

Pillar 3 disclosures

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Overview

Purpose

This document sets out the Pillar 3 disclosures for Schroders plc and its relevant subsidiaries (Schroders or the Group) as at 31 December 2018. It fulfils the regulatory disclosure requirements of the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR) and the Capital Requirements Directive (CRD) referred to collectively as CRD IV.

CRD IV has the effect of implementing the international Basel III framework in the European Union (EU), which is supplemented by a number of technical standards issued by the European Banking Authority (EBA) that have been adopted by the Group where relevant. CRD IV is an EU legislative package that contains prudential rules for banks, building societies and investment firms. Insurance companies are excluded from CRD IV.

The capital and risk disclosures required under Pillar 3 are produced annually and published alongside the Schroders plc Annual Report and Accounts (Annual Report and Accounts). These disclosures are made as at 31 December 2018, which is Schroders plc's accounting reference date. They are not subject to audit and have been produced solely for the purposes of satisfying the Pillar 3 regulatory requirements. Additional relevant information can be found in the Group's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018, which is available on the Schroders corporate website (www.schroders.com/ir).

Summary capital position and requirements

Under CRD IV, institutions are required to meet the following own funds requirements: a common equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital ratio of 4.5%, a Tier 1 (T1) capital ratio of 6% and a total capital ratio of 8%. The Group's total regulatory capital consists entirely of CET1 capital, which is used to meet all of these requirements. The capital ratios are calculated as the relevant regulatory capital divided by the total risk exposure. The Group's key regulatory metrics are shown in table 1.

Table 1: Key regulatory metrics

	Total regulatory capital £m	Total risk exposure £m	Capital ratios ¹ %
2018	2,279.0	7,564.0	30.1
2017	2,277.2	7,286.5	31.2

Risk weighted exposures	2018		2017	
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Credit risk	3,710.3	3,764.6	296.8	301.2
Market risk	169.0	118.9	13.5	9.5
Operational risk	3,680.0	3,398.0	294.4	271.8
Credit valuation adjustment	4.7	5.0	0.4	0.4
Total	7,564.0	7,286.5	605.1	582.9

¹The Group's Capital is made up entirely of CET1 capital and the CET1, Tier 1 and Total capital ratios are all the same.

²The capital required is 8% of the risk weighted exposure amount

Regulatory framework

Regulatory supervision

The Group, which includes a subsidiary with a UK banking licence, is supervised on a consolidated basis in the UK. Its lead regulator is the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA). The PRA receives information on the capital adequacy of the Group as a whole and sets capital requirements. Certain subsidiaries of the Group are regulated by their local supervisors who set and monitor the local capital adequacy requirements.

Basel III framework

The Group's regulatory capital is assessed under the Basel III framework, which comprises three pillars:

- Pillar 1 sets rule-based minimum capital standards;
- Pillar 2 sets requirements for supervisory review and the setting of individual capital requirements for firms, taking into consideration the firm's own assessment of capital requirements; and
- Pillar 3 sets disclosure requirements.

Pillar 3 disclosures aim to promote market discipline through regulatory disclosure requirements. These requirements enable market participants to access key information relating to regulatory capital and risk exposures in order to increase transparency and confidence about a Group's exposure to risk and the overall adequacy of its regulatory capital.

Regulatory and accounting developments

The Group continues to monitor developments with respect to relevant prudential regulatory rules, including the amended Capital Requirements Regulation and Directive (collectively the CRDV package) and the new Investment Firm Regulation (IFR) and Directive (IFD). In addition the Group considers other regulatory and accounting changes that may impact the Group's overall capital position.

Buffers

In June 2017, the Financial Policy Committee raised the countercyclical buffer rate for UK exposures to 0.5%, with effect from June 2018. In November 2017, it was increased further to 1.0% with binding effect from November 2018. The combined effect of the change was to increase the Group's countercyclical buffer by 0.67% to 0.68% as a result of the increase in UK countercyclical buffer rate. The capital conservation buffer also increased from 1.25% to 1.875% of risk weighted assets as at 31 December 2018.

IFRS 9

On 1 January 2018, the Group adopted IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments'. IFRS 9 replaces the classification and measurement models previously contained in IAS 39 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement'. On adoption of IFRS 9 the Group's financial assets were reclassified at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income or fair value through profit or loss. IFRS 9 introduces an expected loss model for the calculation of impairment. Under the expected loss model, impairment losses are recorded if there is an expectation of credit losses, even in the absence of a default event.

The Group is not utilising the transitional provisioning requirements for credit risk under IFRS 9, described in Article 473a of the CRR, as the impact of implementing an expected loss model is immaterial to the Group. Further information on the impact of IFRS 9 'Financial instruments' can be found in the Annual Report and Accounts on page 149.

IFRS 15

IFRS 15 supersedes IAS 11 'Construction Contracts', IAS 18 'Revenue' and related interpretations. The standard introduces a five step model for recognising revenue which is explained in detail in the Annual Report and Accounts on page 149. The Group has undertaken a comprehensive review of its contracts with customers and concluded that, excluding carried interest, there is no material impact on the way in which the Group recognises its revenues. IFRS 15 constrains the amount of revenue that is recognised when estimating variable consideration. As carried interest is earned over a longer period of time, the new standard limits to the amount of revenue that can be recognised to reduce the risk of significant reversal. As a result, the Group has revised its revenue recognition policy with respect to estimates of variable consideration. The impact of this change was to reduce the Group's net assets on 1 January 2018 by £17.9 million.

IFRS 16

IFRS 16 'Leases' was issued on 13 January 2016 and replaces IAS 17 'Leases'. The standard is effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. IFRS 16 introduces a single lessee accounting model and requires a lessee to recognise assets and liabilities for all leases with a term of more than 12 months. A lessee is required to recognise a right-of-use asset (ROU) representing its right to use the underlying leased asset and a lease liability representing its obligation to make lease payments.

The Group intends to adopt IFRS 16 retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initially applying the standard recognised as an adjustment to the opening profit and loss reserve at 1 January 2019 and no restatement of comparative information. This change is expected to reduce the Group's capital resources by approximately £8 million. In addition, the Group estimates that the recognition of the ROU asset will result in the Group's credit risk requirement increasing by approximately £55 million based on the leases in place at 31 December 2018. There is adequate capital surplus to absorb these impacts.

Brexit

The Group continues to monitor the impact of Brexit and has taken appropriate steps to prepare. Further details are set out in the Annual Report and Accounts.

Basis of consolidation

The Pillar 3 disclosures relate to the Group, which is subject to supervision by the PRA on a consolidated basis. Information about the Group's subsidiaries, including the regulated entities, is provided in note 37 of the Annual Report and Accounts.

The regulatory basis of consolidation differs from the accounting basis of consolidation due to the following adjustments:

- The Group's insurance entities are excluded: Schroder Pension Management Limited and Burnaby Insurance (Guernsey) Limited. Insurance entities are subject to a separate regulatory framework and are outside the scope of CRD IV. The Group's insurance entities are, however, included in the Group's overall risk management framework and have been adequately capitalised throughout the year.
- Collective investment undertakings (CIUs), which are consolidated in accordance with IFRS, are not included within the prudential consolidation as they do not meet the definition of financial institutions in accordance with CRD IV. The Group's interests in such vehicles are recognised as financial assets and are included in the determination of the relevant capital requirement.

Table 2: Reconciliation of financial position – financial accounting to regulatory scope of consolidation

	31 December 2018 (audited)	Deconsolidation of the insurance related subsidiaries	Deconsolidation of CIUs	Regulatory balance sheet
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	2,683.4	(14.9)	(32.9)	2,635.6
Trade and other receivables	748.9	(3.9)	-	745.0
Financial assets	3,354.9	(29.8)	(277.0)	3,048.1
Share of net assets in associates and joint ventures	142.8	-	-	142.8
Goodwill and intangibles relating to associates and joint ventures	32.4	-	-	32.4
Capital invested in insurance entities	-	32.8	-	32.8
Property, plant and equipment	249.4	-	-	249.4
Goodwill and intangible assets	968.2	-	-	968.2
Deferred tax	42.8	-	-	42.8
Retirement benefit scheme surplus	155.6	-	-	155.6
Assets backing unit-linked liabilities	11,255.9	(11,255.9)	-	-
Total assets	19,634.3	(11,271.7)	(309.9)	8,052.7
Liabilities				
Trade and other payables	988.6	(4.7)	(2.2)	981.7
Financial liabilities	3,660.6	-	(307.7)	3,352.9
Current tax	44.2	-	-	44.2
Provisions	31.4	-	-	31.4
Deferred tax	15.1	-	-	15.1
Retirement benefit scheme deficits	17.3	-	-	17.3
Unit-linked liabilities	11,255.9	(11,255.9)	-	-
Total liabilities	16,013.1	(11,260.6)	(309.9)	4,442.6
Net assets	3,621.2	(11.1)	-	3,610.1
Equity	3,621.2	(11.1)	-	3,610.1

Risk management framework and governance

Board risk management declaration

The Board is responsible for the risk management framework of the Group as detailed in the Annual Report and Accounts on page 40.

