# **KEY INFORMATION DOCUMENT** (PUT OPTIONS ON GOLD AND SILVER FUTURES)

**Purpose:** This document provides 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.

# Product: ICE Futures U.S. ("IFUS") - Put Options on Gold and Silver Futures Contracts

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

## What is this product?

Type: Derivative. Put Options on gold and silver futures are considered to be derivatives under Annex I, Section C of MiFID 2014/65/EU.

#### **Objectives:**

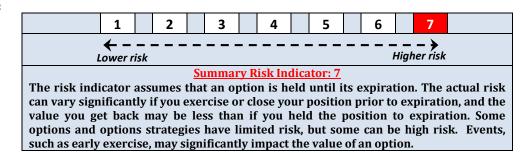
Put Options on gold and silver futures are physically settled derivatives. A Put Option gives the **buyer** the right, but not the obligation, during the fixed period stated in the contractual terms, to sell (take a "short position" in) the underlying gold or silver future at a predetermined price ("strike price"). Sellers (or "writers") of a Put Option take on an obligation to buy (take a "long position" in) the underlying IFUS gold or silver futures contract, if the Put Option is exercised by the buyer. IFUS Put Options on gold and silver futures are American style, meaning the buyer may exercise the option on any trading day up to and including the exercise deadline on the expiration date. Each option series has an expiration date ("last trading day"), after which the product will expire if it has not been exercised. Subject to market conditions, you can close your position on any trading day up to and including the expiration date. If you 'opened' a position by buying a Put Option, you sell the same contract to 'close' your position. If you 'opened' a position by selling a Put Option, you buy the same contract to 'close' your position. Factors that impact a Put Option's value include, but are not limited to, the strike price, time until expiration, market volatility and the value of the underlying gold or silver future. IFUS Put Options on gold and silver futures may in certain circumstances be unilaterally terminated by IFUS and may be subject to termination following an event of default by a clearing member (see "What happens if IFUS is unable to pay out?" below).

#### Intended retail investor:

This product is not designed to be marketed to a specific type of investor or to fulfil a specific investment objective or investment strategy. A retail investor should become familiar with the characteristics of this product to make an informed decision on whether or not this product fits their investment needs. If in doubt, a retail investor should contact their broker or investment adviser to obtain investment advice.

# 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 market. This product is classified as **7 out of 7**, which is the highest risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a very high level.
- This product can expose a retail investor to unlimited liabilities in certain circumstances. This is a complex product and is only likely to be appropriate for the most experienced, sophisticated and knowledgeable types of investors.
- In some circumstances you may be required to make further payments to pay for losses. The total loss you may incur may significantly exceed the amount invested.
- This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.
- If the clearing organization or any intermediary is not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.
- The risk and reward profile of a Put Option depends on its terms, but will involve the following considerations:
- Buyers of Put Options can incur a maximum loss equal to the option premium, plus any transaction costs.

- Sellers (writers) of Put Options take on an obligation to buy the underlying gold or silver future on or before the last trading day if the Put Option is exercised. Sellers can incur unlimited losses. Selling options can be high risk and requires extensive product knowledge.
- The profit or loss potential of a Put Option on the expiration date depends on the exercise price and the premium paid by a Buyer or the premium received by a Seller. The profit or loss potential of the seller of a Put Option is also affected by whether the holder has a covering position in the underlying.
- The price of the Put Option depends on several factors, such as the price of the underlying gold or silver futures contract, strike price, interest rates, time remaining to expiry and the market expectations on volatility.
- Following exercise of a Put Option, the parties will have entered into the underlying futures contract, and will be subject to the risks thereof. You should review the Key Information Document for the IFUS gold and silver futures contracts for a discussion of certain such risks.
- Positions in Put Options are subject to liquidity risks, in that your ability to close out a position on or prior to the last trading day will depend on entering into an offsetting position in the market with other market participants at the time. There is no commitment on the part of the exchange or any other person to enter into such offsetting transactions, and such closing transactions may not be available at the desired time, or may not be available at favorable prices.

## Performance scenarios:

These graphs illustrate how your investment could perform. You can compare them with the pay-off graphs of other derivatives products in different Key Information Documents.

The graphs presented give a range of possible outcomes and are not an exact indication of what you might get back. What you get will vary depending on how the underlying will develop. For each value of the underlying, the graphs show what the profit or loss of the product would be. The horizontal axis shows the various possible prices of the underlying future on the expiry date and the vertical axis shows the profit or loss.

## **Buy Put Option**

Strike

Breakeven

Price underlying

Premium

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Profit

Loss

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#### Transaction: Buy Put Option.

Investment: Put Option premium amount required.



**Market expectation:** Falling market. Buying this product indicates that you think the price of the underlying future will decrease.

**Profit/loss calculation:** The profit or loss at expiration is calculated as follows:

<u>Step one:</u> Take the Put Option's strike price minus the price of the underlying, then multiply by the contract quantity. When the result of this calculation is a negative figure, the result is set at zero.

<u>Step two:</u> Take the result of Step one and subtract the premium paid for the Put Option.

