

# ACIERFX previously ARGUSFX

## KEY INFORMATION DOCUMENT-CFDs ON INDICES

### Purpose

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

### Risk Warning

CFDs are leveraged products and involve a high level of risk. It is possible to lose all your capital. These products may not be suitable for everyone and you should ensure that you understand the risks involved. Seek independent advice if necessary.

### Product Information

AcierFX Ltd, previously ArgusFX Ltd, uses the back-to-back order execution model and in this respect is acting both as manufacturer and distributor of this product. AcierFX Ltd, previously ArgusFX Ltd ("AcierFX") is authorised and regulated by the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (hereinafter the "CySEC") under the license number 334/17. You can contact us at [usatproduct@argusfx.com](mailto:usatproduct@argusfx.com) or by calling at +357 22 059059.

Contract for Future Difference (hereafter "CFD") allows the client to gain an indirect exposure to an underlying asset such as a security, commodity or index. This indicates that the client will never own this specific underlying asset, but he/she will make profits or suffering losses based on the change in price of the underlying asset he/she has an indirect exposure. Although there are different types of CFDs, this document provides all the Key Information regarding Index CFD, where the client's investment options, in an underlying asset, are stock indices such as Nasdaq, Dax and Euro Stoxx 50. A stock index or indices on plural form is used to describe the performance of the stock market.

For all the underlying assets of the AcierFX please visit Company's main website.

## **YOU ARE ABOUT TO PURCHASE A COMPLEX PRODUCT WHICH MAY BE DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND.**

### Objective

Trading CFDs indicates the speculation of a client on price movements in an underlying asset, by gaining an indirect exposure of that asset. The return of the investment is calculated based on the price movement of the index and the contract size opened.

A client has two options, either to Buy (going "Long") or Sell (going "Short") an index. If the client, after his/her research, believes that the value of the index will increase, he/she can Buy one or more contracts of this underlying asset, and after a short or long period of time, depending on his/her choice, sell these contracts (close the trade) when the value of the index is higher than the one bought. This price change between the buy price and the sell price is equal to the profit of the client plus any relevant cost.

If the client believes that the value of the index will decrease, can sell one or more contracts of the index at a specific price, with the intention to buy them back when the value of the index decreases. The client's profit/loss will be the difference in price between the selling price at the beginning and the bought price after the decrease in value.

However, in the case that the value of the index moves against the position placed by the client and the position closes, either by the client's choice or because of the margin call, the client's account will be suffering the loss of the trade plus any relevant costs (i.e swaps, commissions etc).

Before the client opens a trade on Financial Instruments, is required to maintain a margin. Margin is usually a relatively modest proportion of the overall contract value. This means that the client will be trading using "leverage" or "gearing".

The "gearing" or "leverage" is often obtainable in trading Financial Instruments products. This means a relatively small market movement can lead to a proportionately much larger movement in the value of the client's position, and this can work either against the client or for benefit of the client.

### **STP (Straight Through Process)**

AcierFX offers CFD Indices to its clients via STP process. The trading platform of AcierFX offers to its clients the best possible available prices, received by AcierFX Ltd's Liquidity providers, which act as a counterparty to its clients' trades, according to AcierFX's Order Execution Policy. AcierFX does not have the dealing on own account license and it is compensated directly by the volume of clients' trades. This depends on the account type of the client, where commissions are charged, either when a position is open or closed, or added as mark-up to the spread (Spread is the price difference between the ASK price, Buy or Long price, and the BID price, short or long price, of an underlying asset).

### **Intended Retail Client**

Reading in this product will not be appropriate for all investor and would most commonly be utilized by persons who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- i. have experience with financial markets;
- ii. understand the impact and risk associated with margin trading and how the prices of CFDs are derived;
- iii. are trading with money which they can afford to lose;
- iv. have a high risk tolerance;
- v. intend to use the product for short-term investment, speculative trading, portfolio diversification and/or hedging of exposure of an underlying asset.

