

# **Risk disclosures on derivatives**

**Risk disclosure in the Equity Futures & Options segment aims to inform individual traders about the inherent risks involved in trading these derivative instruments. By disclosing these risks, regulatory bodies such as SEBI seek to ensure that traders are fully aware of the nature of these instruments and the challenges they pose.**

- 9 out of 10 individual traders in the equity Futures and Options Segment incurred net losses.
- On average, loss makers registered net trading loss close to 50,000.
- Over and above the net trading losses incurred, loss makers expended an additional 28% of net trading losses as transaction costs.
- Those making net trading profits incurred between 15% to 50% of such profits as transaction cost.

☒ **I acknowledge and confirm that I have gone through the above ‘Risk Disclosure.’**

**CIRCULAR**

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To

**All Recognized Stock Exchanges**

**Depositories**

**Stock Brokers through Recognized Stock Exchanges**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject - Risk disclosure with respect to trading by individual traders in Equity Futures & Options Segment**

1. Over time there has been increased participation of investors in Indian securities market, including, in the derivatives segment. While investors are expected to make investment decisions based on their own due diligence and risk appetite, it is important to empower them with detailed information about the risks associated with trading in derivatives.
2. With a view to facilitating informed decision making by the investors trading in derivatives segment, it has been decided to introduce '**Risk disclosures**' with respect to trading in equity Futures & Options (F&O) segment.
3. Accordingly, all stock brokers shall display the 'Risk disclosures' given at **Annexure-I** on their websites and to all their clients in the manner as specified below:
  - 3.1. Upon login into their trading accounts with brokers, the clients may be prompted to read the 'Risk disclosures' (which may appear as a pop-up window upon login) and shall be allowed to proceed ahead only after acknowledging the same.
  - 3.2. The 'Risk disclosures' shall be displayed prominently, covering at least 50 percent area of the screen.

4. All Qualified Stock Brokers (QSBs) shall maintain the Profit and Loss (P&L) data of their clients on continuous basis as per the format given at **Annexure-II**. The P&L data of the clients shall be retained for at least 5 years.
5. Stock Exchanges and Depositories are directed to:
  - 5.1. bring the provisions of this circular to the notice of their members / participants and also disseminate the same on their websites;
  - 5.2. display the 'Risk disclosures' on their respective websites, with a link to study conducted by SEBI.
6. **Applicability:** The provisions of this circular shall come into force with effect from July 01, 2023.
7. This circular is issued in exercise of powers conferred under Section 11(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, to protect the interests of investors in securities and to promote the development of, and to regulate, the securities market.
8. This circular is available on SEBI website at [www.sebi.gov.in](http://www.sebi.gov.in) under the category "Circulars".

**Yours faithfully,**

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**Annexure-I: Risk disclosures**

<b>RISK DISCLOSURES ON DERIVATIVES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9 out of 10 individual traders in equity Futures and Options Segment, incurred net losses.</li><li>• On an average, loss makers registered net trading loss close to ₹ 50,000.</li><li>• Over and above the net trading losses incurred, loss makers expended an additional 28% of net trading losses as transaction costs.</li><li>• Those making net trading profits, incurred between 15% to 50% of such profits as transaction cost.</li></ul>

Source:

1. [SEBI study dated January 25, 2023 on “Analysis of Profit and Loss of Individual Traders dealing in equity Futures and Options \(F&O\) Segment”, wherein Aggregate Level findings are based on annual Profit/Loss incurred by individual traders in equity F&O during FY 2021-22.](#)

**Annexure-II: Data Format**
**A. Equity F&O Segment**

Client Identification No.	Period	Product Category	Age	Gender	Income Group	City	PIN Code	No. of transactions during period (Buy+Sell)	Realized trading Profit/Loss excluding transaction charges during period (Rs.)	Transaction Cost (Rs.)					
										Brokerage + Clearing Fee	Exchange Fee	Stamp Duty	SEBI turnover Fee	STT	GST
	Period 1	Index Futures	<20	M	<5Lacs										
	Period 2	Index Options	20-30	F	5-10L										
		Stock Futures	30-40	Others	10-25L										
		Stock Options	40-50	Not sepe	25-50L										
			50-60		50-100L										
			>60		>100L										
			Not Available		Not Available										

**Notes:**

- Client-set: All Individual Clients (which includes HUF and NRIs; excludes Proprietary traders, institutions, partnership firms etc.)
- Segment: Equity F&O
- Period: Financial Year
- Client level realized trading Profit/Loss during the period is considered.
- With regard to cases where 1 leg of transaction falls under the period, while the other falls outside, explanation is given as under-
  - Example 1:** Period: April 2018 to March 2019. Consider Contract-A with expiry in April 2018.  
 Contract- A purchased & sold in March 2018 - will not be considered  
 Contract- A purchased in March 2018, sold in April 2018/ settled on expiry - will be considered
  - Example 2:** Period: April 2018 to March 2019. Consider Contract-B with expiry in April 2019.  
 Contract- B purchased & sold in March 2019 - will be considered  
 Contract- B purchased in March 2019, sold in April 2019/ settled on expiry - will not be considered
- Contracts resulting in physical delivery of stocks may be excluded.
- For PIN Codes - correspondence address may be considered.

## B. Cash Segment

Client Identification No.	Period	Age	Gender	Income Group	City	PIN Code	No. of transactions during Period (Buy+Sell)	Daily Average holding value during Period (Rs.)	Max. holding value during Period (Rs.)	Realised Trading Profit/Loss excluding transaction charges during Period (Rs.)	Transaction Cost (Rs.)					
											Brokerage + Clearing Fee	Exchange Fee	Stamp Duty	SEBI turnover Fee	STT	GST
	Period 1	<20	M	<5Lacs												
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		30-40	Others	10-25L												
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		50-60		50-100L												
		>60		>100L												
		Not Available		Not Available												

### Notes:

1. Client-set: All Individual Clients (which includes HUF and NRIs; excludes Proprietary traders, institutions, partnership firms etc.)
2. Segment: Cash Segment
3. Period: Financial year
4. Client level realized trading Profit/Loss during the period is considered.
5. For computation of Client level realised profit/loss in cash segment during the period, only transactions where both legs (buy and sell side) in a scrip are executed during the period, are considered.