

Description of the Target Market for Financial Instruments in Portfolio Management



Guidelines on determination of target markets for financial instruments

Joint-stock company "Rietumu Banka" (hereinafter – the Bank) Complying with the requirements of the Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament¹ and of the Council (hereinafter – MiFID II) to determine the target market for financial instruments or providing related services, the Bank has developed guidelines which allow the client to assess whether he/she belongs to the target market for a particular financial instrument when receiving an individual portfolio management service.

The Bank shall determine the target market for the financial instruments it develops and/or distributes, specifying the types of clients whose needs, characteristics and purposes correspond to these financial instruments. In some cases, the Bank is not able to ascertain whether a particular client belongs to the target market of the corresponding financial instrument. If the client wants to purchase a financial instrument on his own initiative, the Bank shall provide the client with the minimum set of information according to the rules of MiFID II, therefore, the client must independently assess whether he/she belongs to the target market for a particular financial instrument.

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¹ Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Directive 2002/92/EC and Directive 2011/61/EU

Criteria for target market and distribution strategy

CRITERIA	DESCRIPTION	DESIGNATIONS
CLIENT STATUS	Client status according to the requirements of the Financial Instruments Market Law of Republic of Latvia	 Retail client Professional client Eligible counterparty
CLIENT'S KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE	Knowledge/experience related to the respective financial instrument, which helps to understand the type, characteristics, risks of the financial instrument	 1. Basic investor: An investor that meets the following criteria: - no or minimal knowledge of the financial instruments - no experience in the financial sector, i.e. an investor with no previous investment experience 2. Informed investor: An investor that meets the following criteria: - Intermediate knowledge of the respective financial instruments - (informed investor is able to make an investment decision based on the information provided in the documentation of the offer; is able to understand the nature/risks of financial instruments based on existing knowledge) - Has prior investment experience 3. Advanced investor: An investor that meets the following criteria: - Good knowledge of the respective financial instruments and products - Has professional experience in financial sector, which is combined with providing professional consultations on investment services/portfolio management services
FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE CLIENT AND THE ABILITY TO BEAR LOSSES	Client's ability to make financial commitments	 Client has no regular income and liabilities are greater than assets Client has regular income; and the Client's liabilities and projected expenses are greater than assets The Client's assets are greater than liabilities and projected expenses
ACCEPTABLE RISK LEVEL AND PRODUCT RISK, AND COMPLIANCE OF TARGET YIELD WITH THE TARGET MARKET	Client's general attitude towards investment risks	Internal methodology based risk indicator value: 1. Low risk 2. Medium-low risk 3. Medium risk 4. Medium-high risk 5. High risk
CLIENT'S OBJECTIVES AND NEEDS	Client's investment objectives and term of investment	Investment objectives: 1. Preservation of the investment amount takes priority over profitability 2. Maintaining the purchasing power of the investment, earning income close to average inflation and low risk 3. Earning returns above the rate of inflation 4. Earning higher returns 5. Maximizing profit with high risk Cother: 1. Less than 3 years, but less than 5 years 3. Long term, over 5 years
SUSTAINABILITY	Client's sustainability- oriented objectives	 Yes. The client expressed specific objectives for sustainable investments Neutral. The client agrees that his/her portfolio will be managed in accordance with the Bank's approach to sustainability risk management, but has not expressed specific preferences No. The client does not want his/her portfolio to be managed in accordance with the Bank's sustainability risk management approach
DISTRIBUTION STRATEGY	Distribution of a financial product to a specific target market	Portfolio management (suitability test)

Simple Financial instruments*

Shares, UCITS funds, UCITS ETFs**, which are included in the European Union regulated market, Multilateral trading facility or an equivalent foreign market, except for shares containing a derivative instrument or which structure makes it more difficult for the client to understand the risk associated with the relevant financial instrument

Debt instruments, which are included in the European Union regulated market, Multilateral trading facility or an equivalent foreign market, with the exception of those that contain a derivative instrument or which structure makes it difficult for the client to understand the risk associated with the relevant financial instrument

Money market instruments – deposits, etc., with the exception of those that contain a derivative instrument or whose structure is such that it is difficult for the client to understand the risk associated with the financial instrument in question

