.** Scope and Order Execution Policy

- 1.1. This Appendix is applicable only to those Clients trading in the Financial Instruments of Contracts for Differences for all types of Underlying Assets available with the Company from time to time such as Currency Pairs (for FX Contracts), Equity Indices, base or precious Metals, Forwards, Commodities, Stocks, Shares Indices and Futures.
- 1.2. The Orders in CFDs will be executed in accordance with the Order Execution Policy which is an integral part of the Agreement.
- 1.3. Under the Applicable Rules and Regulations, we are required to take all sufficient steps to obtain the best possible result when executing your order. In our Order Execution Policy we set out the process we implement in order to achieve best execution for you. In respect of Retail Clients, the best possible result is determined in terms of total consideration which considers the total costs and prices related to the execution of your orders.

#### 2. Opening and Closing Orders/Transactions

- 2.1. In order to open a Transaction in an FX and CFD on the Trading Platform, you must either open a Buy or a Sell, at the price quoted by the Trading Platform at the time of such Transaction. In order to close a Transaction, you must either offer to sell (in the case of a Buy), or purchase (in the case of a Sell), the Underlying Asset covered by such open Transaction, at the price quoted by the Trading Platform at the time of such closing offer. Transactions or open positions cannot be transferred to other FX and CFD providers or their platforms. Full details of our Order Execution Policy can be found on the Website www.sheermarkets.com.
- 2.2. The Trading Platform will provide a Buy quote and a Sell quote for each Underlying Asset traded on the Trading Platform. You acknowledge that upon opening a Buy or closing a Sell, you may only do so at the price quoted by the Trading Platform to purchase such Underlying Asset. You further acknowledge that upon opening a Sell or closing a Buy, you may only do so at the price quoted by the Trading Platform for such Underlying Asset.
- 2.3. On the Trading Platform, you shall be entitled to make an offer to open a Transaction at the best available rate on the Trading Platform ("Market Order") at the time of opening such a Transaction, unless you specify a particular price in which to make an offer to open a Transaction ("Limit Order"). With respect to a Market Order, the price at which a Transaction is completed may not always be at the exact rate displayed when the order is submitted. You agree that your offer to open a Market Order may be accepted at a lower price or higher price than the price indicated by you in your Market Order, within a certain range as specified on the Trading Platform from time to time. If you choose to open a Market Order, your offer will be accepted at the best possible rate offered on the Trading Platform.
- 2.4. With respect to a Limit Order, the price at which a Transaction is completed may not always be at the exact rate displayed when the order is submitted. You agree that your offer to open a Limit Order may be accepted at a lower price if a buy, or higher price if a sell, than the price indicated by you in your Limit Order as specified on the Trading Platform from time to time. If you offer to open a Limit Order, your offer may be accepted at the price indicated by you in your offer. At any time prior to acceptance of a Limit Order, you may cancel the Limit Order without any further liability. If you choose to open a Limit Order, your offer will be accepted at the best possible rate offered on the Trading Platform.



- 2.5. Orders can be placed and (if allowed) changed within the Trading Hours for each type of FX and CFD appearing on the Company's Website, as amended from the Company from time to time. The Client agrees that the Orders to open a position if accepted by the Company outside the Trading Hours may not be capable of execution should the market not trade at the price stipulated once Trading Hours commence.
- 2.6. Pending Orders, not executed, shall remain effective through the next trading session (as applicable). All open spot positions will be rolled over to the next Business Day at the close of business in the relevant Underlying Market, subject to the Company's rights to close the open spot position. Any open forward positions will be rolled over at the expiry of the relevant period into the next relevant period subject to the Company's rights to close the open forward position.
- 2.7. Market Orders not executed because there is not enough volume to fill them, will not remain effective and will be cancelled.
- 2.8. Orders shall be valid in accordance with the type and time of the given Order, as specified by the Client. If the time of validity of the Order is not specified, it shall be valid for an indefinite period. However, the Company may delete one or all Pending Orders if the Trading Account Equity reaches zero.
- 2.9. Orders may be removed by the Client before they are executed.
- 2.10. Stop loss and Take Profit orders may be changed as long as they are higher in distance than a specific level (depending on the trading symbol).
- 2.11. The Client may change the expiration date of Pending Orders or delete or modify a Pending Order before it is executed. In order to change the expiry the Client will need to cancel the Order and place e a new one.
- 2.12. FX and CFD Orders on currencies are executed as follows:
  - a. Take Profit (T/P) orders are executed at stated prices;
  - b. Stop Loss (S/L) orders are executed at first market prices;
  - c. Stop Loss (S/L) orders set for lock positions are executed at first market prices;
  - d. Limit orders are executed at stated prices;
  - e. Buy Stop and Sell Stop orders for position opening are executed at first market prices.
- 2.13. It is understood that Quotes on the Client Terminal are indicative Quotes and Slippage may occur. To this end the Client acknowledges and agrees that:
  - a. due to market volatility and factors beyond its control, the Company cannot guarantee that an Order (including Stop Loss and Take Profit Orders) will be executed at the level specified in the Client Order. For example, an Order may be closed at a worse price than as originally specified by the Client in such an Order (i.e. Negative Slippage). In such an event, the Company will close the Transaction at the next best price.
  - b. where the price for an Underlying Asset moves to the Client's advantage (i.e. Positive Slippage), the Company can pass such price improvement on to the Client.
- 2.14. In the event that the Company is unable to proceed with an Order, with regard to price or size or other reason, the Company will send a re-quote to the Client (with the price it is willing to deal until the price the Client asks is available). The Order will be rejected and the Client will need to place another Order.



