

Macrosynergy Group

Pillar 3 Disclosure and Policy 1 January 2019

Introduction

Regulatory Context

The Pillar 3 disclosure of Macrosynergy Partners LLP (“the Firm”) is set out below as required by the FCA’s “Prudential Sourcebook for Banks, Building Societies and Investment Firms” (BIPRU) specifically [BIPRU 11.3.3 R](#). This is a requirement which stems from the UK’s CRDIII implementing Regulations which represented the European Union’s application of the Basel Capital Accord. The Firm is no longer formally subject to CRD but remain subject to the UK’s implementation Regulations of CRD prior to CRDIII. The regulatory aim of the disclosures is to improve market discipline.

Frequency

The Firm will make Pillar 3 disclosures at least annually. The disclosures will be as at the Accounting Reference Date (“ARD”) and/or upon material changes to the business. This disclosure covers the period up to 31 December 2018.

Media and Location

The disclosure will be published on the Firm’s website.

Verification

The information contained in this document has not been audited by the Firm’s external auditors, as this is not a requirement, and does not constitute any form of financial statement and must not be relied upon in making any judgement on the Group.

Materiality

The Firm regards information as material in disclosures if its omission or misstatement could change or influence the assessment or decision of a user relying on that information for the purpose of making economic decisions. If the Firm deems a certain disclosure to be immaterial, it may be omitted from this Statement.

Confidentiality

The Firm regards information as proprietary if sharing that information with the public would undermine its competitive position. Proprietary information may include information on products or systems which, if shared with competitors, would render the Firm’s investments therein less valuable. Further, the Firm must regard information as confidential if there are obligations to customers or other counterparty relationships binding the Firm to confidentiality. In the event that any such information is omitted, we shall disclose such and explain the grounds why it has not been disclosed.

Summary

The CRD, to which the Firm remains subject as a consequence of the UK CRD III implementing Regulations, have three pillars; Pillar 1 deals with minimum capital requirements; Pillar 2 deals with Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (“ICAAP”) undertaken by a firm and the Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process through which the Firm and Regulator satisfy themselves on the adequacy of capital held by the Firm in relation to the risks it faces and; Pillar 3 which deals with public disclosure of risk management policies, capital resources and capital requirements.

The regulatory aim of the disclosure is to improve market discipline.

The Firm is categorised as a CPMI (Collective Portfolio Management Investment Firm) under the Directive, which reflects the managing of both funds (under the AIFMD) and managed accounts (under MiFID). It acts solely as agent, so the main protection to its customers is provided through client money and asset arrangements. The Firm's greatest risks have been identified as business and operational risk. The Firm is required to disclose its risk management objectives and policies for each separate category of risk which include the strategies and processes to manage those risks; the structure and organisation of the relevant risk management function or other appropriate arrangement; the scope and nature of risk reporting and measurement systems; and the policies for hedging and mitigating risk, and the strategies and processes for monitoring the continuing effectiveness of hedges and mitigants.

The Firm has assessed business and operational risks in its ICAAP and set out appropriate actions to manage them.

A number of key operations are outsourced by our clients, typically the AIFs we are an AIFM to, to third party providers such as administrators reducing our exposure to operational risk. The Firm has an operational risk framework (described below) in place to mitigate operational risk. The Firm's main exposure to credit risk is the risk that management and performance fees cannot be collected and, therefore, credit risk is considered low. The Firm holds all cash and performance fee balances with banks assigned high credit ratings.

Market Risk exposure has been assessed by the Firm and is limited to the Firm's exposure to foreign currency exchange rate risk and hence to any assets held on the Firm's Balance Sheet denominated in a foreign currency. The Firm's Reporting Currency is GBP and all foreign currency assets are converted into GBP where possible on a regular basis.

Background to the Firm

Background

The Firm is incorporated in the UK and is authorised and regulated by the FCA as an AIFM of non-EEA AIFs. In addition, the Firm can undertake MiFID activities which give it the categorisation of a 'BIPRU Firm'.

The following entities are covered by the ICAAP:

- Macrosynergy Partners LLP; and
- Macrosynergy Ltd.

The Firm is a BIPRU Firm without an Investment Firm Consolidation Waiver deducting Material Holdings under [GENPRU 2 Annex 4](#).

BIPRU 11.5.1

Disclosure: Risk Management Objectives and Policies

Risk Management Objective

The Firm has a risk management objective to develop systems and controls to mitigate risk to within its risk appetite.

