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Delegations will find attached a new compromise proposal by the Presidency with regard to the above-mentioned Commission proposal.

Encl.:

**CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Article 1

Subject matter

This Directive lays down the rules for the authorisation, ongoing operation and transparency of the managers of alternative investment funds (AIFM) which manage and/or market such funds in the Union.

Article 2

Scope

1. Subject to the exceptions set forth herein, this Directive shall apply to:
 - (i) all EU AIFM, which manage one or more alternative investment funds (AIF) irrespective of whether the AIF is an EU AIF or a non-EU AIF;
 - (ii) all non-EU AIFM, which manage one or more EU AIF; and
 - (iii) all non-EU AIFM, which market one or more AIF to professional investors in the European Union, irrespective of whether the AIF is an EU AIF or a non-EU AIF.

In this regard, it is of no significance

- (a) whether the AIF belongs to the open-ended or closed-ended type;
- (b) whether the AIF is constituted under the law of contract or under trust law, under statute or has any other legal form;
- (c) what the legal structure is.

2. Member States shall take the necessary steps to ensure that AIFM referred to in paragraph 1 comply with the applicable requirements of this Directive on an ongoing basis.

Article 3

Exemptions

1. This Directive shall not apply to any of the following:
 - (a) AIFM insofar as they manage one or more AIF whose only investors are the AIFM or the parent undertakings or the subsidiaries of the AIFM or other subsidiaries of those parent undertakings, provided that none of those investors itself is an AIF;
 - (b) holding companies;
 - (c) institutions which are covered by Directive 2003/41/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 3 June 2003 on the activities and supervision of institutions for occupational retirement provision (IORP), including, where applicable, the authorised entities responsible for managing IORP and acting on their behalf referred to in Article 2(1) of that Directive or the appointed investment managers pursuant to Article 19(1) of the same Directive, insofar as they do not manage other AIF;
 - (d) supranational institutions, such as the World Bank, the IMF, the ECB, the EIB, the EIF, other supranational institutions and similar international organisations, in case such institutions or organisations manage one or several AIF in so far as those AIF act in the public interest;
 - (e) national central banks;
 - (f) national, regional and local governments and bodies or institutions which manage funds supporting social security and pension systems;
 - (g) employee participation schemes or employee saving schemes;
 - (h) securitisation special purpose entities.

2. For the following AIFM only paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article, but no other provisions of this Directive shall apply:

- (a) AIFM which either directly or indirectly through a company with which the AIFM is linked by common management or control, or by a substantive direct or indirect holding, manage portfolios of AIF whose assets under management, including any assets acquired through use of leverage, in total do not exceed a threshold of EUR 100 million; or
- (b) AIFM which either directly or indirectly through a company with which the AIFM is linked by common management or control, or by a substantive direct or indirect holding, manage portfolios of AIF whose assets under management, in total do not exceed a threshold of EUR 500 million when the portfolio of AIF consists of AIF that are not leveraged and have no redemption rights exercisable during a period of 5 years following the date of initial investment in each AIF.

3. AIFM referred to in paragraph 2 shall:

- (a) be subject to registration in their home Member State;
- (b) provide regularly the competent authorities of their home Member State with information on the main instruments in which they are trading and on the principal exposures and most important concentrations of AIF they manage in order to enable the competent authorities to effectively monitor systemic risk, and
- (c) notify the competent authorities of their home Member State in the event that they no longer comply with the conditions referred to in paragraph 2.

Member States shall take the necessary steps to ensure that where the conditions set out in paragraph 2 are no longer fulfilled, the AIFM concerned seeks authorisation within 30 calendar days in accordance with the relevant procedures laid down in this Directive.

