

## Purpose

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

Spread bets on bonds are offered by **InterTrader Limited** (“InterTrader”).

InterTrader is a Gibraltar incorporated company, authorised and regulated by the Gibraltar Financial Services Commission and is subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority for its Branch activity (ref 597312).

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

## What is this product?

### Type

A SB is a leveraged contract entered into with InterTrader on a bilateral basis. It allows an investor to speculate on rising or falling prices in an underlying bond.

An investor has the choice to buy (or go “long”) the SB to benefit from rising bond prices; or to sell (or go “short”) the SB to benefit from falling bond prices. The price of the SB is derived from the underlying bond future, which may be either the undated or a forward price. For instance, if an investor is long the undated German Bund SB and the price of the underlying bond future rises, the value of the SB will increase - at the end of the contract InterTrader will pay the difference between the closing value of the contract and the opening value of the contract. Conversely, if an investor is long and the price of the underlying bond future falls, the value of the SB will decrease - at the end of the contract the investor will pay InterTrader the difference between the closing value of the contract and the opening value of the contract. A SB referencing the underlying forward price works in exactly the same way except that such contracts have a pre-defined expiry date – a date upon which the contract either automatically closes or must be rolled into the next period. The leverage embedded within all spread bets has the effect of magnifying both profits and losses.

### Objectives

The objective of the SB is to allow an investor to gain leveraged exposure to the movement in the value of the underlying commodity (whether up or down), without actually needing to buy or sell the physical commodity. The exposure is leveraged since the SB only requires a small proportion of the notional value of the contract (the value of the underlying commodity) to be put down upfront as initial margin and is one of the key features of trading SB.

By way of example, if an investor buys a SB at a size of £10 per point and an initial margin requirement of 0.5% and an underlying bond price of 16000, the initial investment would be £800 (0.5% x 16000 x £10). The effect of leverage, in this case 200:1 (0.5% / 1) has resulted in a notional value of the contract of £160,000 (800 x 200). This means that for each 1 point change in the price of the underlying market so the value of the SB changes by £10. For instance, if the investor is long and the market increases in value, a £10 profit will be made for every 1 point increase in that market. However if the market decreases in value, a £10 loss will be incurred for each point the market decreases in value. Conversely, if an investor holds a short position, a profit is made in line with any decreases in that market, and a loss for any increases in the market.

The undated SB does not have a pre-defined maturity date and is therefore open-ended; by contrast, a future SB has a pre-defined expiry date. As a result, there is no recommended holding period for either and it is down to the discretion of each individual investor to determine the most appropriate holding period based on their own individual trading strategy and objectives.

Failure to deposit additional funds in the case of negative price movement may result in the SB being auto- closed. InterTrader also retains the ability to unilaterally terminate any SB contract where it deems that the terms of the contract have been breached.

### Intended Retail Investor

Spread bets are intended for investors who have knowledge of, or experience with, leveraged products. Likely investors will understand how the prices of spread bets are derived and the key concepts of margin and leverage, and that losses may exceed deposits in a given position. They will understand the risk/reward profile of the product compared to traditional share dealing, and desire short-term, high-risk exposure to an underlying asset. Investors will also have appropriate financial means, hold other investment types and have the ability to bear losses in excess of the initial amount invested.

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

### Risk indicator



The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

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

SB's are leveraged products that, due to underlying market movement, can generate losses rapidly. Losses can exceed the amount invested in a given position and you may be required to deposit additional funds in order to maintain your positions. There is no capital protection against market risk, credit risk or liquidity risk. **It is possible to lose the total balance on your account.**

**Be aware of currency risk.** It is possible to buy or sell spread bets on a bond in a currency which is different to the base currency of your account. The final return you may get depends on the exchange rate between the two currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator shown above.

Market conditions may mean that your SB trade on a bond is closed at less favourable price, which could significantly impact how much you get back. We may close your open SB contract if you do not maintain the minimum margin that is required, if you are in debt to the company, or if you contravene market regulations. This process may be automated.

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

If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment. However, you may benefit from a consumer protection scheme (see "what happens if we are unable to pay you"). The indicator shown above does not consider this protection.

### Performance scenarios

The scenarios shown illustrate how your investment could perform. You can compare them with the scenarios of other products. The scenarios presented are an estimate of future performance based on evidence from the past on how the value of this investment varies, and are not an exact indicator. What you get will vary depending on how the market performs and how long you hold the spread bet. The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances, and it does not take into account the situation where we are not able to pay you.

The following assumptions have been used to create the scenarios in Table 1:

Bond SB (held intraday)		
Bond opening price:	P	16000
Bet size (£/pt):	TS	10
Margin %:	M	20%
Margin Requirement (£):	$MR = P \times TS \times M$	£32,000
Notional value of the trade (£):	$TN = MR/M$	£160,000

Table 1

LONG Performance scenario	Closing price (inc. spread)	Price change	Profit/loss	SHORT Performance scenario	Closing price (inc. spread)	Price change	Profit/loss
Favourable	16240	1.5%	£2,400	Favourable	15760	-1.5%	£2,400
Moderate	16080	0.5%	£800	Moderate	15920	-0.5%	£800
Unfavourable	15760	-1.5%	-£2,400	Unfavourable	16240	1.5%	-£2,400
Stress	15200	-5.0%	-£8,000	Stress	16800	5.0%	-£8,000

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself. If you have been sold this product by someone else, or have a third party advising you about this product, these figures do not include any cost that you pay to them. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

### What happens if InterTrader Limited is unable to pay out?

If InterTrader is unable to meet its financial obligations to you, you may lose the value of your investment. However, InterTrader segregates all retail client funds from its own money in accordance with applicable Client Asset rules.

InterTrader is also part of the Gibraltar Investor Compensation Scheme. <http://www.gics.gi/gicswhowhat.html>

### What are the costs?

Trading a SB on an underlying bond incurs the following costs:

This table shows the different types of cost categories and their meaning			
Undated and Futures	One-off entry or exit costs	Spread	The difference between the buy price and the sell price is called the spread. This cost is realised each time you open and close a trade.
		Currency conversion	Any cash, realised profit and losses, adjustments, fees and charges that are denominated in a currency other than the base currency of your account, will be converted to the base currency of your account and a currency conversion fee will be charged to your account.
Undated only	Ongoing costs	Daily holding cost	A fee is charged to your account for every night that your position is held. This means the longer you hold a position, the more it costs.
Undated and Futures	Incidental costs	Distributor fee	We may from time to time share a proportion of our spread, commissions and other account fees with other persons including a distributor that may have introduced you.
Futures only	Other costs	Rollover costs	We charge you to rollover a futures contract into the next month or quarter, equal to the applicable spread to open and close a trade.

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

Spread bets are intended for short term trading, in some cases intraday and are generally not suitable for long term investments. There is no recommended holding period, no cancellation period and therefore no cancellation fees. You can open and close a SB on a bond at any time during market hours.

### How can I complain?

In the first instance you can contact our Customer Support team via email at [support@intertrader.com](mailto:support@intertrader.com) or via telephone on +44 203 364 5189. You can also contact the Compliance Department at [Compliance@intertrader.com](mailto:Compliance@intertrader.com). If you do not feel that your complaint has been resolved satisfactorily, you may refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). See [www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk](http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk) for further information or the Gibraltar Financial Services Commission.

### Other relevant information

The Terms and Policies section of our website contains important information regarding your account. You should ensure that you are familiar with all the terms and policies that apply to your account.

If there is a time lag between the time you place your order and the moment it is executed, your order may not be executed at the price you expected.