



# UBS Asset Management (UK) Ltd

IFPR Disclosure - 31 December 2022

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# Introduction and Scope

The Investment Firm Prudential Regime (IFPR) is the prudential regime which applies to MiFID (Markets in Financial Instruments Directive) investment firms in the UK. One of the key objectives of the IFPR is to reflect the risk profiles of investment firms and when compared with previous requirements has resulted in changes in the rules that impact capital and liquidity requirements, risk management frameworks and remuneration.

The IFPR introduces a requirement for firms to produce an IFPR Disclosure (Disclosure), replacing the former Pillar III document required for the parent group. The aim of the Disclosure is to increase transparency and confidence in the market and provide investors and stakeholders with an insight into how the firm operates. This document forms the Disclosure for UBS Asset Management (UK) Ltd (UK Ltd) or the firm, and has been prepared following the disclosure requirements set out in MIFIDPRU 8.

The document has been prepared as at 31 December 2022, the firm's financial year end. This Disclosure has been published on the firm's website at the same time the Statutory Accounts have been made available.

# Risk Management Objectives and Policies

## Declaration of adequacy and effectiveness of risk management arrangements

The management of UK Ltd has assessed the adequacy of risk management arrangements of the companies in the scope of this disclosure. Based on this assessment, management considers that risk management systems put in place are adequate with regard to the profile and strategy of UK Ltd. This statement is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Article 435(1(e)) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013.

UK Ltd measures the effectiveness of its risk management via its 3 lines of defense, governance frameworks inclusive of Subject Matter Expert Workshops, Working Groups, Committees, Boards and Group Internal Audit. It is the combination of these multiple touch points which measures and ensures that the risk management at the firm is conducted effectively and has the desired results.

## Risk Control Framework for UK Ltd

UBS Asset Management in the UK is subject to the UBS Group Risk Management and Control Principles, which are designed to support optimal risk-return decisions. Holistic governance, together with aligned risk, compliance and finance processes are designed to help protect UK Ltd from unacceptable damage to its financial strength, performance and reputation. The risk management and control processes of UK Ltd are formulated to ensure that risk and return objectives are appropriately balanced in order to achieve sustainable earnings growth within the risk appetite established by the UK Ltd Board.

## Three Lines of Defence Model

UBS takes a 'Three Lines of Defence' approach to risk and control as follows:

- 1) 1st Line of Defence – the business Senior Management Function holders (SMFs), who are responsible for proper risk management and culture within their daily business activities.
- 2) 2nd Line of Defence – Independent Risk Management and Control. The UK Chief Risk Officer (SMF4) and the Head Compliance & Operational Risk Control UK (SMF16) are members of the UK Management and Risk Committee. They are mandated with monitoring and challenging the effectiveness of the management of risk by the business.
- 3) 3rd Line of Defence – Group Internal Audit, an independent and objective function which supports the business in achieving its defined strategic, operational, financial and compliance objectives, with the Head of GIA being the SMF5.

## Risk Management Objectives

UK Ltd during its annual capital process looks to address three key objectives:

- 1) Own Funds Requirement - Our detailed capital assessment considers the existing position of our total platform, processes, control framework and stability of our business model for 2023. The assessment of risk and harm is multi factorial and not perfectly correlated to any one metric, however we believe AuM can be a key indicator of the incremental volume and potential for harm in our business across a period. We have modelled the incremental capital requirement in future years to be 0.020% of incremental AuM, in line with prescribed K-AuM rules. We continually assess the impact of new products or initiatives throughout the year on our risk profile outside of the parameters considered within the business plan. We are also mindful that in the event of a market crash leading to AuM falling by 20%, this would not immediately suggest we need to hold 20% less capital.
- 2) Concentration Risk - Credit Concentration Risk is actively managed by UK Ltd, its concentration risk has been relatively low in last couple of years. UK Ltd is also required to monitor the broader concentration risk measures and report these to the FCA on a quarterly basis. These include trading exposure on own account, location of client money, location of client securities and revenue from client as a % of total revenue.
- 3) Liquidity - UK Ltd uses the business as usual and stressed cash flows to determine a minimum level of liquid resources to hold at all times, which sets the liquid assets threshold requirement (LATR). The Board review the results of a number of stress testing scenarios to assess whether the business plan is robust and could withstand severe but plausible scenarios.

The impact on UK Ltd from a set of potential stress events is assessed by reworking the business plan and assessing liquidity strength under each of those stress scenarios. The UK Ltd Board define a risk appetite statement for the regulated entities individually (UK Ltd and Funds Ltd) and on a consolidated basis. This does not apply to the unregulated entities (Holding Ltd and UBS AM Holding No.2) on a solo basis, but they do form part of the consolidated assessment.

### **IFPR Transition to Harm Assessment**

The potential for harm associated with the business strategy is across both the firm and client. The Asset Management UK Risk & Capital Assessment Working Group has designed and implemented a comprehensive approach to the identification and assessment of the risks UK Ltd is exposed to and the potential harm UK Ltd can pose to Firm, Client, and Market.

Risk identification in any business line, product or transaction is, in the first instance, the responsibility of the originating business unit, as the owner and manager of the risk. This applies not only when a business, a product or a transaction commences, but also during the life of the business and as its risk profile changes.

To complement the day-to-day responsibility and the consideration of any new risks at the monthly UK Management and Risk Committee (UK MRC) and the quarterly Boards, the UK Chief Risk Officer conducts an annual risk identification process as part of the ICARA process where all relevant risks for UK Ltd are identified, including any harm to Firm, Client, and Market in the context of the business model

When risks are identified as being relevant for UK Ltd they are assessed for materiality through a variety of different mechanisms depending on the type of risk (e.g. Non-Financial Risk Workshops or Stress Testing Workshops) and consideration is given to whether capital would be a relevant mitigant or not. If capital is considered a relevant mitigant then those risks are considered as part of the harm assessment and a risk appetite statement is required.

### **UBS Asset Management UK Governance Committee Structure**

UK Ltd is committed to having a strong control environment, consistent with the UBS Group-wide policy to maintain high standards of control and compliance, which encompasses all elements of the ownership and governance environment, from the shareholders, the senior management through to its Board of Directors.

UK Ltd has well-defined management structures (see UBS Asset Management UK Governance Structure chart on page 10) which are supported by a number of committees and forums, each of which operates with agreed terms of reference. Throughout the organisation there is a proper definition of management and staff responsibilities, with respective reporting lines supported by defined documented procedures necessary for the efficient day-to-day operation. These procedures are reviewed and updated periodically and where appropriate, are subject to approval by the independent control functions.