2.15. The Company shall not be obliged to arrange for the execution of the Client's Orders in respect of any CFD out of normal Trading Hours which appear on the Company's Website.

#### 3. Stop and Limits

- 3.1. We may, in our sole discretion, allow you to specify a closing price for a Transaction through a Stop Loss and Take Profit Order, subject always to the terms of the Client Agreement and any other terms and conditions we may implement from time to time.
- 3.2. Upon your offer and our acceptance of your Order, you hereby authorize us to close the Transaction at the "Stop Loss" price or "Take Profit" price, as applicable, and as agreed in the Order, without further instruction from or notification to you. We may, in our sole discretion, close the Transaction when the price quoted by us on the Trading Platform equals or exceeds the price accepted by us for such an Order. You acknowledge that we will not be required to close any Transaction if you are not in compliance with any of the factors set forth in paragraph 15.13 of this Client Agreement.
- 3.3. We may, in our sole discretion, allow you to request the opening or closing of a Transaction, including a "Stop Loss" and "Take Profit" Order, within a specific time period determined by you. If we have accepted such a request, we may in our sole discretion, close the Transaction within such specific time period. You acknowledge and agree that we shall not be obliged to close such a Transaction outside such specific time period or which does not otherwise comply with any other limitations agreed upon with respect to such Transaction.
- 3.4. We may, in our sole discretion, accept an offer to place a Trailing Stop in relation to a Stop Loss Order. You acknowledge that the original price level set forth in a Stop Loss Order may be amended as the market on the Trading Platform moves in your favor. Whilst your Trailing Stop is still in effect, you agree that each change in the market by at least a Pips on the Trading Platform in your favor shall constitute a new offer by you to raise the level of your Trailing Stop by one hundredth of one percentage point. Changes in a Pip will be rounded to the nearest absolute value in your base currency based on your country of origin, as shall be specified on the Trading Platform.
- 3.5. You acknowledge and agree that due to market volatility and factors beyond our control, we cannot guarantee that an Order will be executed at the level specified in your Order, for example, an Order may be closed at a worse price than as originally specified by you in such an Order. In such an event, we will close the Transaction at the next best price. For example, with respect to a Stop Loss Order, in the case of a Buy, the price of an Underlying Asset underlying such Order may suddenly decrease below the Stop Loss price, without ever reaching such price. In the case of a Sell, the price of an Underlying Asset underlying such Order may suddenly increase above the Stop Loss price, without ever reaching such price.
- 3.6. With respect to a Take Profit where the price for an Underlying Asset moves to your advantage (for example, if the price goes down as you buy or the price goes up as you sell), you agree that we can (but do not have to) pass such price improvement on to you. For example, in the case of a Buy, the price of an Underlying Asset underlying such Order may suddenly increase above the Take Profit price, without ever reaching such price. In the case of a Sell, the price of an Underlying Asset underlying suddenly decrease below the Take Profit price, without ever reaching such order may suddenly decrease below the Take Profit price, without ever reaching such order may suddenly decrease below the Take Profit price, without ever reaching such price.



- 3.7. The Client agrees that placing a Stop Loss Order will not necessarily limit losses to the intended amounts, because market conditions may make it impossible to execute such an Order at the stipulated price and the Company bears no responsibility whatsoever.
- 3.8. The Client agrees that trading operations using additional functions of the Client Trading Terminal such as Trailing Stop and/or Expert Advisor are executed completely under the Client's responsibility, as they depend directly on his trading terminal and the Company bears no responsibility whatsoever.

### 4. Premium (or Swaps)

- 4.1. Any open Transaction held by you at the end of the trading day of the Underlying Market or over the weekend when the relevant Underlying Market is closed, shall automatically be rolled over to the next business day to avoid an automatic close. You acknowledge that when rolling such Transactions to the next Business Day, a Premium/Swap will be either added or subtracted from your Account with respect to such Transaction ("Rolling"). The Premium amount is a constant percentage of the position value and is based on a number of factors including among others, whether the Transaction is a Buy or a Sell, interest rates, Underlying Asset differentials, daily price fluctuations and other economic and market related factors. The Premium/Swap for each Underlying Asset is displayed in the "details" link for each specific Underlying Asset on the Trading Platform.
- 4.2. In deciding whether to open a Transaction for a specific Underlying Asset, you acknowledge that you are aware of the Premium.
- 4.3. You hereby authorize us to add or subtract the Premium/Swap to or from your Trading Account for any open Transactions that have accrued a Premium/Swap, in accordance with the applicable rate thereto, each day at the time of collection specified on the Trading Platform for each individual Underlying Asset, as applicable.

