



SDFX trading platform

User guide

OVERVIEW

Swiss Dealing FOREX trading platform (SDFX) has a well-balanced interface with an easy access to all the advanced features indispensable for a successful FOREX trader. This document presents a brief overview of the main features of the SDFX interface. An explanation of basic concepts and terminology is provided in Appendix.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

The trading platform is a Java-based client named SDFX.jar, which requires the Java machine to be installed into your computer. If the application does not start, please, follow the link in our homepage to download the latest Java software.

START WINDOW

After the application is launched, you will see the following start window:

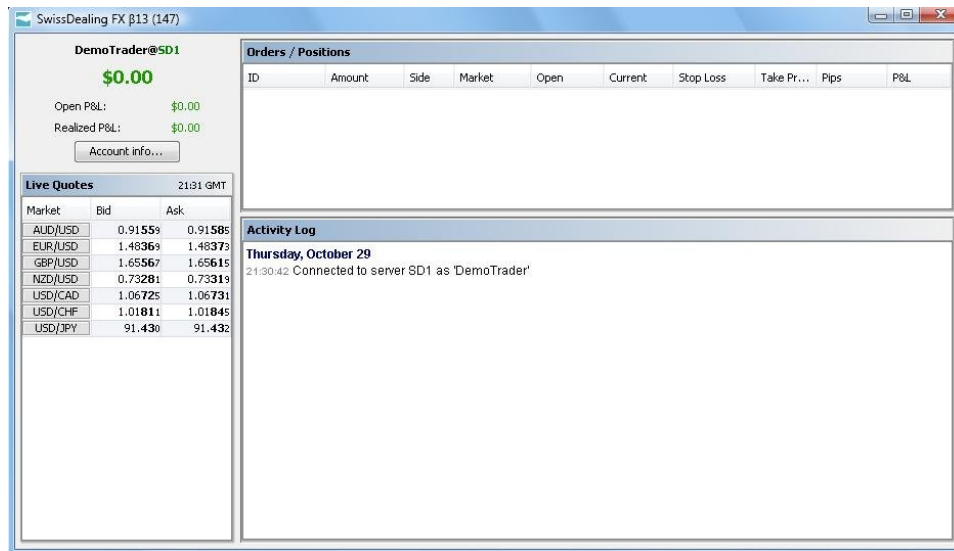


In this window you observe live FOREX quotes without logging into your account.

To register a new account you should go to our [homepage](#) and click on “new account”. The registration will take less than 1 minute. Please, read online [FAQ](#) before you start trading.

MAIN WINDOW

After logging into your account, you will observe the main window consisting of Account summary and three tables: Live Quotes, Orders/Positions and Activity Log.



ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Account summary in the upper left corner of the main window provides a brief overview of your finances.

The bold green figure is your Account Balance, which is the net money you have earned on trading. If you do not have open positions then the account balance is the money that can be withdrawn. The Account Balance is not allowed to drop below the minimum corresponding to your subscription plan. Once the limit is reached, all your open positions will be closed.

The next entry is Open P&L – net profit of currently open positions. If you immediately close all the open positions, this sum will be added to your Account Balance. Realized P&L is net profit of all the closed positions net of withdrawals.

LIVE QUOTES

This table provides real-time bid and ask quotes for currency pairs. Once a quote for some currency pair changes, it is illuminated by a green (if goes up) or a red (if goes down) light, which then gradually fades away. In this way, you quickly get a picture of the market activity. The time in the right upper corner is the current GMT time.

In rare occasions dealing in some currency pairs may not be available. This will be indicated by symbol 'N/A' in the place of bid/ask quotes. To protect its customers, Swiss Dealing does not quote currency pairs at times when bid-ask spreads are too high. This means that your stop-loss orders will not be unexpectedly filled due to a short-term spike in spreads.

ORDERS / POSITIONS

This table provides a summary of open positions and pending orders. Orders are marked by the “trolley” icon before the order ID. Open positions are marked by the “money” icon. The last two columns of the table report current P&L (Profit/Loss) of open positions (green if profit and red if loss). The P&L is given in pips (see table in Appendix for the pip definition) and in the account currency. Negative numbers are shown in parenthesis.