UK Ltd draws on the expertise within the Asset Management business division and the wider UBS Group. Where the topics or concerns are of particular interest to the UK or if there is a statutory or regulatory requirement, a UK specific committee/forum will be established. In these instances, the Boards of the UK entities will ensure there is cross-representation on the global committee/forums to report updates, issues and concerns to the relevant UK Board or committee/forum. In some instances, UK Ltd will leverage a global committee/forum to report updates, issues and concerns to the relevant UK Board or committee/forum.

### **Risk Appetite Framework**

UK Ltd's Risk Appetite Framework closely follows that of the UBS Group and is designed to ensure that risk-taking is in line with the entity's strategic priorities, capital and liquidity plans, as well as the risk culture established through UBS pillars, principles and behaviors. The Risk Appetite Statement for UK Ltd is formulated against the background of the UBS Group Risk Appetite Framework with which legal entities and divisions must comply.

The UK Ltd Board is responsible for setting and implementing the Risk Appetite Framework, together with monitoring business performance against it on an ongoing basis. The Boards approve the Risk Appetite Statements annually, with a mid-year review of appropriateness, and review Management Information against the Risk Appetite Statements on a regular basis and determine actions to be taken should risk appetite be exceeded.

### **Identification of Key Risks**

UK Ltd conducts an annual Risk Identification Process which assesses relevant risks for the business in the context of its business model. The conclusion of the Risk Identification process was that UK Ltd is exposed to a number of risks while trying to achieve its strategic objectives, including:

- I. Business Risk
- II. Financial Risk
- III. Non-Financial Risk

Reputational Risk is driven by all the other risk types and is considered explicitly under Group Risk and also under a significant number of operational risk taxonomies.

Conduct Risk is the risk that the conduct of the firm or its individuals unfairly impacts clients or counterparties, which undermines the integrity of the financial system or impairs effective competition to the detriment of consumers.

This risk comprises of aspects such as staff behaviour and mindset, accountability, resourcing, delineation of roles and responsibilities as well as supervision.

UK Ltd sees Conduct Risk as a risk category that spans across all risks and is explicitly incorporated it into its Non-Financial Risk Framework.

### **Business Risk**

The key business risks are:

#### **Strategy Risk**

The risk of UK Ltd's strategy failing to deliver the expected outcomes, earnings, and profitability, which can be influenced by both internal and external factors, including competitive, industry, regulatory & country and performance risk.

#### **People Risk**

The risk that people are inadequately allocated, capacity constrained or unavailable.

#### **Group Risk**

The risk that the financial position of **UK** Ltd may be adversely affected by its relationships (financial or non-financial) with other entities in the group, or by risks which may affect the financial position of the whole group (e.g. reputational, contagion)

### **Financial Risk**

The key financial risks are Capital Adequacy, Market, Credit, Credit Concentration, Liquidity and Funding, and Interest Rate Risk.

#### **Capital Adequacy**

The risk that UK Ltd has insufficient capital to comply with its regulatory requirements which are in place to ensure that UK Ltd has sufficient financial resources to conduct our financial services business and a sufficient buffer to protect our investors.

#### **Market Risk**

Market risk is the risk of loss arising from movements in market variables interest rates, exchange rates, equity, bond prices, volatilities and correlations.

#### **Credit Risk / Concentration Risk**

Credit risk is the potential for loss arising on an obligor's failure to meet the terms of any contract or otherwise as agreed. Concentration risk is the concentration of assets on UK Ltd's balance sheet to individual counterparties.

#### **Liquidity & Funding Risk**

Liquidity risk management assesses the ability to meet cash flow needs (under both normal and stressed conditions) without having a negative impact on day-to-day operations or overall financial position of the firm.

## Non-Financial Risk

Non-Financial risk is defined as the risk of a loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people or systems, or from external causes (deliberate, accidental or natural). As a result of UK Ltd's agency business model, non-financial risk is the most material risk to which UK Ltd is exposed.

UK Ltd assesses 18 categories of Non-Financial risk, as set out below:

		Risk Type	Risk Theme
Conduct Risk	Reputational Risk	Business Risk	Strategy
			Group
		Financial Risk	Capital adequacy
			Credit
			Market
		Non-Financial Risk	Employment or Licensing Practices
			Product and Service Lifecycle
			Cross-border Business Conduct
			AML and KYC
			Bribery and Corruption
			Financial and Regulatory Reporting
			Data Protection and Records Management
			Technology Failure or Disruption
			Third Party Management and Inter-entity Outsourcing
		Not relevant	Step-in
			Investment
			Securitisation
			Excessive leverage

# Governance

UK Ltd is committed to having a strong control environment, consistent with all UBS Group entities, in order to promote high standards of entity governance.

UK Ltd has well-defined management structures, which are supported by a number of committees and forums and is aligned to the wider Asset Management governance framework. Throughout the organisation there is a proper definition of management and staff responsibilities, with respective reporting lines supported by documented procedures necessary for efficient day-to-day operation of UK Ltd. These procedures are reviewed and updated at least annually and, where appropriate, are subject to approval by the independent control functions of the UBS Group. UK Ltd draws on the expertise within the Asset Management business division and the wider UBS Group.

UBS Asset management is compliant with SYSC 4.3A which results in the following requirements on UBS Asset Management:

SYSC 4.3A.1R: R 03/01/2018

A common platform firm must ensure that the management body defines, oversees and is accountable for the implementation of governance arrangements that ensure effective and prudent management of the firm, including the segregation of duties in the organisation and the prevention of conflicts of interest, and in a manner that promotes the integrity of the market and the interests of clients. The firm must ensure that the management body:

- (1) has overall responsibility for the firm;
- (2) approves and oversees implementation of the firm's strategic objectives, risk strategy and internal governance;
- (3) ensures the integrity of the firm's accounting and financial reporting systems, including financial and operational controls and compliance with the regulatory system.
- (4) oversees the process of disclosure and communications;
- (5) has responsibility for providing effective oversight of senior management;
- (6) monitors and periodically assesses:
  - (a) the adequacy and the implementation of the firm's strategic objectives in the provision of investment services and/or activities and ancillary services;
  - (b) the effectiveness of the firm's governance arrangements; and
  - (c) the adequacy of the policies relating to the provision of services to clients, and takes appropriate steps to address any deficiencies; and
- (7) has adequate access to information and documents which are needed to oversee and monitor management decision-making.

