



GFT Offers New Volatility Index Market for CFD Traders

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. – 23 April – Since December 2008, volatility across many financial markets has reached record highs, and brought with it more risk to most traders' current investments.

While risk is an inherent part of market volatility, GFT's new volatility index for CFDs offers traders the ability to speculate on rising and falling volatility, potentially limiting their exposure to risk in other markets.

Martin Slaney, head of derivatives, GFT, believes that, while increased volatility does bring risk, it also offers new opportunities to traders looking to take advantage of new markets.

"Some traders may see increased volatility as a reason to stay out of the markets," he said, "But our new volatility index CFDs help traders take advantage of current market conditions while also providing them with a hedge against volatility risks to their other investments."

Based on the CBOE's VIX, GFT's volatility index is topical and traders may choose to use it to diversify into a new market by trading it stand-alone. In this way it can be used to speculate on likely volatility and can be a more easily understandable product than traditional ways of buying volatility.

For example, when trading other products such as options, traders must assess a wide range of factors including price, time to expire, interest rates, and dividends. With the volatility index, everything is included in the price.

"One of the greatest aspects of the volatility index is its simplicity," Slaney said. "It isolates volatility and presents it in one neatly packaged contract."

GFT customers can immediately begin trading the volatility index from 08:30 – 15:15 CST.

The volatility index is the newest derivative product from GFT and the fourth new market the company has released since August 2008, other recent new markets include UK Inflation Futures, Eurozone Inflation Futures and Spot Oil markets.

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