CURRENCY PUT OPTIONS

Key Information Document

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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

Name of Product:	**Currency Put Options**
PRIIP Manufacturer:	**Johannesburg Stock Exchange**
Website:	https://www.jse.co.za/trade/derivative-market/currency-derivatives
Contact details:	Call +27 11 520 7000 or email info@jse.co.za
Competent Authority:	Financial Services Board (FSB)
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Alert: **You are about to purchase a product that is not simple and may be difficult to understand**

Product definition

Type: Derivative based contract

Objectives

JSE listed currency options are derivative instruments which give market participants exposure to the exchange rate between the South African Rand and a foreign currency. Retail investors do not require exchange control permission or an offshore trading account, as currency options are Rand-settled and investors therefore never own the physical underlying currency. Currency options also do not affect the offshore allowance of individual investors.

A **Put Option** is an agreement that **gives the buyer (long position) the right but not the obligation to sell** an underlying asset at a certain price (strike price) on or before a certain date in the future. **The seller (short position) has sold this right and may be obligated to buy the underlying asset** at the strike price on or before the certain date in the future. The buyer of an option needs to pay a **premium** to the seller for this right. However, in futures-style options, no premium is physically paid, but rather both the buyer and the seller have to place margin to secure the position's exposure. The premium is considered in the pay-off at expiration of the contract. The option price can vary with various factors including but not limited to the price of the underlying asset, the volatility of the underlying asset, interest rates and time to expiry. The difference between the contract's value at expiry and the contract's value at initiation of the transaction will result in the profit or loss of the contract. The buyer realises a profit if the value of the contract has increased at the future's expiration and a loss if it has decreased. The seller realises a profit if the value of the underlying has decreased at future's expiration and a loss if it has increased.

In the case of **Put Options on Currency Futures**, the underlying asset is a Currency future which is quoted as an exchange rate. Hence the option strike price is also quoted as an exchange rate.

The **buyer of a Put Option on Currency Futures has the expectation of weakening exchange rates**. Thus the buyer expects that the underlying asset price at expiration will be lower than the sum of the option strike price plus the option premium, in which case the buyer will make a profit.

A **seller of a Put Option on Currency Futures has the expectation of strengthening exchange rates**. Thus the seller expects that the underlying asset price will be higher than the sum of the option strike price plus the option premium, in which case the seller will make a profit. The payoff profile at expiration is asymmetric and shown in the "Performance Scenario"

Intended retail investor

Currency option is a product suitable for clients with extensive knowledge and/ or experience in derivative financial products. It is not meant specifically for retail investors. A retail investor should become familiar with the product characteristics to make an informed decision on whether or not this product fits their investment needs. A retail investor should contact their broker or investment adviser to obtain investment advice.

Risks and 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.

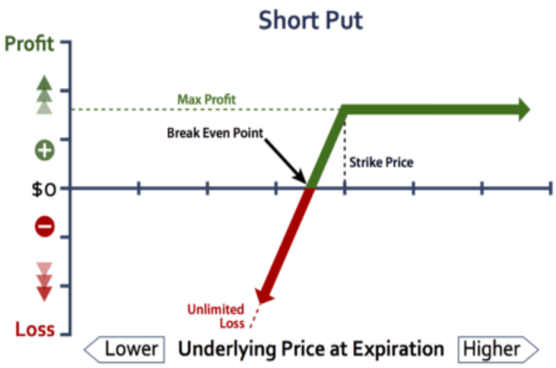
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lower risk ←-------------------→ Higher risk						

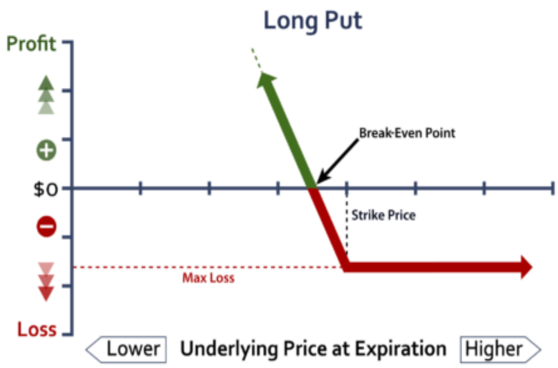
The product can be held for the duration of a short-, medium- or long-term investment horizon.
We have classified these products as 7 out of 7, which is the highest risk class. This rates potential losses from future performance at a very high level. Futures are leveraged products; initial costs of a customer, e.g. execution fees, assets deposited to secure the future's exposure, account for only a small percentage of the traded contract's overall value. Small changes in the future's price can result in huge gains or losses. In some circumstances, you may be required to make payments to pay for losses. The total loss you may incur may be significant.

Performance Scenarios

These graphs illustrate how your investment could perform. The horizontal axis shows the range of possible prices of the underlying asset on the expiry date and the vertical axis shows the profit or loss of the contract.

The payoff profile of the option is asymmetrical as shown below.





A **Buyer** enters into a long position on the put option in expectation of **weakening** exchange rates.
A **Seller** enters into a short position on the put option in expectation of **strengthening** exchange rates.
The profit or loss is calculated by taking the closing value of the contract and subtracting the initial value of the contract at initiation of the transaction. If the result is positive, the buyer makes a profit and if it is negative, the seller makes a profit.

What happens if JSE is unable to pay out?
The JSE is an exchange approved under South African law. Any derivative transaction traded on the JSE is cleared by JSE Clear (Pty) Ltd. Further information can be obtained at https://www.jse.co.za/services/post-trade-services/clearing-and-settlement/derivatives

What are the costs?
The JSE charges fees to its trading members via their clearing members. The full fee schedule is available on the website at https://www.jse.co.za/services/technologies/price-list.
The broker or intermediary with whom the investor has a contractual relationship may also charge other transaction and related costs, and will be able to provide further information with regard to all these costs.

How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?
There is no recommended holding period for these products. They can be help for the duration of short-, medium-, long-term investment horizon. The optimal holding period depends upon the retail investor's individual strategy and risk profile. A derivative position can be traded and closed out on any trading day until expiration. In particular, a long position can be closed by entering a sell order in the market on any day up to and including the expiration date of the contract, and a short position can be closed by entering a buy order in the market on any day up to and including the expiration date of the contract.

How can I complain?
Retail investors should address complaints to the broker or intermediary with whom the investor has a contractual relationship. Furthermore, the retail investor can address complaints to the JSE at info@jse.co.za

Other relevant information

Further information is available here:

Product specifications: https://www.jse.co.za/trade/derivative-market/currency-derivatives