Risk management framework

The Group is exposed to a variety of risks as a result of its business activities. As such, active and effective risk management is a core competence and we actively monitor the potential impact of current and emerging risks. The Group places significant focus on the integrity and good conduct of employees and the risk management framework is underpinned by a strong ethical culture with clear oversight responsibilities.

The Board is accountable for risk and oversight of the risk management process. It assesses the most significant risks facing the Group and also uses quantitative exposure measures, such as stress tests, where appropriate to understand the potential impact on the business. Non-executive Director oversight of the risk management process with respect to standards of integrity, risk management and internal control is exercised through the Audit and Risk Committee.

It is the responsibility of all employees to uphold the control culture of Schroders. We embed risk management within all areas of the business. The Group Chief Executive and Group Management Committee (GMC), as the principal executive committee, have responsibility for regularly reviewing the key risks facing the Group. This includes ensuring that their respective business areas are monitoring and reporting relevant risks and controls. They are also responsible for monitoring individual behaviours, ensuring that they mirror the culture and core values of the business.

The executive Director oversight of risk is delegated by the Group Chief Executive to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The CFO has responsibility for the risk and control framework of the Group. Independent monitoring and reporting of risks and controls is supported by the Group Head of Risk.

The CFO chairs the Group Risk Committee (GRC), which meets ten times a year. The GRC supports the CFO and the GMC in discharging their risk management responsibilities. The committee is attended by the heads of the control functions (Group Risk, Compliance, Legal and Internal Audit) along with chief operating officers from across the business and senior managers from Distribution, Product and Wealth Management. Other GMC members regularly attend. The GRC reviews and monitors the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's risk management framework, including relevant policies and limits. It also reviews trends and current exposures to our key risks and considers issues as they arise. The GRC and the Wealth Management Audit and Risk Committee receive reports relating to the risk profile of Wealth Management

The first line of defence against undesirable outcomes is the business functions themselves and the line managers across Asset Management, Wealth Management and Infrastructure. Heads of each business area take the lead role with respect to identifying potential risks in their area and implementing and maintaining appropriate controls to manage these risks.

Line management is supplemented by the control and oversight functions, including Group Risk, Compliance, Legal, Governance, Finance, Tax and Human Resources, which constitute the second line of defence. The compliance monitoring programme reviews the effective operation of relevant key processes against regulatory requirements.

Internal Audit provides retrospective, independent assurance over the operation of controls and forms the third line of defence. The internal audit programme includes reviews of risk management processes and recommendations to improve the control environment, supplemented by external assurance from the Group's auditors.

All key risk types, including financial instrument risks, operational risks, and business risks are in scope of the risk management framework. Strategic risks are managed by the Audit and Risk Committee and the Board. Modelling and measurement approaches for quantifying risk and capital demand are implemented across the material risk types. Further detailed information about the Group's key risks and mitigations is provided on pages 44 to 46 of the Annual Report and Accounts. A variety of techniques are used to mitigate risks, depending on the nature of the risk. These include the use of controls, contingency planning, insurance, capital allocation and collateral.

Monitoring, stress testing tools and escalation processes are in place for key capital and liquidity metrics and recovery planning is completed which details the escalation path for crisis management governance and provides senior management with a set of actions designed to improve the capital and liquidity positions in the event of a stress scenario.

Schroder plc's credit rating of A+ from Fitch reflects this strong and conservative risk culture.

Pillar 2 and ICAAP

The Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) is the means by which the Group assesses the level of capital (Pillar 2) that adequately supports all of the relevant current and future risks in its business. The ICAAP focuses on the principal risks to the consolidated financial position and examines each risk category to identify exposures that could put the Group's capital at risk. Risks are assessed using the most appropriate technique; the outputs from which are measured and monitored as part of the risk management and oversight process.

The ICAAP is informed by scenario analysis which is used to determine the level of capital required to withstand severe but plausible events. Risk and control assessments (RCAs) are completed by each business area to identify and assess their operational risks and controls and the outputs support the scenario analysis along with other information such as internal and external risk events.

The ICAAP is updated and formally reviewed by the Board on at least an annual basis, with more frequent reviews in the event of a fundamental, or anticipated, change to the business or the environment in which Schroders operates. The ICAAP assesses the capital required to meet unexpected losses calculated at a confidence level specified by the Board.

Management of key risks

The Group has a diversified business, a strong capital position and is cash generative. The key risks to which the Group is exposed are summarised below, together with an overview of the relevant capital considerations.

Strategic risks

The Group's key strategic risks are: Changing investor requirements; Fee attrition; Business model disruption; Market returns and Regulatory landscape change.

Strategic risks are taken into consideration when assessing capital requirements in respect of business risks, operational risks and financial instrument risks.

Further detail on how the Group manages these risks can be found in the Annual Report and Accounts on page 44.

Business risks

The Group's key business risks are: Reputational risk; Investment performance risk; Product risk; and Business concentration risk.

The Group's approach to managing the business risks that it considers to be heightened is detailed on page 44 of the Annual Report and Accounts.

Operational risks

The Group is exposed to a number of operational risks, which are listed below:

- Conduct and regulatory risk;
- Third-party service provider risk;
- Information security risk;
- Process risk;
- Fraud risk;
- Technology risk;
- Legal risk;
- Tax risk; and
- People and employment practices risk.

The Group's approach to operational risk management is set out on page 16 of this report.

Financial instrument risks

The Group faces credit risk; market risk; the risk of insufficient capital and liquidity risk from the instruments mainly arising from holding investments where the Group acts as a principal. Financial instrument risks may impact on the Group's capital.

The Group's approach to: credit risk management is set out on page 11 to 14 of this report; market risk management is set out on pages 15 and 16 of this report and liquidity risk management is set out on page 17 of this report.

Maintaining a strong capital base is important to the Group and is a core part of its strategy. The risk of insufficient capital would arise if the Group was unable to support its strategic business objectives due to its minimum regulatory capital requirements. The Group and its legal subsidiaries maintain a prudent level of capital, including a significant buffer over the minimum regulatory capital requirements, which allows us to conduct business and invest in new business opportunities as they may arise. This Pillar 3 document outlines the Group's capital position with reference to the minimum requirements with which Schroders are required to comply.

Stress testing

Stress testing is an important element of the Group's planning and risk management processes, helping us to identify, analyse and manage risks within the business. Capital planning forms part of the ICAAP and a range of stress tests and scenario analyses are used to estimate the impact of stress events on capital resources and regulatory capital requirements.

Stress testing is performed on the Group's business plan, based upon a number of the Group's key risks crystallising over the assessment period. The severe but plausible stress scenarios include the following factors which, where relevant, use assumptions more severe than the regulatory stress scenario required by the PRA:

- Outflows of Assets under Management and Administration (AUMA) or deterioration in the value of AUMA, as a result of a market downturn, foreign exchange movements or poor investment performance;
- a more severe decline in net operating revenue margins reducing projected revenues, together with an increase in the ratio of total costs to net income; and
- the impact of a material operational risk event which could also lead to reputational damage and outflows of the Group's AUMA.

In addition, stress testing is conducted for the Group's consolidated Internal Liquidity Adequacy Assessment Process (ILAAP) and for reverse stress test scenarios. Together with the Group's business plan, capital and liquidity stress tests support the Directors' assessment of the Group's viability as detailed in the Viability Statement (as detailed on page 42 of the Annual Report and Accounts).