4. AIFM referred to in paragraph 2 do not benefit from any of the rights granted under this Directive, unless the AIFM chooses to opt-in under this Directive in which case the entire Directive, subject to the exceptions set forth herein, shall be applicable to those AIFM.
5. The Commission shall, in accordance with the regulatory procedure referred to in [Article 49 (2) - *Committee*]^{1 2}, adopt implementing measures with a view to specifying:
 - (a) how to calculate the thresholds referred to in paragraph 2 and to treat AIFM whose assets under management, including any assets acquired through use of leverage, in one and the same calendar year occasionally exceed and/or fall below the relevant threshold;
 - (b) the procedures for AIFM which choose to opt-in under this Directive in accordance with paragraph 4.
6. The Commission shall adopt by means of delegated acts, in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c - *delegation to COM*], measures specifying:
 - (a) the obligations to register and to provide information in order to effectively monitor systemic risk, and
 - (b) the obligations to notify competent authorities referred to in paragraph 3.

Article 4

Definitions

[to be updated during discussions on the contents of the Directive]

1. For the purpose of this Directive, the following definitions shall apply:

¹ The wording of the paragraphs on implementing measures and delegated measures will have to be reviewed upon finalisation of the text for consistency reasons.

² To avoid confusion, a description of any of the Chapters and/or Articles referred to, is added. These descriptions will be removed as soon as the cross references are final.

- (a) '*Activities related to the assets of AIF*' means performing services necessary to meet the fiduciary duties of the AIFM, facilities management, real estate administration activities, advice to undertakings on capital structure, industrial strategy and related matters, advice and services relating to mergers and the purchase of undertakings and other services connected to the management of the AIF and the companies and other assets it has invested in.
- (b) '*AIF*' or '*alternative investment fund*' means any collective investment undertaking, including investment compartments thereof,
 - (i) which raises capital from a number of investors, with a view to investing it in accordance with a defined investment policy for the benefit of those investors; and
 - (ii) which does not require authorisation pursuant to Article 5 of Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS);
- (c) '*AIFM*' or '*manager of alternative investment funds*' means any legal person whose regular business is managing one or more AIF;
- (d) '*Branch*' means a place of business which, in case of an AIFM, is a part of the AIFM, which has no legal personality and which, in case of an AIFM, provides the services for which the AIFM has been authorised; all the places of business established in the same Member State by an AIFM with its registered office in another Member State or a third country shall be regarded as a single branch;
- (e) '*Carried interest*' means a share in the profits of the AIF accrued to the AIFM as compensation for the management of the AIF and excluding any share in the profits of the AIF accrued to the AIFM as a return on any investment by the AIFM into the AIF.
- (f) '*Close links*' means a situation in which two or more natural or legal persons are linked by :

- (i) participation, which means the ownership, direct or by way of control, of 20% or more of the voting rights or capital of an undertaking,
- (ii) control, which means the relationship between a parent undertaking and a subsidiary, in all the cases referred to in Article 1(1) and (2) of Seventh Council Directive 83/349/EEC of 13 June 1983, or a similar relationship between any natural or legal person and an undertaking, any subsidiary undertaking of a subsidiary undertaking also being considered a subsidiary of the parent undertaking which is at the head of those undertakings.

A situation in which two or more natural or legal persons are permanently linked to one and the same person by a control relationship shall also be regarded as constituting a close link between such persons.

- (g) ‘*Competent authorities*’ means the national authorities of Member States, which are empowered by law or regulation to supervise AIFM;³
- (h) ‘*Competent authorities of a depositary*’ means
 - (i) if the depositary is a credit institution authorised under Directive 2006/48/EC, the competent authorities as defined in Article 4(4) of that Directive;
 - (ii) if the depositary is an investment firm authorised under Directive 2004/39/EC, the competent authorities as defined in Article 4(1)(22) of that Directive;
 - (iii) if the depositary is a legal person referred to in point (c) of the first subparagraph of Article 21(3), the national authorities of its home Member State which are empowered by law or regulation to supervise such legal persons;

³ To clarify the difference between the authorities for of Member States (to which powers and obligations are granted pursuant to this Directive) and the authorities of third countries, the term 'competent authorities' is limited to the authorities of the Member States. Where relevant, reference is made to third country authorities by using the term 'supervisory authorities' and not 'competent authorities'.
[Consistency of this approach to be reviewed throughout the Directive.]

