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xStation is a web-based trading platform offering sophisticated tools and real-time financial data.

xStation key features:

- **Web-based platform** means no need for lengthy downloads and you can access your account with any internet computer
- **Customisable Market Watch lists** with can be grouped by asset classes and a easy search function
- **Enhanced consolidated portfolio summary**
- **Click & Trade – Execute market orders** without the need for a trade ticket
- **Trade directly from Charts**
- **Economic Calendar**

1.1. Logging In

To use xStation, your Internet Security and Privacy options must be set to the default levels.

To check these settings:
1.   Go to the Tools menu on your internet browser, select Internet Options (Internet Explorer) or Options (Firefox and Chrome).
2.   On the Security and Privacy tabs, click Default Level if that button is active. If the button is grey, you are using the required default levels.
3.   Enter your XTB user name and password on the xStation login window, then click Login.
If you click the Load with default settings check box, the default layout of preferences will be used.

The first time you login to xStation **the Risk Disclaimer** will be displayed. Read it carefully, tick Accept and click OK.
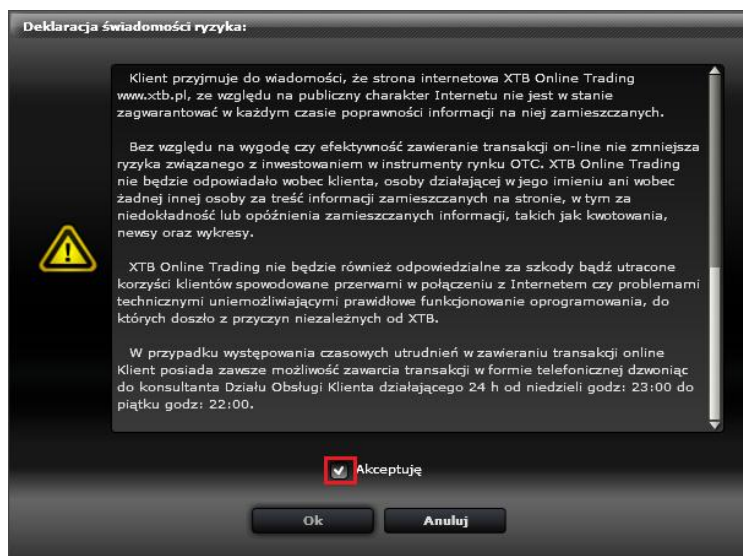
The default xStation language:
is set according to the system language settings. You can always change the language in the Settings menu.

If your session closes due to inactivity, this does not affect any open orders you may have pending.
To **resume trading,** click Refresh on the expiration page (Please wait to be reconnected or try to refresh the website and log in), and log back in.
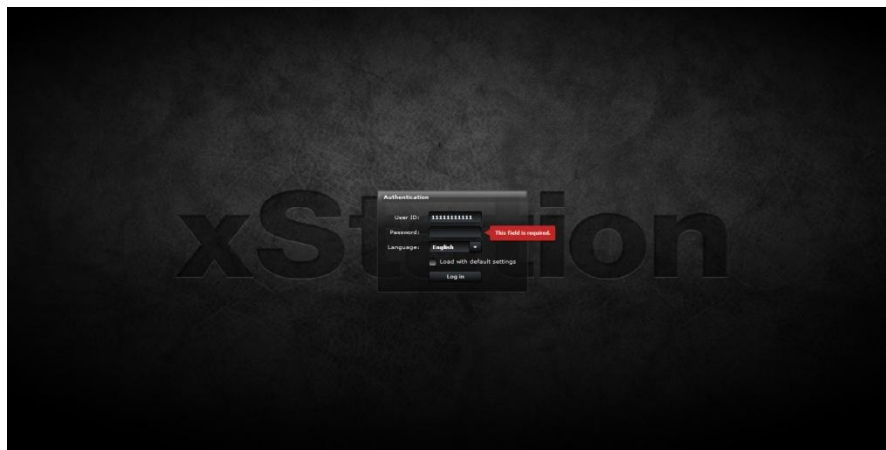
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1.2. Screen Lock

If you leave your workstation and do not want to log out from your trading session, xStation allows you to **lock your screen**. Click the Lock button in the upper right corner of the screen.

Re-login:

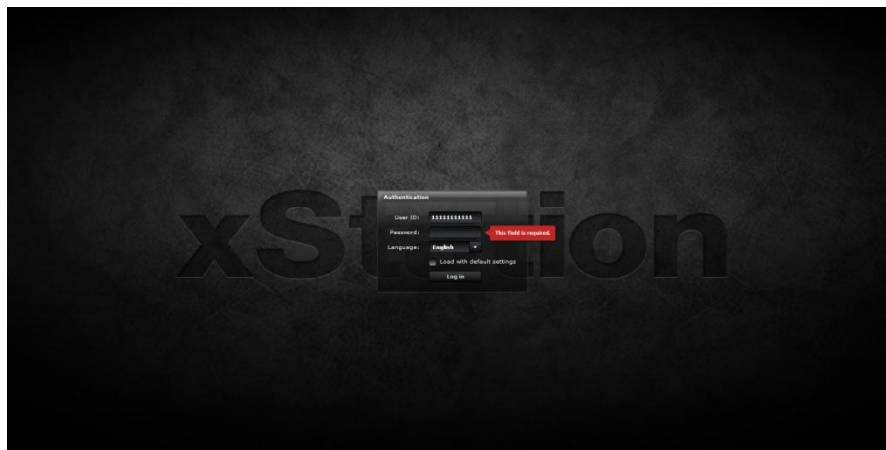If you would like to login simply type your password again in the Password box.

1.3. Logging Out

Click the Exit button in the upper right corner of the screen will log you out and take you back to the login screen.


Logging in again:

If you would like to login again type your password again in the Password box.

