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#### **Highlights**

Welcome to the latest edition of Risk and Regulation Monthly.

March was a month marked by the rapid global spread of COVID-19, resulting in an international economic crisis as governments around the world implemented work and travel restrictions aimed at slowing the spread of the virus. Governments, central banks and regulators have announced unprecedented monetary and fiscal actions, together with measures to ensure sufficient system liquidity, to respond to the crisis. We have therefore added "COVID-19" regulatory developments as an exceptional category this month, and will continue reporting it until the crisis eases.

In the UK, the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) reduced the Bank Rate, initially to 0.25% and then further to an unprecedented low of 0.10%, and introduced a new Term Funding scheme. The scheme will, over the next 12 months, offer four-year funding of at least 10% of participants' stock of real economy lending at interest rates at, or very close to, Bank Rate. Simultaneously, the Financial Policy Committee (FPC) decided to reduce the countercyclical capital buffer rate to 0%. UK conduct and prudential regulators have also issued new supervisory guidance to regulated firms, including, for example, expectations around board consideration and, where appropriate, suspension of dividends and other distributions, and providing temporary debt servicing relief for customers across all borrowing products. In particular, the FCA has set out a range of temporary measures to help consumer credit customers experiencing financial difficulties as a result of COVID-19, including credit card and loan payment deferrals, and waiving interest payments in respect of up to £500 of the balance of arranged overdrafts.

At the European level, and consistent with action taken by national supervisors, all ESAs have announced a range of measures to lessen the burden of routine supervision on firms in these difficult times. For example, EIOPA has recommended that national supervisors show supervisory flexibility regarding the deadlines insurers have to meet for supervisory reporting and public disclosures.

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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

BCBS = Basel Committee on Banking Supervision

BEAR = Banking Executive Accountability Regime

BIS = Bank for International Settlements

BMR = Benchmarks Regulation

BRRD = Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive

BTS = Binding Technical Standard

BoE = BoE

CBI = Central Bank of Ireland

CCP = Central Counterparty

CP= CP

CTF = Counter Terrorist Financing

CCFF = Covid Corporate Financing Facility

CBILS = Coronavirus 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

CQS = Credit Quality Step

CRD = Capital Requirements Directive

CRR = Capital Requirements Regulation

CROE = Cyber Resilience Oversight Expectations

CSSF = Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier

CTP = Consolidated Tape Provider

CTRF = Contingent Term Repo Facility

DB = Defined Benefit

DC = Defined Contribution

DP = DP

DPA = Data Protection Agency

DRR = Digital Regulatory Reporting

EBA = European Banking Authority

ECB = European Central Bank

ECOFIN = Economic and Financial Affairs Council

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 = FCA

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

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

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 = PS

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

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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