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<p>European Commission expected to launch public consultation on review of MiFID II.</p> <p><b>1 January</b> FRC UK Stewardship Code 2020 takes effect.</p> <p>Updated list to be published of the HK Financial Services Providers which must comply with the clearing obligation in OTC derivative transactions.</p> <p>Transition period ends for compliance with revised HK Codes on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds, MPF Products, Pooled Retirement Funds and Investment-Linked Assurance Schemes.</p> <p>EMIR 2.2 comes into force.</p> <p><b>10 January</b> EU Member States to have implemented 5th Anti-Money Laundering Directive.</p> <p><b>13 January</b> Feedback deadline for ESA consultation on changes to KID for PRIIPs.</p> <p><b>15 January</b> Deadline for fund managers to inform FCA if they wish to amend existing TPR notifications.</p> <p><b>30 January</b> Notification deadline for funds and solo-regulated firms wishing to enter the TPR.</p> <p><b>1 January</b> Croatia takes over the EU presidency.</p> <p><b>21-24 January</b> World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland.</p> <p><b>31 January</b> UK leaves the EU.</p>	<p>European Commission to publish interim report on CMU.</p> <p><b>29 February</b> Slovakia parliamentary election.</p> <p>Greek parliamentary election.</p>	<p>Second FCA Transforming Culture conference.</p> <p>ESMA to prepare reports to European Commission informing the MiFID II review on cross-border investment advice, banning of products and practices and position limits.</p> <p><b>18 March</b> Deadline for comments on the BoE's discussion paper on financial risks posed by climate change.</p> <p><b>26-27 March</b> Meeting of the European Council.</p>	<p>FCA to publish feedback statement on data use in wholesale financial markets.</p> <p><b>3 April</b> Joint consultations of the BoE, PRA and FCA on operational resilience of FMI's end.</p> <p><b>30 April</b> Deadline for EU Paris-aligned and EU Climate Transition Benchmark administrators to comply with disclosure requirements regarding methodology outlined in the EU Benchmarks Regulation.</p> <p><b>26 April</b> Serbia parliamentary election.</p>	<p>FCA to determine new bond and derivatives thresholds for SSTI and LiS.</p> <p>European Commission to publish final report on CMU.</p>	<p>ESMA to prepare report to European Commission informing MiFID II review on trading obligation for derivatives.</p> <p>Finalisation by European Commission of Level 2 measures under the Taxonomy Regulation setting out the climate change mitigation and adaptation technical screening criteria.</p> <p>FSB to publish final report on stablecoins.</p> <p><b>18 June</b> EMIR Refit will come into force amending trade reporting requirements such that financial counterparties will be responsible for trade reporting where that counterparty is a non-financial counterparty.</p> <p><b>G7 summit in USA.</b></p> <p><b>18-19 June</b> Meeting of the European Council.</p> <p><b>30 June</b> Date on which any extension of the transition period for the UK's withdrawal from the EU should be decided.</p>	<p>Climate change mitigation and adaption objectives of proposed Taxonomy Regulation apply.</p> <p><b>31 July</b> Rules come into effect to implement the FCA's Investment Platforms Market Study.</p>	<p><b>31 August</b> Phase-in periods for the application of thresholds for shareholder initial margin and risk mitigation standards for non-centrally cleared derivatives will end.</p>	<p>EU Member States must transpose measures relating to identification of shareholders, transmission of information and facilitation of the exercise of shareholders rights from SRD II by September 2020.</p> <p><b>1 September</b> Final phase of HK initial margin requirements postponed to 1 September 2021. Interim phase with an AANA threshold of HK\$375 billion will be introduced for the one-year period starting 1 September 2020.</p> <p><b>30 September</b> New FCA Handbook rules and guidance on illiquid assets and open-ended funds enter into force.</p>	<p><b>1 October</b> New regulations come into force requiring UK trustees of certain SIPs to, amongst other things, include an implementation statement in their annual reports.</p> <p><b>15-16 October</b> Meeting of the European Council.</p> <p>Georgia parliamentary election.</p> <p>Lithuania parliamentary election.</p> <p>Montenegro parliamentary election.</p>	<p>ESMA and EIOPA will develop technical standards for the content and presentation of sustainability-related disclosure information which must be provided by certain financial advisers under the EU Disclosure Regulations.</p> <p>Representatives of the G20 nations, plus the IMF and the World Bank, meet at summit in Saudi Arabia.</p> <p><b>3 November</b> US presidential election.</p> <p><b>9-19 November</b> COP26 in Glasgow.</p>	<p>FCA Directory of non-senior manager key individuals at FSMA firms to be published.</p> <p>ESMA to prepare report to the European Commission informing the MiFID II review on algorithmic trading.</p> <p><b>9 December</b> FCA solo-regulated firms falling under the SM&amp;CR must have completed their fitness and propriety assessments, completed the certification process for existing Certified Staff and uploaded their data to the Directory.</p> <p><b>31 December</b> Indicative date for end of transitional period for new EBA Guidelines on Outsourcing.</p> <p>Croatia parliamentary election.</p> <p><b>End of December</b> Proposed end of the transition period for the UK's withdrawal from the EU (subject to an extension of one to two years).</p>