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2. Account settings

- **Show Click & Trade warning** – Enables and disables trade warning window.
- **Default charts trading amount** – Set the default trading size.
- **Show trade confirmation** – Display trade confirmations after placing a trade
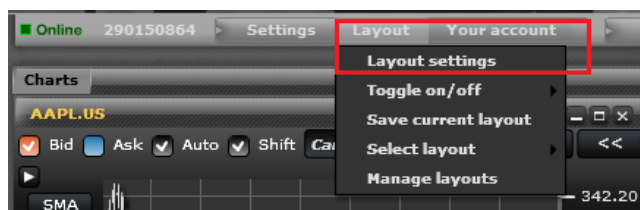- **Play sounds** – Sounds can be enabled or disabled.
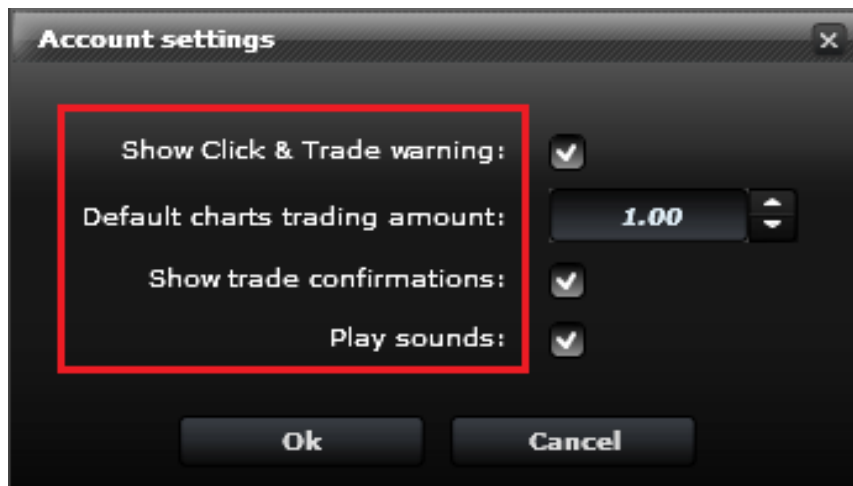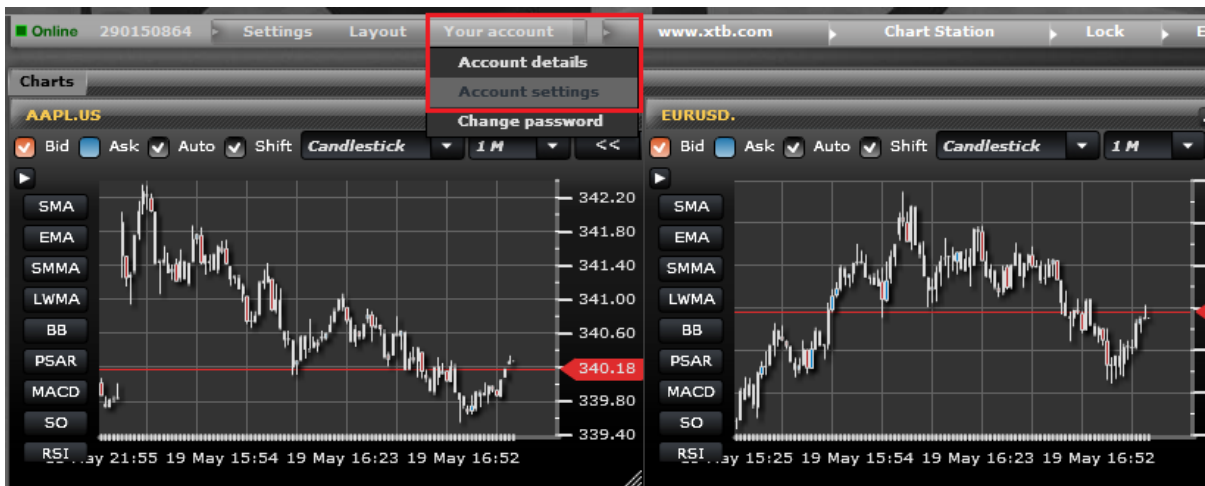
Language Settings:

In the Settings tab you can **change the language in xStation** as well as the font size.
The language will change automatically without the need to logout.
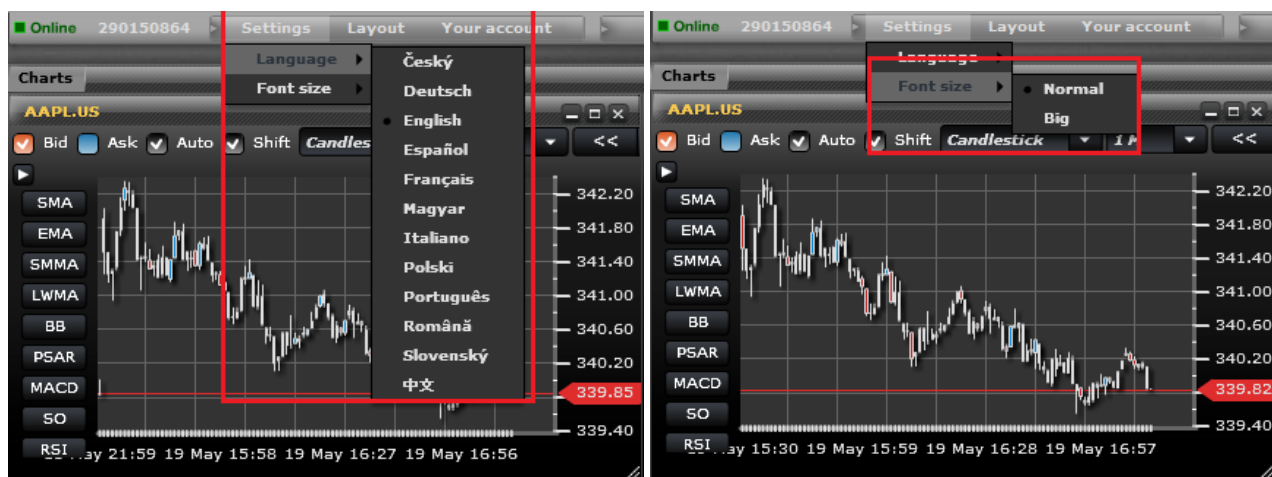
Layout:

This functionality allows storing, updating or deleting of your own layouts and one default layout (which cannot be modified).

- **Layout Setting** – Add or remove windows such as Open positions, History etc.
- **Toggle On/Off** – Same as Layout Setting
- **Select Layout** – All your saved layout can be selected here
- **Manage Layouts** – Save and modify layouts
- **Your Account** – Check and manage your personal data.

3.1. Market Watch

Main Screen:

The first time you log into the xStation, it opens on the **default layout,** displaying the following windows:

A. Market Watch   B.Click & Trade   C.Charts   E.Portfolio Summary   D.Market Info

xStation platform allows you to **customise the windows to fit your preference**. To do so, left click and hold the sides of a window to adjust to the desired size.

Full Screen View:

To maximize or minimize the window sizes either double-click the top bar of a selected window or select the maximize button on the window. Any changes you make to your preferences will be saved to a remote server and will be used the next time you log into the xStation regardless of where you initiate the session.

market watch

The Market Watch window displays live quotes of currency pairs, commodities, indices and Equities CFD's. You can also **customise the view on the market watch list** by right clicking and selecting the fields you would like displayed such as Bid Price, Ask Price, Spread, High/Low and Time of the last update.

All the instruments (except for the Default and Favorite tabs) are grouped by asset classes e.g. Forex, Indices, Commodities, Equities' CFD's or by sectors, e.g Energy, Majors.

You can easily **expand/collapse all the groups** by right clicking anywhere in the Market Watch area.

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Each group can also be expanded/collapsed manually, by double clicking the selected group.

