

## Introduction

For purposes of this Document, the terms "we," "us," and "our" refer to Mt.Cook Financial ("MT.COOK"). Mt.Cook is a multi-entity, and multi-jurisdictional group of companies consisting of Mt.Cook South Africa, and Mt.Cook International (together, the "Mt.Cook Group of Companies").

Mt.Cook South Africa: is a trading name for "Atlantic Pearl Financial (PTY) Ltd" (Registration Number: 2019/140800/07), who are a licensed FSP and are authorised and regulated in South Africa by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA), holding FPS Number 50420.

Mt.Cook International: is a trading name for "Atlantic Pearl Ltd.", who are incorporated in The Commonwealth of Dominica as an International Business Company with registration number 17164 (Bloomberg LEI: 254900XZNPUMGKTRK15). Atlantic Pearl Ltd is also registered locally in South Africa (Registration #: 2020/720330/10) and are a duly appointed Juristic Representative of Atlantic Pearl Financial (Pty) Ltd, (Registration # 2019/140800/07) which is an authorised Financial Services Provider under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act No 37 of 2002 – FSP# 50420. As such Atlantic Pearl Ltd renders financial services to clients on behalf of Atlantic Pearl Financial (Pty) Ltd.

All references on this site and document to "Mt.Cook" refer to the Mt.Cook Group of Companies. The website for Mt.Cook is [www.mtcookfinancial.com](http://www.mtcookfinancial.com).

## General Risk Notice

The trading of electronic foreign exchange with Mt.Cook Financial (hereinafter "MT.COOK") has been prearranged to assist facilitating self-directed traders, managers, and speculative investors. Participation shall only be disseminated to persons whom MT.COOK deem to be fit and proper and this service is typically not offered to the general public nor is this type of asset class suitable for every type of investor. The participation in trading CFDs, leveraged products, and derivatives in certain jurisdictions may be restricted. Investors are required to inform themselves about, and to observe, any such restrictions.

This document does not constitute, and may not be used for the purpose of, an offer or solicitation to anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation. This document's purpose is to highlight various general risk factors associated in participation with MT.COOK in any capacity. No party should construe the contents of this document as legal, tax or financial advice. Each prospective party should consult his own professional advisers on (a) the legal requirements within the country of his residence with regards to any form of participation with MT.COOK, (b) any foreign exchange restrictions that may be relevant to him and (c) the income and other tax consequences that may be relevant to participation with MT.COOK.

## 1. High Risk Notice

Margined currency trading is one of the riskiest forms of investment available in the financial markets and is primarily suitable for sophisticated individuals and institutions with extensive knowledge on this

particular asset class. An account with MT.COOK permits you to trade foreign currencies on a leveraged basis. The funds in an account trading at maximum leverage can be completely lost if the position(s) are left unattended and the markets move against any open positions and they do not have the proper risk/protection protocol in place. Given the possibility of losing one's entire investment, speculation in the off-exchange retail foreign currency market should only be conducted with risk capital funds that if lost will not significantly affect one's personal or institution's financial well beings.

## 2. Currency Trading is Speculative and Volatile

Foreign currency prices are highly volatile. Price movements for currencies are influenced by, among other things: changing supply and demand relationships; trade, fiscal, monetary, exchange control programs and policies of governments, US and foreign political and economic events and policies, changes in interest rates and inflation rates; currency devaluations and revaluations; and marketplace emotions. None of these factors can be controlled by any market participant and no assurance can be given that any strategy will result in profitable trades by any investor or that an investor will not incur losses. As mentioned, account leverage magnifies the impact of currency volatility on margin requirements of open positions.

## 3. Market Opinions by MT.COOK

Any opinions expressed as to the future direction of prices of specific currencies or any other asset classes are purely the opinions of MT.COOK, and do not necessarily represent the opinion of anyone else, and are not guaranteed in any way. In no event shall MT.COOK have any liability for any losses incurred in connection with any decision made, action or inaction taken by any party in reliance upon the information provided verbally or via the Internet, or any delays, inaccuracies, errors in, or omissions of information. Finally, MT.COOK does not provide financial advice, or investment planning services to any clients or speculators.