Governance Framework

The Partners of the Firm have daily management and oversight responsibility. They meet quarterly and include:

- Nikos Makris

- Gavin Moule
- Robert Enserro
- Conor Claxton

The Operational Risk Committee is responsible for the application of the Risk Management Framework, as well as forming its own opinion on the effectiveness of the process. The Committee comprises of the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Investment Officers, the Chief Information Officer, and the Chief Operating Officer. Senior Management is accountable to the Operational Risk Committee for designing, implementing and monitoring the process of risk management and implementing it into the day-to-day business activities of the Firm.

The Portfolio Risk Committee is a dedicated resource with oversight over the Risk Management Framework. The Chief Investment Officers make portfolio investment/divestment decisions within the Risk Management Framework.

Risk Framework

Risk within the Firm is managed by use of the following:

- The Firm has a conservative approach to risk;
- The Firm has identified its risks and recorded them in a 'Risk Register';
- The 'Risk Register' is reviewed at regular meetings of the Operational Risk Committee and Portfolio Risk Committee;
- The Firm has undertaken scenario analysis and stress tests on the most significant risks identified. This informs the Firm how risks are likely to behave and what, if any, impact there is likely to be to its balance sheet; and
- The Firm has in place an internal control framework to govern its processes and procedures and to mitigate any risks.

BIPRU 11.5.4

Disclosure: Compliance with BIPRU 3, BIPRU 4, BIPRU 6, BIPRU 7, BIPRU 10 and the Overall Pillar 2 Rule

BIPRU 3 (Credit Risk)

For its Pillar 1 regulatory capital calculation of Credit Risk, under the credit risk capital component the Firm has adopted the Standardised approach ([BIPRU 3.4](#)) and the Simplified method of calculating risk weights ([BIPRU 3.5](#)).

Credit Risk calculation

Credit Risk Capital Requirement	Rule	Capital Component
Credit risk capital component	BIPRU 3.2	£ £108,934
Counterparty risk capital component	BIPRU 13 & 14	£0
Concentration risk capital component	BIPRU 10	£0
Total		£ £108,934

	Rule	Exposure	Risk Weight	Risk weighted exposure amount
National Government Bodies	BIPRU 3.4.2	£0	0%	£0
Banks etc. long-term	BIPRU 3.4.36	£0	50%	£0
Banks etc. short-term	BIPRU 3.4.39	£1,266,699	20%	£253,340
Exposure to Corporates	BIPRU 3.4.52	297,359	100%	£297,359
Exposure to Debtors	BIPRU 3.4.53	480,569	75%	£360,427
Past due item	BIPRU 3.4.96	£0	100%	£0
Fixed assets	BIPRU 3.4.127	£0	100%	£0
Accrued Investment management fees	BIPRU 3.4.128	£450,546	100%	£450,546
Total		£2,495,173		1,361,672
Credit Risk Capital Component	8% of risk weighted exposure			£108,934

BIPRU 4 (Advanced Credit Risk Approach)

The Firm does not adopt the Internal Ratings Based approach and hence this is not applicable.

BIPRU 6

The Firm, being a Firm is not subject to the Pillar I Operational Risk Requirement and, therefore, this is not applicable.

BIPRU 7 (Market Risk)

The Firm has Non-Trading Book potential exposure only.

BIPRU 10

The Firm is not subject to the Large Exposure Rules at BIPRU 10 and, therefore, no disclosure on this is required.

Overall Pillar 2 Rule

The Firm has adopted the “Structured” approach to the calculation of its ICAAP Capital Resources Requirement as outlined in the Committee of European Banking Supervisors Paper, 25 January 2006.

The Partners review and endorse the risk management objectives each quarter or when a material change to the business occurs at the same time as reviewing and signing off the ICAAP document.

BIPRU 11.5.8

Disclosure: Credit Risk and Dilution Risk

The Firm is primarily exposed to Credit Risk from the risk of non-collection of management fees. It holds all cash and performance fee balances with Banks assigned high credit ratings. Consequently, risk of past due or impaired exposures is minimal. A financial asset is past due when a counterparty has failed to make a payment when contractually due. Impairment is defined as a reduction in the recoverable amount of a fixed asset or goodwill below the carrying amount.

BIPRU 11.5.12**Disclosure: Market Risk**

The Firm has Non-Trading Book potential exposure only.

Please note: As per GENPRU 2.1.46R, the Market Risk Capital Requirement is only required to be calculated in respect of our designated investment business. This does not include our activities as an AIFM.