There is also a search option which lets you **look for the instruments available** through the xStation. Click any link from the search results to display additional information. You can search by instrument code or name.
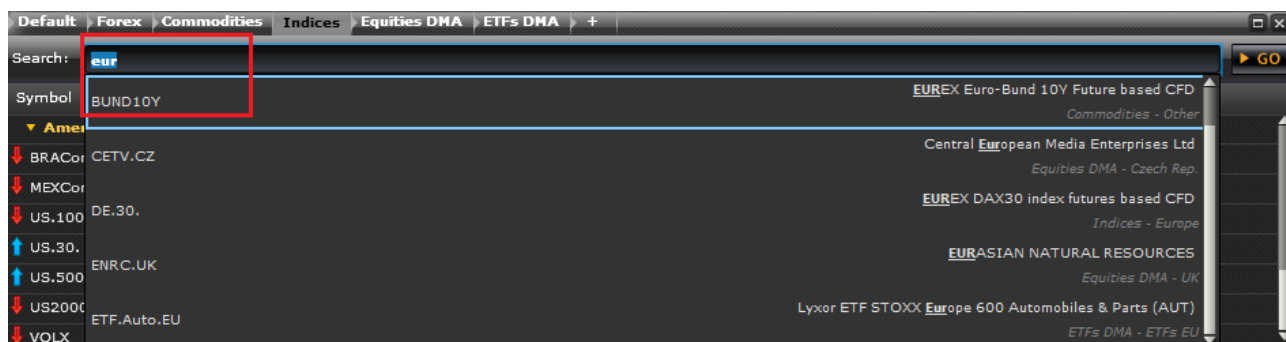

You can **create your own additional Market Watchlist** tabs and set up **your own personalised watchlists**. On the watchlist window, click + from the top bar. Create new tab window appears. Type a unique name for the new tab in the Tab Name field and click OK.
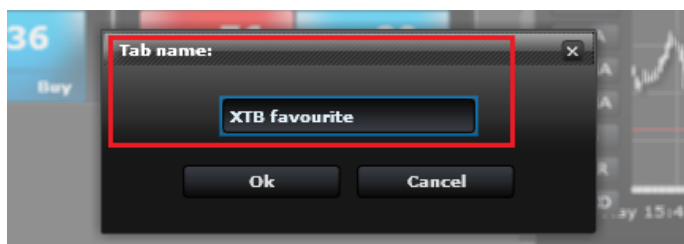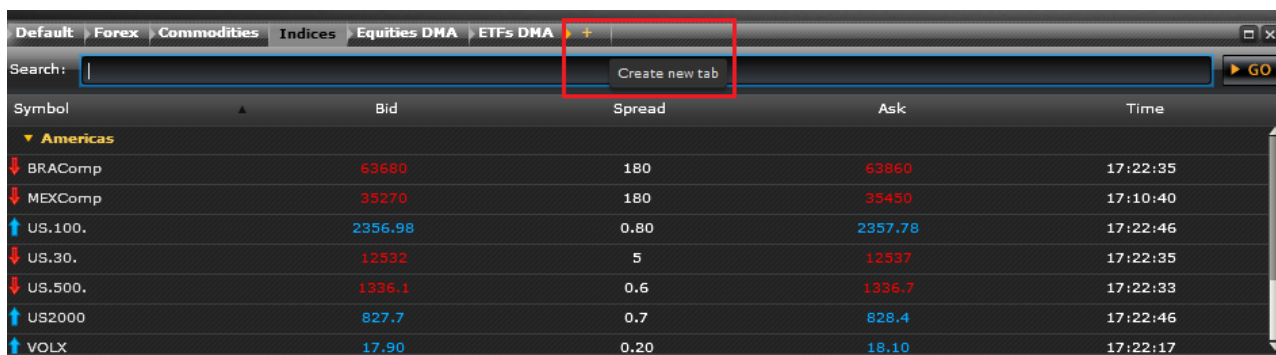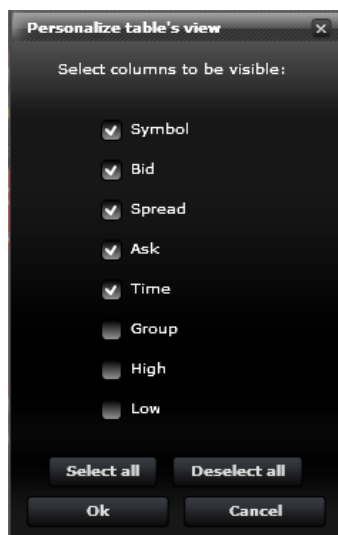
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You can now **insert your chosen instruments into your personalised watchlist** by either drag & drop or by clicking the arrow keys. To save click OK. All the selected instruments will now be listed in the newly created tab.
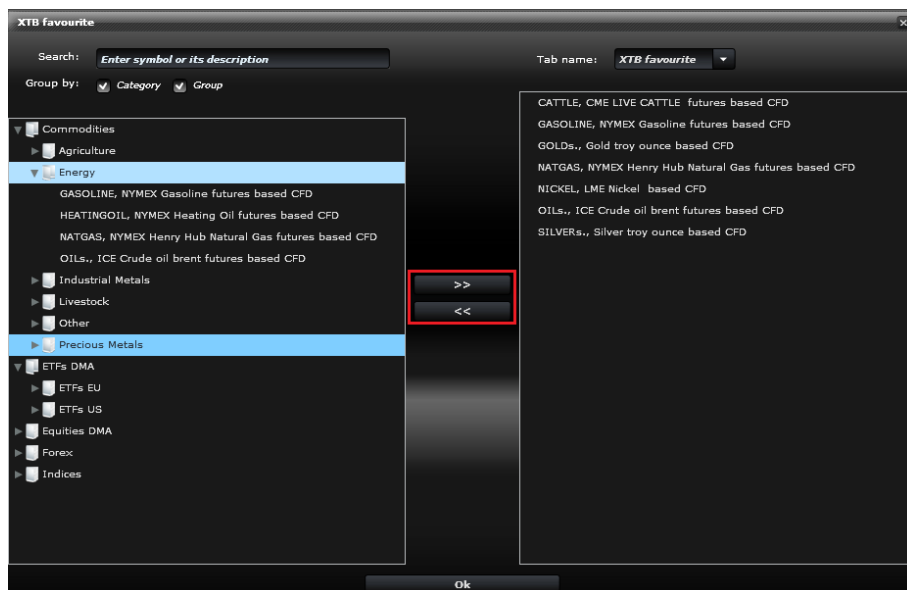
You can **customise the Market Watchlist** window at any time. To do so, right click anywhere on the window and select Personalise table's view:

click & trade

Real time bid/ask prices appear in the trading box for each instrument. To **add an instrument** to the Click & Trade window, simply drag a name of a selected instrument from either the Market Watchlist window or a chart. You can add a maximum of 12 instruments.
The Click and Trade mode enables you to execute market orders without using the order tickets.