- (iv) if the depositary is an entity referred to in the third subparagraph of Article 21(3), the national authorities of the Member State in which this entity has its registered office and which are empowered by law or regulation to supervise such entity or, as the case may be, the official body competent to register or supervise such entity pursuant to the rules of professional conduct applicable to it;
- (v) if the depositary is appointed as depositary for a [non-EU AIF] in accordance with paragraph (b) of Article 21(5), and is not any of the entities referred to above, the national authorities of the third country where the depositary has its registered office;
- (i) '*Competent authorities of an EU AIF*' means the national authorities of a Member State which are empowered by law or regulation to supervise AIF;⁴
- (j) '*Control*' means control as defined in Article 1 of the Seventh Council Directive 83/349/EEC of 13 June 1983;
- (k) [*Established*] means
 - (i) for AIFM, 'having its registered office in';
 - (ii) for AIF, 'being authorised or registered in', or, as the case may be if it is not authorised or registered, 'having its registered office in';
 - (ii) for depositaries, 'having its registered office or branch in';
 unless explicitly provided otherwise in this Directive.]⁵
- (l) '*EU AIF*' means
 - (i) any AIF which is authorised or registered in a Member State of the European Union; and
 - (ii) any AIF which is not authorised or registered in a Member State, but has its registered office and/or head office in a Member State of the European Union;
- (m) '*EU AIFM*' means any AIFM which has its registered office in a Member State of the European Union;

⁴ Non-regulated AIF shall not have a competent authority.

⁵ [Definition and appropriate application of definition to be reviewed in line of the use of this term throughout the Directive]

- (n) '*Feeder AIF*' means an AIF which:
- (i) invests at least 85 % of its assets in shares or units of another AIF (the master AIF); or
 - (ii) invests at least 85% of its assets in more than one master AIF where those master AIF have identical investment strategies; or
 - (iii) has otherwise an exposure of at least 85% of its assets to one or more such master AIF.
- (o) '*Financial instrument*' means an instrument as specified in Annex I Section C of Directive 2004/39/EC;
- (p) '*Initial capital*' means the funds as referred to in Article 57(a) and (b) of Directive 2006/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions (recast);
- (q) '*Issuer*' means any issuer within the meaning of Article 2(1)(d) of Directive 2004/109/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2004 on the harmonisation of transparency requirements in relation to information about issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market and amending Directive 2001/34/EC which has its registered office in the European Union, and whose shares are admitted to trading on a regulated market within the meaning of Article 4(1), point 14, of Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 on markets in financial instruments amending Council Directives 85/611/EEC and 93/6/EEC and Directive 2000/12/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 93/22/EEC;
- (r) ' *Holding company*' means a company with shareholdings in one or more other companies the business purpose of which is to carry out a business strategy or strategies through its subsidiaries or associated companies and which is not established for the main purpose of generating returns for its investors by means of divestment of its subsidiaries or associated companies.

- (s) *'Home Member State of an AIF'* means
- (i) the Member State in which the AIF is authorised or registered under applicable national law, or in case of multiple authorisations or registrations, the Member State in which the AIF has been authorised or registered for the first time; or
 - (ii) if the AIF is not authorised or registered in a Member State, the Member State in which the AIF has its registered office and/or head office;
- (t) *'Home Member State of an AIFM'* means the Member State in which the AIFM has its registered office;⁶
- (u) *'Host Member State of an AIFM'* means, as the case may be,
- (i) The Member State, other than the home Member State, within the territory of which an EU AIFM markets shares or units of an EU AIF; or
 - (ii) The Member State, other than the home Member State, within the territory of which an EU AIFM manages EU AIF; or
 - [(iii) The Member State, other than the home Member State, within the territory of which an EU AIFM manages or markets shares or units of a non-EU AIF; or
 - (iv) The Member State, other than the [Member State of reference], within the territory of which a non-EU AIFM manages EU AIF; or
 - (v) The Member State, other than the [Member State of reference], within the territory of which a non-EU AIFM markets shares or units of an EU AIF; or
 - (vi) The Member State, other than the [Member State of reference], within the territory of which a non-EU AIFM markets shares or units of a non-EU AIF.]
- [points (iii) to (vi) depending on the outcome of discussions on third country issues and the role of [ESMA]]*

⁶ For non-EU AIFM, all references to 'home Member State of the AIFM' in this Directive shall be read as the 'Member State of reference'. This shall be clarified in the third country chapter.

