

Impax Asset Management Limited

BIPRU Pillar 3 Disclosures 31 December 2018

Introduction

Impax Asset Management Limited (the 'Company' or 'Impax') is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA').

The Company is a BIPRU Limited Licence Investment Firm ('LLIF').

Impax benefits from FCA derogation regarding the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR) allowing it to carry forward the Capital Requirements Directive (CRD) III rules. Therefore, the following disclosures are in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 11 of the FCA Prudential Sourcebook for Banks, Building Societies and Investment Firms (BIPRU).

The CRD III framework for the assessment and monitoring of capital adequacy for Impax has three elements:

Pillar 1 sets out the minimum capital requirements to meet the credit, market and operational risks calculated in accordance with set rules

Pillar 2 is an Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process ('ICAAP'), whereby the Group assesses the capital impact of the potential risks faced by the Group and the capital required to cover the risks identified

Pillar 3 requires the disclosure of specified information about the underlying risk management controls and capital adequacy

Scope of Application

Impax Asset Management Limited is part of the group of companies headed by Impax Asset Management Group plc (the 'Impax Group' or the 'Group'). The Group has however been granted an investment firm consolidation waiver and accordingly the Pillar 3 disclosures set out in this document are made at the Company level.

Frequency of Disclosures

These disclosures are required to be made at least annually and, if appropriate, some disclosures will be made more frequently as a result of material updates to the firm's internal capital adequacy assessment. Impax Asset Management Limited has a financial year end reporting date of 30 September and disclosures are made as soon as is practicable after finalisation of its Annual Report and Accounts. Disclosures will be made at other dates if appropriate.

Verification, Media and Location

These disclosures explain the basis of preparation of certain capital requirements and provide information about management of specific risks. They do not constitute, in any form, audited financial statements and have been produced solely for the purposes of Pillar 3. These disclosures are published on the Group's website within the Investor Relations section (www.impaxam.com/investor-relations/group-documents).

Company capital requirements and resources

The Company's capital resources are approximately £15m.

The Pillar 1 capital requirement is the greater of (i) the Fixed Overheads Requirement and (ii) the sum of the Market and Credit risk requirements. Both measures are calculated in accordance with the criteria set out by the FCA. For Impax the applicable measure is the Fixed Overheads Requirement; the Company's Capital resources are significantly in excess of this requirement.

The Pillar 2 capital requirement is developed using the ICAAP. The process covers the identification and probability of occurrence of the different business and operational risks faced by the Group and an assessment of the capital required to be held against those risks. The process also includes performing stress and scenario analysis to project the financial impact of various stress events, for example a significant equity market downturn. The ICAAP is prepared by the executive management of the Group and then reviewed in detail by the Audit and Risk Committee of the Board of Directors before final approval by the Board itself.

The Company capital resources are in significantly excess of the maximum capital requirement identified by the ICAAP process.

Risk Management Policy

Impax faces a wide variety of risks including physical risks to people or property, financial loss, failure of service delivery, information management and damage to the organisation's reputation. Impax is committed to ensuring that an effective risk management system is in place and considers that this is an integral part of its overall governance framework.

Risk Management Roles and Responsibilities

The Company operates within the Group's risk management framework. The Impax Asset Management Limited Board of Directors (the 'Board') is ultimately responsible for risk management for the Company. Day-to-day responsibility for risk management of the Company has been delegated to the Chief Executive of the Group (who holds the same position for the Company) and to the Executive Directors of Impax Business Units and the Chief Financial Officer of the Group. The Impax Asset Management Group plc Board of Directors (the 'Group Board') has also set up an Audit and Risk Committee. The Audit and Risk Committee is required to monitor risks and the processes in place to control or mitigate those risks and report to the Boards of the Group and the Company thereon. The Group Board and Chief Executive also recognises that all Impax employees are invaluable in the Group's risk management framework and encourages all employees to actively identify, monitor and review risks that arise out of their day to day activity.

Risk Appetite

Risk appetite is the amount and type of risk that the Board regards as appropriate for Impax to accept in achieving business objectives. The Audit and Risk Committee reviews the risk appetite at least annually before final approval by the Group Board. Impax's risk appetite forms the basis against which business and financial decisions are taken.

Risk Management Process

The Group has a Risk Management Function ('RMF'), headed by the Chief Risk Officer who reports directly to the Audit and Risk Committee. As part of the Risk Management process, Impax continually assesses the key risks arising from ongoing activities, proposed new activities or changes to existing activities, as well as identifying processes and controls to monitor or mitigate those risks. The RMF is responsible for maintaining a risk register and related reporting to the Group's Audit and Risk Committee. The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for an on-going program to monitor internal controls and processes put in place to control or mitigate the risks identified.

Key Risks

The principal risks that the Company faces are described below.

Market risk

The Company's Listed Equity business charges management fees based on assets under management and accordingly its revenue is exposed to market risk. The Company has chosen not to hedge this risk.

