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Highlights

With the 31 October Brexit deadline fast approaching, regulators stepped up efforts to prepare for a possible no-deal, with the FCA "urging all firms to consider the implications of a no-deal exit and finalise their preparations", and the European Commission issuing a communication calling on "all actors" to make the "necessary final adjustments to their plans in relation to a withdrawal without an agreement". The Commission further urged against assuming that a third extension will be requested by the UK and agreed by the European Council ahead of 31 October.

In the UK, the FCA published the findings from its multi-firm review of research unbundling reforms under MiFID II; these included that most firms have chosen to absorb research costs themselves, resulting in around £70 million of savings for investors in UK-managed equity portfolios. The FCA also found no evidence of a material reduction in research coverage, including for listed small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

In Europe, ESMA published the second of its trends, risks and vulnerabilities reports for 2019, which identified a deteriorating outlook for the asset management industry and continued very high market risk due to potentially inflated asset valuations, subdued economic growth prospects, and flattening yield curves. The report found that recent trade tensions have triggered renewed volatility, whilst concerns over a no-deal Brexit remain a key risk driver for the second half of 2019.

Senior EU figures also set out their regulatory, supervisory and policy priorities. Andrea Enria, the new Chair of the ECB Supervisory Board, emphasised the priority being placed on completing the post crisis repair process. He also stressed that the ECB would monitor the sustainability of banks' business models specifically with a view to profitability and the ongoing digitalisation of financial services. Christine Lagarde, nominee for President of the ECB, set out the principles that would guide her approach to the role including combining a commitment to the ECB's mandate on monetary policy with the agility to adapt to new challenges such as digitalisation. She also highlighted the importance of inclusiveness in sustaining global co-operation and ensuring that a "range of voices" informed ECB policymaking. At the European Commission, President-elect Ursula von der Leyen presented her new team in the context of her Presidency objectives including the "need to address the changes in climate, technology and demography that are transforming our societies and way of life".

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Glossary

AFMs = Authorised Fund Managers

AI = Artificial Intelligence

AIFMD = Alternative Investment Fund Managers 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 = Bank of England

CBI = Central Bank of Ireland

CCP = Central Counterparty

CP= Consultation Paper

CTF = Counter Terrorist Financing

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

DB = Defined Benefit

DC = Defined Contribution

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

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

FSA = Financial Services Authority

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

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

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

 $MI = Management\ Information$

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

PRIF = Prudential Regime for Investment Firms

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

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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