Board succession and diversity policy

The Board succession process is detailed on page 60 of the Annual Report and Accounts. The Board policy on diversity is detailed on page 61 of the Annual Report and Accounts.

Capital management and regulatory own funds

Capital management

The Group allocates its total assets less liabilities (total capital) between working capital, investment capital and other items. It aims to maintain a strong financial position to support the long-term future of the business. The Group's capital on an accounting basis is shown in table 3 (as detailed on page 126 of the Annual Report and Accounts):

Table 3: Capital composition

	2018 £m	2017 £m
Working capital – regulatory and other	1,341	1,090
Working capital – seed and co-investment	535	392
Investment capital – liquid	465	696
Investment capital – illiquid	165	147
Other items	1,115	1,146
Total capital	3,621	3,471

(i) Working capital

The Group's policy is for subsidiaries to hold sufficient working capital to meet their regulatory and other operating requirements. Local regulators oversee the activities of, and impose minimum capital and liquidity requirements on, the Group's operating entities.

Working capital is also deployed through certain subsidiaries to support new investment strategies and growth opportunities and to co-invest alongside the Group's clients.

(ii) Investment capital

Available capital held in excess of working capital requirements is transferred to investment capital. Investment capital is managed with the aim of achieving a low-volatility return. It is mainly held in investment grade corporate bonds and funds managed by the Group.

These liquid investments are available to support the organic development of existing and new business strategies and to respond to other investment and growth opportunities as they arise, such as acquisitions. Investment capital includes illiquid legacy investments.

(iii) Other items

Other items comprises assets that are not investible or available to meet the Group's general operating or regulatory requirements. It includes assets that are actually or potentially inadmissible for regulatory capital purposes such as goodwill and intangible assets.

Regulatory own funds

Regulatory capital is categorised as either Tier 1 or Tier 2 depending on the characteristics of the capital items. Schroders regulatory capital meets all the conditions of the CRR article 28 and consists entirely of CET1 capital.

Certain capital deductions and regulatory adjustments are made against the Group's capital items reflecting the different regulatory treatment for capital adequacy purposes. Capital deductions include deductions for goodwill, other intangible assets and the defined benefit pension surplus adjusted for deferred tax. Regulatory adjustments are required where certain thresholds are exceeded including adjustments for deferred tax assets and holdings of Tier 1 instruments of financial sector entities. Group capital after capital deductions and regulatory adjustments represents the Group's regulatory own funds for capital adequacy purposes.

The composition of Schroders' regulatory capital is shown in table 4 and the own funds disclosure template as required in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1423/2013 is presented in Appendix 1.

Tier 1 capital

Tier 1 capital is the capital which allows a firm to continue its activities and to cover risks or losses as soon as they occur. Tier 1 can be sub-divided into CET1 and Additional Tier 1 (AT1). The highest form of Tier 1 capital is CET1 capital because it is the most effective at absorbing losses.

The Group's CET1 capital consists of two classes of shares: ordinary shares and non-voting ordinary shares as detailed on page 91 of the Annual Report and Accounts. Non-voting ordinary shares carry the same rights as ordinary shares except that they do not confer the right to attend or vote at any general meeting of Schroders plc and on a capitalisation issue they carry the right to receive non-voting ordinary shares rather than ordinary shares. Ordinary share capital accounts for 80% of the Group's total share capital with the remaining 20% represented by non-voting ordinary share capital. CET1 capital includes share premium, retained profits and certain other reserves. The Group does not hold any AT1 capital.

Regulatory adjustments

In calculating CET1 capital as at 31 December 2018, deductions have been made for the Group's intangible assets net of deferred tax of £980.7 million (including £706.8 million of goodwill), the Group defined benefit pension surplus net of deferred tax of £129.2 million and its own shares held to hedge employee share schemes of £163.9 million.

Table 4: Composition of regulatory capital

	2018 £m	2017 £m
Equity per the regulatory balance sheet ¹	3,610.1	3,450.4
Direct and indirect holdings by an institution of own CET1 instruments ²	163.9	162.3
Non-qualifying minority interests	(2.7)	(12.3)
Adjustment for foreseeable dividends	(216.1)	(217.0)
Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital before regulatory adjustments	3,555.2	3,383.4
Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital: regulatory adjustments		
Intangible assets (net of related tax liability)	(980.7)	(805.8)
Direct and indirect holdings by an institution of own CET1 instruments	(163.9)	(162.3)
Defined-benefit pension fund assets (net of related tax liability)	(129.2)	(135.9)
Additional value adjustments	(2.4)	(2.2)
Total regulatory adjustments to Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1)	(1,276.2)	(1,106.2)
Total Common Equity Tier 1 Capital	2,279.0	2,277.2
Total Capital	2,279.0	2,277.2

¹Shareholder equity per the regulatory balance sheet includes the deduction for direct holdings of own CET1 instruments.

²Direct holdings of own CET1 instruments are added back to equity because these are presented as a regulatory adjustment in the composition of regulatory capital requirements published by the EBA.

Capital requirements

As at 31 December 2018, the Group and all regulated entities within the Group, including those excluded from the regulatory consolidation, complied with all externally imposed regulatory capital requirements.

The Group's Pillar 1 capital requirement is calculated as the total of the credit risk, market risk, operational risk and the credit valuation adjustment requirements as set out in CRD IV. The Group's Total Capital Requirement (TCR) is £827 million (2017: £799 million). In addition to the TCR the Group is required to hold capital in its insurance entities, which are not consolidated in the banking group and to maintain buffers in accordance with EU regulation. The Group's minimum capital requirement including these amounts was £1,021 million (2017: £899 million). Table 5 summarises the Group's Pillar 1 capital requirement by risk type.

Table 5: Total consolidated capital requirement of the Group under Pillar 1

	2018 £m	2017 £m
Credit risk		
Central governments or central banks	-	-
Regional governments or local authorities	1.9	1.2
Multilateral development banks	-	-
Institutions	34.8	54.9
Corporates	62.7	68.0
Retail	2.8	3.3
Secured by mortgages on immovable property	5.6	4.4
Items associated with particular high risk ¹	7.2	7.1
Covered bonds	0.7	0.4
CIUs	72.7	71.1
Equity	8.5	7.8
Other items ²	99.9	83.0
Total credit risk capital requirement	296.8	301.2
Market risk		
In respect of foreign exchange	13.5	9.5
Total market risk capital requirement	13.5	9.5
Operational risk		
Calculated in accordance with the Standardised approach	294.4	271.8
Total operational risk capital requirement	294.4	271.8
Credit valuation adjustment³		
Calculated in accordance with the Standardised approach	0.4	0.4
Total credit valuation capital requirement	0.4	0.4
Total Pillar 1 capital requirement	605.1	582.9

¹High risk exposures include private equity investments.

²Other items as per CRR article 134 include accrued income, fee debtors, tax, prepayments and other debtors.

³CRD IV introduced a regulatory capital charge to cover credit valuation adjustment (CVA) risk, the risk of adverse movements in the credit valuation adjustments taken for expected credit losses on derivative transactions. The standardised approach has been applied to calculate the CVA.

The Group meets each of the total Pillar 1 capital requirements with CET1 capital.

Regulatory buffers

As at 31 December 2018 the Group was required to hold a capital conservation buffer of 1.875% (2017: 1.25%) of risk weighted assets. The capital conservation buffer is designed to ensure that institutions build up capital buffers outside periods of stress which can be drawn upon if required. The capital conservation buffer is subject to phased implementation and will increase each year in steps of 0.625% until it reaches 2.5% of risk weighted assets on 1 January 2019.

The countercyclical capital buffer is deployed in a jurisdiction when excess credit growth is associated with an increase in system-wide risk. The institution specific countercyclical buffer that applies to the Group is the weighted average of the countercyclical capital buffers that apply in the jurisdictions where our relevant credit exposures are located. The Group's countercyclical capital buffer was 0.68% (2017: 0.01%).

The Group is not required to hold capital in relation to the globally systemically important institutions buffer.

Leverage ratio

CRD IV requires firms to calculate a non-risk based Leverage Ratio, to supplement risk-based capital requirements. The leverage ratio measures the relationship between capital resources and total assets. The purpose of monitoring and managing this metric is to enable regulators to constrain the build-up of excessive leverage.

The leverage ratio is calculated based on the Group's capital divided by exposures which are defined as the total of on and off balance sheet exposures less the deductions applied to Tier 1 capital.