SYSC 4.3A.3R:

A common platform firm must ensure that the members of the management body of the firm:

- (1) are of sufficiently good repute;
- (2) possess sufficient knowledge, skills and experience to perform their duties;
- (3) possess adequate collective knowledge, skills and experience to understand the firm's activities, including the main risks;
- (4) reflect an adequately broad range of experiences;
- (5) commit sufficient time to perform their functions in the firm; and
- (6) act with honesty, integrity and independence of mind to effectively assess and challenge the decisions of senior management where necessary and to effectively oversee and monitor management decision-making.

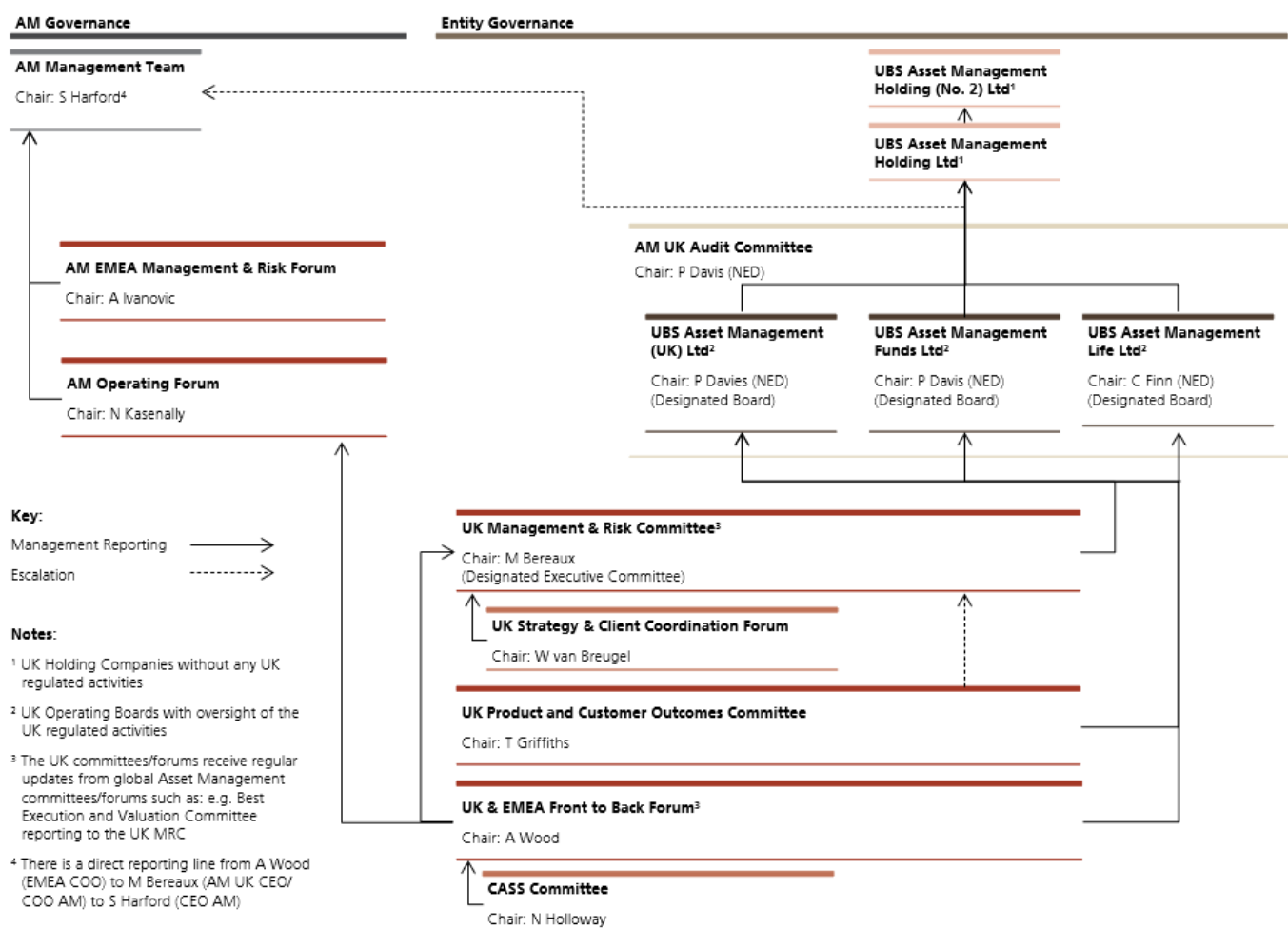


Where topics or concerns are of particular interest to the UK or if there is a statutory or regulatory requirement, a UK specific committee or forum is established.

The UK governance framework supports the Boards of the three main regulated entities, as well as the AM divisional governance bodies. For the purpose of this disclosure note there are three Boards which are relevant, the UBS Asset Management Holding (No. 2) Ltd Board, the UBS Asset Management (UK) Ltd Board, and the UBS Asset Management Funds Ltd Board.

The legal entity Boards are supported by several committees and forums, including but not limited to the UK Management & Risk Committee, the UK & EMEA Front to Back Forum, the UK Product and Customer Outcome Committee, the UK Strategy Client and Coordination Forum and the CASS Committee (Client Assets), as set out in the following chart:

### UBS Asset Management UK Governance Structure as at 31 December 2022



### **Recruitment Policy for the Management body**

Our employees' skills, experience and commitment are key to delivering on our business strategy. Our human resource strategy seeks to hire, develop and engage talented employees at all levels who have the diverse backgrounds and capabilities to advise our clients, develop new products, manage risk and adapt to evolving regulations. We invest in our employees and promote initiatives that build engagement and a cohesive and collaborative culture. The Board of UK Ltd appoint directors, taking into consideration a broad range of qualities and competencies, and evaluate the balance of knowledge, skills, experience, and independence of the candidates.

### **Our commitment to pay fairness, diversity, equity and inclusion**

Compensating employees fairly and consistently is key to ensuring equal opportunities. We pay for performance, and we take pay equity seriously. A strong commitment to both is embedded in our compensation policies and we conduct both internal and independent external audits as quality checks. If we uncover gaps that cannot be explained by business factors or appropriate personal factors – such as experience, role, responsibility, performance or location – we explore the root causes of those gaps and address them.

Additionally, our regular monitoring and review processes also allow us to maintain our certification status with the EQUALSALARY Foundation for our equal pay practices in the UK. This certification is testament to our well-established equal opportunity environment and the strength of our human resources practices, including performance and reward. Ensuring fair treatment and strengthening our commitment to DE&I are vital to our sustainable business success. We find diverse teams better understand and relate to the needs of our equally diverse clients. Through the diversity of our employees' backgrounds and experiences, we drive innovation and better decision making. Our aim, therefore, is to shape a diverse and inclusive organization that is innovative, provides outstanding service to our clients and offers equitable opportunities so that every employee can thrive.