Currency risk

A significant amount of the Company's income is based on assets denominated in foreign currencies and an element of the Company's costs are incurred in foreign currencies. For the year ended 30 September 2018 and on an on-going basis the Company's strategy has been to put in place hedges, in the form of forward rate contracts, where there was sufficient predictability over the income to allow for an effective and efficient hedge. Otherwise the Company converts foreign currency income to sterling as soon as practically possible after receipt and buys foreign currency to settle expenditure at the point of payment.

A proportion of the Company's assets and liabilities are denominated in foreign currency, this exposure is managed on a case by case basis.

Liquidity and cash flow risk

The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it has sufficient cash on hand to meet liabilities when due under both normal and stressed conditions and to satisfy regulatory requirements. The Company produces cash flow forecasts covering a twelve-month period which are reviewed by senior management. The Company does however have significant cash reserves.

Credit risk

The Company is also exposed to the risk of default of counterparties including banks and other institutions holding the Company's cash reserves. The Company seeks to manage this risk by only depositing cash in institutions with high credit ratings and by spreading cash holdings across at least 4 institutions.

Interest rate risk

The Company has interest bearing assets including cash balances that earn interest at a floating rate. Interest rate fluctuations do not have a significant impact on the Company.

Financial regulations

The Company's operations are subject to financial regulations including minimum capital requirements and compliance procedures in each of the jurisdictions in which it operates. The Group seeks to manage the risks associated with these regulations by ensuring close monitoring of compliance with the regulations and by tracking proposed changes and reacting immediately when changes are required. The Impax Group has a dedicated Compliance Team.

Key employees

The success of the Company depends on the support and experience of its key employees and, in particular, senior managers and fund managers. The loss of key employees could have a material adverse effect on its result or operations. The Company seeks to manage this risk by offering competitive remuneration packages, including share schemes and carried interest in private equity funds, and by creating a supportive and enjoyable working environment. The Company also seeks to put in place sustainable succession and development plans. The senior investment team has been stable since the Group's inception.

Debt

The Company is a guarantor of the parent company's debt. At the date of this report the total debt stood at £6.7m with £3.4m repayable in each of January 2020 and 2021. The Company expects that the debt will be repaid from normal distributions from itself and other Group companies.

Operational risks

The Company has established a control framework so that the risk of financial loss to the Company through operational failure is minimised. As part of this the Company has obtained full 'ISAE 3402' certification, for the twelve months ended 30 September 2018, for its listed equity business.

Furthermore, the Company has put in place measures to minimise and manage possible risks of disruption to its business and to ensure the safety of its staff. This plan has been put in place to manage its strategic and operational business risks during emergencies and is aimed at bringing together particular responses such as IT disaster recovery, contingency plans, off-site storage of records, data back-up and recovery procedures, evacuation procedures and customer/staff communications.

The Company has insurance cover which is reviewed each year prior to policy renewal.

Remuneration

The Impax Group also includes a subsidiary which is an EU Alternative Investment Fund Manager and is therefore subject to the Remuneration Codes (the 'Codes') for both BIPRU and AIFM firms. Certain of the Group's staff work for both the BIPRU and AIFM firm. The Codes govern the remuneration policies of regulated firms and aim to ensure that firms establish, implement and maintain remuneration policies, procedures and practices that promote effective risk management.

The Impax Group provides investment management services on both a discretionary and advisory basis and does not trade on its own account apart from seeding new investment funds. It is conservative in its approach to risk taking and has a comprehensive framework of systems and controls in place.

The remuneration policies are set on a Group wide basis and are managed and reviewed by the Impax Asset Management Group plc Remuneration Committee. The Committee has established and implemented policies which meet the requirements of the Codes as applicable to the size of the Group and are considered to be appropriate given the nature and scope of the business.

In addition to fixed remuneration, the Group operates a non-contractual bonus scheme including cash and equity elements. The bonus scheme is determined according to and paid from net profits. Performance criteria are taken into account when determining performance related remuneration and include adherence to investment and risk management processes. Overall remuneration in terms of base salaries and bonus levels are reviewed annually by the Board of Directors of Impax Asset Management Group plc.

Under the FCA's issued guidance on proportionality (the BIPRU Remuneration Code (SYSC 19C), the AIFM Remuneration Code (SYSC 19B) & Pillar 3 disclosures on Remuneration (BIPRU 11)), we have determined that Impax is not regarded as a significant institution. Impax's remuneration disclosure is in accordance with the FCA's guidance for proportionality level three.

Remuneration, as defined in the Codes, allocated to the Company for Remuneration Code Staff who provide services to the Company within its sole business area of investment management, in respect of performance for the year ended 30 September 2018 was £2,951k.

Remuneration, as defined in the Codes, allocated to the Company for senior management, in respect of performance for the year ended 30 September 2018, was £2,103k.

Further details of annual remuneration and the remuneration policy and the composition of the Remuneration Committee are included in the Impax Asset Management Group plc and Impax Asset Management Limited Annual Report and Accounts.