As at 31 December 2018 Schroders leverage ratio was 32.5% (2017: 30.5%). The leverage disclosure templates required by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 2016/200 are presented in Appendix 2.

Credit risk

Overview

Credit risk is the exposure to loss arising from a counterparty's failure to meet its contractual obligations, either as a result of business failure or intentional withholding of amounts due. The Group is exposed to credit risk in relation to its loans and advances to customers, cash held on deposit with banks, including central banks, fixed income investments, trade and other receivables including balances subject to settlement risk and derivatives arising from interest rate and market risk management.

Credit risk management

The Group employs a range of techniques to assess and maintain credit risk both in terms of counterparties and the lending activities within the Wealth Management business.

The Group has policies in place and sets appropriate limits for both principal and agency counterparties taking into consideration both the large exposure requirements and where appropriate the use of External Credit Assessment Institutions (ECAI) supplemented by internal assessments. The creditworthiness of the Group's counterparties is monitored regularly, as exposures against relevant credit limits. The Group seeks to diversify its exposure across different counterparties.

In Wealth Management, credit risk is mitigated within lending activities through collateralisation. Where appropriate collateral takes the form of cash, portfolio investments or real estate. The Group does not usually provide loans, overdrafts and advances to clients on an unsecured basis. Client portfolios held as collateral are marked to market daily and compared to the outstanding loan balance. Other assets, such as real estate, are valued less frequently but in accordance with the requirements of the CRR article 208.

Credit risk measurement

Schroders has elected to adopt the standardised approach to credit risk. Under the standardised approach, a credit risk capital requirement is calculated as 8% of the Group's total risk weighted exposures. The calculation requires the Group to first determine the total credit risk exposures and to then apply a risk weighting to individual positions to calculate the total risk weighted exposure.

As the Group's trading book is small, the Group applies the derogation allowed under article 94 of the CRR to apply article 112. This allows the Group to include exposures arising as a result of the Group's limited trading activities as part of the Group's credit risk exposure along with other non-trading exposures.

Calculating the credit risk exposure

The Group's fully adjusted credit risk exposure is calculated based on the accounting value of the relevant instruments amended by regulatory adjustments, the effect of funded credit protection on reverse repurchase agreements and value adjustments for credit losses made in accordance with IFRS together with an add-on for the potential future exposure of derivatives. Off-balance sheet exposures are also considered and where relevant these exposures are included within the overall credit risk exposure through the use of credit conversion factors (CCFs).

Table 6 shows the Group's total credit risk exposure by asset class.

Table 6: Fully adjusted credit risk exposure value

	Regulatory balance sheet ¹	Regulatory adjustments	Effect of funded credit protection on reverse repurchase agreements	Credit risk mitigation	Off-balance sheet items post CCFs	Derivative add-on	2018 Exposure value
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	2,635.6	-	(254.5)	-	-	-	2,381.1
Trade and other receivables	745.0	-	-	-	-	-	745.0
Financial assets	3,048.1	-	(204.8)	(40.0)	44.2	9.5	2,857.0
Share of net assets in associates and joint ventures	142.8	-	-	-	-	-	142.8
Goodwill and intangibles relating to associates and joint ventures	32.4	(32.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance entity capital	32.8	-	-	-	-	-	32.8
Property, plant and equipment	249.4	-	-	-	-	-	249.4
Goodwill and intangible assets	968.2	(968.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax	42.8	36.8	-	-	-	-	79.6
Retirements benefit scheme surplus	155.6	(155.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	16.4	16.4
Total	8,052.7	(1,119.4)	(459.3)	(40.0)	44.2	25.9	6,504.1

¹Approaches to assessing potential credit risk adjustments past due and impaired financial assets are detailed in Appendix 3 to this document.

Each exposure is assigned to an exposure class as defined in article 112 of the CRR and is set out in table 7 below.

Table 7: Exposure value per table 6 analysed by exposure class

	2018 Exposure value £m	2017 Exposure value m
Central governments or central banks	1,601.3	1,687.9
Regional governments or local authorities	119.3	75.8
Multilateral development banks	54.8	79.7
Institutions	1,530.4	2,110.1
Corporates	964.9	986.0
Retail	47.7	55.6
Secured by mortgages on immovable property	166.4	148.3
Items associated with particular high risk	59.5	58.9
Covered bonds	92.8	49.0
CIUs	908.5	889.1
Equity	42.6	38.8
Other items	915.9	692.1
Total exposure value	6,504.1	6,871.3

Appendix 4 provides further information for the Group's on and off-balance sheet exposures subject to the credit risk framework broken down by significant Country. Countries contributing to approximately 90% of the Group's total exposure have been disclosed separately and all other countries have been categorised as "Other".

Calculating the risk weighted exposure

The Group's risk-weighted exposure is calculated by applying risk weights predefined by the regulator to the credit exposures per table 7. The allocation of risk weights by exposure class is shown in table 8.

The Group applies credit risk mitigation techniques mainly consisting of financial and non-financial collateral to mitigate credit risks to which it is exposed.

The Group has detailed policies in place to ensure that credit risk mitigation is appropriately recognised and recorded. The recognition of credit risk mitigation is subject to a number of considerations, assessed in conjunction with the credit quality assessment scale that is set out in Title 2 Chapter 2 Section 3 of the CRR ("Use of ECAIs"). The considerations include: ensuring the legal certainty of enforceability and effectiveness; ensuring the valuation and liquidity of the collateral is adequately monitored; and ensuring the value of the collateral is not materially correlated with the credit quality of the counterparty.

The main types of collateral taken by the Group are:

- Financial collateral including cash and client portfolios to support client lending. Bonds are held to collateralise reverse re-purchase agreements (Reverse Repos). Financial collateral is marked to market at least daily and compared to loans and Reverse Repos outstanding.
- Other assets such as property and guarantees. Other assets are valued less often depending on the type of assets held and property is valued according to the requirements of CRR article 208(3).

The risk weight is based on the exposure class to which the exposure is assigned and the credit quality of the relevant counterparty. The Group assesses the credit quality of its counterparties with reference to credit assessments conducted by ECAI's. The primary ECAI used by the Group is Fitch. Fitch ratings are recognised as an eligible ECAI by the PRA and are used to assess the credit quality of all exposures, where available. If a Fitch rating is unavailable, a rating from an alternative ECAI is used, which may include Moody's or Standard & Poor's.

Each exposure is mapped to one of six credit quality steps based on its credit rating. A risk weighted percentage is then applied to the exposure based on the credit quality step, exposure class and maturity. The risk weighted percentage applied is specified in Part 3, Title II, Chapter 2 of the CRR. Where no credit rating can be obtained from an endorsed ECAI the exposure is categorised as unrated. Unrated exposures are risk weighted based on exposure class and include loans to individuals, seed capital, equity investments, trade and other receivables, tax assets and fixed assets.

Table 8: Risk weighted assets by exposure class

£m	Exposure after credit risk mitigation – Risk weights									2018 Total risk weighted assets	
	0%	20%	35%	50%	75%	100%	150%	250%	Other		
Central governments or central banks	1,601.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regional governments or local authorities	-	119.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23.9
Multilateral development banks	54.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Institutions	-	1,098.8	-	431.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	435.6
Corporates	-	111.2	-	185.8	-	667.9	-	-	-	-	783.1
Retail	-	-	-	-	47.7	-	-	-	-	-	35.8
Secured by mortgages on immovable property	-	-	147.8	-	-	18.6	-	-	-	-	70.3
Items associated with particular high risk	-	-	-	-	-	-	59.5	-	-	-	89.3
Covered bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92.8	9.3
CIUs	-	-	-	-	-	908.5	-	-	-	-	908.5
Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42.6	-	-	106.5
Other items	0.7	-	-	-	-	692.8	-	222.4	-	-	1,248.8
Total	1,656.8	1,329.3	147.8	617.4	47.7	2,287.8	59.5	265.0	92.8	92.8	3,711.1

Calculating the risk weighted exposure with small medium enterprise supporting factor

A small medium enterprise (SME) supporting factor as defined in article 501 of the CRR is applied to certain exposures. SME supporting factors are in place to ensure adequate flow of credit to SME's which has the effect of reducing risk weighted assets in the retail category. Table 9 shows the risk weighted exposure with the SME supporting factor applied.