UBS is a strong supporter of the UN Standards of Conduct for Business anti-discrimination guidelines. Additionally, we are signatories to the UN-backed Women's Empowerment Principles, the UK's Women in Finance Charter and Race at Work Charter, and the Corporate Call to Action in the US. Philosophically, we take a broad approach to DE&I, focusing on a range of aspects, including inclusive leadership, age, gender, race and ethnicity, LGBTQ+, disability, and veterans. Building inclusive leadership skills, increasing gender and ethnic diversity, and equitable policies and practices were our leading priorities in 2022.

### **The Board and Senior Management Team**

The details of the directors of UK Ltd, together with the number of other directorships each member held as at 31 December 2022 are shown below:

#### ***Priscilla Davies - Non-Executive Director, Chair of UBS Asset Management (UK) Ltd***

Priscilla Davies joined UBS in September 2017 with over 25 years' experience in financial services across a range of sectors including asset management, alternative investments, private equity, infrastructure and real estate. During her executive career with Janus Henderson Investors (previously Henderson Global Investors) from 2000 to 2015 she held roles covering investments, finance and operations. She also managed Asian private equity, infrastructure and private equity fund of funds with £1bn of assets under management.

Prior to Janus Henderson, Priscilla was a tax advisor with PwC in both their London and Sydney offices. Priscilla is a Chartered Accountant and a member of the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting and Legal Studies) from the University of Wollongong.

#### ***Keith Jecks - Non-Executive Director, UBS Asset Management (UK) Ltd***

Keith joined UBS in 2018 as a Non-Executive Director of UBS Asset Management (UK) Ltd. and member of the UBS Asset Management UK Audit Committee. His early career began in 1975 at Friends' Provident, with moves to Hymans Robertson, IBM and Noble Lowndes (now part of Mercer) and Lloyds Investment Managers in 1986. In 1989 he became a Member of the Global Executive Committee at Kleinwort Benson Investment Management (KBIM) Holdings and CEO North America, based in New York for 3 years. He also held positions at Lloyds Investment Managers and Lazard Brothers Asset Management and was a partner at Watson Wyatt Partners until 2004.

Between 2004 and 2008 he was Global Head of Pension Fund Advisory for ABN AMRO where he established the global function providing investment banking solutions for pension funds, with teams in the UK, Netherlands, Asia, Japan, Switzerland, Italy and Nordic region. Keith's most recent executive career position was from 2008 to 2013 as Senior Investment Consultant with Towers Watson Ltd.

***Michelle Beraux – Executive Director, UBS Asset Management (UK) Ltd , AM COO, Country Head Asset Management UK***

Michelle was appointed Chief Operating Officer for UBS Asset Management in April 2020 and is responsible for all business support functions for the division, including those provided by UBS's Group Functions. Michelle was appointed to Country Head Asset Management UK on 1 December 2021, in addition to her role as COO AM. She was appointed Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of UBS Asset Management (UK) Ltd by the UBS Asset Management (UK) Ltd Board on 2 November 2021, subject to regulatory approval.

Michelle is a member of the UBS Asset Management Executive Team, UBS Asset Management AG Board and Chair of the UBS Asset Management Operating Forum.

Prior to this, Michelle was Head of Group Efficiency and Cost Management for UBS Group and Non-Executive Director and Chairman of the Remuneration Committee for UBS Limited from 2015 to 2018.

She previously held senior management positions within UBS Investment Bank (IB). She started her career at the firm in 1992 as a lawyer in the Legal Department in London. Michelle became a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales in 1992.

***Ruth Beechey – Executive Director, UBS Asset Management (UK) Ltd***

Ruth joined UBS Asset Management in 2000 and is Chief of Staff for the UK region. She previously held the role of Head of UK Legal & Compliance for UBS Asset Management in the UK. She is a member of the UK Management and Risk Committee. Prior to 2000 she worked at Deutsche Asset Management. She has over 25 years in the financial services industry, working at Birmingham Midshires Building Society before moving to the investment industry.

Ruth is a company-nominated Trustee Director of the UBS Pension and Life Assurance Scheme. She holds a University of Lancaster (UK) LLB (Hons) degree, a Post-Graduate Diploma from the College of Law, Chester (UK) and qualified as a Solicitor in 1996.

***Ian Ashment – Executive Director, UBS Asset Management (UK) Ltd***

Ian is Head of Portfolio Engineering & Trading at UBS Asset Management, with overall global responsibility for the management of equity, fixed income, and commodities index/ETFs and systematic strategies. He is also responsible for teams covering equity order generation, portfolio implementation, and trading across UBS-AM Investments. Ian has been instrumental in establishing, developing, and expanding the indexing and rules-based business of UBS Asset Management, into a leading global specialist index manager with focus on research, customization, and sustainability. Since becoming Head of the Indexing business in 2006, AUM have grown more than ten fold to over USD 482 billion on behalf of clients in more than 30 countries<sup>1</sup>.

In addition to this role, Ian is a member of a number of UBS committees, including: UBS-AM UK Ltd. Board, UK Management & Risk Committee, Credit Risk Forum, Best Execution Committee, Stewardship Committee, ETFs and SF Risk Forum, and Index Equity Risk Forum. He previously chaired the Board of Directors for UBS (IRL) Fund Solutions plc (formerly UBS ETF Plc) for more than a decade since inception until 2022.

Prior to his current role, Ian was Global Head of Structured Beta & Indexing, responsible for index assets across all asset classes. He began his career at UBS Asset Management in 1985 as a statistical assistant before becoming a trainee active European equity fund manager and then a member of the Quantitative department specializing in indexing and risk measurement.

## Board Composition as at 31 December 2022

	<b>Total Number of Directorships held as at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>Directorships under SYSC 4.3 A.7 (2) R that do not count for the limits under SYSC 4.3A 5R &amp; 6R</b>	<b>Directorships as at 31 December 2022 after SYSC 4.3A7(2) adjustments (E= Executive, NE = Non-Executive)</b>
P. Davies (Non-Executive Director)	6	2	4NE
K. Jecks (Non-Executive Director)	1	-	1NE
I. Ashment (Executive Director)	1	-	1E
R. Beechey (Executive Director)	7	6	1E
M. Bereaux (Executive Director)	4	2	2E

All board members have equal voting rights on resolutions and decisions. The composition of the boards for the above-named entities reflect appointments approved by UK regulator and is reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure appropriate representation.

