

Baker Steel Capital Managers LLP

Pillar 3 Disclosure and Policy for a Full Scope UK AIFM (Collective Portfolio Management Investment Firm)

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Introduction

Regulatory Context

The Pillar 3 disclosure of Baker Steel Capital Managers 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 remains subject to the UK’s implementation Regulations of CRD III. The regulatory aim of the disclosures is to improve market discipline.

Frequency

The Firm will be making Pillar 3 disclosures at least annually. The disclosures will be as at the Accounting Reference Date (“ARD”).

Media and Location

The disclosure will be published on our 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 Firm.

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 CRDIII 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 Firm is a Full Scope UK AIFM of EEA/non-EEA AIFs and also undertakes additional activities which result in the Firm being a BIPRU firm. It acts solely as agent, so the main protection to our 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

The Firm is incorporated in the UK and is authorised and regulated by the FCA as an AIFM of EEA/non-EEA AIFs. In addition the Firm undertakes MiFID activities which give it the categorisation of a ‘BIPRU Firm’.

The following entities are covered by the ICAAP:

- Baker Steel Capital Managers LLP
- Baker Steel Limited

The Firm is a Solo regulated entity.

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 Executive Committee is the Governing Body of the Firm and has overall management and oversight responsibility. The Committee meets regularly and is composed of:

- Trevor Steel
- David Baker
- Mark Burridge
- Priya Mukherjee

The Executive Committee is responsible for the entire process of risk management, as well as forming its opinion on the effectiveness of the process. In addition, the Committee decides the Firm's risk appetite or tolerance for risk and ensures that the Firm has implemented an effective, ongoing process to identify risks, to measure the potential impact and then to ensure that such risks are effectively managed through regular monitoring and overseeing the implemented procedures.

Risk Framework

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

BIPRU 11.5.4**Disclosure:** Compliance with BIPRU 3, BIPRU 4, BIPRU 7 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](#)).

Please note: As per GENPRU 2.1.46R, the Credit 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.

Credit Risk Calculation

Credit Risk Capital Requirement	Rule	Capital Component
Credit risk capital component	BIPRU 3.2	£139,266
Counterparty risk capital component	BIPRU 13 & 14	£0
Concentration risk capital component	BIPRU 10	£0
Total		£139,266

The CRC is made up of the following exposures;

	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	£554,394	20%	£110,879
Exposure to Corporates/Debtors	BIPRU 3.4.52	£1,611,326	100%	£1,611,326
Past due item	BIPRU 3.4.96	£0	100%	£0
Fixed assets	BIPRU 3.4.127	£18,617	100%	£18,617
Accrued Investment management fees	BIPRU 3.4.128	£0	100%	£0
Total		£2,184,337		£1,740,822
Credit Risk Capital Component	8% of risk weighted exposure			£139,266

BIPRU 4 (Advanced Credit Risk Approach)

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

BIPRU 7 (Market Risk)

The Firm has Non-Trading Book potential exposure only ([BIPRU 7.4](#), [7.5](#)).

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 ICAAP assessment is overseen by the LLP Board and is reviewed and updated on an annual basis and when a material change to the business occurs. The Compliance Officer presents the ICAAP document to the Executive Committee of the Firm which reviews and endorses the risk management objective annually and 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 its debtor balances including outstanding advisory/management and sub-advisory/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 its carrying amount.

BIPRU 11.5.12**Disclosure: Market Risk**

The Firm has Non Trading Book potential exposure only ([BIPRU 7.4](#) & [7.5](#)).

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	£0	8%	£0
Option position risk requirement	BIPRU 7.6	£0	8%	£0
Collective investment undertaking position risk requirement	BIPRU 7.7	£0	32%	£0
Total		£0		£0

The Firm had no exposure to Market Risk as at 31 December 2018.

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

The Firm is subject to the disclosures under the UK CRDIII Implementing Regulations. However, it is not a member of a UK Consolidation Group and consequently, does not report on a consolidated basis for accounting and prudential purposes.

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 Members' Capital and Audited Reserves.

As a Collective Portfolio Management Investment Firm the Firm is subject to the capital requirements set out in IPRU(INV) Chapter 11 and also BIPRU/GENPRU. The Firm has the following capital resources:-

Tier 1 Capital/Initial Capital	£ 984,450
Deductions	£ (536,279)
Tier 2 Capital	£ 0
Deductions	£ 0
Total Tier 1 & 2/Own Funds	£ 448,171
Tier 3 Capital	£ 0
Total Capital (GENPRU)	£ 448,171

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 11.5.15

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 sufficient 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 has only one “business area”, namely its investment management business. All Code Staff are members of the Firm and whose actions have a material impact on the risk profile of the Firm. The aggregate remuneration awarded to such Code Staff during the financial year ending on the accounting reference date was £283,094

Staff whose actions have a material impact on the risk profile of the Firm

The Firm has a very limited number of Code Staff, including Senior Management and, in the interests of confidentiality, Senior Management’s aggregate compensation is not given separately in this disclosure, in line with statements made by the Committee of European Banking Supervisors (“CEBS”) that where there is a limited number of Code Staff then the Firm may consider omissions.