By right clicking on any place in the Click & Trade window you can change the size of the trading boxes, to fit your preference:
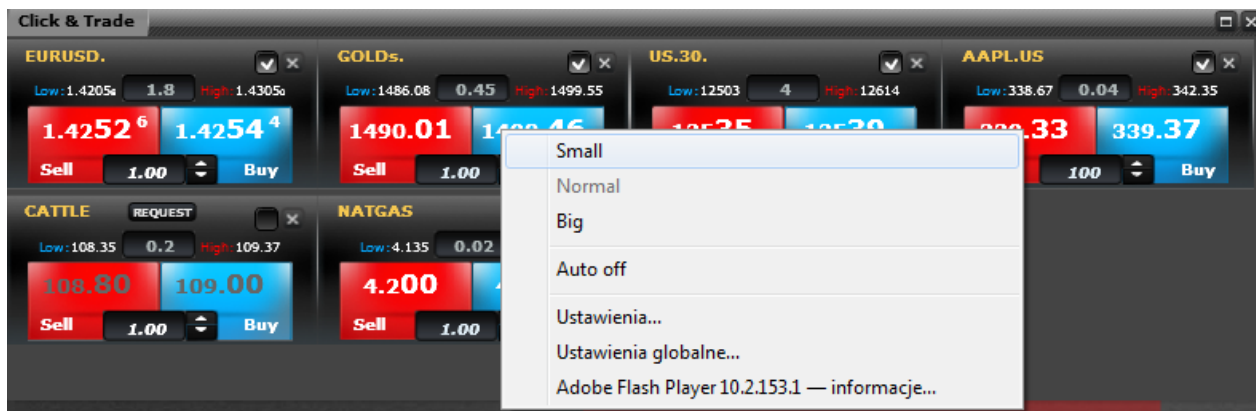
14 | **3.3. Charts**

The Interactive charts allow you to view live prices for one of eight time periods (1 - 15 minutes, 1 – 4 hours, 1 day, 1 week, 1 month). You can **select one of four chart types** (line, HLC, OHLC and candlestick) and **zoom into the data** to view a portion of the time period using an interactive slider built into the chart.
To **add a new chart** drag a selected instrument from the Market Watchlist or the Click & Trade window and drop it to the Charts window.

Interactive charts allow you to do the following:

- Change the Chart Type
- Change the Time Period
- Highlight a Specific Data Point
- Change the Zoom Level
- Change the Time Scale
- Scroll Left and Right

Note: You must have Adobe Flash Version 10.0 or higher to view interactive charts.
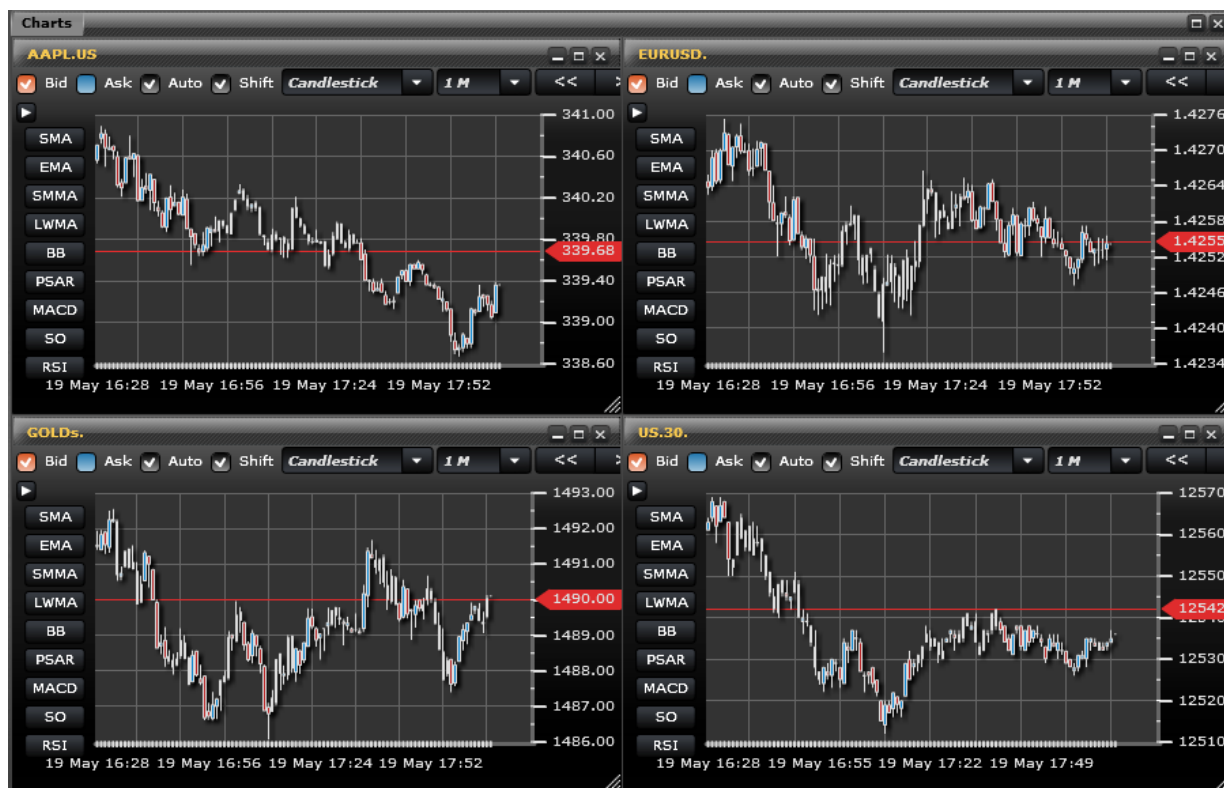
3.3.1. Adding Charts / 3.3.2. Changing Chart Type

The interactive chart includes the following information:

- The open, high, low and close prices (when pointing the cursor over a selected area of the chart).
- The date and time range (on the bottom of the chart).
- The price trading lines for open transactions

Adding a chart:

By default, any chart you add into the xStation is displayed as a Candlestick chart . You can change the chart type to OHLC (open, high, low, close), HLC or Line.

Changing the chart type:

Select a type from the Chart Type drop-down list as shown in the picture below. Select a time period and chart type from the drop-down lists.
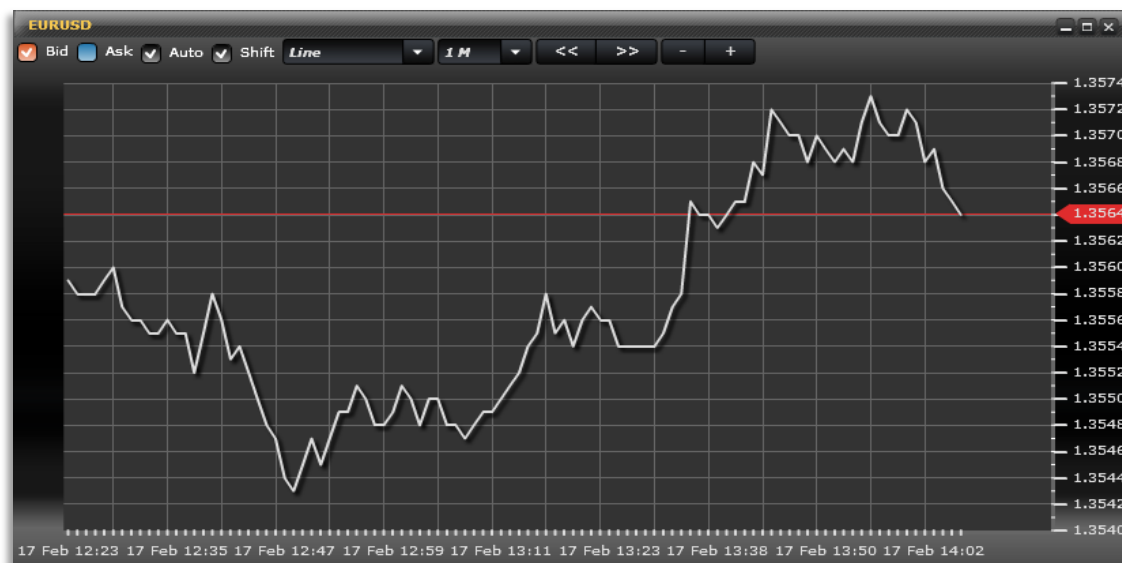
3.3.2. Changing Chart Type

The following four figures show a one-minute chart with the same Zoom level but **different chart types.**

- **Candlestick chart:**

- **Line chart:**

3.3.2. Changing Chart Type

- **OHLC chart:**

- **HLC chart:**

3.3.3 Time period

You can **change the time period of a chart** to any of the following using the Time Period drop-down list (M=minutes, H=hours, D=days, W=weeks, MN=months):
- 1M
- 5M
- 15M
- 1H
- 4H
- 1D
- 1W
- 1MN

To change the time period, select a period from the Time Period drop-down list as shown in the figure below:

- You can **highlight a specific data point** by moving the cursor over the chart.