## 4. Leverage Disclaimer

The leveraged nature of electronic currency trading means that any market movement will have an equally proportional effect on your deposited funds. This may work against you as well as for you. The possibility exists that you could sustain a total loss of initial margin funds and be required to deposit additional funds to maintain your position. If you fail to meet any margin call within the time prescribed, your position may be liquidated and you may be responsible for any resulting losses.

## 5. Accuracy of Information

Any information content provided by MT.COOK either verbally, or electronically such as on the website [www.mtcookfinancial.com](http://www.mtcookfinancial.com) is subject to change at any time without notice, and is provided for the sole purpose of assisting traders to make independent trading decisions. MT.COOK has taken reasonable measures to ensure the accuracy of the information given and on the website, however, does not guarantee its accuracy, and will not accept liability for any loss or damage which may arise directly or indirectly from the content or your inability to access the website, for any delay in or failure of the transmission or the receipt of any instruction or notifications sent through this website. As such, this may present an inherent risk to investors.

## 6. Partner Stability

No assurance can be given regarding the stability, financial strength, capitalization, or credibility (past, present or future) of the chosen banks, institutions, prime brokers, liquidity providers, clearing agents, law firms, consultants, accounting firms, regulators, technology providers, or other affiliated partners chosen by MT.COOK. MT.COOK will not be held responsible for any actions, omissions, errors or misconduct, conducted by their chosen partners that may have any affect on a client's account(s), negative or otherwise which is out of the sole control of MT.COOK.

## 7. Internet Trading Risks

In addition, there are risks associated with utilizing an electronic / Internet-based deal execution trading system including, but not limited to, the failure of hardware, software, and Internet connections. Since MT.COOK does not control signal power, its reception or routing via Internet, configuration of your equipment or reliability of its connection, we cannot be responsible for communication failures, distortions or delays when trading via the Internet. MT.COOK employs backup systems and contingency plans to minimize the possibility of system failure.

## 8. Performance and Information Discrepancies

Discrepancies in data, information, and performance reporting may occur occasionally or frequently. This phenomenon may occur for various different reasons in the forex market place. MT.COOK shall always do their best to ensure any and all transfer of data is as accurate and as standardized as possible, however when working with multiple liquidity providers, data sources, and technology providers, the odds of having discrepancies occur increases in relation to the number of parties being collaborated with.

## 9. Economic News Disclaimer

As with all major economic press releases there could be significant price volatility with this type of announcement. Currency spreads will typically widen just before the release and will remain wide for a few minutes after. If the announcement is a shock to the consensus estimate, the price of the currency pair could gap significantly. For example, if the price on the EURUSD is trading at 1.2820 / 1.2822 just before release could gap up 60 pips to 1.2880 - 1.2882, without any available prices available between the price of 1.2820 and 1.2882. A Buy Stop placed before the announcement at 1.2830 would turn into a Market Order and would be filled at the prevailing price 1.2882. The same would be true with a Sell Stop. During highly impactful news, it is best to plan on the spreads widening and if you are trading with a Buy or a Sell Stop entry order, do not anticipate always being filled at your entry price. You will be filled at the prevailing market price after the release, and this market price could be significantly different from your desired price of your entry order.

## 10. Potential Illiquidity of the Forex Market

Forex positions (depending on the size, pair, and nature) cannot always be liquidated at the desired price. Although this is rare, this can occur when the market is "thinly traded" (i.e., a relatively small volume of buy and sell orders).

**11. THIS BRIEF DOCUMENT CANNOT DISCLOSE ALL THE RISKS AND SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD SEEK INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL ADVICE AND GUIDANCE WHEN REQUIRED.**

### Questions

MT.COOK is committed to transparency and integrity, and are always willing to assist in helping potential participants understand various topics and make well informed decisions. Please do not hesitate to contact MT.COOK at [info@mtcookfinancial.com](mailto:info@mtcookfinancial.com) for any further questions.

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