

Pillar 3 Risk Disclosure

Introduction

The Capital Requirements Directive ('the Directive') of the European Union establishes a revised regulatory capital framework across Europe governing the amount and nature of capital credit institutions and investment firms must maintain. In the United Kingdom, the Directive has been implemented by the Financial Services Authority ('FSA') in its regulations through the General Prudential Sourcebook ('GENPRU') and the Prudential Sourcebook for Banks, Building Societies and Investment Firms ('BIPRU').

The FSA framework consists of three 'Pillars':

- Pillar 1 sets out the minimum capital amount that meets the firm's credit, market and operational risk;
- Pillar 2 requires the firm to assess whether its Pillar 1 capital is adequate to meet its risks and is subject to annual review by the FSA; and
- Pillar 3 requires disclosure of specified information about the underlying risk management controls and capital position.

The rules in BIPRU 11 set out the provision for Pillar 3 disclosure. This document is designed to meet our Pillar 3 obligations.

We are permitted to omit required disclosures if we believe that the information is immaterial such that omission would be likely to change or influence the decision of a reader relying on that information.

In addition, we may omit required disclosures where we believe that the information is regarded as proprietary or confidential. In our view, proprietary information is that which, if it were shared, would undermine our competitive position. Information is considered to be confidential where there are obligations binding us to confidentiality with our customers, suppliers and counterparties.

We have made no omissions on the grounds that it is immaterial, proprietary or confidential.

Scope and application of the requirements

Mason Capital Europe LLP ("the Firm") is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority and as such is subject to minimum regulatory capital requirements. The Firm is categorised as a limited licence firm by the FSA for capital purposes. It is an investment management firm and as such has no trading book exposures nor does it hold any securities for itself.

The Firm is not a member of a group and so is not required to prepare consolidated reporting for prudential purposes. We foresee no impediments to prompt transfer of capital between group entities should the need arise and there are no differences in the basis of consolidation for accounting and prudential purposes.

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Risk management

The Firm is governed by its members (“Principals”) who determine its business strategy and risk appetite. They are also responsible for establishing and maintaining the Firm’s governance arrangements along with designing and implementing a risk management framework that recognises the risks that the business faces.

The Principals also determine how the risk our business faces may be mitigated and assess on an ongoing basis the arrangements to manage those risks. The Principals manage the Firm’s risks business through a framework of policy and procedures having regard to relevant laws, standards, principles and rules (including FSA principles and rules) with the aim to operate a defined and transparent risk management framework. These policies and procedures are updated as required.

The Principals have identified that business, operational, market and credit risks are the main areas of risk to which the Firm is exposed. Annually the Principals formally review their risks, controls and other risk mitigation arrangements and assess their effectiveness. Where the Principals identify material risks they consider the financial impact of these risks as part of our business planning and capital management and conclude whether the amount of regulatory capital is adequate.

Regulatory capital

The Firm is a Limited Liability Partnership and its capital arrangements are established in its Partnership deed.

Our Firm is small with a simple operational infrastructure. Its market risk is limited to foreign exchange risk on its accounts receivable in foreign currency, and credit risk from advisory fees receivable from its parent company. The Firm follows the standardised approach to market risk and the simplified standard approach to credit risk. The Firm is subject to the Fixed Overhead Requirement and is not required to calculate an operational risk capital charge though it considers this as part of its process to identify the level of risk based capital required.

As discussed above the firm is a limited licence firm and as such its capital requirements are the greater of:

- Its base capital requirement of €50,000; or
- The sum of its market and credit risk requirements; or
- Its Fixed Overhead Requirement.

We have not identified credit risk exposure classes or the minimum capital requirements for market risk as we believe that they are immaterial. It is the Firm’s experience that the fixed overhead requirement is the greatest and therefore establishes its minimum capital requirement of £183,000.

The approach of the business to assessing the adequacy of its internal capital to support current and future activities is contained in the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process. The fixed overhead requirement under Pillar 1 is deemed by the Firm to be sufficient capital to meet its current needs. All known risks, including operational risks, have been assessed. No additional capital is currently required.

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The main features of the Firm's capital resources for regulatory purposes are as follows:

Capital item	£
Tier 1 capital less innovative tier 1 capital	735,466
Total tier 2, innovative tier 1 and tier 3 capital	0
Deductions from tier 1 and tier 2 capital	0
Total capital resources, net of deductions	735,466

Since the capital resources requirement of the Firm is its fixed overhead requirement and not the total of the credit risk and market risk requirements, disclosures relating to credit and market risk are considered to be immaterial in assessing the risk exposures assessment processes of the Firm.