- (v) '*Leverage*' means any method by which the AIFM increases the exposure of an AIF it manages to particular investments whether through borrowing of cash or securities, or leverage embedded in derivative positions or by any other means;
- (w) '*Managing AIF*' means providing at least investment management services referred to in point 1(a) and (b) of Annex I to one or more AIF;
- (x) '*Marketing*' means any offering or placement of units or shares in an AIF by or on behalf of the AIFM to or with investors domiciled in the Union;
- (y) '*Master AIF*' means any AIF in which another AIF invests or has an exposure in accordance with what is set forth in point [(n)] above.
- (z) [*Member State of reference*] means the Member State of reference for a [registered] non-EU AIFM [as defined in Article [x];]
[definition depending on the outcome of discussions on third country issues and the role of [ESMA]]
- (aa) '*Non-EU AIF*' means any AIF which is not an EU AIF;
- (ab) '*Non-EU AIFM*' means any AIFM which is not an EU AIFM;
- (ac) '*Non-listed company*' means any company which has its registered office in the European Union whose shares are not admitted to trading on a regulated market within the meaning of Article 4(1), point 14, of Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 on markets in financial instruments amending Council Directives 85/611/EEC and 93/6/EEC and Directive 2000/12/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 93/22/EEC;
- (ad) '*Own funds*' means own funds as referred to in Title V, Chapter 2, Section 1 of Directive 2006/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions (recast);
- (ae) '*Parent undertaking*' means a parent undertaking as defined in Articles 1 and 2 of the Seventh Council Directive 83/349/EEC of 13 June 1983 based on the Article 54(3)(g) of the Treaty on consolidated accounts;

- (af) '*Prime broker*' means a credit institution, a regulated investment firm or an other entity subject to prudential regulation and ongoing supervision, offering services to professional investors such as clearing and settlement of trades, custodial services, securities lending, financing, customised technology and operational support facilities.
- (ag) '*Professional investor*' means any investor which is considered to be a professional client or may be treated as a professional client on request within the meaning of Annex II of Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 on markets in financial instruments amending Council Directives 85/611/EEC and 93/6/EEC and Directive 2000/12/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 93/22/EEC;
- (ai) '*Qualifying holding*' means any direct or indirect holding in an AIFM which represents 10% or more of the capital or of the voting rights, as set out in Articles 9 and 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2004 on the harmonisation of transparency requirements in relation to information about issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market and amending Directive 2001/34/EC, taking into account the conditions regarding aggregation thereof laid down in Article 12(4) and (5) of that Directive, or which makes it possible to exercise a significant influence over the management of the AIFM in which that holding subsists;
- (aj) '*Representatives of employees*' means representatives of employees as defined by Article 2(e) of Directive 2002/14 of 11 March 2002 establishing a general framework for informing and consulting employees in the European Community;
- (ak) '*Retail investor*' means any investor who is not a professional investor;
- (al) '*Subsidiary*' means a subsidiary undertaking as defined in Articles 1 and 2 of the Seventh Council Directive 83/349/EEC of 13 June 1983, including any subsidiary of a subsidiary undertaking of an ultimate parent undertaking;

- (am) [*Supervisory authorities of a non-EU AIF*] means the national authorities of a third country which are empowered by law or regulation to supervise AIF;]
- (an) [*Supervisory authorities of a non-EU AIFM*] means the national authorities of a third country which are empowered by law or regulation to supervise AIFM;]
- (ao) '*Securitisation special purpose entity*' means, for the purpose of [paragraph 1(h) of Article 3 - *exceptions*], an entity whose sole purpose is to carry on a securitisation or securitisations within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) No 24/2009 of the European Central Bank of 19 December 2008 concerning statistics on the assets and liabilities of financial vehicle corporations engaged in securitisation transactions (ECB/2008/30) and other activities which are appropriate to accomplish that purpose;
- (ap) '*UCITS*' means an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities authorised in accordance with Article 5 of Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS).

2. For the purposes of point (ad) of paragraph 1 [*own funds*], Articles 13 to 16 of Directive 2006/49/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 on the capital adequacy of investment firms and credit institutions (recast) shall apply mutatis mutandis.