#### 5. Expiry Transactions

- 5.1. We may, in our sole and absolute discretion, set an Expiry Date and time for a specific Instrument.
- 5.2. In the event we set an Expiry Date for a specific Underlying Asset, it will be displayed on the Trading Platform in the details link for each Underlying Asset. It is your responsibility to make yourself aware of the Expiry Date and time.
- 5.3. If you do not close an open Transaction with respect to an Underlying Asset which has an Expiry Date, prior to such Expiry Date, the Transaction shall automatically close upon the Expiry Date. The Transaction shall close at a price which will be the last price quoted on the Trading Platform immediately prior to the applicable Expiry Date and time.

#### 6. Spreads

6.1. All FX and CFDs available with the Company have spreads which appear on the Trading Platform and/or the Website.

#### 7. Leverage and Margin

7.1. The Company offers to its Retail Clients leverage of 1:2-1:30, depending on the CFD underlying instrument, according to the leverage restrictions set by CySEC or any other level



as those may be amended from time to time and are made available to you on the Company's trading platform and website. Professional Clients and Eligible Counterparties are eligible for higher leverage upon their request.

- 7.2. The Cyprus Product Intervention Measures applicable to Retail Clients, introduced leverage limits on the opening of a position from 30:1 to 2:1, which vary according to the volatility of the Underlying Asset, and particularly:
  7.2.1.30:1 for major currency pairs;
  7.2.2.20:1 for non-major currency pairs, gold and major indices;
  7.2.3.10:1 for commodities other than gold and non-major equity indices;
  7.2.4.5:1 for individual equities and other reference values; and
  7.2.5.2:1 for cryptocurrencies.
- 7.3. The above measures will apply in the case where the Client is a resident of Cyprus or a Member State where the National Competent Authority of that Member State has not introduced National Product Intervention Measures. The Company will ensure that product intervention measures in relation to the leverage limits determined by Member States which introduced different national measures, are implemented For more information on the leverage offered in all instruments offered by the Company please refer to our website.
- 7.4. Using leverage increases the loss potentials. For example, for a trading position with leverage 1:30, a favorable/adverse market movement of 0.5% will result in a 15% increase or loss respectively.
- 7.5. The Company has the right to change the Trading Account leverage (i.e. lower leverage to be provided) without prior notice, according to the conditions described on the Website of the Company <u>www.sheermarkets.com</u>.
- 7.6. An automatic change in Leverage pursuant to the rules established by the Company, as well as a change in Leverage made by the Client through his/her Personal Area will result in a recalculation of the Margin requirements for all of the Client's positions.
- 7.7. The Company has the right:

(a) To dynamically lower the leverage level on the Client trading accounts if the Company has ascertained that doing so will mitigate risks arising from extreme market movements due to significant events or announcements. This change will affect open transactions as well as the transactions to be opened after the announcement of lowering of the leverage level, which will be notified by the Company in a durable medium such as email.

(b) To limit the level of the offered leverage and/or to increase the size of Margin requirements before macroeconomic events and/or news capable of significantly affecting the prices of financial instruments.

(c) To limit the level of the offered leverage and/or to increase the size of Margin requirements in order to comply with any necessary regulatory requirements that fall within the Company's jurisdiction or within the jurisdiction of the Client.

- 7.8. The leverage cannot be changed to a higher level than the maximum levels prescribed per product type by current regulations.
- 7.9. The Client shall provide and maintain margin in accordance with the terms of the Agreement to secure the Client's obligations to the Company and satisfy the provisions of the Applicable Laws and Regulations. The margin shall be paid in a currency acceptable by the Company



and such margin deposits will be treated as Client's funds in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the provisions of the applicable legal framework.

- 7.10. The Client needs to continuously monitor any open positions in the Client's account, in order to avoid being closed due to unavailability of funds and the Company is under no obligation to make calls for margin. The Company will endeavour to notify the Client, as soon as it is reasonably practicable, on the amount of any margin payment required, for the Client's convenience. It is the Client's responsibility to notify the Company in case the Client is unable to meet a margin requirement.
- 7.11. In accordance with the Applicable Laws and Regulations regarding the restriction on the marketing, distribution or sale of CFDs, the Company offers clients with margin close-out protection. In particular, margin close-out protection means the closure of one or more of a Retail Client's open CFDs when the sum of funds in the CFD trading account and the unrealized net profits of all open CFDs connected to that account falls to less than 50% of the total initial margin protection for all those open CFDs