Table 9: Risk weighted exposures by exposure class including SME supporting factor

	2018 Risk weighted assets (with SME factor) £m	2017 Risk weighted assets (with SME factor) £m
Central governments or central banks	-	-
Regional governments or local authorities	23.9	15.2
Multilateral development banks	-	-
Institutions	435.6	686.7
Corporates	783.1	849.1
Retail	35.0	40.8
Secured by mortgages on immovable property	70.3	55.4
Items associated with particular high risk	89.3	88.4
Covered bonds	9.3	4.9
CIUs	908.5	889.1
Equity	106.5	97.0
Other items	1,248.8	1,038.0
Total risk weighted exposure amount (with SME supporting factor)	3,710.3	3,764.6
Total credit risk capital requirement	296.8	301.2

Market risk

Overview

Market risk is the risk that market movements may cause a fall in value of principal investments and AUMA. The Group's primary exposures to market risk arise from holdings of principal investments; foreign currency positions as a result of overseas operations; and certain off-balance sheet items. The Group has a second order exposure to market risk through its investment management activities as the income earned from this agency business will vary dependent on the value of AUMA. This second order exposure does not give rise to a capital requirement, but is considered as part of the Group's market risk management activities and stress testing.

Market risk management

Our geographically diversified, broad product range helps to mitigate market risk in a variety of market conditions and serves to diversify individual market dependencies.

The Wealth Management Executive Committee monitors and manages market risk in the Group's banking businesses, which is primarily interest rate risk in the banking book. This process includes monitoring the sensitivity of the balance sheet to moves in yield curves and assessing any mismatch between interest rate sensitive assets and liabilities.

For its principal investments, the Group has an investment framework in place that includes a risk appetite, risk measures and prescribed limits which are approved by the Board. The currency risk associated with non-sterling investments are hedged, where appropriate, using short-dated forward foreign exchange contracts. The Group aims to hedge the market risk exposure in the seed capital investments where practical and where this is not possible the risk is required to be approved by the Group Capital Committee.

Foreign exchange position risk

The Group is exposed to foreign exchange risk as a result of transactional foreign exchange exposures in its operating entities. Transactional foreign exchange exposures arise as a result of a position held in a currency other than the functional currency of the transacting entity. The Group seeks to minimise its exposure to transactional foreign exchange by converting foreign currency position to the functional currency of the transacting entity as soon as practical. Certain investments within the investment capital and seed capital portfolios are held in currencies other than sterling and these are hedged where practical.

The Group is exposed to structural foreign exchange risk as a result of its net investment in overseas subsidiaries and branches which contribute to its capital resources. These investments are recorded in the functional currencies of the individual entities and subsequently translated to the Group's presentational currency (sterling). Foreign exchange differences arising on the translation of the foreign operations are recorded in the net exchange differences reserve through other comprehensive income and give rise to movements in the Group's CET1 capital. The Group manages its exposures to translational foreign exchange by returning surplus capital to the ultimate parent of the Group as soon as practical.

Market risk measurement

The Group calculates its own funds requirement for market risk in accordance with Part 3, Title IV, Chapter 2 of the CRR. In determining its Pillar 1 capital requirement, the Group is required to consider whether its exposure to market risk arises from trading or non-trading activities. The Group does not generally hold positions with trading intent or to hedge positions held with trading intent, except for certain positions within the Wealth Management business held to facilitate client participation. Financial instruments that make up the Group's investment capital and seed capital are considered to be non-trading as they are not managed on a short-term basis and do not form a trading book. Consequently, the Group's trading book is small.

Non-trading positions, in addition to the Group's investment capital and seed capital, consist of financial assets within the Group's operating capital that are held to meet the operational, regulatory and liquidity needs of operating entities around the world. Operating capital in the Wealth Management business includes the financial assets that support the Group's banking book. The Group applies a range of value at risk methodologies to assess the profile of the non-trading book.

The Group is therefore not required to calculate an own funds requirement based on the equity position risk of its trading book. The Group's own fund requirement for market risk required under article 92 of the CRR is calculated based on the Group's exposure to foreign exchange risk. The Group applies the standard rules to determine its own funds requirement for these exposures.

Foreign exchange position risk measurement

The Group considers article 352 of the CRR when calculating its overall net foreign exchange position. The net open positions in each currency are assessed to determine an overall net foreign exchange position, which is then multiplied by 8% to calculate the Group's capital requirement.

Table 10: Foreign exchange positions subject to capital charge

	2018 £m	2017 £m
Long position subject to capital charge	169.0	118.9
Market risk capital requirement	13.5	9.5

Operational risk

Overview

Operational risk is the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events. It includes legal, regulatory, tax, technology, information security, third party, and fraud risks, and is inherent in all activities and processes.

Operational risk is a significant risk for the Group, and makes up 49% (2017: 47%) of the total capital requirement.

Operational risk management

Line management is responsible for operational risk controls throughout the Group's business, including communicating controls through documented policies, procedures and standards; and for promoting and overseeing high standards of conduct in accordance with the Group's Guiding Principles (and Values) and Conduct framework.

Risk and control assessments (RCAs) are required to be completed by each business area at least annually and when significant changes occur. The RCAs set out relevant risks and the controls and supervision practices that have been implemented by management to mitigate and monitor risks. Group Risk oversee the completion of RCAs and report to the GRC on key findings including high risk areas for which risk mitigation plans are required. Other elements of the framework include risk event management and escalation; internal control reports; and third party risk assessments.

Further information on the key operational risks and how those risks are managed can be found in the Annual Report and Accounts on pages 45.

Operational risk measurement

Schroders has adopted the standardised approach to calculating the Pillar 1 capital requirement for operational risk in accordance with Part 3, Title III, Chapter 3 of the CRR. Under the standardised approach institutions calculate an average relevant indicator over the past three years. The Group's relevant indicator is based on revenues, including the sum of interest receivable and similar income, interest payable and similar charges, income from shares and other variable/fixed-yield securities, commissions/fees receivable, commissions/fees payable and other operating income. The relevant indicator is divided into certain business lines, each with a relevant beta factor ranging from 12% to 15%. The average of the relevant indicators over the past three years, for each business line is then multiplied by the relevant beta factor to give an operational risk capital requirement.

Table 11: Calculation of the relevant indicator and own fund requirement

Relevant indicator elements	2018 £m	2017 £m	2016 £m	Average £m
Fee income	2,583.8	2,479.4	2,113.3	2,392.2
Net banking interest income	26.8	21.4	20.6	22.9
Net gains on financial instruments and other income	11.9	22.0	38.6	24.2
Net finance income	8.4	9.7	18.8	12.3
Total relevant indicator	2,630.9	2,532.5	2,191.3	2,451.6
Operational risk capital requirement				294.4

Other risks and sensitivity analysis

Non trading book exposures in equities

An overview of the accounting techniques and valuation methodologies used, as required by article 447 of the CRR, is included in note 9, Financial Assets, within the Annual Report and Accounts.

Pension obligation risk

The risk of deficit in the defined benefit section of the Schroders Retirement Benefit Scheme (the Scheme), which was closed to future accrual on 30 April 2011, is assessed through the use of stress tests which consider the impact of possible alternative assumptions on the valuation of the Scheme liabilities as well as consideration of stresses on asset values. Stress tests are performed in line with the PRA's Supervisory Statement PS17/15, dated July 2015, and the PRA Statement of Policy 'The PRA's methodologies for setting Pillar 2 capital'. The pension obligation risk capital requirement is an add-on to the Group's Pillar 2A capital guidance.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that a firm, although solvent, is unable to meet contractual or payment obligations in a timely manner; and, in relation to clients' portfolios, the inability to sell the underlying investments for full value or at all. The Group carries out an ILAAP on a consolidated basis.

The Group holds liquidity resources to meet expected obligations as they fall due, both under normal conditions and severe yet plausible potential stresses. The Group uses a range of liquidity risk assessments and stress tests to assess its ability to meet its obligations as they fall due. The Group's liquidity stress tests are in addition to the stress tests that are applied by each of the Wealth Management banking subsidiaries in assessing their own individual liquidity requirements.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the exposure of the Group's balance sheet to adverse movements in interest rates, i.e. the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The largest exposure to interest rate risk that the Group faces is to duration risk that arises from timing differences in the maturity (for fixed-rate) and repricing (for floating-rate) of bank assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet positions.