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<p><b>Q1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FCA to publish discussion paper and report on fair pricing in financial services.</li> <li>FCA to publish consultation paper on new issuer disclosure rules and clarifying existing requirements.</li> <li>FCA to finalise proposed rule changes to facilitate investment in patient capital opportunities.</li> <li>FCA to publish initial outputs from the Climate Financial Risk forum.</li> <li>FCA to consult on the regulation of exit fees in relation to its Investment Platforms Market Study.</li> <li>MMFs to report stress test results under ESMA guidelines.</li> <li>FCA industry workshop on setting clear purpose for stewardship.</li> <li>EU Benchmark Regulation to enter into force.</li> <li>ESAs to finalise review of the PRIIPs Delegated Regulation on key information documents.</li> <li>European Commission to adopt legislative framework on the human and ethical approach to AI.</li> <li>ESMA due to publish report on formulating technical rules for penalties imposed on TC-CCPs and TRs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Q2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FCA to provide update on work and future priorities on climate change and green finance as part of report to be submitted to DEFRA ahead of 2021 deadline.</li> <li>European Commission to publish draft delegated acts under the EU Climate Transition Benchmarks legislation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Q3/Q4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contributors to transition away from LIBOR.</li> <li>Proposed amendments to the suitability assessment for Investment Managers under MiFID II may come into force, which would require firms to take into account their clients' ESG preferences in assessing their investment objectives, and consider ESG factors in the context of product classification.</li> </ul>
<p><b>H1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FCA to publish PPI complaints data for H2 2019.</li> <li>Follow up to the European Commission Action Plan on Sustainable Finance expected.</li> <li>European Commission to publish Fintech Action Plan 2.0 and possible legislation on crypto assets.</li> </ul>	<p><b>H2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FCA to publish PPI complaints data for H1 2020.</li> <li>European Commission expected to publish Financial Services Cyber Act.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UK Autumn budget to be announced.</li> <li>Romania parliamentary election.</li> </ul>

**During 2020**

- Early 2020:
  - Swiss equivalent of MiFID II is intended to come into force (FIDLEG/FinSA).
  - Subject to the negative vetting process, the legislative amendments to affect enhancements to HK's Investor Compensation Regime to raise the compensation limit, adjust the coverage of the investor compensation fund (ICF) and raise the trigger levels for suspending and reinstating the ICF will come into effect.
  - FCA to launch a consultation on new rules for non-workplace pension schemes.
- ESMA to develop technical standards on disclosure provisions for sustainable investments.
- European Commission to submit a report to the EU Parliament and EU Council on the impact of IFR on the market (this was originally due in June 2019).
- PRA to establish operational resilience in their prudential framework by the end of 2020.
- Delegated acts under Low Carbon Benchmarks Regulation expected to be adopted.
- FCA to consult on new prudential regime for MiFID investment firms.
- FCA to publish findings from second Assessing Suitability Review.
- FCA to publish final report on findings of the Financial Advice Market Review and Retail Distribution Review.
- The strategy and governance indicators of the PRI's climate risk indicators are to become mandatory for signatories to report on from 2020.
- The HK SFC's proposed new regulated activity under the SFO, acting as a depository (trustee/custodian) of an SFC-authorized collective investment scheme, may come into force.
- Asset managers to consider future transparency and disclosure obligations relating to sustainability under the new Disclosure Regulations (to apply in 2021).

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