### **Firm's Risk Committee**

UBS Asset Management does not formally required to establish a risk committee under MIFIDPRU7.3.1R. However, UBS Asset Management does still have a risk committee.

The UK Management & Risk Committee supports the Board of UBS Asset Management (UK) Ltd in their mandate to oversee material risks both on an identified and forward looking basis and the operational environment within Asset Management UK whilst facilitating a sound and comprehensive alignment of the business and business support / control.

# Own Funds

The tables below show the composition of the total available regulatory capital for UK Ltd, based on the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. Tier 1 capital is the total of share capital and retained earnings. Share capital is made up of 140m ordinary shares of £1 each. As at 31 December 2022, UK Ltd did not have any Additional Tier 1, Tier 2 or Tier 3 capital or any capital deductions.

## Composition of regulatory own funds

Item	Amount (GBP thousands)	Source based on reference numbers/letters of the balance sheet in the audited financial statements
1 OWN FUNDS	156,052	
2 TIER 1 CAPITAL	156,052	
3 COMMON EQUITY TIER 1 CAPITAL	156,052	
4 Fully paid up capital instruments	140,000	Called up share capital
5 Share premium	-	
6 Retained earnings	16,052	Retained earnings
7 Accumulated other comprehensive income	-	
8 Other reserves	-	
9 Adjustments to CET1 due to prudential filters	-	
10 Other funds	-	
11 (-)TOTAL DEDUCTIONS FROM COMMON EQUITY TIER 1	-	
19 CET1: Other capital elements, deductions and adjustments	-	
20 ADDITIONAL TIER 1 CAPITAL	-	
21 Fully paid up, directly issued capital instruments	-	
22 Share premium	-	
23 (-) TOTAL DEDUCTIONS FROM ADDITIONAL TIER 1	-	
24 Additional Tier 1: Other capital elements, deductions and adjustments	-	
25 TIER 2 CAPITAL	-	
26 Fully paid up, directly issued capital instruments	-	
27 Share premium	-	
28 (-) TOTAL DEDUCTIONS FROM TIER 2	-	
29 Tier 2: Other capital elements, deductions and adjustments	-	

**Own funds: reconciliation of regulatory own funds to balance sheet in the audited financial statements**

	Balance sheet as in published/audited financial statements	Under regulatory scope of consolidation	Cross- reference to template OF1
	(GBP thousands) As at 31.12.2022	(GBP thousands) As at 31.12.2022	
<b>Assets</b>			
1	Debt instruments at amortised cost	79,324	79,324
2	Cash and cash equivalents	57,594	57,594
3	Debtors & Other Receivables	63,822	63,822
4	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>200,740</b>	<b>200,740</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
1	Creditors	44,688	44,688
2	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>44,688</b>	<b>44,688</b>
<b>Shareholders' Equity</b>			
1	Called up share capital	140,000	140,000
2	Retained earnings	16,052	16,052
3	<b>Total Shareholders' equity</b>	<b>156,052</b>	<b>156,052</b>

**Own funds: main features of own instruments issued by the firm**

140,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each, fully paid.

# Own Funds Requirements

## Calculation of Own Funds Requirement

As a MIFIDPRU regulated firm, UK Ltd is required at all times to maintain own funds at least equal to the highest of its

- Permanent minimum capital requirement: £0.15m;
- Prescribed K-factor Requirement: £38.7m; and
- Fixed Overheads Requirement (FOR): £30.3m.

In addition to above, the firm is also required to hold additional capital for wind down costs and harm assessment to determine the additional amounts of capital that should be held on top of the prescribed (rule based) K-Factor calculation.

## The Prescribed K-factor Requirement (KFR)

The K-factors are a method of calculating the capital requirements by measuring the risk posed by a firm to clients, the market and the firm itself based on the volume of activity performed within the entity. After considering the activity performed within UK Ltd only three prescribed K-Factors apply and the levels as at 31 December 2022 are shown in the table below;

- K-AUM (assets under management) is calculated as 0.02% of the average AUM held over a 12-month period.
- K-CMH (client money) is calculated at 0.4% of average daily client money held over a 6-month period.
- K-COH (client order handled) is calculated as 0.1% and 0.01% of average daily cash and derivative trades respectively over a 3-month period.

<b>GBP (thousands)</b>	<b>UK LTD</b>
K-AUM (Asset under management)	35,296
K-CMH (Client money)	4
K-ASA (Safeguarding assets)	-
K-COH (Client order handled)	3,430
K-NPR (Market risk)	-
K-CMG (Clearing risk)	-
K-DTF (Trading activity on firm's own account)	-
K-DTF (Trading activity in client's names)	-
K-TCD (Trading counterparty risk)	-
K-CON (Concentration risk)	-
Other risk (Ongoing activities not captured in K-Factors)	-
<b>Total Capital required for prescribed K-factors</b>	<b>38,729</b>

### Fixed Overheads Requirement (FOR)

The FOR is equal to one quarter of the UK Ltd's relevant annual fixed expenditure and is currently £30.3m. This is defined as the total expenditure from the most recent audited annual report and accounts, less discretionary variable expenditure, which is limited to variable compensation in the case of UK Ltd.

The costs are split into two categories and are considered as part of the total costs base for the FOR to be applied.

- Direct costs are those borne directly by the Asset Management employees performing the key activities of UK Ltd. This also includes costs received as part of the UBS AM global transfer pricing framework, for support services provided by other UBS group Asset Management companies outside of the UK, who support portfolio managers and client relationship managers in the UK.
- Allocated costs are from the UBS Group Function division, who support all UBS legal entities and use allocation keys to charge costs to the front office locations, for services such as Finance, Group Technology, Human Resources, Legal, Risk, Compliance and Operational risk, Premises etc.

### Firm Approach to assessing the adequacy of Own Funds

The internal capital adequacy and risk assessment process (ICARA) is an ongoing process which is owned by the Board, but embedded into the ongoing processes used to govern the entity on a day to day basis. The ICARA process identifies risks and potential harms that could be caused from ongoing operations and also during a wind-down and enables the Board to determine the capital and liquidity assessment for the firm.

#### Capital Assessment

The Board determine the minimum amount of capital required, to set the **Own Funds Threshold Requirement (OFTR)** which is the higher of the following:

**Permanent Minimum Requirement (PMR):** the initial capital an investment firm requires to be authorised with its current permissions.

