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PRUDENTIAL REGULATION
AUTHORITY



Direction

To: Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited (FRN 121803)
abrdn Capital Limited (FRN 466684)
abrdn Life and Pensions Limited (FRN 187323)
Aberdeen Standard Alternative Funds Limited (FRN 143445)
abrdn Client Management Limited (FRN 435970)
abrdn Private Equity (Europe) Limited (FRN 755580)
abrdn Capital Partners LLP (FRN 469934)
abrdn Investment Management Limited (FRN 188406)
abrdn Financial Planning And Advice Limited (FRN 144519)
Fraser Heath Financial Management Ltd (FRN 229225)
Cumberland Place Financial Management Limited (FRN 623682)
Tritax Securities LLP (FRN 489702)
Tritax Management LLP (FRN 616262)
Elevate Portfolio Services Limited (FRN 144849)
Standard Life Savings Limited (FRN 188796)
SLTM Limited (FRN 119366)
Ignis Investment Services Limited (FRN 121895)
Aberdeen Asset Investments Limited (FRN 193707)
Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited (FRN 121891)
(each a "Firm")

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Of: 6 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, Midlothian, EH2 2AH

Date: 16 May 2022

PRA Rulebook & FCA Handbook Versions as in force at the date of this Direction

Power

1. (1) The FCA is the only relevant competent authority in respect of the Group under the Financial Groups Directive and exercises its powers of decision under Article 3(3a) of that directive.

(2) This direction is given under section 138A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the Act) as follows:

(a) by the FCA to each of the firms in the Group that is a FCA- authorised person on a solo basis and to the Group on a consolidated basis; and

(b) by the PRA to each of the firms in the Group that is a PRA-authorised person on a solo basis.

Duration

2. (1) This direction takes effect on 16 May 2022

(2) This direction ends on 15 May 2027

Rule Modified

3. The FCA directs that the following rules are modified in respect of the Firm:

Rule	Modification
GENPRU 3.1.11R	The calculations referred to in the financial conglomerate definition decision tree regarding the balance sheet must be made on the basis of the aggregated balance sheet total of the members of the consolidation group, according to their annual accounts. For the purposes of this calculation: <u>(1) the consolidation group's funds under management that would otherwise not be included in the aggregated balance sheet total shall be treated as on-balance sheet items; and</u> (2) undertakings in which a participation is held must be taken into account as regards the amount of their balance sheet total corresponding to the aggregated proportional share held by the consolidation group. However, where consolidated accounts are available, they must be used instead of aggregated accounts.
GENPRU 3 Annex 4R	THRESHOLD TEST 1 Does the ratio of the balance sheet total of the members of the consolidation group in the overall financial <u>(which, for these purposes, should include the consolidation group's funds under management, which would otherwise not be included in the aggregated balance sheet total)</u> sector to the balance sheet total of the consolidation group as a whole <u>(which, for these purposes, should include the consolidation group's funds under management, which would otherwise not be included in the aggregated balance sheet total)</u> exceed 40%? Article 2(14)(c), Article 3(1)
GENPRU 3 Annex 4R	THRESHOLD TEST 2 Does, for each financial sector, the average of: (1) the ratio of the balance sheet total of that financial sector <u>(which, for these purposes, should include the consolidation group's funds under management, which would otherwise not be included in the aggregated balance sheet total)</u> to the balance sheet total of the overall financial sector <u>(which, for these purposes, should include the consolidation group's funds under management, which would otherwise not be included in the aggregated balance sheet total)</u>; and (2) the ratio of the solvency and capital adequacy requirements of the same financial sector to the total solvency and capital adequacy requirements of members on the overall financial sector; exceed 10%? Article 2(14)(a)(iii) and Article 2(14) (b)(iii)

4. The PRA directs that the following rules are modified in respect of the Firm:

Rule	
Financial Conglomerate 2.7	The calculations referred to in Annex 1 regarding the balance sheet must be made on the basis of the aggregated balance sheet total of the members of the consolidation group, according to their annual accounts. For the purposes of this calculation: <u>(1) the consolidation group's funds under management that would otherwise not be included in the aggregated balance sheet total shall be treated as on-balance sheet items; and</u> (2) undertakings in which a participation is held must be taken into account as regards the amount of their balance sheet total corresponding to the aggregated proportional share held by the consolidation group. However, where consolidated accounts are available, they must be used instead of aggregated accounts.
Financial Conglomerates 2.1 Annex 1	THRESHOLD TEST 1 Does the ratio of the balance sheet total of the members of the consolidation group in the overall financial <u>sector (which, for these purposes, should include the consolidation group's funds under management, which would otherwise not be included in the aggregated balance sheet total)</u> to the balance sheet total of the consolidation group as a whole <u>(which, for these purposes, should include the consolidation group's funds under management, which would otherwise not be included in the aggregated balance sheet total)</u> exceed 40%? Article 2(14)(b)(i)
Financial Conglomerates 2.1 Annex 1	THRESHOLD TEST 2 Does, for each financial sector, the average of (1) the ratio of the balance sheet total of that financial sector <u>(which, for these purposes, should include the consolidation group's funds under management, which would otherwise not be included in the aggregated balance sheet total)</u> to the balance sheet total of the overall financial sector <u>(which, for these purposes, should include the consolidation group's funds under management, which would otherwise not be included in the aggregated balance sheet total); and</u> (2) The ratio of the solvency and capital adequacy requirements of the same financial sector to the total solvency and capital adequacy requirements of members in the overall financial sector; exceed 10%? Article 2(14)(a)(iii) and Article 2(14) (b)(iii)

The PRA directs that the following rule is waived in respect of the Firm:

Rule
Rule Financial Conglomerates 2.1

Guidance

5. The granting of this direction is based upon, among other factors, the *FCA's* expectation that, whilst this direction has effect, the Group (through one or more of its member firms) will, in accordance with Principle 11 in *PRIN 2.1*, promptly notify the *FCA* of any change to the circumstances of the Group which may be relevant to the exercise by the *FCA* its powers of decision under Article 3(3a) of the Financial Groups Directive in relation to the Group. The *FCA* would consider a failure of this expectation to be fulfilled as potential grounds for revocation of this direction.

6. Where the conditions for the grant of this waiver cease to be met, the *FCA* may revoke this direction, in whole or in part.

Interpretation

7. Interpretative provisions (including definitions) of the FCA Handbook or the PRA Handbook, as applicable, apply to this direction in the same way as they apply to the Handbook.

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