ACTIVITY LOG

Your trading activity for the current session is recorded in Activity Log window. In particular, opening a new position or closing an existing one results in a message that includes GMT time, the order and/or position ID,

the action, the amount, the market and the opening or closing price. In rare occasions clients' orders are executed with a slippage, which is also reported. Positive slippage means that it was in favor of the client.

ORDERS AND TRADES

MARKET ORDERS

Market order is an order to open new position or close an existing one immediately at the current market price.

To submit a market order to open a new position, click on the corresponding currency pair and select Order entry. In a simple mode, the Order entry dialog has the following look:



The trade amount can be selected from the menu or typed. The minimum amount is one currency unit. The maximum amount is determined by the maximum leverage given available margin (indicated below). To submit the market order, click on SELL or BUY button.

If the order is successfully filled, you will see a new record in Orders/Positions table with the "money" picture and a new message in Activity Log window.

To close an open position, right-click on the corresponding record in the Orders/Positions table and click on Close position.

LIMIT ORDERS

Limit order is an order to open a new position or close an existing one when the exchange rate crosses a specified threshold. Limit orders that close open positions are used to limit the downside risk (stop-loss orders) or to lock in profits (take-profit orders).

STOP-LOSS AND TAKE-PROFIT ORDERS

Take-profit order puts an upper limit on profits earned by the corresponding position. In Orders/Positions table, the take-profit order is indicated by this upper limit in pips in a green color.

A simple stop-loss order puts an upper limit on losses. It closes the corresponding open position at the market price immediately after losses reach or exceed a specified amount. This amount is indicated in Orders/Positions table in pips in a red color.

The trailing stop-loss serves both to limit the downside risk and to lock in profit. It closes the corresponding open position once its P&L falls below the maximum P&L achieved by this position before by a specified amount. The maximum P&L is computed from the time this order has been submitted. The trailing stop-loss order is distinguished by the lock icon.

You can modify stop-loss and take-profit orders at any time by clicking on the corresponding entity:

| Orders / Positions | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------|------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|
| ID | Amount | Side | Market | Open | Current | Stop Loss | Take Pr... | Pips | P&L |
| 314 | 5,000 | SELL | USD/CHF | 1.01900 | 1.01827 | (30 pips) | ... | | |
| 313 | 5,000 | LONG | EUR/USD | 1.48360 | 1.48350 | (11 pips) | ... | (1 pips) | (\$0.50) |

Stop loss:

 Trailing stop

SUBMITTING LIMIT ORDER

To submit a new limit order, use the trade window in the advanced mode. After clicking on the [Advanced](#) link the window is expanded:

EUR/USD Σ

EUR/USD Simple

1.48 **35** 1.48 **36**₅

Amount: up to 10,000 EUR

Entry

Take profit

Stop loss

simple trailing

In the advanced mode you define the entry price that triggers the execution of this limit order (ask for buy orders and bid for sell orders). In the same window you can define take-profit and stop-loss orders that will be assigned to the position opened by this limit order. To submit the limit order, click on SELL or BUY button. If some button appears to be disabled then you have not correctly set the quantity, the entry price, the take-profit price or the stop-loss price. After the order is submitted, you will see a new record in Orders/Positions table with the “trolley” icon and a new message in Activity Log window.

To cancel a pending order, click on the corresponding record in Orders/Positions table and select Cancel Order.

CANDLESTICK CHARTS

To open a candlestick chart, click on a corresponding currency quote in Live Quote table or in Orders/Positions table and select Show chart.



By rescaling the window, you can change the time interval. The frequency as well as the currency pair, is selected from the menu in the chart window.

The current average exchange rate is shown by the moving horizontal line. If you have open positions in this currency pair, then you also observe the distance to the zero P&L level of the exchange rate. This is indicated by a green (in case of profit) or red (in case of loss) shadow above or below the line.

The zero P&L level is computed for your aggregate position. Precisely, this is the level of the average exchange rate at which your total P&L on all open positions in this currency pair is equal to zero. Please, note that this level is computed under assumption of unchanged bid/ask spread. Therefore, it is also sensitive to the current bid/ask spread.