**Assessment A from ongoing operations.** This generates the **K-factor Requirement (KFR):** the prudential framework to account for potential harms to clients, markets and the firm itself. An investment firm is required to calculate the various K-factors which are relevant to its business model and the sum of these K-factors derive the capital requirement. This assessment is performed twice:

- **Prescribed:** Calculation is performed as per the IFPR rules
- **Harm Assessment:** Identification and quantification of harm the business model may pose to clients, market, and the firm in order to determine the additional amounts of capital that should be held on top of the prescribed (rule based) K-Factor calculation. The assessment includes Non-Financial risks and other risks comprising credit risk, market risk, concentration, and trading risk.

**Assessment B from wind-down:** The rationale is to ensure that firms are always able to organise an orderly wind-down, or undertake a restructuring of their activities. They should always hold sufficient financial resources to withstand operational expenses over an appropriate period of time to complete this wind down. If capital ever fell below this level it would act as a trigger to begin the wind down. This assessment has two components:

- **Fixed Overheads Requirement (FOR):** defined as the one quarter of total annual expenditure from the most recent audited annual report and accounts, less discretionary variable expenditure. This acts as the own funds wind-down trigger.
- **Additional Wind down costs:** The firm completes an assessment of the costs of an orderly wind down. If this is greater than the FOR derived from fixed costs above, there is an additional balance added to the FOR to ensure it is enough to cover the full wind down costs.

**Individual Capital Guidance (ICG):** This can be instructed by the FCA at any time to an individual firm.

The own funds threshold requirement, which is the higher of the above measures, is applied against the capital resources of the firm, which should always be in excess of the requirement.

#### Liquidity Assessment

The Board determine the minimum amount of capital required, to set the **liquid assets threshold requirement (LATR)**, which is calculated as follows:



**Basic liquid assets requirement (BLAR)** is to hold minimum liquid resources equal to 1/3 of the fixed overhead requirement (FOR), which reflects approximately 1 month of fixed costs.

However, UK Ltd must also be able to make their own assessment of additional liquidity needs to ensure they can satisfy the overall financial adequacy rule, which requires a firm to hold adequate liquid assets to ensure that:

- (a) the firm is able to remain financially viable throughout the economic cycle, with the ability to address any potential harm that may result from its ongoing activities; and
- (b) the firm's business can be wound down in an orderly manner.

To comply with the overall financial adequacy rule, a firm must therefore hold the sum of the basic liquid assets requirement and the higher of:

- (a) the amount of liquid assets that the firm requires to fund its ongoing business operations, taking into account potential periods of financial stress during the economic cycle; or
- (b) the additional amount of liquid assets that a firm would need to hold when commencing its wind-down process to ensure that the firm could be wound down in an orderly manner.

As a result, UK Ltd use the business as usual and stressed cash flows to determine a minimum level of liquid resources to hold at all times, which sets the **liquid assets threshold requirement (LATR)** for each entity, using the following calculation:

***LATR = Higher of (i) Basic Liquid Asset Requirement (BLAR) + most severe stress test or (ii) wind down***

The liquid asset threshold requirement, is applied against the liquid resources of the firm, which should always be in excess of the requirement

#### Overall financial adequacy rule

The Board continually monitors the suitability of the OFTR and LATR to ensure it complies with the overall financial adequacy rule.

The risk management framework and assessment has considered all material aspects of capital and liquidity risk that apply to UK Ltd during ongoing activities and stressed scenarios, which are most relevant and proportionate to the respective business model. The stress test results are used to inform the risk tolerance and resulting risk appetite set by the Board. This will allow the Board to continue to measure and monitor the risk and potential harm it could cause and provide early warning of any increasing risk to allow them to act accordingly. With all of this considered and the results showing UK Ltd are within the risk appetite set throughout the year, the Board believes that they comply with the overall financial adequacy rule.

# Remuneration Policy and Practices

## Scope and purpose

This disclosure relates to UBS Asset Management (UK) Ltd (“UK Ltd”), which is classified as a non-SNI MIFIDPRU Investment Firm and is subject to the “standard” requirements of the MIFIDPRU Remuneration Code set out in SYSC 19.G of the FCA’s Handbook (the “**MIFIDPRU Remuneration Code**”). MIFIDPRU 8.6 of the FCA’s Handbook requires UK Ltd to disclose certain information on at least an annual basis regarding its remuneration policy and related practices for all staff.

In accordance with the rules, the disclosures herein are appropriate to the size, internal organization, nature, scope, and complexity of the firm’s activities.

## Total Reward Principles

Our approach to compensation and our compensation framework are underpinned by our Total Reward Principles. These Principles provide a strong link to our strategic imperatives and encourage staff to live our strong and inclusive culture that is grounded in our three keys to success: our Pillars, Principles and Behaviors. A summary of our Total Reward Principles is set out in the table below.

Support our purpose and strategy	Our compensation approach supports the firm’s purpose and strategy, fosters engagement among staff and aligns their long-term interests with those of clients and stakeholders
Attract, retain and connect a diverse, talented workforce	We embrace a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusiveness. Pay at UBS is fair, reflects equal treatment and is competitive. In this way, our investment in a connected workforce supports the sustainability of our organization.
Apply a pay-for-performance approach to promote development and our ways of working	The setting of clear objectives, a thorough evaluation of what was achieved and how it was achieved combined with effective communication, promotes clarity, accountability and establishes a strong link between pay and performance. This approach emphasizes our Behaviors, which include Accountability with integrity, Collaboration and Innovation.
Reinforce sustainable growth and support long term value creation	Compensation is appropriately balanced between fixed and variable elements and delivered over an appropriate period to support our growth ambitions and sustainable performance.
Support risk awareness and appropriate risk-taking	UBS’s compensation structure encourages staff to have a focus on risk management and behave consistently with the firm’s risk framework and appetite, thereby anticipating and managing risks effectively to protect the firm’s capital and reputation.

The Total Reward Principles are reviewed periodically by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of UBS Group AG (the “Compensation Committee”), which is made up of non-executive directors, and by the full Board of Directors of UBS Group AG. Additionally, the Board of Directors of UK Ltd (the “Asset Management Board”) have adopted a remuneration policy (the “Remuneration Policy”) covering the specific requirements arising from the MIFIDPRU Remuneration Code. Supported by the Control Functions and Human Resources, the Asset Management Board and the Compensation Committee review the Remuneration Policy on an annual basis and oversee its implementation. More details on the decision-making processes and governance surrounding the development of the Remuneration Policy and practices can be found in the section on Compensation governance in UBS’s Compensation Report 2022.

## Our Total Reward Approach

Compensation can positively influence staff behavior and motivation as well as the firm’s culture. Therefore, our goal is to have a compensation approach that is aligned with and supports our purpose and helps to achieve our strategic imperatives. This ensures that the interests of our staff are aligned with those of our clients and stakeholders.