▪ **Change the Zoom Level:**

Use the Zoom buttons at the top of the chart to automatically change the time scale. View data for the maximum time period currently available, or zoom to view data for smaller time periods as indicated by the Zoom buttons. By default, a chart displays data for the maximum time period.

▪ **Scroll Left and Right:**

Scroll the chart left and right by dragging your mouse anywhere in the chart. You can customise the chart's view at any moment. To do so, right click any place on a chart and select Personalise chart's view:

3.5. Market Info

- **News -** xStation gives you access to real-time news feeds from leading news providers from global markets.
- **Mailbox -** Allows you to view messages sent directly from XTB.
- **Calendar -** Informs you of economic data, date of publication, previous readings and market consensus

Title						Time ▼
US Judge Hits Iran With $300M Punitive Damages Award In Bus Bombing Case						19.05 18:20
CORRECT (5/18):Key Lawmaker Signals Openness On Overhaul Of Federal Pension System For Future Workers						19.05 18:18
Eyk Henning and Philipp Grontzki						19.05 18:03
UK Summary: London Stocks End Up; Off Highs						19.05 17:58

Set date: 2011/05/19 Show all

Time ▲	Country	Economic indicator	Period	Published value	Forecast	Previous value
19.05 01:50	JP	GDP (Annualized) -	(1Q A)	-3.7%	-2%	-1.3%
19.05 06:30	JP	Industrial Productic	(MAR)	-15.5% m/m	-15.3% m/m	1.8% m/m
19.05 10:30	UK	Retail Sales	(APR)	1.1% m/m	0.7% m/m	0.2% m/m
19.05 14:30	US	Weekly Jobless Cla	(Week)	409 k	420 k	434 k
19.05 16:00	US	Existing Home Sale	(APR)	5.05 mn	5.2 mn	5.1 mn
19.05 16:00	US	Philadelphia Fed Ir	(MAY)	3.9	20	18.5
19.05 16:00	US	Conference Board I	(APR)	-0.3%	0.1%	0.4%
20.05 00:00	JP	Bank of Japan Rate	(MAY)			0.1%

Show all button allows you to browse all the available data in the database.

This window enables you to manage your current positions, modify, cancel or browse the history of your transactions. It is divided into 3 main parts:
- Open positions
- Pending Orders
- History

- **Open Positions:**

All open positions can be viewed in the Open Positions tab in the Trading Portfolio window. This window sorts all **open positions by instrument**. When you have multiple positions open for the same instrument, the Open Positions window will automatically compound these individual trades.
This allows **multiple orders of the same instrument to be grouped together** to display information regarding overall number of lots, average open price as well as the profit and loss.

You can easily **expand/collapse all the groups** by right clicking anywhere in the Open Positions box area and choosing Expand all/Collapse all option.
Each group can be also **expanded/collapsed manually,** by double clicking the selected group.
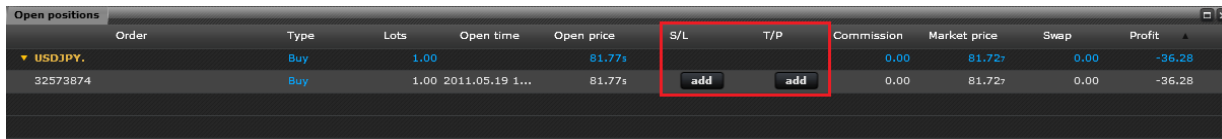
You also can add "stop loss" and "take profit" orders from this window to your open positions.

The xStation allows you to **customise the order of the columns** to fit your preference.
To do so, left click on the column, for example "Type", and drag it to the position on the screen where you would like it to be docked.

The average open price and profit is calculated from each consolidated position.

A long or short position can be closed or reduced from this window but not increased. If you want to increase the exposure on an instrument, you will need to open a new position.

With Equities CFD you cannot be long and short of the same instrument simultaneously.
If you decide to place a trade in the opposite direction of your current exposure, it will close part or all of your position in the order of the oldest open position being closed first.
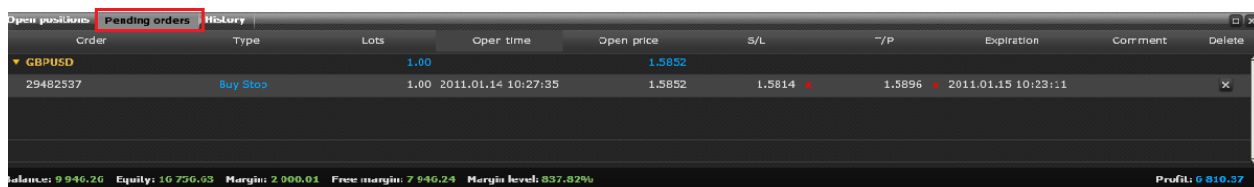
The following information is available for the Open Positions window:

- **Order**: Transaction number
- **Type**: Buy (long position) or sell (short position)
- **Lots**: Size of transaction in lots
- **Open Time**: Time of opening the transaction
- **Open Price**: Price at which the transaction was opened
- **S/L**: Stop loss
- **T/P**: Take profit
- **Commission**: Cost of transaction
- **Market Price**: Current price of the instrument (BID for a buy, ASK for a sell)
- **Profit**: Gain or loss (loss with a minus sign)
- **Comment**: User's comment
- **Swap:** Swap points
- **Symbol**: Name of the instrument
- **Login**: User's login
- **Close Time**: Time of closing the transaction
- **Expiration**: Expiration time set by the user
- **Spread**: The difference between ask and bid price
- **Time Stamp**: Time the trade was executed
- **Close:** An option to close the transaction

pending orders & history

Pending Orders :

In the pending orders window, you can **modify and delete pending orders** (Buy Limit, Sell Limit, Stop Buy, Stop Sell).
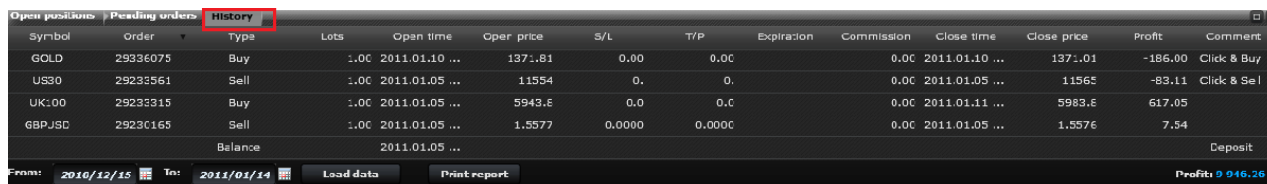

History:

The History tab shows the closed transactions.