3. The Commission shall adopt by means of delegated acts, in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c - *delegation to COM*], measures specifying:

- (a) the circumstances referred to in point (x) of paragraph 1 [*marketing*] under which marketing shall be deemed to be by the AIFM or on behalf of the AIFM, taking into account the means of communication to the investors and the form and content of available information on the AIF;
- (b) the methods of leverage as defined in point (v) of paragraph 1 [*leverage*].

4. The Commission shall adopt, in accordance with the regulatory procedure referred to in [Article 51(2) - *committee*], implementing measures specifying how leverage shall be calculated.
5. [ESMA] shall adopt guidelines,
 - (a) on what is considered to be an alternative investment fund pursuant to point (b) of paragraph 1;
 - (b) where relevant in the application of this Directive, on the types of AIFM; and
 - (c) on the application of the exemptions set forth in Article 3(1).

Article 5

Determination of AIFM

1. Without prejudice to the right granted under [Article 20 - *delegation*] to delegate functions, Member States shall ensure that each AIF managed within the scope of this Directive shall have a single AIFM, which shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of the Directive. The AIFM shall be either:
 - (a) an external manager, which is the legal person appointed by the AIF or on behalf of the AIF and which through this appointment is responsible for managing the AIF; or
 - (b) where the legal form of the AIF permits an internal management and where the AIF's governing body chooses not to appoint an external AIFM, the AIF itself, which shall then be authorised as AIFM.
2. In cases where an externally appointed AIFM is unable to ensure compliance with requirements of this Directive for which an AIF or another entity on its behalf is responsible, it shall immediately inform the competent authorities of its home Member State, which shall require the AIFM to take the necessary steps to remedy the situation.

3. If, despite such steps referred to in paragraph 2, the non-compliance persists, and insofar it concerns an EU AIFM or an EU AIF, the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM shall require that it resigns as AIFM of that AIF. In that case the AIF may no longer be marketed in the European Union. If it concerns a non-EU AIFM managing a non-EU AIF the AIF may no longer be marketed in the European Union. The competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM shall immediately inform the competent authorities of the host Member States of the AIFM.

CHAPTER II
AUTHORISATION OF AIFM

Article 6

Conditions for taking up activities as AIFM

1. Member States shall ensure that no AIFM manages one or more AIF unless it has been authorised in accordance with this Directive.

An AIFM authorised in accordance with this Directive has to comply with the conditions for authorisation established in this Directive at all times.

2. Member States shall require that no externally appointed AIFM shall engage in activities other than those referred to in Annex I of this Directive and the additional management of UCITS subject to authorisation under Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS).
3. Member States shall require that no internally managed AIF shall engage in activities other than the internal management of that AIF in accordance with Annex I.
4. By way of derogation from paragraph 2 Member States may authorise an externally appointed AIFM to provide the following services:
 - (a) management of portfolios of investments, including those owned by pension funds and institutions for occupational retirement provision in accordance with Article 19(1) of Directive 2003/41/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 June 2003 on the activities and supervision of institutions for occupational retirement provision, in accordance with mandates given by investors on a discretionary, client-by-client basis;

- (b) as non-core services:
 - (i) investment advice;
 - (ii) safe-keeping and administration in relation to shares or units of collective investment undertakings;
 - (iii) reception and transmission of orders in relation to one or more financial instruments.

- 5. AIFM shall not be authorised under this Directive to provide only the services referred to in paragraph 4, or to provide non-core services referred to in point (b) of paragraph 4 without being authorised for the services referred to in point (a) of paragraph 4, or to provide only the activities referred to in point 2 of Annex I of this Directive.

- 6. Article 2(2) and Articles 12, 13 and 19 of Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 on markets in financial instruments amending Council Directives 85/611/EEC and 93/6/EEC and Directive 2000/12/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 93/22/EEC shall apply to the provision of the services referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article by AIFM.

- 7. Member States shall require that the AIFM provides the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM with the information they require to monitor compliance with the conditions referred to in this Directive on a continuous basis.