Our compensation approach supports our capital strength, risk management, as well as simplification and efficiency. It encourages staff to focus on client centricity, connectivity and sustainable impact in everything we do. Moreover, we reward behaviors that help build and protect the firm’s reputation - specifically Accountability with integrity, Collaboration and Innovation.

Our compensation principles reflect a pay-for-performance approach that considers a number of factors, including Group, division, team and individual performance, as well as Behaviors that help build and protect the firm's reputation. Staff are reviewed and rewarded for their contribution and impact against a range of financial and non-financial objectives which are ambitious and in line with the Group and UK Ltd strategy. Our performance management enables us to fairly differentiate performance, and consequently provide compensation, in an objective, transparent and disciplined manner. It further aims to enable an agile work environment supporting cross-functional collaboration in the organization and a continuous feedback culture.

At UBS, we apply a holistic Total Reward approach, generally consisting of fixed compensation (base salary, role-based allowances, if applicable, and local market-based benefits including pension contributions) and variable compensation (including discretionary annual performance awards). Most of our staff are eligible for annual performance awards. These awards are in line with applicable local employment conditions and are at the discretion of the firm.

To support hiring and retention, particularly at senior levels, we may offer other variable compensation components the requirements for which are covered in the Remuneration Policy, such as:

- retention payments to key staff to induce them to stay, particularly during critical periods for the firm, such as a sale or wind-down of a business;
- on a limited basis, guarantees may be required to attract individuals with certain skills and experience – these awards are fixed incentives subject to our standard deferral rules and limited to the first full year of employment; and
- award grants to new hires to replace performance awards that they would have foregone by joining UBS. These awards contain provisions on periods of retention, deferral, vesting and ex post risk adjustment that are no shorter than any corresponding periods that applied to the unvested part of the performance awards that they replaced.

In the event of termination, the Company may make payments to terminating individuals as long as any such payments reflect performance achieved over time while not rewarding failure or misconduct. The criteria to determine severance awards are documented in the remuneration policy.

For staff whose total compensation exceeds certain levels, performance awards are delivered in a combination of cash, deferred contingent capital awards and deferred share-based awards. A substantial portion of performance awards is deferred and vests over a five-year period. This deferral approach supports alignment of staff and investor interests, our capital base and the creation of sustainable shareholder value. This ensures that the interests of our staff are aligned with those of our clients and other stakeholders.

Variable compensation components are subject to a comprehensive governance process, which may involve the UBS Group Compensation Committee, depending on the amount or type of such payments.

The Remuneration Policy and practices are impartial, gender-neutral and support equal pay, and we are strongly committed to ensuring that all staff are paid fairly.

### **Support risk awareness and appropriate risk-taking**

Our compensation framework and programs are designed to:

- balance sustainable performance, support growth ambitions and appropriate risk-taking, with a focus on conduct and sound risk management practices
- promote an environment where we are all risk managers, detecting emerging risks early, managing risk diligently, raising concerns, protecting the reputation of our firm and enhancing the quality of our financial results.

We look at the firm's risk profile and culture, the extent to which operational risks and audit issues have been identified and resolved, and the success of risk reduction initiatives. Performance award process incorporates risk aspects across pool funding, allocation, delivery and deferral. Having a risk category in the performance objectives supports risk anticipation for staff.

Staff are rewarded for achievement against a range of financial and non-financial objectives, including their management of operational risk, and not only on the basis of individual revenues. Profits, as well as losses, are examined against a staff member's track record of performance and risk management, and in the context of market conditions. UBS's performance measurement will be adjusted for activities and future risks that are not adequately reflected in annual profits to consider the time horizon of risk.

Compensation for control functions is determined independently from the revenue areas that they oversee, supervise or monitor. Control functions, including Group Risk Control and Legal are involved in designing and implementing our compensation framework and programs.

To further promote sustainable performance, all of our deferred compensation plans include employment conditions and malus conditions. These enable the firm to reduce or fully forfeit unvested deferred awards under certain circumstances, pursuant to performance and harmful acts provisions. In addition, forfeiture is triggered in cases where employment has been terminated for cause. In addition to malus, the MRT population may be subject to clawback in certain circumstances, as described in the section on "Material Risk Takers" below.

More generally, all staff are subject to our Incidents & Consequences (I&C) framework, which outlines the minimum reward and performance impacts of disciplinary sanctions. Our I&C framework includes the minimum in-year performance award reductions applicable to specific disciplinary sanctions.