## Profit and loss characteristics:

**Profit:** Your maximum profit is equal to the strike price multiplied by the contract quantity, minus the premium paid for the Put Option and transaction costs.

Loss: Your maximum loss is the amount of the premium plus transaction costs.

**Break-even:** Reached when the value of the underlying gold or silver future falls below the strike price, by the same amount as the premium paid to establish the position plus transaction costs.

# Sell Put Option



Transaction: Sell Put Option.

**Investment**: None, but margin is required.

**Margin:** Initial margin requirement, up to, and in certain circumstances exceeding, the amount required for having a position in the underlying future (approximately 5% of the contract notional value), plus the daily premium of the option.

**Market expectation**: Rising market. Selling this product indicates that you think the price of the underlying future will increase.

Profit/loss calculation: The profit or loss at expiration is calculated as follows.

<u>Step one:</u> Take the Put Option's strike price minus the price of the underlying future, then multiply by the contract quantity. When the result of this calculation is a negative figure, the result is set at zero. <u>Step two:</u> Take the premium received and subtract the result of Step one.

#### Profit and loss characteristics:

**Profit:** Limited to the premium received from selling the Put Option, minus transaction costs. **Loss:** Your maximum loss is equal to the strike price multiplied by the contract quantity, minus the premium received for the Put Option and transaction costs. You may lose all of your initial margin and be required to pay any additional increase in the premium of the option.

**Break-even:** Reached when the value of the underlying gold or silver futures falls below the strike price by the same amount as the premium received from selling the Put Option plus transaction costs.

The scenarios shown may not include all the costs that you pay to your advisor or broker. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

## What happens if IFUS is unable to pay out?

IFUS is not responsible for paying out under the investment. Put Options on gold and silver futures contracts traded on ICE Futures U.S. are centrally cleared by ICE Clear US, Inc. ("ICUS"). Neither IFUS nor ICUS is within the jurisdiction of any financial services compensation scheme in the EU. In the event of a default by ICUS or your clearing intermediary, your position may become subject to default procedures (including termination) under the IFUS or ICUS rules, and you will be exposed to a risk of financial loss.

# What are the costs?

#### **Costs over Time and Composition of Costs:**

Transactions (including both opening and closing transactions) in Put Options on gold and silver futures are subject to exchange, clearing, exercise and settlement fees which are charged to clearing members and may be invoiced by clearing members to investors. The full fee schedule is available on our website https://www.theice.com/fees. Following exercise, retail investors would be subject to the fees applicable to the underlying futures contract, as well as any associated fees and charges. Further or associated costs may be charged to retail investors by brokers or other intermediaries involved in a retail derivative transaction. There are no recurring costs for this product.

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

**There is no recommended holding period for this product.** IFUS gold and silver Put Options can be held until expiration. IFUS gold and silver Put Options are American style so the buyer can exercise the Put Option on any day up to and including the last trading day. Put Options will expire on the relevant maturity date unless validly exercised. Put Options can also be closed out on any trading day up to and including the last trading day. Whether or not retail investors choose to do so will depend on their investment strategy and risk profile.

✓ A short position can be closed by entering a buy order in the market on any trading day up to and including the last trading day.

✓ A long position can be closed by entering a sell order in the market on any trading day up to and including the last trading day. Investors wishing to continue to hold an option position in the underlying beyond the last trading day must close out their existing position on or before the last trading day and enter into new options positions for a later expiration, a process known as rolling. Rolling option positions may entail costs and risks of loss depending on market conditions at the time.

## How can I complain?

Retail investors should address complaints to the broker or intermediary with whom the investor has a contractual relationship in relation to this product or to the ICE Futures U.S. Market Regulation Department at Compliance-US@theice.com.

# Other relevant information

IFUS has produced this document in order to provide a more efficient basis for compliance with Regulation (EU) No. 1286/2014 (the "**PRIIPs Regulation**") for exchange trading participants/members. To the extent permitted under the PRIIPs Regulation, IFUS undertakes no duty of care for the contents of this document and makes no warranty, representation or undertaking as to its accuracy. IFUS has not considered the specific circumstances of any 'retail investor' (as that term is defined in the PRIIPs Regulation) ("**EEA Retail Investors**"). EEA Retail Investors should only trade in this product based on their own assessment of the risks and should take their own financial, tax and legal advice. Any person making products to which this document relates available to an EEA Retail Investor is responsible for verifying whether this document is sufficient for their purposes or their clients' purposes, for adding any further disclosures as may be required for their clients and for assessing the suitability and appropriateness for their clients of any products traded on IFUS. IFUS is not responsible for the actions of any third party that offers trading in IFUS products, and to the extent possible under applicable law, IFUS excludes all liabilities in relation to IFUS-traded products offered to EEA Retail Investors by any such third party. IFUS is not a 'PRIIP manufacturer' (as that term is defined in the PRIIPs Regulation) with respect to any offer to EEA Retail Investors in any EEA Member State other than those in which English is an official language or otherwise where a translated key information document in an official language of that EEA Member State is produced on IFUS's website.