- **Symbol** : Is an instrument's symbol
- **Order**: This is the given order number
- **Close Time**: The time at which the transaction was closed
- **Close price**: The price at which the transaction was closed

At the bottom of the screen you can choose the time period of your transaction history. You can also print the report into .pdf format.

3.6.4. Account Summary

The Account Summary bar displays **real time information about your trading account:**

- **Balance**: The account value
- **Equity**: Represents account balance plus the total sum of current unrealized gains/losses.
- **Margin**: Determines what amount is taken as a collateral for opened orders.
- **Free Margin**: The amount of capital on the investment account that can be used in the future as margin for opened transactions. It is calculated from the difference between Balance or Equity (the lower of the two) and Margin
- **Margin Level**: Represents the ratio between margin balance and the absolute sum of all open positions. This ratio is expressed in percentage.
- **Profit**: The profit of all open positions, calculated at the current rate. This amount changes as the rates fluctuate.

Depending on the trading account type, you can **create orders** in xStation for Forex, Commodities, Indices and Equities CFD.

You can create orders from the Market Watchlist, Click & Trade, Charts or from Open Position windows. xStation supports a variety of order types, including Instant Execution, Pending Order, Stop Loss, Take Profit (Limit Order).

▪ **Order Ticket:**

To place a trade, double-click on an instrument within Market Watch. A new order ticket will be opened:

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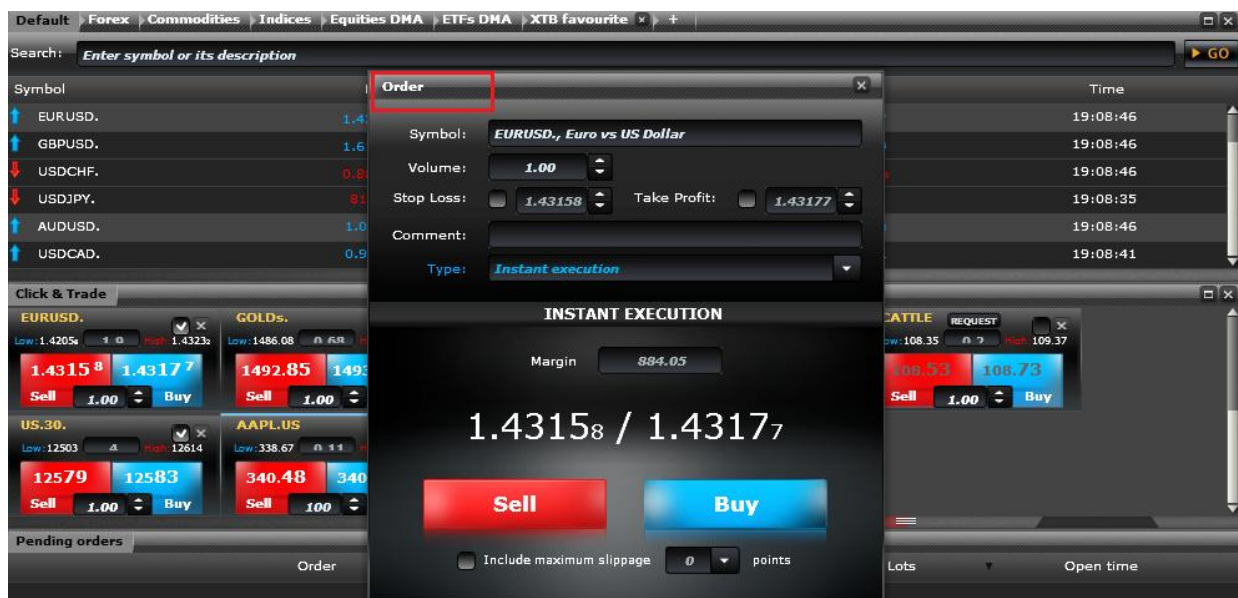
The first step **to placing an order** is to select a volume amount from the drop-down list or alternatively you can type the amount. Please note: this must be a multiple of the lot size.
When requesting a large number of lots, some transactions need to be approved by the dealer.

5.2. Placing Orders

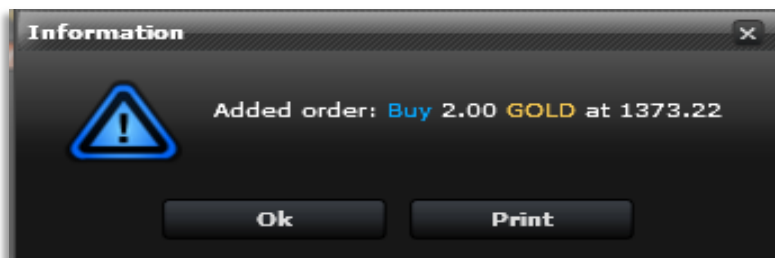Click the bid or offer buttons to execute a trade. For larger trades click the **Request** button and wait for the dealer's response.

When you get a response, you have 5 seconds to approve or reject your transaction:
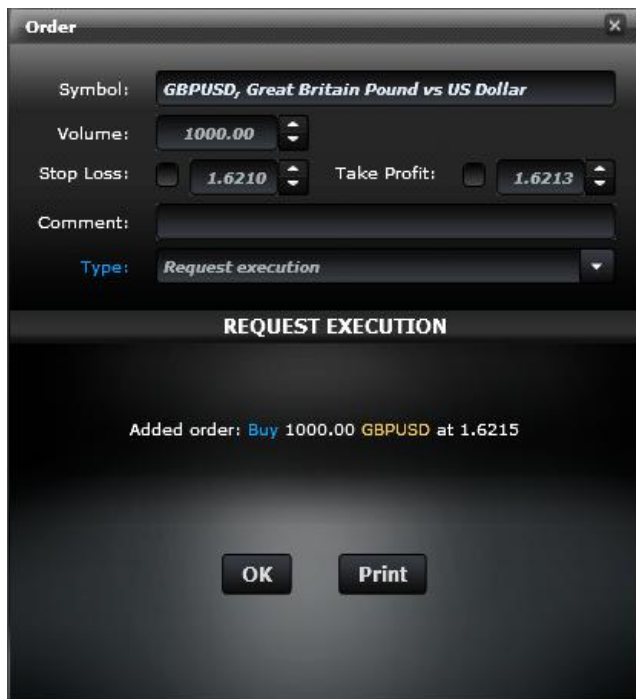
When you approve the transaction, a pop-up box confirms that the deal was successfully executed:

The newly executed transaction is displayed in the Open Positions tab in Trading Portfolio.

