### Forex Spread Bet Brokers

Like I mentioned in the Metatrader video – I'll put our latest recommendation for SB brokers on the resource page

### They can change from time to time as firms bring in new incentives to attract traders

So I wanted to make sure I could update you with that information as quickly as possible...

### Resources is the page to go to on the website for my current recommendation

But just in case you wanted to do your own research I'll tell you 3 things to look for in a good Spread Bet firm...

#### 1) Are they FCA registered?

### Make sure the firm is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority here in the UK...

You'll have peace of mind that client funds are kept safely in segregated accounts

# And the firm complies with UK legal and regulatory standards

A quick search on the firm's website will soon tell you if they are registered

Have a quick check to make sure they have a physical presence here in the UK while you're at it – look up their address

2) Make sure they offer tight Bid/Ask spreads

Remember how there's that small difference between the bid price and the ask price in Metatrader?

### And how that's the broker taking his little slice of the action?

### Well don't give him too much!

Check the bid/ask spread in **EURUSD & GBPUSD advertised** on the firms website early in the afternoon (that's peak volume time)

### You want to see a difference of 2 pips or less

#### 3) The telephone test

### In today's digital world it's easy to forget how important good old fashioned customer service is... until you need it!

### Phone the spread bet firm up and ask a few simple questions...

### What times are the markets available to trade?

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### (should be 24 hours Sunday night to Friday night)

# What's the minimum stake per pip?

#### (Should be from 10p per pip)

Those are the kinds of things I'll research on your behalf and make sure the recommended brokers are the best available

## But see what you think after your telephone call...

# Was the phone answered quickly?

### Were you dealt with courteously and efficiently?

### Remember there may be a time when you need help with your account...

### Or a personal emergency might mean you need help closing a trade

### So make sure you can take confidence in the service you received

There is no shortage of Forex spread bet firms – give your business to one that will serve you well! Coming next... The Trading Tools module