ONE-CLICK EXECUTION

The trading platform is designed to be convenient for a one-click execution. For each currency pair that you trade, open a trade window with a preselected amount and arrange them in a convenient manner.

SwissDealing FX #13 (147)

DemoTrader@SD1
(\$1.37)
 Open P&L: (\$0.20)
 Realized P&L: (\$1.17)

| Market | Bid | Ask |
|---------|---------|---------|
| AUD/USD | 0.91566 | 0.91576 |
| EUR/USD | 1.48360 | 1.48366 |
| GBP/USD | 1.65618 | 1.65634 |
| NZD/USD | 0.73259 | 0.73274 |
| USD/CAD | 1.06689 | 1.06711 |
| USD/CHF | 1.01834 | 1.01846 |
| USD/JPY | 91.448 | 91.454 |

| ID | Amount | Side | Market | Open | Current | Stop Loss | Take Pr... | Pips | P&L |
|-----|--------|------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|
| 321 | 5,000 | LONG | EUR/USD | 1.48364 | 1.48360 | | | (0.4 pips) | (\$0.20) |

Activity Log
 Thursday, October 29
 21:40:55 Connected to server SD1 as 'DemoTrader'
 21:41:09 MARKET ORDER #311 BUY 5,000 EUR/USD is filled
 21:41:09 POSITION #313 LONG 5,000 EUR/USD is opened @1.48360
 21:46:42 MARKET ORDER #316 SELL 5,000 EUR/USD is filled
 21:46:42 POSITION #313 LONG 5,000 EUR/USD is closed @1.48354 with P&L (\$0.30)
 21:47:56 MARKET ORDER #319 BUY 5,000 EUR/USD is filled
 21:47:56 POSITION #321 LONG 5,000 EUR/USD is opened @1.48364

USD/JPY Advanced
 91.448 91.454
 Amount: 5000 up to 5,000 USD
 SELL BUY

EUR/USD Advanced
 1.48360 1.48366
 Amount: 5000 up to 5,000 EUR
 SELL BUY

EUR/USD 5M (29.10) (c) SwissDealing S.A.
 1.48360 / 1.48366

APPENDIX

MAJOR CURRENCIES

| Symbol | Currency |
|--------|----------------------|
| AUD | Australian dollar |
| CAD | Canadian dollar |
| EUR | Euro |
| GBP | British pound |
| JPY | Japanese yen |
| USD | United States dollar |

DEFINITION OF PIP

| Currency pair | Pip |
|---------------|------------|
| AUD/USD | 0.0001 USD |
| EUR/CHF | 0.0001 CHF |
| EUR/USD | 0.0001 USD |
| GBP/JPY | 0.01 JPY |
| GBP/USD | 0.0001 USD |
| USD/CAD | 0.0001 CAD |
| USD/CHF | 0.0001 CHF |
| USD/JPY | 0.01 JPY |

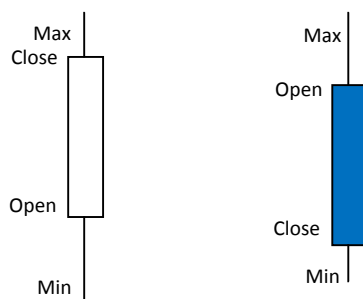
BASIC CONCEPTS

Account balance – the realized profit/loss. It does not depend on current market prices.

Open P&L – the profit/loss of all the open positions. This quantity changes in real time.

Realized P&L – the profit/loss on all the closed positions net of withdrawals.

Candlestick chart – a chart with candlesticks summarizing the price behavior at a particular frequency. The body of a candlestick is colored if the price moved down over the corresponding time interval. Examples of candlesticks are:



Take-profit – an order assigned to a certain position that serves to lock in profits. The position is closed if the profit reaches a specified limit.

Stop-loss – an order assigned to a certain position that serves to limit the downside risk. The position is closed if losses exceed a specified limit.

Trailing stop-loss – a dynamic version of the stop-loss order that serves to both limit the downside risk and lock in profits. It closes certain position if the profit drops below the maximum by a specified amount. The maximum profit (or minimum loss) on the position is computed since the time the order has been submitted.