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GFT Offers New Exclusive UK CPI Futures Spread Bets and CFDs

LONDON, 25 August, 2008 – Inflation. The word itself can strike fear in the hearts of consumers and economists alike. But what if there was a way to seek profit from speculating on inflation? Now, you can, with the new UK consumer price index (CPI) Futures spread bets and CFDs, exclusively from GFT.

This unique new financial instrument is one more way GFT is offering their customers more choices and more opportunities to trade. And it doesn't end there. Even more choices are on the way, as GFT will be adding U.S. and Euro-zone contracts in the near future.

Simon Mansell, COO, GFT, said the new products may be a great way for investors to hedge their portfolios and manage inflation exposure.

"By speculating on the rate of UK inflation, investors may be able to give themselves a cushion against inflation-related losses to their portfolios," he said. "We're extremely excited to offer this unique new financial instrument to our customers."

Customers interested in speculating on UK inflation rates will be able to do so from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, London time. The spread is five basis points on the closest month and ten basis points on other months. The margin is five percent and the currency of trade is the Great Britain pound.

But how does one speculate on the UK CPI? GFT's current quote for the Sept. 2008 contract is 4.95-5.05. In other words, GFT expects the year-on-year (YoY) inflation for September to come in between 4.95 per cent and 5.05 per cent. If your analysis suggests that the actual figure may be higher, you may decide to buy £10 at 5.05.

If, when the official data is released, the figure comes in at 5.2 per cent, the GFT market would be settled at 5.20, offering you a profit of $\pounds(520 - 505) \times 10 = \pounds150$.

Trades that are still open at the time of the CPI release will be settled based on the Office of National Statistics official release for UK CPI (EU-harmonised, YoY, non-seasonally adjusted percentage change in the index). Official revisions to data are disregarded.

For more information on speculating on UK CPI futures, see the accompanying UK CPI Futures Fact Sheet.

UK CPI Futures CDs and spread bets are available to trade immediately. Visit www.gftuk.com for information or to sign up for an account.

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Inflation Futures – Exclusive to GFT

Inflation is back on the agenda. Every major economy is experiencing inflation rate growth, in many cases climbing to historically high levels. The UK is no exception, with an annual rate now reaching 4.40 per cent, the highest rate since official Consumer Prices Index (“CPI”) records began and more than double the 2 per cent level which serves as the Bank of England’s target.

Until now, the only measure of anticipated CPI rates was through surveys of analyst opinions, and there was no direct way of trading the CPI as a financial market in its own right. GFT’s new and unique UK CPI futures contracts – available as a spread bet and as a contract for difference (CFD)—change all that.

Why trade Inflation Futures with GFT?

- A direct way to speculate on inflation rates
- Highly topical – inflation is a global concern right now
- Portfolio hedge – may protect your returns against inflation
- May help manage inflation exposure
- May be used as a clear measure of inflation expectations
- Unique to GFT!

Latest Prices *(indicative only; for latest prices see www.gftuk.com)*

Aug 2008: 4.70 – 4.75 (to be released September 16th 09:30 a.m.)

Sep 2008: 4.95 – 5.05

Dec 2008: 4.65 – 4.75

Trade Example

Let’s take the current quote for the Sept. 2008 contract. GFT’s quote is **4.95–5.05**. In other words, we expect the year-on-year (YoY) inflation for September to come in between **4.95 per cent** and **5.05 per cent**. If your analysis suggests that the actual figure may be higher, you may decide to buy **£10 at 5.05**.

When the data is released, the official figure is 5.2%. Therefore, the GFT market is settled at 5.20, offering you a profit of **£(520 – 505) x 10 = £150**.

Basis of Price Settlement

Trades which are still open at the time of the CPI data release are settled basis the Office of National Statistics official release for UK CPI (EU-Harmonised, year-on-year, non-seasonally adjusted percentage change in the index). Official revisions to data are disregarded.

The data is released retrospectively every month (e.g. July 08 figure will be released in August 08). The official published CPI figure is rounded to one decimal place.

This is the benchmark for the annual UK inflation rate - the “headline figure”.

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Spread

5 basis points on the closest month; 10 basis points on other months.

Sample Quote

4.55 – 4.60

Trade Per Value

0.01 (per one 'basis point')

Margin

5% (i.e. approx 25 x stake basis current prices)

Trading Hours

08:00 – 16:30 Mon – Fri London time

Last Dealing Day

Trading is suspended at 09:00 London on the day of the official announcement

Contracts Traded

The next calendar month, plus the 2 months ending the next 2 quarters (e.g. July 08, September 08, December 08)

Min / Max size

£1 / £25 per basis point (per 0.01)

Maximum permitted position size per account: £25

(These maximum levels will be reviewed in due course. We expect to increase them following the initial launch period.)

Currency of Trading

GBP

UK Inflation – Background

U.K. inflation accelerated to more than double the central bank's 2 per cent target in July, making it harder for policy makers to cut interest rates as the threat of a recession looms.

According to the Office for National Statistics, consumer prices rose 4.4 per cent from a year earlier, breaching the government's 3 per cent upper limit for a third month and the most since comparable records began in 1997. That exceeds the 4.2 per cent median forecast of 38 economists in a recent Bloomberg News survey.

House prices and retail sales fell in July. Record oil and food costs have kept inflation above the target for 10 months, prompting Bank of England Governor Mervyn King and his colleagues to refrain from interest-rate reductions since April.

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The Reference Index: Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the measure adopted by the government for its UK inflation target. The Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee is required to achieve a target of 2 per cent.

The index has been designed as a macro-economic measure of consumer price inflation. It has been developed according to internationally agreed rules and is internationally known as the HICP.

This official measure is calculated each month by taking a sample of goods and services that a typical household might buy, including food, heating, household goods, travel costs.

How does CPI differ from the Retail Price Index?

- The Consumer Prices Index - based on an EU-wide formula allowing direct comparison of the inflation rate in the UK against that in the rest of Europe. Highly topical – inflation is a global concern right now
- The Retail Price Index (RPI) is an average measure of change in the prices of goods and services. Once published, it is never revised. May help manage inflation exposure
- RPI-X - this is RPI excluding mortgage costs. It was previously the target measure for the MPC with a symmetrical target of 2.5% Unique to GFT!

There are significant differences between the CPI and the RPI. The CPI excludes a number of items that are included in RPI-X (the previous target inflation measure), mainly related to housing. These include council tax and a range of owner-occupier housing costs such as house depreciation, buildings insurance, estate agents' and conveyancing fees.

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