

## Purpose

This document provides you with key information about Spread Co Ltd's investment products. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of these products and to help you compare them with other products.

## Products

**Product Name:** Spread bets.

**Product Manufacturer:** Spread Co Limited ("Spread Co"), a company registered in England and Wales, number 05614477. Spread Co Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom (FRN: 446677).

**Further Information:** For more information please call 0800 078 9398 or visit [www.spreadco.com](http://www.spreadco.com).

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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:** Spread Betting. A Spread Bet is an agreement between two parties which allows you to make a profit or loss by reference to fluctuations in the price of an underlying instrument. The amount of profit or loss will be the difference between the price the Spread Bet is opened and the closing price, minus any relevant costs.

**Objectives:** Spread Co offers Spread Betting on Equities, Indices, Foreign Exchange and Commodities. Instruments track their respective underlying markets. Spread Betting offers investors the exposure to various markets without having to physically own the underlying instruments. Some of the benefits of Spread Betting are access to invest in Spread Bets in global markets, the use of leverage to gain exposure from a smaller amount of capital and the ability to trade in rising and falling markets. If you think the value of an instrument is going to increase, you could buy spread bets ("going long") and sell them at a higher price, or if you think the value is going to fall you can sell spread bets ("going short") and buy them back later.

**Intended retail investor:** Investors in spread bets should understand the products and risk, have a high risk tolerance, should be able to bear the loss of their funds and wish to generally gain short term exposure (long or short) to markets with the use of leverage.

**Closure of positions:** Spread bets on forwards will automatically be rolled onto the next contract upon the expiry of the current contract; expiry dates can be found in the market information. Spread bets on non-forwards may be held indefinitely. All positions may be closed unilaterally if you do not meet margin requirements.

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



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. Due to the leveraged nature of Spread Betting it has been classified as 7, which is the highest risk class, regardless of the period of time for which the product is held. The actual risk and return varies on the basis of the underlying investment. Our instruments are not listed on any exchange, and the prices and other conditions are set in accordance with our best execution policy. Bets can only be closed with Spread Co, and are not transferable to any other provider. You may not be able to close your position easily, or may have to close at a price that significantly impacts on how much you get back, if of a greater than normal market size. 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 the section "What happens if Spread Co is unable to pay out"). The indicator shown above does not consider this protection.

### Performance scenarios:

This table shows the money you could get back based on different scenarios, assuming you buy with a stake of £10 per point on UK100 with a spread of 0.8, do not hold the position overnight and have an initial investment of £2500 at an opening price of 7600.

	Market Price Change	Profit/loss	Profit/loss %*
<b>Stress scenario:</b>	-130 / -1.7%	-£1308	-52.3%
<b>Unfavourable scenario:</b>	-50 / -0.6%	-£508	-20.3%
<b>Moderate scenario:</b>	0	-£8	-0.004%
<b>Favourable scenario:</b>	130 / +1.7%	£1292	51.7%

\*Based on initial investment of £2500.

This table shows what you would get back in various market circumstances. The scenarios presented are examples 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 keep the investment/product and does not take into account the situation where we are not able to pay you. Positions may be liquidated once your account valuation falls below the margin required; this reduces the likelihood of losing more than you invested, but does not remove the risk (subject to your client classification). Margin requirements are based on your cumulative positions, not on isolated positions. The figures shown include all the intra-day costs of the product itself, but exclude any overnight holding costs. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation.

### What happens if Spread Co is unable to pay out?

Spread Co segregates retail client money from its own funds, and should therefore be able to pay out, even in the event of insolvency. However, if Spread Co is unable to pay out, you may be eligible to claim compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. More information on this, the qualifying criteria and the compensation limits can be found here: <https://www.fscs.org.uk/>

### What are the costs?

Category	Description	Costs	Explanation
<b>One-off costs</b>	Spread	Variable by instrument.  Full List <a href="https://www.spreadco.com/range-of-markets/">https://www.spreadco.com/range-of-markets/</a>	The spread is the difference between the buy and sell price of our instruments. You pay the spread upon opening and closing your positions.
<b>Ongoing Costs</b>	Overnight Financing	Our financing charge for long index positions, conducted in GBP, is SONIA.  If you conducted the trade or bet in USD or EUR, then US SOFR or ESTR is used, respectively.	Long positions held overnight will be charged a financing fee, dependent on the price of the instrument, the applicable interest rate and the number of nights held.  No cost for all short cash index/Equity positions. Haircuts as per fee's list provided at account opening.  <a href="https://www.spreadco.com/why-spread-co/low-financing-charges/">https://www.spreadco.com/why-spread-co/low-financing-charges/</a>

<b>Ongoing Costs</b>	Overnight Foreign Exchange Rollovers	For Foreign Exchange, Spot Gold & Spot Silver open positions, a credit or debit depending on the currency pair	If the interest rate applicable to a currency you are long in is higher than the currency you are short in you may receive a credit. If the inverse is true you will incur a debit charge.
<b>Ongoing Costs</b>	Forwards Financing	Forward market rollover costs	We charge to roll over a forward contract into the next month or quarter contract, this charge is equal to the applicable spread to open and close a trade on expiry.
<b>Other</b>	Margin Requirements	From 3.33% of notional value.  Full list <a href="https://www.spreadco.com/range-of-markets/">https://www.spreadco.com/range-of-markets/</a>	You are required to have a set amount of margin in your account proportionate to the overall notional value of your investment. If you do not your position can be closed out. You can add more funds to your account to keep your margin levels adequate. All funds used for margin are at risk of loss, but are released for use again if positions are closed.

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

Spread Bets are generally held for short time periods, but can be held indefinitely, subject to margin requirements. The more available free resources in your account the more likely it is that you will be able to hold your position for longer periods – it is recommended that you monitor your available resources in order to ensure that you are able to hold your position for your desired duration. Positions on forwards will be automatically rolled upon expiry.

It is possible to close your positions at any time during the relevant market's trading hours, and you will be able to submit a withdrawal request for your available balance at any time.

### How can I complain?

Any complaints that are not resolved by Spread Co can be referred to FOS (Financial Ombudsman Services). Please see our complaints policy: <https://www.spreadco.com/complaints-policy/>

### Other relevant information

The margin close out rule is applied to retail client accounts on a per account basis. This means that we will close out one or more of your open positions if the total margin in your account falls below 50% of the minimum amount of money required to open a transaction.

Under certain trading conditions, it may be difficult or impossible to apply the margin close out rule. This may be, for example, at times of rapid price movement and highly volatile market conditions. Where this is the case, retail clients will benefit from our Negative Balance Protection, which means your losses will never exceed the cash balance in your account.

CFDs and Spread Bets are complex instruments and come with a high risk of losing money rapidly due to leverage. **71.8% of retail investor accounts lose money when trading CFDs and Spread Bets with this provider.** You should consider whether you understand how CFDs and Spread Bets work and whether you can afford to take the high risk of losing your money.