CFD Indices are leveraged products and involve a high level of risk. It is possible for the Client to lose all his capital invested. Therefore, these products may not be suitable for everyone and the Client should ensure that he understands the risks involved. The Client should seek independent advice if necessary.

CFDs in general are execution-only products and therefore in general have no fixed or suggested maturity date. It is up to you when to open and close a position, however your position will only be kept open subject to availability of sufficient funds to cover the margin requirements. Specific information on each underlying investment option may be found at the main website.

### **Risk Involved**

#### ***Risk Rating***

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Lower Risk

Higher Risk

For a client to keep a position open, he/she must have sufficient margin in his/her account. This type of underlying asset has no recommended holding period.

The Risk indicator above shows that the client may not be able to trade a CFD at the price he/she wants due to high market volatility or he/she may have to buy or sell a CFD at a price that significantly affects his/her returns.

In addition, the Risk indicator guides the client to the risk level of this underlying asset compared to others. It is an indication to the client of the possibility to lose money because of changes in price due to market movements.

**AcierFX, has classified CFD indices with 7 out of 7 risk rating, which is the highest risk rate.** This means that the potential losses from future performance of the index CFD is high.

For a client to trade CFDs and keep the position open, there is a requirement of certain amount of funds, known as margin requirement. The client must deposit a small percentage of the notional value of the index in order to be able to open a position, resulting to a leveraged position. The word leverage indicates that gains or losses can be magnified.

Margin Requirement can be expressed as a percentage of the full amount of the notional trade size (per 1 contract of CFD).

AcierFX, updates its margin requirements regularly and where is needed can increase them to mitigate risks during high volatile markets and before major market news. All the margin requirements can be found on the Company's main website.

During an open position the client, has to maintain enough equity, considering all running profits and losses, in order to meet the margin requirements. If the open position is in loosing track then the client should deposit additional funds in order to avoid the margin call that is automatically set by AcierFX .

Due to different levels of volatility that affect price and volume, AcierFX, ensures that clients' orders are executed at current market prices, besides the Pending Orders. Clients' Pending Orders are executed by the AcierFX at the requested price. However, under certain market conditions (i.e. due to limited volume in the market) orders may not be filled at the exact price requested but at the best available market price offered by the AcierFX derived from its liquidity providers. This may occur during news announcements, during periods of volatile market conditions, on opening gaps or on possible gaps where the underline instrument has been suspended or restricted on a particular market.

### Performance Scenarios

There are a number of factors that may affect the performance of an instrument. Which you should be aware of before you begin to trade such as:

- Leverage risk/Margin risk
- Risk of loss of entire capital invested
- Credit risk
- Political/country risk
- Foreign exchange risk
- Market risk/ Market disruption risk
- Counterparty risk
- Online trading platform and IT risk
- Conflicts of interests

### Scenarios:

Price at Position Opening:8,000USD

Indices type: NASDAQ

Trade Size of CFD:5

Nominal Value of the trade: 40,000USD

Scenario- Buy Position	Price at Closing Position	Closed Profit/Loss	Price Movement
Stress Scenario	7,800 USD	(1,000) USD	-2.50%
Unfavourable Scenario	7,900 USD	(500) USD	-1.25%
Moderate Scenario	8,100 USD	500 USD	1.25%
Favourable Scenario	8,200 USD	1,000 USD	2.50%

Scenario- Sell Position	Price at Closing Position	Closed Profit/Loss	Price Movement
Stress Scenario	8,200 USD	(1,000) USD	2.50%
Unfavourable Scenario	8,100 USD	(500) USD	1.25%
Moderate Scenario	7,900 USD	500 USD	-1.25%
Favourable Scenario	7,800 USD	1,000 USD	-2.50%

### Inability of the AcierFX to Pay Out

According to section 15 (1) of the Investment Services and Activities and Regulated Markets Law 87 (I)/2017, a Cypriot Investment Firm ('CIF') must be in compliance with its obligation under Directive 97/9/EC. Based on which each Member State should have an investor compensation scheme that guarantees a harmonized minimum level of protection at least for the small investor in the event of an investment firm being unable to meet its obligation to its investor clients.