Order	Type	Lots	Open time	Open price	S/L	T/P	Commissic	Market pric	Swap	Profit	Comment	Close
▼ **GBPUSD**	Buy	3.001K		1.6185			0.00	1.6210	-37.63	2 182 7...		
30318141	Buy	1.00	2011.02...	1.6148	add	add	0.00	1.6210	-37.63	1 779.21		✕
30393645	Buy	1000.00	2011.02...	1.6186	add	add	0.00	1.6210	0.00	688 728...		✕
30393882	Buy	1000.00	2011.02...	1.6181	add	add	0.00	1.6210	0.00	832 213...		✕
30394058	Buy	1000.00	2011.02...	1.6187	add	add	0.00	1.6210	0.00	660 031...		✕
▼ **AAPL.US**	Buy	1.00		358.72			-28.98	358.18	-0.24	-1.55		

Click & Trade:

The easiest way **to place a market order** is to use the Click & Trade window. Please read and confirm that you understand the warning message, this message will be displayed before you place your first trade using the Click & Trade option.
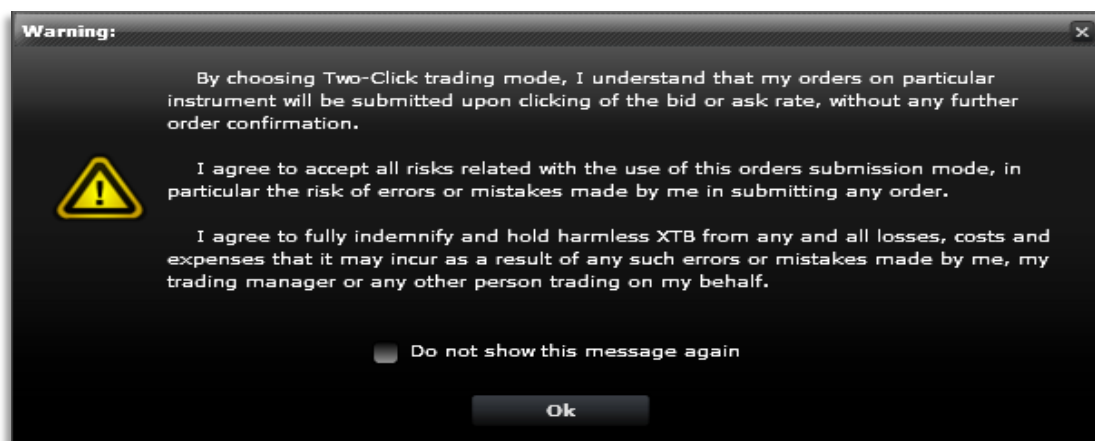
To place a trade, simple double-click on the current bid/offer to execute the trade.

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To change the volume of your trade select from the drop-down list, alternatively you can type the amount . Please note: this must be a multiple of the lot size.

When requesting a large number of lots, some transactions need to be approved by the dealer.

Either click the **Request** button located at the top of the ticket or double click the bid/offer and wait for the dealer's response.

When you get a response from the dealer, you have 5 seconds to approve or reject your transaction:

When you approve the transaction, a pop-up window confirms that the deal was successfully executed:

The newly placed trade is displayed in Open Positions tab in Trading Portfolio.
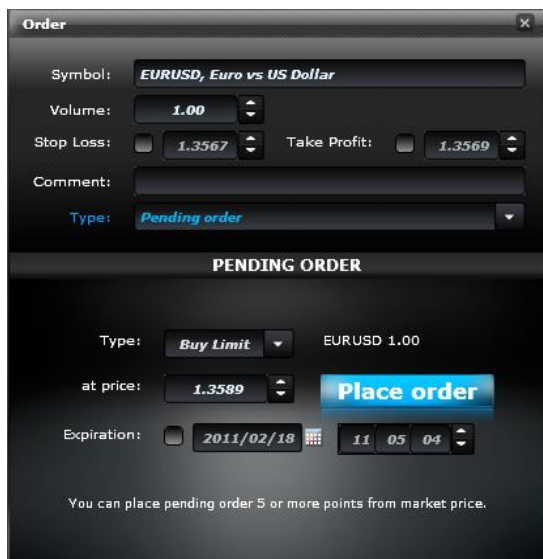
5.4. Place an order using Charts

Place an order using Charts:

You can **place a pending order directly from the charts window**. Right-click on the selected instrument's chart to place the order.
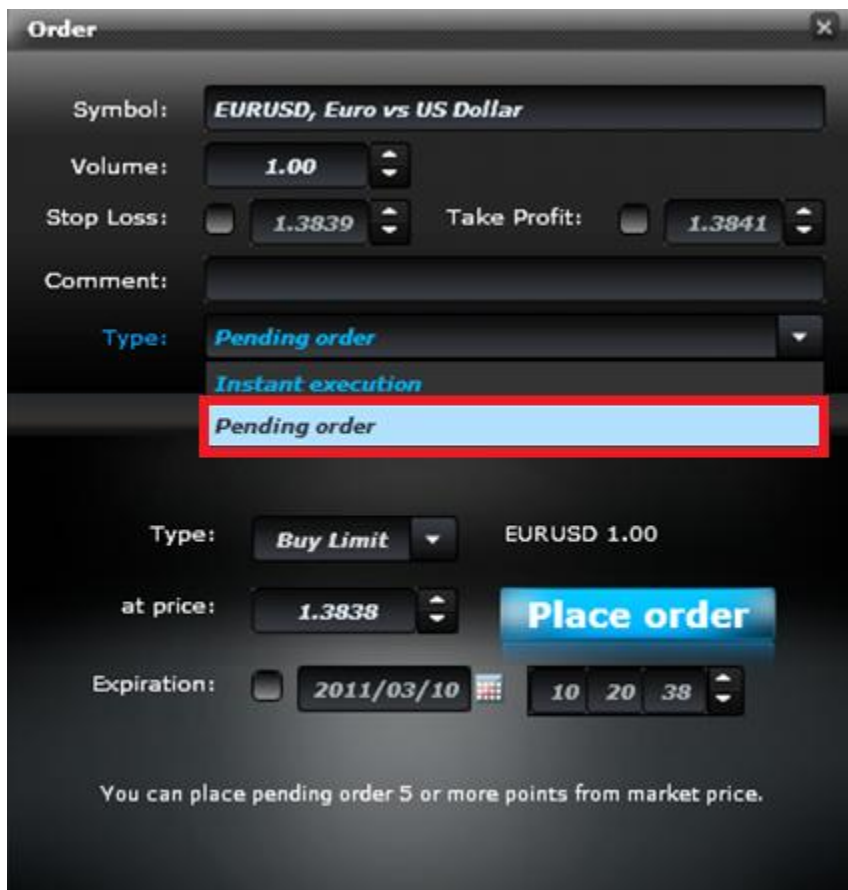
Select a type of transaction: Buy Limit, Sell Limit, Buy Stop or Sell Stop. A new order ticket will be opened.
The newly placed pending order will be displayed in Pending Orders tab in Trading Portfolio.
You can also change the default transaction size from the Account Settings.