### **Performance award pool funding**

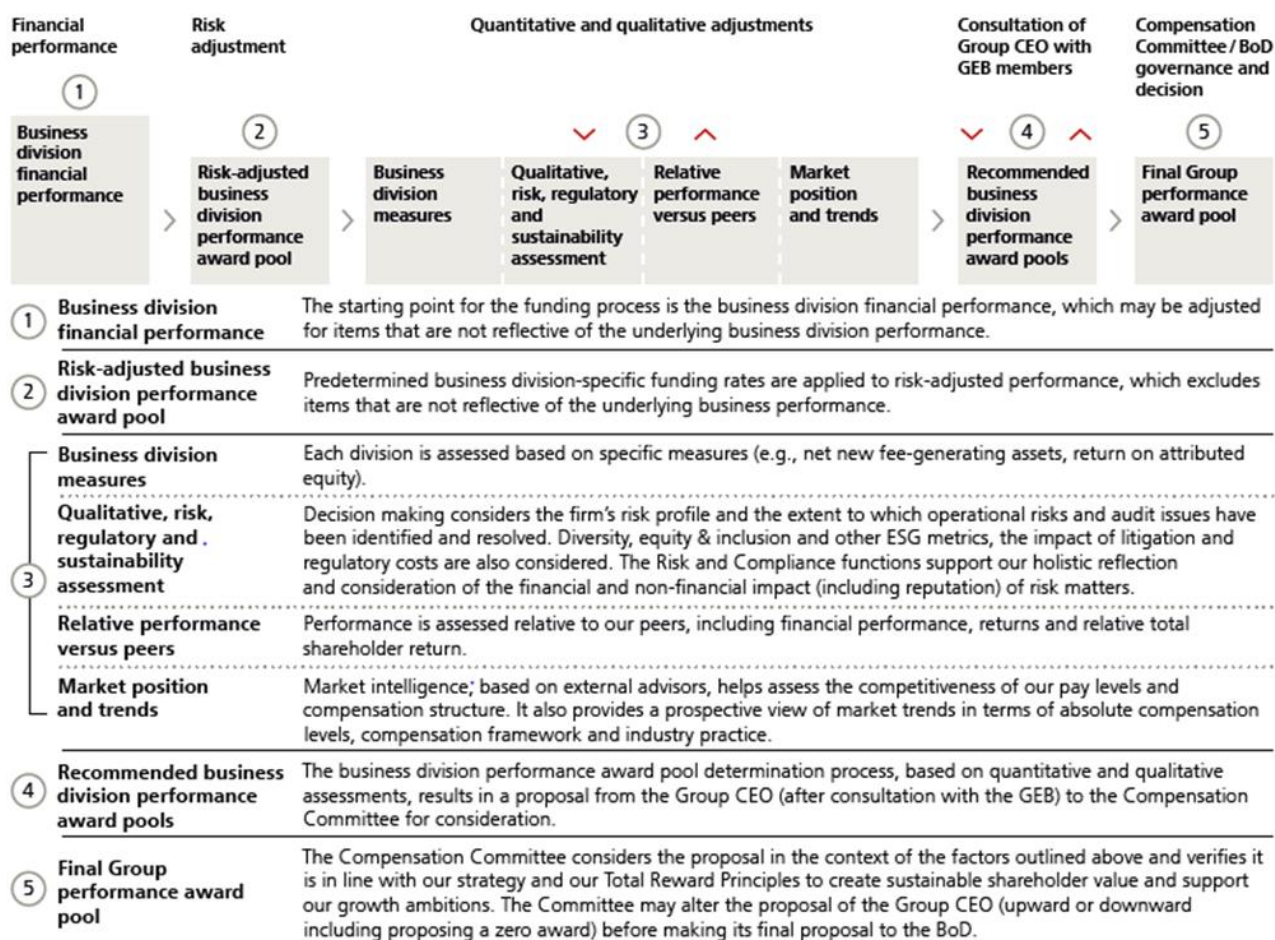
Our compensation philosophy focuses on balancing performance with appropriate risk-taking, retaining talented staff and shareholder returns. Our overall performance award pool funding percentage reduces as financial performance increases. In years of strong financial performance, this prevents excessive compensation and results in an increased proportion of profit before performance awards being available for distribution to shareholders or growing the Group's capital. In years where performance declines, the performance award pool will generally decrease; however, the funding percentage may increase.

Our performance award pool funding framework is based on Group and business division performance, including achievements against defined performance measures. In assessing performance, we consider industry peers, market competitiveness of our results and pay position, as well as progress against our strategic objectives, including returns, risk-weighted assets and cost efficiency. The measurement of performance also includes an adjustment for all types of current and future risks and takes into account the cost of the capital and the liquidity required on legal and consolidated group level. For further information, refer to the illustrative overview below.

The Risk and Compliance functions support our holistic reflection and consideration of the financial and non-financial impact (including reputation) of risk matters. We further consider the firm's risk profile and culture, the extent to which operational risks and audit issues have been identified and resolved, and the success of risk reduction initiatives including significant events.

The funding for Group Functions is linked to overall Group performance and reflects headcount, workforce location and demographics. For each functional area quantitative and qualitative assessments evaluate service quality, risk management and financial achievements. Our decisions also balance consideration of financial performance with a range of factors, including DE&I and other ESG metrics, the impact of litigation, regulatory costs, the effect of changes in financial accounting standards, capital returns, and relative total shareholder return. Before making its final proposal to the Board of Directors, the Compensation Committee considers the CEO's proposals and can apply a positive or negative adjustment to the performance award pool.

## Performance award pool funding process – illustrative overview



### Material Risk Takers

For the relevant UK-regulated Asset Management entity, we identify individuals who are deemed to be Material Risks Takers (MRTs) in accordance with the provisions contained in the MIFIDPRU Remuneration Code, with the addition of UBS's internal conduct risk criterion, where conduct risk is defined as the risk that the conduct of the firm or its individuals unfairly impacts clients or counterparties, undermines the integrity of the financial system or impairs effective competition to the detriment of consumers. This group consists of significant client relationship managers, senior desk heads, portfolio managers and Senior Manager Function holders (SMFs) for business areas and control functions. Our approach to the identification of Material Risk Takers is reviewed on at least an annual basis by the Compliance function and approved by the UK Management & Risk Committee.

As of 31 December 2022, UK Ltd had 355 staff, 59 of whom were Materials Risk Takers.

Under SYSC19G.4.6R of the MIFIDPRU Remuneration Code, UK Ltd has set an appropriate maximum ratio between the variable and the fixed component of the total remuneration awarded to Material Risk Takers. Where necessary, the maximum ratios differ for different categories of staff, and from one performance period to the next.

All MRTs identified in relation to UK Ltd are subject to the UK Clawback Policy. Under this, MRTs can be required to repay variable performance awards if they participated or were responsible for conduct which resulted in significant losses to the firm and/or failed to meet appropriate standards of fitness and propriety.

Remuneration awarded for 2022 in respect of UBS Asset Management Material Risk Takers (MRTs)

The following tables show details of the awards made to UK-regulated MRTs identified in relation to UK Ltd in accordance with the MIFIDPRU Remuneration Code. All data is as of 31 December 2022. In accordance with Chapter 8 of the Prudential sourcebook for

MiFID Investment Firms, awards have been split between "senior management", "material risk takers", and "other staff". As stated in the section on "Material Risk Takers" above, there were 59 Material Risk Takers identified for the 2022 performance year.

**Total Remuneration awarded for the 2022 performance year**

<i>GBP'000</i>	<b>Senior Managem ent</b>	<b>Material Risk Takers</b>	<b>Other staff</b>
Total Remuneration, of which	<b>18,176</b>	<b>28,151</b>	<b>51,935</b>
Fixed Remuneration	<b>7,197</b>	<b>10,699</b>	<b>33,748</b>
Variable Remuneration	<b>10,979</b>	<b>17,452</b>	<b>18,187</b>

Pursuant to Chapter 8.6 of the Prudential sourcebook for MiFID Investment Firms, UK Ltd can report there was 1 UK Asset Management MRT receiving guaranteed variable remuneration. The Company is unable to make a more detailed disclosure due to the small number of individuals concerned and the subsequent risk that individual compensation could be disclosed and is relying on the exemption set out in MIFIDPRU 8.6.8R(7)(b) to prevent individual identification of an MRT.

**Summary of guaranteed incentives awarded to new hires in 2022**

	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Amount (GBP 000's)</b>
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>n/a</b>

<sup>1</sup> Company is unable to make a more detailed disclosure for confidentiality/ data privacy reasons.

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