In this respect, AcierFX is member of the Investor Compensation Fund ('ICF') for clients of CIFs and other Investment Firms ('IFs') which are not credit institutions. AcierFX is in compliance with the Directive DI144-2007-15 and New ICF Directive.

If, AcierFX cannot meet its obligations, depending on the type of business and the circumstances of the claim, the Fund covers at least 90% of any loss as long as the compensation paid is less than the Community minimum. Therefore, the coverage =Min (90% x claimed amount, €20,000).

The payment of any compensation by the Fund entails ipso jure subrogation of the Fund to the rights of the compensated covered client-claimant against the member of the Fund for an amount equal to the compensation payable to it.

More information in regard to the Investors Compensation Fund can be found: [Investor Compensation Fund](#)

### **Costs**

Please ensure that you are familiar with all the costs for which you may be liable, by trading CFDs on Indices. These charges will reduce any net profit or increase your potential losses. The impact of the different types of cost on the return you might have from your investment is outlined below and you can visit the Company's main website for more information in relation to the costs for trading index CFDs: [Indices Costs](#)

**Spread:** When trading CFDs you must pay the spread, which is the difference between the bid (sell) and the ask (buy) price. You enter a buy trade using the buying price quoted and exit using the selling price. The narrower the spread, the less the price needs to move in your favour before you start to make a profit, or if the price moves against you, a loss. The spread charge is calculated as follows:

- a) On the WebTrader platform: Volume \* Instrument's Spread
- b) On the MT4 platform: Volume \* Contract Size \* Instrument's Spread

**Swaps:** A Swap is an overnight interest that a client is charged, for holding a position overnight. If the swap amount is negative, then the client is charged and if the swap amount is positive, then the client is credited.

The swap charge is calculated as follows:

- a) On the WebTrader platform: Volume \* Instrument's Closing Price \* Instrument's Overnight Swap Charge \* Days Held
- b) On the MT4 platform: Volume \* Contract Size \* Instrument's Overnight Swap Charge \* Tick Size \* Days Held

**Exchange Rate:** In the case where a client has an account that is denominated in a currency that is not of the same currency as the instrument where a position has been opened, any profits or losses will be credited or charged to the client's account, at the currency at which the client's account is denominated, after a conversion has occurred from the asset's denominated currency, at the current exchange rate at the time of the transaction.

**Conversion Fees:** A conversion fee is applied when a client has an account that is denominated in a currency that is not of the same currency as the instrument being traded. The fee is reflected as a percentage of the conversion rate used, for the used margin, profit and loss, swaps, rollovers and adjustments for corporate actions.

**Tax:** The tax legislation in your country of residence may have an impact on the actual payout of your investment.

### **Holding period of position**

The Company does not prescribe a holding period for any position whether this is a buy or sell position. There is no recommended holding period and no cancellation period for CFDs on Indices. You can open and close a CFD on Indices at any time during the market trading hours of each CFD. It is essential to be aware of the implications of trading with margin and the associated costs, if you intend to use a buy and hold strategy when trading in CFDs.

### **Complaints**

You may file a complaint by submitting the Complaints Form via post or by hand at: 148 Strovolos Avenue, 1 st Floor, 2048 Nicosia, Cyprus, or via email at: [support@argusfx.com](mailto:support@argusfx.com). All complaints will be treated strictly confidential. You can refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman of the Republic of Cyprus at : [complaints@financialombudsman.gov.cy](mailto:complaints@financialombudsman.gov.cy) if you are dissatisfied with your assessment and ruling.

For more information in regard to the Complaint Handling Procedure can be found: [Complaint Handling Procedure](#)

**Other Relevant Information**

You have a right to request a hard copy of the present document. Leveraged trading in foreign currency contracts, contracts for difference or other off-exchange products carries a high level of risk and may not be suitable for everyone. Before trading, you are strongly advised to read all [Legal Documentation](#) displayed in the legal section of our website. Such information is also available on request.

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