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Place orders using trade ticket:
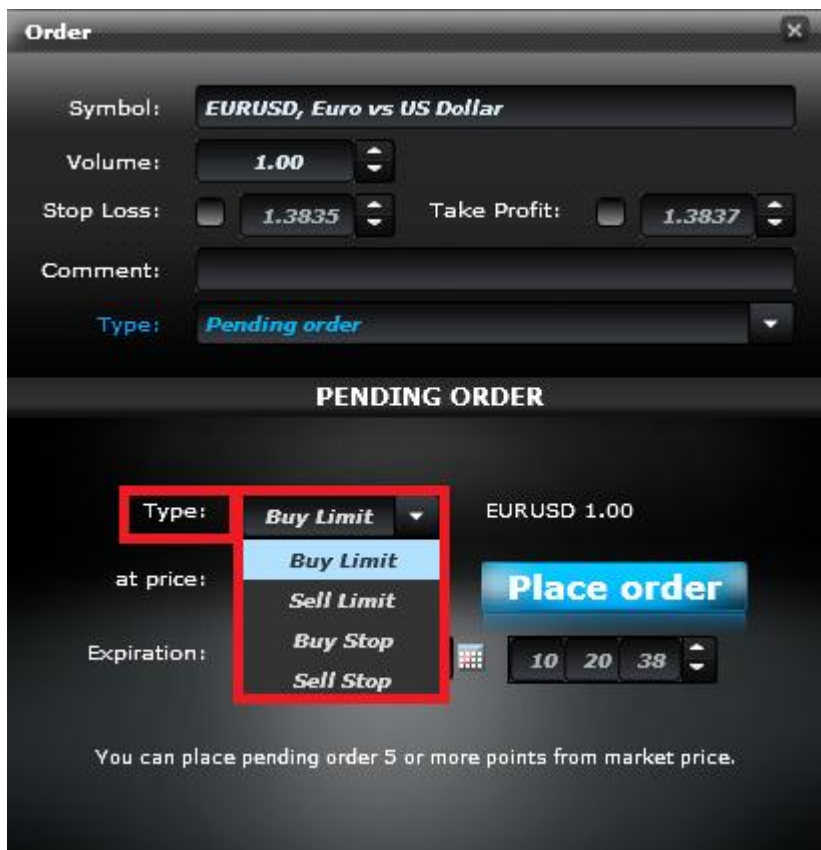
You can Also place an order from the Market Watch window. Double click the instrument, this will open a trade window. Change the execution type to "pending Order" from instant execution.

place orders - trade ticket

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Once you have changed the execution type to pending, Select your "order type" from the dropdown menu.

Select the price either by using the arrow buttons or type the price where you would like your order to be executed. Also select the order expiry date and time and then click "place order".
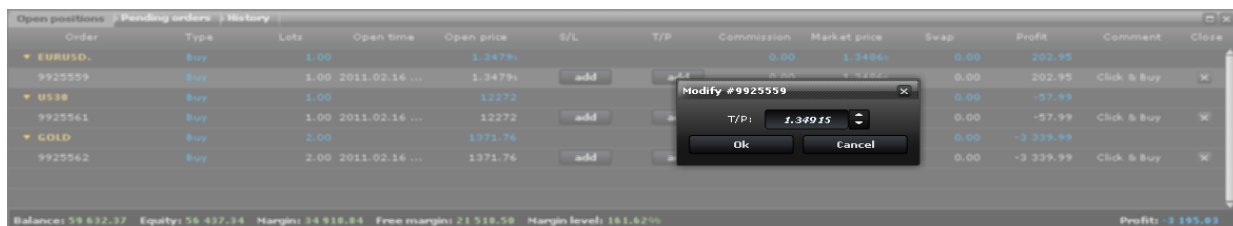
Adding Limits/Stops to Open Positions

Limits/Stops can be attached to an open position, which can automatically close a position when the market reaches a specified level. Normally a Stop Loss is used to automatically close an open position before additional losses can be incurred and Take Profit is used to automatically lock in trading profits.

You can also set limits to a transaction while modifying an order (see previous page)

Adding Limits to Pending orders

Limits/Stop orders can also be attached to an pending order. To do this, click on the "pending orders" tab in the portfolio summary window. Click on the "Add" buttons under Stop loss and Take profit columns.
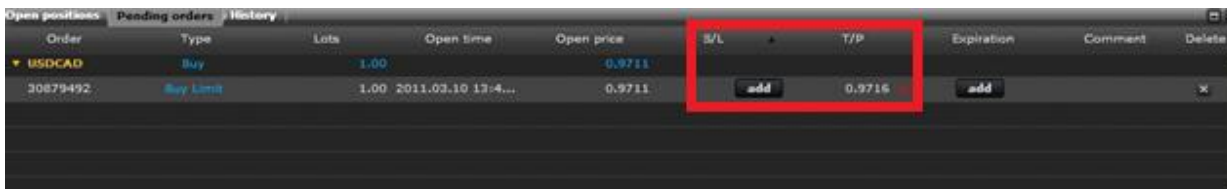
5.7. Modify Orders

Modify Orders:

Once you have an Pending orders

Once an order has been placed, **the order level can be modified** by double clicking a highlighted transaction in the open orders window. An Order Ticket is displayed and all parameters can be modified. Click on the Modify button after all the modifications have been made. Once the trade is completed, the updated information will be reflected in the Open Positions window.
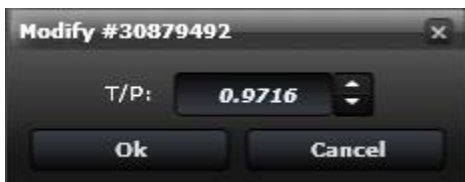
It is **important** to note that you can only change limit/stop prices for existing trades. If you wish to change the order size or instrument, you must cancel the existing order and enter a new one.

Alternatively, You can click the stop loss or take profit value to modify the order.

5.8. Close Position

Close Position:

To close an open position, click on the Close box (X) which can be located on the right hand-side of each open position in the Open positions window

Order	Type	Lots	Open time	Open price	S/L	T/P	Commission	Market price	Profit	Comment	Close
▼ EURUSD		1.00		1.3102			0.00	1.3417	6999.10		
29380523	Buy	1.00	2011.01….	1.2945	add	add	0.00	1.3416	3510.73	Click & Buy	✕
29380664	Buy	1.00	2011.01….	1.2945	add	add	0.00	1.3416	3510.73	Click & Buy	✕
29481453		1.00	2011.01….	1.3415	add	add	0.00	1.3418	-22.36	Click & Sell	✕

Balance: 9 946.26   Equity: 16 916.36   Margin: 2 000.01   Free margin: 7 946.24   Margin level: 845.80%   Profit: 6 970.10

Select the number of lots to be closed in the pop-up window and click OK.

Close #30323730

1.00   at 0.9508

Ok   Cancel

Additional way to close an open position :

Double click an open position listed in open positions window. Select number of lots to be closed and click the Close button:

Order #30334916 Buy 1.00 GOLD at 1373.36

Symbol: GOLD, Gold troy ounce based CFD
Volume: 1.00
Stop Loss: 1371.28   Take Profit: 1372.08
Comment: Click & Buy
Type: Instant execution

INSTANT EXECUTION

Margin   18 025.12

1371.28 / 1372.08

Sell   Buy

Close #30334916 buy 1.00 GOLD at 1371.28

Include maximum slippage   0   Points

Jenson Button
2009 FIA Formula One™
World Drivers' Champion

Lewis Hamilton
2008 FIA Formula One™
World Drivers' Champion