The sensitivities to interest rate risk analysed by currency for a 1.0% (2017: 0.5%) increase in interest rates as at 31 December 2018 and as at 31 December 2017 are shown in table 12.

Table 12: Interest rate sensitivity: analysis by currency of increase in interest rates

	2018 £m	2017 £m
GBP	1.6	1.3
EUR	0.6	0.5
USD	-	0.1
Others	1.8	1.1
Total	4.0	3.0

Asset encumbrance

Certain of the Group's assets are encumbered by way of commitments, guarantees or other charges. Further details of the Group's encumbered assets are provided in Appendix 5.

Remuneration disclosures

The following disclosures explain how Schroders has complied with the regulatory requirements under the UK implementation of the Capital Requirements Directive (CRD), in particular Articles 92 to 95.

These disclosures should be read in conjunction with the Remuneration report on pages 68 to 90 of the Annual Report and Accounts, which provides further information on the activities of our Remuneration Committee and our remuneration principles and policies.

Details of the UK Remuneration Codes can be found at www.fca.org.uk and information on the Remuneration Part of the PRA Rulebook can be found at www.prarulebook.co.uk.

Decision-making process for determining the remuneration policy

Schroders has an established Remuneration Committee consisting of independent non-executive Directors of Schroders plc. The Committee met seven times during 2018. Their responsibilities include recommending to the Board the Group's policy on Directors' remuneration, overseeing the remuneration governance framework and ensuring that remuneration arrangements are consistent with effective risk management. The Committee received advice from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and McLagan (AON) Limited during the year. The role and activities of the Committee and their use of advisers are further detailed in the Remuneration report and the Committee's Terms of Reference (both of which are available on the Group's website).

The Remuneration Committee developed the Group's remuneration policy with a number of principles in mind. The overall policy is designed to promote the long-term success of the Group. It is:

- Aligned with clients: A significant proportion of higher-earning employees' and material risk takers' variable remuneration is granted as Fund Awards, which are notional investments in funds managed by the Group, thereby aligning the interests of employees and clients.
- Aligned with shareholders: A significant proportion of variable remuneration is granted in the form of deferred awards over Schroders' shares, thereby aligning the interests of employees and shareholders. In addition, the executive Directors of Schroders plc and other members of the GMC are required, over time, to acquire and retain a holding of Schroders' shares or rights to shares equivalent in value to 300% of annual base salary, or 500% of salary for the Group Chief Executive. On stepping down, the executive Directors are required to maintain half the level of shareholding required while they were an executive Director for a period of two years.
- Aligned with financial performance: Total variable compensation is managed as a percentage of pre-bonus profit before tax and exceptional items, determined by the Remuneration Committee and recommended to the Board. The total spend on compensation is managed as a percentage of net income. This approach aligns remuneration with financial performance.
- Competitive: Employees receive a competitive remuneration package, which is reviewed annually and benchmarked by reference to the external market. This allows us to attract and retain the best talent, who know that good performance will be rewarded.
- Designed to encourage retention: Deferred variable remuneration does not give rise to any immediate entitlement. Awards normally require the participant to be employed continuously by the Group until at least the third anniversary of the grant date in order to vest in full.

The Remuneration Committee is satisfied that the Group's remuneration approach is in line with regulatory requirements. Schroders is a Level 3 firm under the PRA Rulebook and FCA Remuneration Code proportionality regimes for CRD.

Material risk taker criteria

The Group's Material Risk Takers (MRTs) under CRD are individuals in roles that can materially affect the risk of the Group. Subject to proportionality considerations, the list of individuals reviewed in determining those who are CRD MRTs includes:

- Directors of Schroders plc and certain key operating subsidiaries;
- Non-executive directors of Schroders plc and certain key operating subsidiaries;
- Members of the Group Management Committee;
- Employees in key control function roles;
- Other employees who the Group deems may have a material impact on the firm's risk profile through their professional activities; and

- Employees who are remunerated at the same levels as senior management and material risk takers identified above, if their role has a material risk impact.

The Schrodgers CRD MRT population is determined in accordance with technical standards issued by the European Banking Authority with respect to qualitative and appropriate quantitative criteria to identify categories of staff whose professional activities have a material impact on an institution's risk profile. In determining whether or not someone who meets the quantitative criteria in the technical standard should be included as a CRD MRT, the professional activities of the role were assessed for their impact on the ICAAP risks as identified by the Group. Control frameworks and relevant committee terms of reference were also taken into account. The identification framework was reviewed by the Heads of Control Functions in 2018 and their input reflected as appropriate.

Link between pay and performance

Employee remuneration, including for CRD MRTs, is comprised of fixed pay and variable performance-related pay. The Remuneration Committee reviews individual fixed pay and variable performance-related pay decisions for all employees deemed to be CRD MRTs.

Fixed pay is principally comprised of salaries or fees. All MRTs receive either a salary (for employees) or fees (for non-executive Directors) that reflects a market competitive rate of pay, taking account of the employee's role and responsibilities, skills and experience and ongoing contribution. Fixed pay also includes appropriate benefits in kind to help recruit and retain talent, reflect local market practice and support employee health and wellbeing. Cash allowances are sometimes paid, typically after a benefit was phased out so cash in lieu was offered to existing employees in exchange. Retirement benefits are also provided to help recruit and retain talent, reflect local market practice and to enable and encourage provision for retirement.

Variable performance-related pay is principally comprised of annual bonus awards, which aim to motivate employees to achieve financial, non-financial and personal objectives for the financial year, which are consistent with the Group's strategy and help to reward talent for their individual contribution. Non-executive directors do not receive variable performance-related pay. The overall size of the annual pool for variable performance-related pay is a material component of the Group's total remuneration expense. It is set by the Board and the Remuneration Committee by reference to two ratios: 1) bonus charge to pre-bonus profit before tax and exceptional items; and 2) total compensation ratio, both of which are reported to shareholders. This ensures that the aggregate spend on variable performance-related pay is directly linked to the Group's performance.

MRTs who are permanent employees are eligible to be considered for an annual bonus award each year. Bonuses for all employees take account of overall Group, team and individual performance against agreed objectives. In this context, performance typically includes financial and non-financial measures. Non-financial performance metrics, including adherence to effective risk management and behaviours aligned to Schrodgers' values form a significant part of the performance assessment that is considered in determining the individual's bonus award. The Heads of Risk, Compliance and Legal provide input to Senior Management on issues that should be taken into consideration in setting the bonus pool or reviewing individual remuneration outcomes. We believe that a discretionary incentive approach is preferable to the use of formulaic arrangements, to ensure that good conduct and behaviours in line with our values are rewarded, to avoid reinforcing or creating conflicts of interest and to encourage a one-team attitude.

Deferral of incentive awards is a key mechanism to retain talent, primarily through the use of bonus deferrals.

- CRD MRTs who have also been identified as MRTs under the Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) or Alternative Investment Fund Managers (AIFM) Directives are subject to the UCITS / AIF MRT remuneration policy. This sees 40%-60% of variable remuneration for each UCITS / AIF MRT being deferred. At least 50% of variable remuneration is delivered as Fund units, applying equally to both the deferred element and the upfront element (i.e. that element that is not deferred). Upfront fund awards are subject to a six month retention period and deferred fund awards to an additional six months deferral period, so they vest over a period of 3.5 years.
- Deferred annual bonus awards for UCITS / AIF MRTs are granted under the Deferred Award Plan (DAP). The DAP aligns the interests of UCITS / AIF MRTs with those of clients and shareholders, provides an incentive for the employee to stay at Schrodgers and makes it more expensive for competitors to recruit talent from Schrodgers. DAP share awards are conditional rights to acquire shares in the Group at nil cost and vest over three years. DAP fund awards are conditional rights to receive a cash sum based on the value of a notional investment in a range of Schrodgers investment products and vest over 3.5 years. The pay-outs from DAP fund awards are directly determined by the Group's performance in managing funds for our clients. In 2018, deferrals were generally delivered equally between share awards and fund awards, subject to a minimum fund award of £10,000.
- For employees who are not UCITS / AIF MRTs, deferred annual bonus awards are granted under the Equity Compensation Plan (ECP). The ECP works in a similar way to the DAP but is slightly simplified, as these roles are not subject to the remuneration requirements of the UCITS or AIFM Directives.