CRITERIA	TARGET MARKET	NEGATIVE TARGET MARKET	NEUTRAL
CLIENT STATUS	Retail client		
	2. Professional client		
	3. Eligible counterparty		
CLIENT'S KNOWLEDGE	Basic investor		
AND EXPERIENCE	2. Informed investor		
	3. Advanced investor		
FINANCIAL POSITION OF	1. Client has no regular income and liabilities		
THE CLIENT AND THE	are greater than assets		
OPPORTUNITY TO INCUR	2. Client has regular income; and the Client's		
LOSSES	liabilities and projected expenses are		
	greater than assets		
	3. The Client's assets are greater than		
	liabilities and projected expenses		
ACCEPTABLE RISK LEVEL	1. Low risk		
AND PRODUCT RISK,	2. Medium-low risk		
AND COMPLIANCE OF	3. Medium risk		
PROFITABILITY WITH	4. Medium-high risk		
THE TARGET MARKET	5. High risk		
CLIENT'S OBJECTIVES	Preservation of the investment amount		
AND NEEDS	takes priority over profitability		
	2. Maintaining the purchasing power of the		
	investment, earning income close to		
	average inflation and low risk		
	3. Earning returns above the rate of inflation		
	4. Earning higher returns		
	5. Maximizing profit with high risk		
TERM OF INVESTMENT	Less than 3 years		
	2. At least 3 years, but less than 5 years		
	3. Long term, over 5 years		
DISTRIBUTION			
STRATEGY	1. Portfolio management (suitability test)		
	1. Yes. The client expressed specific		
	objectives for sustainable investments		
	2. Neutral. The client agrees that his/her		
	portfolio will be managed in accordance		
	with the Bank's approach to sustainability		
SUSTAINABILITY	risk management, but has not expressed		
	specific preferences		
	3. No. The client does not want his/her		
	portfolio to be managed in accordance with		
	the Bank's sustainability risk management		
	approach		

^{*} The category of the financial instrument corresponds to the classification set out in the MiFID II Directive

^{**} Undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities

Complex Financial instruments

Shares that are not simple, Non-UCITS funds, Structured products

CRITERIA	TARGET MARKET	NEGATIVE TARGET MARKET NEUTRAL
CLIENT STATUS	Retail client Professional client Bligible counterparty	
CLIENT'S KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE	2. Informed investor3. Advanced investor	1. Basic investor
FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE CLIENT AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO INCUR LOSSES	 Client has no regular income and liabilities are greater than assets Client has regular income; and the Client's liabilities and projected expenses are greater than assets The Client's assets are greater than liabilities and projected expenses. 	
ACCEPTABLE RISK LEVEL AND PRODUCT RISK, AND COMPLIANCE OF PROFITABILITY WITH THE TARGET MARKET	 Low risk Medium-low risk Medium risk Medium-high risk High risk 	
CLIENT OBJECTIVES AND NEEDS	 Preservation of the investment amount takes priority over profitability Maintaining the purchasing power of the investment, earning income close to average inflation and low risk Earning returns above the rate of inflation Earning higher returns Maximizing profit with high risk 	
TERM OF INVESTMENT	 Less than 3 years At least 3 years, but less than 5 years Long term, over 5 years 	
DISTRIBUTION STRATEGY	Portfolio management (suitability test)	
SUSTAINABILITY	 Yes. The client expressed specific objectives for sustainable investments Neutral. The client agrees that his/her portfolio will be managed in accordance with the Bank's approach to sustainability risk management, but has not expressed specific preferences No. The client does not want his/her portfolio to be managed in accordance with the Bank's sustainability risk management approach 	

Complex Financial instruments

Debt instruments with an Investment Grade credit rating. They can have complex built-in mechanisms (early cancellation, floating rate, etc.)

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CLIENT OBJECTIVES AND NEEDS	 Preservation of the investment amount takes priority over profitability Maintaining the purchasing power of the investment, earning income close to average inflation and low risk Earning returns above the rate of inflation Earning higher returns Maximizing profit with high risk 		
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Complex Financial instruments

All other debt instruments, that are not simple debt instruments (may have complex built-in mechanisms)

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FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE CLIENT AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO INCUR LOSSES	 Client has regular income; and the Client's liabilities and projected expenses are greater than assets The Client's assets are greater than liabilities and projected expenses 		Client has no regular income and liabilities are greater than assets
ACCEPTABLE RISK LEVEL AND PRODUCT RISK, AND COMPLIANCE OF PROFITABILITY WITH THE TARGET MARKET	 Medium-low risk Medium risk Medium-high risk High risk 		1. Low risk
CLIENT OBJECTIVES AND NEEDS	 Maintaining the purchasing power of the investment, earning income close to average inflation and low risk Earning returns above the rate of inflation Earning higher returns Maximizing profit with high risk 		Preservation of the investment amount takes priority over profitability
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Complex Financial instruments

Derivative instruments (Futures, Options, Options contracts on futures and shares)

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FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE CLIENT AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO INCUR LOSSES	 Medium risk Medium-high risk High risk 	 Low risk Medium-low risk 	
ACCEPTABLE RISK LEVEL AND PRODUCT RISK, AND COMPLIANCE OF PROFITABILITY WITH THE TARGET MARKET	3. Earning returns above the rate of inflation4. Earning higher returns5. Maximizing profit with high risk	 Preservation of the investment amount takes priority over profitability Maintaining the purchasing power of the investment, earning income close to average inflation and low risk 	
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Complex Financial instruments

Currency (FX) Forward Contract

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DISTRIBUTION STRATEGY	Portfolio management (suitability test)	1	
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Marginal lending

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