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In July, sustainable finance (again) took centre stage. The EU Commission launched its new "Strategy for Financing the Transition to a Sustainable Economy", incorporating more than 80 policy actions that the EU plans to take over the next two and a half years. The new strategy builds on the EU sustainable finance action plan in 2019. It sets new objectives on financing the transition to sustainability, inclusiveness, financial sector resilience and contribution, and global ambition. The Commission also published a proposal for a European Green Bonds Regulation, intended to boost the EU green bond market and address "greenwashing".

In the UK, the FCA sent a letter to the chairs of authorised fund managers, setting out guiding principles to ensure that funds that present themselves as sustainable provide enough information and evidence to end-investors to support this claim. The principles span the design, delivery, and ongoing monitoring of funds. They reflect the FCA's general concerns about building trust in a growing sustainability market and the poor quality of fund authorisation applications.

At the international level, the FSB published a roadmap intended to support the international coordination of a large and growing number of global initiatives underway to address financial risks from climate change.

Illicit finance also continued to be a key area of regulatory and supervisory focus. Following its recent AML Action Plan, the EU Commission presented a package of legislative proposals to strengthen and create a single AML/CFT rulebook for the EU. The package includes a proposal to create a new EU anti-money laundering authority to fight money laundering.

Finally, the focus on diversity continued to grow. The BoE and FCA published a DP to engage financial firms and other stakeholders in discussing how regulators accelerate and support diversity to create a financial system that can meet the diverse needs of consumers. The FCA also set out proposals to change its Listing Rules to require companies to disclose annually - on a comply or explain basis - whether they meet specific board diversity targets and to publish diversity data on their boards and executive management.

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AFMs = Authorised Fund Managers

AI = Artificial Intelligence

AIFMD = Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive

ALMD = Anti Money Laundering Directive

AMF = Autorité des Marchés Financiers

AML = Anti-Money Laundering

APA = Approved Publication Arrangement

AUM = Assets under management

BBLS = Bounce Back Loan Scheme

BCBS = Basel Committee on Banking Supervision

BEAR = Banking Executive Accountability Regime

BEIS = Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

BIS = Bank for International Settlements

BMR = Benchmarks Regulation

BRRD = Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive

BTS = Binding Technical Standard

BoE = Bank of England

CBDC = Central Bank Digital Currency

CBI = Central Bank of Ireland

CCP = Central Counterparty

CP= Consultation Paper

CSDs = Central Securities Depositories

CSDR = Central Securities Depositories Regulation

CTF = Counter Terrorist Financing

CCFF = Covid Corporate Financing Facility

CBILS = Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme

CLBILS = Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme

CISO = Chief Information Security Officer

CMA = Competition and Markets Authority

CMU = Capital Markets Union

CNMV = Comisión Nacional del Mercado de Valores

CP = Consultation Paper

CPMI = Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures

CQS = Credit Quality Step

CRD = Capital Requirements Directive

CRR = Capital Requirements Regulation

CROE = Cyber Resilience Oversight Expectations

CSA = Common Supervisory Action

CSSF = Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier

CTP = Consolidated Tape Provider

CTRF = Contingent Term Repo Facility

DB = Defined Benefit

DC = Defined Contribution

DCMS = Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

DP = Discussion Paper

DPA = Data Protection Agency

DRR = Digital Regulatory Reporting

EBA = European Banking Authority

ECB = European Central Bank

ECOFIN = Economic and Financial Affairs Council

EDPB = European Data Protection Board

EIOPA = European Insurance & Occupational Pensions Authority

EMEA = Europe, Middle East and Africa

EMIR = European Market Infrastructure Regulation

EONIA = Euro Over Night Index Average

ESAs = European Supervisory Authorities

ESG = Environmental, Social, and Governance

ESMA = European Securities & Markets Authority

ESRB = European Systemic Risk Board

ESTER = Euro Short-Term Rate

EU = European Union

Euribor = Euro Interbank Offered Rate

FAMR = Financial Advice Market Review

FCA = Financial Conduct Authority

FinPro = Financial Protection

FGCA = Financial Guidance and Claims Act 2018

FMIs = Financial Market Infrastructures

FOS = Financial Ombudsman Service

FPC = Financial Policy Committee

FRTB = Fundamental Review of the Trading Book

FS = Financial Services

FSB = Financial Stability Board

GBP = British pound sterling

GDP = Gross Domestic Product

GDPR = General Data Protection Regulation

GSIBs = Global Systemically Important Banks

HMT = Her Majesty's Treasury

IAIS = International Association of Insurance Supervisors

IASB = International Accounting Standards Board

IBA = ICE Benchmark Administration

IBOR = Interbank Offered Rate

ICAAP = Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process

ICO = Information Commissioners Office

ICS = Insurance Capital Standard

IDD = Insurance Distribution Directive

IFD = Investment Firms Directive

IFR = Investment Firms Regulation

IFPR = Investment Firms Prudential Regulation

IFRS = International Financial Reporting Standards

ILAAP = Internal Liquidity Adequacy Assessment Process

IM = Initial Margin

IOSCO = International Organization of Securities Commissions

IPU = Intermediate Parent Undertaking

IRB = Internal Ratings Based

IRRBB = Interest Rate Risk in the Banking Book

ISAs = Individual Savings Accounts

IT = Information Technology

JST = Joint Supervisory Teams

KID = Key Information Document

LEI = Legal Entity Identifier

LIBOR = London Interbank Offered Rate

LTV = Loan to Value

M&A = Mergers and Acquisitions

MAR = Market Abuse Regulation

MI = Management Information

MiFID = Markets in Financial Instruments Directive

MiFIR = Markets in Financial Instruments Regulation

MLD = Money Laundering Directive

MoU = Memorandum of Understanding

MREL = Minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities

MTF = Multilateral Trading Facility

NCA = National Competent Authority

NED = Non-Executive Director

NGFS = Network for Greening the Financial System

NPLs = Non-performing Loans

NSFR = Net Stable Funding Ratio

OCIR – Operational Continuity in Resolution

ORSA = Own Risk and Solvency Assessment

OTF = Organised Trading Facility

OTC = Over the counter

PPI = Payment Protection Insurance

PRA = Prudential Regulation Authority

PRIIPs = Packaged Retail Investment and Insurance Products

PS = Policy Statement

PSD2 = Revised (second) Payment Services Directive

RDR = Retail Distribution Review

RFRs = Risk-Free Rates

RRM = Risk Reduction Measures

RTGS = Real Time Gross Settlement

RTS = Regulatory Technical Standard

RW = Risk Weight

SA = Standardised Approach

SFDR = Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation

SFTR = Securities Financing Transactions Regulation

SI = Systematic Internaliser

SIPPs = Self Invested Personal Pensions

SM&CR = Senior Managers and Certification Regime

SONIA = Sterling Overnight Index Average

SRB = Single Resolution Board

SRF = Single Resolution Fund

SREP = Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process

SS = Supervisory Statement

SSM = Single Supervisory Mechanism

TCA = Total Capital Adequacy

TCFD = Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures

TIBER = Threat Intelligence-based Ethical Red Teaming

TLAC = Total Loss-Absorbing Capital

TMTP = Transitional Measure on Technical Provisions

TPP = Third-Party Providers

TPR = Temporary Permissions Regime

TRIM = Targeted Review of Internal Models

TRR = Temporary Recognition Regime

UCITS = Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities

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