- The Equity Incentive Plan (EIP) is an additional deferred remuneration plan, used to recognise sustainable performance and potential, and to increase the alignment of employee interests with the interests of shareholders and clients. EIP awards operate in a similar way to ECP awards but vest after five years.
- In March 2018, executive Directors of Schroders plc were eligible to be considered for an award under the Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP), which is comprised of deferred awards of Schroders' shares that vest after four years to the extent that performance conditions are achieved.

In addition to providing retention incentives, a primary purpose of our deferred awards (DAP, ECP, EIP and LTIP) is to support our performance culture where employees recognise the importance of sustainable Group, business and individual performance and their responsibilities in delivering value for clients and shareholders over the longer-term.

Under malus terms, deferred remuneration awards granted under the DAP, ECP, EIP or LTIP may be reduced or lapsed, at the Committee's discretion. Under clawback terms, amounts paid or released from such awards may be recovered for a period of 12 months from the date of payment or release, at the Committee's discretion. These terms can be used to risk-adjust deferred remuneration awards in a range of circumstances, set out in the Group's malus and clawback policy. The potential malus and clawback triggers were designed around the requirements of the UCITS and AIFM Directives and the ESMA Guidelines on remuneration under those directives. The circumstances in which malus and clawback might be triggered include:

- Fraud, misbehaviour or misconduct by the Participant;
- Serious error by the Participant as a result of the Participant's negligent conduct or omission;
- A significant failure of risk management for which the Participant has significant responsibility;
- A material financial misstatement for which the Participant has significant responsibility or which has led to a greater portion of an award being released to the Participant than would otherwise have been the case; and
- A regulatory sanction where the conduct or omission of the Participant significantly contributed to the sanction.

Malus terms apply to ECP awards granted since May 2011, to EIP awards granted since July 2013 and to DAP and LTIP awards granted at any time. Clawback applies to ECP, EIP and LTIP awards granted since October 2013 and to DAP awards granted at any time. For awards granted prior to 2018 the circumstances in which malus and clawback terms could be applied were more narrowly described.

Employees including CRD MRTs are not allowed to enter into hedging arrangements that undermine the intended performance alignment of deferred awards.

Further details of our remuneration policy, our deferred remuneration arrangements and LTIP performance conditions are provided in the Remuneration report.

Quantitative remuneration disclosures

387 (2017: 354) individuals have been identified as Material Risk Takers under the Capital Requirements Directive, of which 29 (2017: 29) are classified as Senior Management. The increase in the number of Material Risk Takers compared to last year reflects changes in the approach to identifying Material Risk Takers, which are now identified separately for each CRD-regulated entity within the Group.

Table 13: Total remuneration expenditure for Material Risk Takers split by Senior Management and other Material Risk Takers

2018	Senior Management (£'000)	Other Material Risk Takers (£'000)
Fixed remuneration	7,225	73,957
Variable remuneration	32,513	148,597
Total remuneration	39,738	222,554

2017	Senior Management (£'000)	Other Material Risk Takers (£'000)
Fixed remuneration	7,469	73,189
Variable remuneration	35,054	167,609
Total remuneration	42,523	240,798

Table 14: Aggregate remuneration expenditure for Material Risk Takers by business area

	2018 (£'000)	2017 (£'000)
Asset Management	190,135	212,951
Wealth Management	21,521	23,457
Rest of Group	50,636	46,913
Total remuneration	262,292	283,321

The remuneration disclosed above includes:

- Non-executive Director fees for 2018;
- Annual base salaries as at 31 December 2018 (or at termination date for leavers);
- Cash bonus awards for the 2018 performance year;
- Deferred awards (ECP, DAP, EIP and LTIP) for 2018 based on the face value at the date of grant. LTIP awards are subject to performance conditions, which can result in the portion of the award that is ultimately released ranging from 0% to 100%. The figures above assume 50% vesting; and
- Any other awards for new hires and any bonus payments made to leavers.

In addition, MRTs other than non-executive Directors, are normally eligible to receive employee benefits, such as private health care and pension, on the same basis as other employees. Two of the non-executive Directors of Schroders plc also received private health care and medical benefits, which is included in the disclosures above.

Appendix 1 Own funds disclosures

Table 15: Own funds

Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital: Instruments and reserves		2018 £m	2017 £m	Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 Article Reference
1	Capital instruments and the related share premium accounts	406.7	406.7	26(1), 27, 28, 29
2	Retained earnings	2,943.1	2,619.2	26(1)(c)
3	Accumulated other comprehensive income (and other reserves)	205.4	357.5	26(1)
6	Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital before regulatory adjustments	3,555.2	3,383.4	
Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital: regulatory adjustments				
7	Additional value adjustments	(2.4)	(2.2)	34,105
8	Intangible assets (net of related tax liability)	(980.7)	(805.8)	36(1)(b), 37
15	Defined-benefit pension fund assets	(129.2)	(135.9)	36(1)(e), 41
16	Direct and indirect holdings by an institution of own CET1 instruments	(163.9)	(162.3)	36(1)(f), 42
28	Total regulatory adjustments to Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1)	(1,276.2)	(1,106.2)	
29	Common Equity Tier 1 Capital	2,279.0	2,277.2	
45	Tier 1 Capital (T1 = CET1 + AT1)	2,279.0	2,277.2	
59	Total Capital	2,279.0	2,277.2	
60	Total risk weighted assets	7,564.0	7,286.5	
Capital ratios and buffers				
61	Common Equity Tier 1 (as a percentage of total risk exposure)	30.1%	31.2%	92(2)(a)
62	Tier 1 (as a percentage of total risk exposure amount)	30.1%	31.2%	92(2)(b)
63	Total capital (as a percentage of total risk exposure amount)	30.1%	31.2%	92(2)(c)
64	Institution specific buffer requirement (CET1 requirement in accordance with article 92(1)(a) plus capital conservation and countercyclical buffer requirements, plus systematic risk buffer, plus systemically important institution buffer expressed as a percentage of risk exposure amount)	7.0%	5.7%	CRD 128, 129, 130, 131, 133
65	of which: capital conservation buffer requirement	1.865%	1.25%	
66	of which: countercyclical buffer requirement	0.68%	0.01%	
68	Common Equity Tier 1 available to meet buffers (as a percentage of risk exposure amount)	22.1%	23.3%	CRD 128
Amounts below the thresholds for deduction (before risk weighting)				
72	Direct and indirect holdings of the capital of financial sector entities where the institution does not have a significant investment in those entities (amount below 10% threshold and net of eligible short positions)	69.2	34.1	36(1)(h), 46, 45, 56(c), 59, 60, 66(c), 69, 70
73	Direct and indirect holdings by the institution of the CET1 instruments of financial sector entities where the institution has a significant investment in those entities (amount below 10% threshold and net of eligible short positions)	218.0	186.5	36(1)(i), 45, 48
75	Deferred tax assets arising from temporary differences (amount below 10% threshold, net of related tax liability where the conditions in article 38(3) are met)	79.6	88.1	36(1)(c), 38, 48

Appendix 2 Leverage disclosures

Table 16: Summary reconciliation of accounting assets and leverage ratio exposures

		2018 £m	2017 £m
1	Total assets as per published financial statements	19,634.3	22,487.9
2	Adjustment for entities which are consolidated for accounting purposes but are outside the scope of regulatory consolidation	(11,581.6)	(14,134.2)
4	Adjustments for derivative financial instruments	25.9	18.4
6	Adjustment for off-balance sheet items (i.e. conversion to credit equivalent amounts of off-balance sheet exposures)	44.2	44.4
7	Other adjustments	(1,109.9)	(941.3)
8	Leverage ratio total exposure measure	7,012.9	7,475.2