Market Risk calculation

	Rule	Position	Risk Weight	PRR
Interest rate position risk requirement	BIPRU 7.2	£0	8%	£0
Equity position risk requirement	BIPRU 7.3	£0	8%	£0
Commodity position risk requirement	BIPRU 7.4	£0	8%	£0
Foreign currency position risk requirement	BIPRU 7.5	£156,647	8%	£12,532
Option position risk requirement	BIPRU 7.6	£0	8%	£0
Collective investment undertaking position risk requirement	BIPRU 7.7	£0	32%	£0
Total		£156,647		£12,532

BIPRU 11.5.2**Disclosure: Scope of application of directive requirements**

The Firm is subject to the disclosures under the Banking Consolidation Directive.

While the Firm is a member of a UK Group there is no difference in the basis of consolidation for accounting and prudential purposes and the further provisions of this section are satisfied.

BIPRU 11.5.3**Disclosure: Capital Resources**

The Firm is a BIPRU Investment Firm without an Investment Firm Consolidation Waiver deducting Material Holdings under ([GENPRU 2 Annex 4](#)). Tier 1 Capital comprises of LLP Partners' Capital Tier One Capital and Audited Reserves.

Tier 1 Capital	£772,992
Deductions	£0
Tier 2 Capital	£0
Deductions	£0
Capital Resources	£0
Tier 3 Capital	£0
Deductions	£0
Total Capital	£772,992

BIPRU 11.5.5

This disclosure is not required as the Firm has not adopted the Internal Ratings Based approach to Credit Risk and therefore is not affected by [BIPRU 11.5.4R \(3\)](#).

BIPRU 11.5.6

This disclosure is not required as the Firm has not adopted the Internal Ratings Based approach to Credit Risk and therefore is not affected by [BIPRU 11.5.4R \(3\)](#).

BIPRU 11.5.7

This disclosure is not required as the Firm does not have a Trading Book.

BIPRU 11.5.9

This disclosure is not required as the Firm does not make Value Adjustments and Provisions for Impaired exposures that need to be disclosed under [BIPRU 11.5.8R \(9\)](#).

BIPRU 11.5.10

Disclosure: Firms calculating Risk Weighted Exposure Amounts in accordance with the Standardised Approach

This disclosure is not required as the Firm uses the Simplified method of calculating Risk Weights ([BIPRU 3.5](#)).

BIPRU 11.5.11

Disclosure: Firms calculating Risk Weighted Exposure amounts using the IRB Approach

This disclosure is not required as the Firm has not adopted the Internal Ratings Based approach to Credit and therefore is not affected by [BIPRU 11.5.4R \(3\)](#).

BIPRU 11.5.13

Disclosure: Use of VaR model for calculation of Market Risk Capital Requirement

This disclosure is not required as the Firm does not use a VaR model for calculation of Market Risk Capital Requirement.

BIPRU 11.5.14**Disclosure:** Operational Risk

The Firm's Wind Down Requirement is disclosed as a proxy for the Pillar I Operational Risk Capital calculation. The Firm's Pillar I Capital Resources Requirement is the higher of FOR/the sum of Market Risk and Credit Risk Requirement or the Wind Down requirement.

Wind Down Requirement	GENPRU 2.1.53	£641,080
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BIPRU 11.5.15**Disclosure:** Non-Trading Book Exposures in Equities

This disclosure is not required as the Firm does not have a Non-Trading Book Exposure to Equities.

BIPRU 11.5.16**Disclosures:** Exposures to Interest Rate Risk in the Non-Trading Book

Although the Firm has substantial cash balances on its Balance Sheet, there is currently no significant exposure to Interest Rate fluctuations.

BIPRU 11.5.17 Disclosures: Securitisation

This disclosure is not required as the Firm does not Securitise its assets.

BIPRU 11.5.18**Disclosure:** Remuneration

The Firm is a C4, P3 firm and therefore deemed low risk. The Firm has applied the rules appropriate to its Proportionality Level. The Partners are responsible for the Firm's remuneration policy. All variable remuneration is adjusted in line with capital and liquidity requirements.

Remuneration Code Staff Remuneration by Business Area (BIPRU 11.5.18(6))

Business Area	Total Remuneration
Portfolio Management	£2,196,833

Aggregate Quantitative Remuneration by Senior Management and other Remuneration Code Staff (BIPRU 11.5.18(7))

Type of Remuneration Code Staff	Total Remuneration
Senior Management (SIF)	£2,196,833
Other Remuneration Code Staff	£0
Totals	£2,196,833