Table 17: Leverage ratio common disclosure

		2018 £m	2017 £m
	On-balance sheet exposures (excluding derivatives and SFTs)		
1	On-balance sheet items (excluding derivatives, SFTs and fiduciary assets, but including collateral)	7,535.2	7,732.8
2	(Asset amounts deducted in determining Tier 1 capital)	(1,109.9)	(943.9)
3	Total on-balance sheet exposures (excluding derivatives, SFTs and fiduciary assets) (sum of lines 1 and 2)	6,425.3	6,788.9
	Derivative exposures		
4	Replacement cost associated with all derivatives transactions (i.e. net of eligible cash variation margin)	20.5	34.7
5	Add-on amounts for PFE associated with all derivatives transactions (mark- to-market method)	25.9	18.4
11	Total derivatives exposures (sum of lines 4 to 10)	46.4	53.1
	SFT exposures		
12	Gross SFT assets (with no recognition of netting), after adjusting for sales accounting transactions	497.0	588.8
16	Total securities financing transaction exposures (sum lines 12 to 15a)	497.0	588.8
	Other off-balance sheet exposures		
17	Off-balance sheet exposures at gross notional amount	44.2	44.4
19	Other off-balance sheet exposures (sum of lines 17 and 18)	44.2	44.4
	Capital and total exposure measure		
20	Tier 1 capital	2,279.0	2,277.2
21	Leverage ratio total exposure measure (sum of lines 3, 11, 16, 19, EU-19a and EU-19b)	7,012.9	7,475.2
	Leverage ratio		
22	Leverage ratio	32.5%	30.5%

Table 18: Split-up of on balance sheet exposures (excluding derivatives, SFTs and exempted exposures)

		2018 £m	2017 £m
EU-1	Total on-balance sheet exposures (excluding derivatives, SFTs, and exempted exposures), of which:	6,425.3	6,788.9
EU-3	Banking book exposures, of which:	6,425.3	6,788.9
EU-5	Exposures treated as sovereigns	1,775.4	1,843.4
EU-7	Institutions	1,488.2	2,004.0
EU-8	Secured by mortgages of immovable properties	162.2	144.5
EU-9	Retail exposures	43.1	41.9
EU-10	Corporate	962.4	969.1
EU-12	Other exposures (e.g. equity)	1,994.0	1,786.0

Appendix 3 Credit risk adjustments

Credit risk adjustments are amounts by which capital has been reduced in order to reflect losses exclusively related to credit risk under IFRS, resulting from impairments, value adjustments or provisions for off-balance sheet items that are recognised in the income statement.

Value adjustments

A value adjustment is a deduction from CET1 capital where the prudent value of financial assets measured at fair value is materially lower than the fair value recognised in the financial statements. The valuation adjustment is calculated based on the fair value of items having an impact on own funds. As at 31 December 2018 the value adjustment was £2.4 million (2017: £2.2 million).

Impairment

The Group applies an expected loss model for the calculation of impairment. Under the expected loss model, impairment losses are recorded if there is an expectation of credit losses, even in the absence of a default event. Expected credit losses are calculated on all debt instruments and loans that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Group has internal processes including consideration of internal, external, historic and forward-looking information about specific loans and securities as well as market data designed to assess the credit risk profile of its financial instruments. A three stage model is used for calculating expected credit losses which requires financial assets to be assessed as:

- Performing – financial assets where there has been no significant increase in credit risk since original recognition; or
- Under-performing – financial assets where there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, but no default; or
- Non-performing – financial assets that have defaulted.

For performing financial assets, 12 month expected credit losses are calculated based on the credit losses that are expected to be incurred over the following 12 month period. For under-performing and non-performing financial assets, expected credit losses are calculated based on the expected credit losses over the life of the instrument.

Approaches and methods adopted for determining impairment

For financial assets held with rated counterparties, the Group calculates expected credit losses based on default information published by rating agencies and considers any known factors not yet reflected in this information.

For loans and advances to clients, the Group calculates expected credit losses based on historical credit loss experience and by taking into account the relevant Wealth Management approval authorities' current lending rates against the various types of collateral. A record is kept of all information that has or could have an impact on a client's servicing and repayment as well as of all loan exposures where collateral has decreased in value and/or quality. This record is used to identify under-performing and non-performing loans.

For trade and other receivables, the Group has established a provision matrix that incorporates the Group's historical credit loss experience, counterparty groupings and whether a receivable is past due or not.

A financial asset is past due when the counterparty has failed to make a payment when contractually due. Past due financial assets as at 31 December 2018 are presented in table 19.

Table 19: Non-performing exposures

	31 December 2018 £m	31 December 2017 £m
Up to and including 3 months	15.8	20.6
Over 3 months up to 1 year	4.2	1.3
Total	20.0	21.9

Appendix 4 Credit risk exposure segmentation

Table 20: Exposure value by geographical areas and exposure classes (£m)

£m	Net value											Total
	United Kingdom	Switzerland	United States	Luxembourg	Germany	Singapore	Japan	Canada	France	Australia	Other	
Central governments or central banks	1,213.5	327.9	43.9	-	-	16.0	-	-	-	-	-	1,601.3
Regional governments or local authorities	-	119.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	119.3
Multilateral development banks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54.8	54.8
Institutions	514.3	141.7	41.6	45.6	158.6	103.1	128.9	88.2	46.7	35.7	226.0	1,530.4
Corporates	323.8	34.5	210.0	71.9	36.4	8.4	-	9.3	37.3	21.5	211.8	964.9
Retail	29.5	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.2	47.7
Secured by mortgages on immovable property	110.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55.5	166.4
Items associated with particular high risk	35.5	13.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.8	59.5
Covered bonds	92.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92.8
CIUs	716.8	-	54.9	32.4	0.9	-	1.8	14.4	-	34.2	53.1	908.5
Equity	7.6	-	29.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.0	42.6
Other items	531.5	107.2	65.9	57.0	7.9	51.1	28.5	-	2.9	9.8	54.1	915.9
Total	3,576.2	746.8	445.3	206.9	203.8	178.6	159.2	111.9	86.9	101.2	687.3	6,504.1

Table 21: Net exposures by residual maturity and exposure classes (£m)

£m	Net value					Total
	On demand	<= 1 year	> 1 year <= 5 years	> 5 years	No stated maturity	
Central governments or central banks	1,384.3	217.0	-	-	-	1,601.3
Regional governments or local authorities	-	119.3	-	-	-	119.3
Multilateral development banks	-	9.0	45.8	-	-	54.8
Institutions	997.3	464.1	61.0	8.0	-	1,530.4
Corporates	-	368.9	16.0	2.0	578.0	964.9
Retail	-	34.8	12.9	-	-	47.7
Secured by mortgages on immovable property	-	52.1	114.3	-	-	166.4
Items associated with particular high risk	-	59.5	-	-	-	59.5
Covered bonds	-	-	92.8	-	-	92.8
CIUs	254.0	654.5	-	-	-	908.5
Equity	-	-	-	-	42.6	42.6
Other items	-	611.4	48.7	4.0	251.8	915.9
Total	2,635.6	2,590.6	391.5	14.0	872.4	6,504.1

Appendix 5 Asset encumbrance disclosures

Asset encumbrance arises from collateral pledged against secured funding and other collateralised obligations. The following tables disclose the median balance sheet value of encumbered and unencumbered assets during 2018 based on the requirement in Part Eight of the Capital Requirements Regulation and in the related Guideline issued by the EBA.

Table 22: Encumbered and unencumbered assets

2018	Carrying amount of encumbered assets £m	Fair value of encumbered assets £m	Carrying amount of unencumbered assets £m	Fair value of unencumbered assets £m
Assets of the reporting institution	97.1		8,252.0	
Equity instruments	-	-	33.5	33.5
Debt securities	66.4	66.4	2,013.5	2,013.5
Other assets	30.7		6,205.0	

2017	Carrying amount of encumbered assets £m	Fair value of encumbered assets £m	Carrying amount of unencumbered assets £m	Fair value of unencumbered assets £m
Assets of the reporting institution	71.8		8,284.1	
Equity instruments	-	-	917.3	917.3
Debt securities	46.8	46.8	1,066.1	1,066.1
Other assets	25.0		6,300.7	

Table 23: Collateral received

	2018		2017	
	Fair value of encumbered collateral received or own debt securities issued £m	Fair value of collateral received or own debt securities issued available for encumbrance £m	Fair value of encumbered collateral received or own debt securities issued £m	Fair value of collateral received or own debt securities issued available for encumbrance £m
Assets of the reporting institution	-	496.4	-	589.3
Equity instruments	-	-	-	-
Debt securities	-	496.4	-	589.3
Other collateral received	-	-	-	-
Own debt securities issued other than own covered bonds or ABSs	-	-	-	-



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