Article 7

Application for authorisation

- 1. Member States shall require that AIFM have to apply for authorisation at the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM.

2. Member States shall require that an AIFM applying for an authorisation shall provide the following information relating to the AIFM to the competent authorities of its home Member State :
 - (a) Information on the persons effectively conducting the business of the AIFM;
 - (b) Information on the identities of the AIFM shareholders or members, whether direct or indirect, natural or legal persons, that have qualifying holdings and of the amounts of those holdings;
 - (c) A programme of activity setting out the organisational structure of the AIFM, including information on how the AIFM intends to comply with its obligations under [Chapters II - *Authorisation*, III - *Operating conditions*, IV - *Transparency requirements*], and where applicable, [V - *AIFM managing specific types of AIF*, VI - *EU AIFM managing/marketing EU AIF*, VII - *Third country rules* and XIII - *Retail marketing*];
 - (d) Information on the remuneration policies and practices pursuant to [Article 13 - *Remuneration*];
 - (e) Information on arrangements made for the delegation and sub delegation to third parties of functions as referred to in [Article 20 - *delegation*].

3. Member States shall require that an AIFM applying for an authorisation shall further provide the following information on the AIF it intends to manage to the competent authorities of its home Member State :
 - (a) Information about the investment strategies including the types of underlying funds if the AIF is a fund of fund and the AIFM's policy as regards the use of leverage, and the risk profiles and other characteristics of the AIF it manages or intends to manage, including information about the Member States or third countries in which they are [established] or are expected to be [established];
 - (b) Information on where the master AIF is [established] if the AIF is a feeder AIF;

- (c) The fund rules or instruments of incorporation of each AIF the AIFM intends to manage;
 - (d) Information on the arrangements made for the safe-keeping of the assets of each AIF the AIFM intends to manage as referred to in [Article 21(7) - *depositories*];
 - (e) Any additional information referred to in [Article 23(1) - *disclosure to investors*] for each AIF the AIFM manages or intends to manage.
4. Where a management company is authorised pursuant to Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) and applies for authorisation as an AIFM under this Directive, the competent authorities should not require the management company to provide information or documents which the management company already provided when applying for authorisation under Directive 2009/65/EC, provided that such information or documents is still up to date.
5. [ESMA] shall keep a central public register identifying the competent authority for each AIFM. The register shall be made available in electronic format.

Article 8

Conditions for granting the authorisation

1. The competent authorities of the home Member State of an AIFM shall not grant an authorisation unless the following conditions are met:
- (a) The relevant competent authorities are satisfied that the AIFM will be able to fulfil the conditions of this Directive;
 - (b) The AIFM has sufficient initial capital and own funds in accordance with the requirements of [Article 9 - *Initial capital*];

- (c) The persons who effectively conduct the business of an AIFM are of sufficiently good repute and are sufficiently experienced also in relation to the investment strategies pursued by the AIF managed by the AIFM, the names of those persons and of every person succeeding them in office being communicated forthwith to the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM and the conduct of the business of an AIFM being decided by at least two persons meeting such conditions;
- (d) The shareholders or members of the AIFM that have qualifying holdings are suitable taking into account the need to ensure the sound and prudent management of the AIFM; and
- (e) The head office and the registered office of the AIFM are located in the same Member State.

The authorisation shall be valid for all Member States.

2. The relevant competent authorities of the other Member States involved shall be consulted beforehand in relation to the authorisation of any AIFM which is one of the following:
 - (a) a subsidiary of another AIFM, a management company authorised under Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) (hereinafter referred to as a UCITS management company), an investment firm, a credit institution or an insurance undertaking authorised in another Member State;
 - (b) a subsidiary of the parent undertaking of another AIFM, a UCITS management company, an investment firm, a credit institution or an insurance undertaking authorised in another Member State; or

- (c) a company controlled by the same natural or legal persons as control another AIFM, a UCITS management company, an investment firm, a credit institution or an insurance undertaking authorised in another Member State.
- 3. The competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM shall refuse authorisation where the effective exercise of their supervisory functions is prevented by any of the following:
 - (a) close links between the AIFM and other natural or legal persons;
 - (b) the laws, regulations or administrative provisions of a third country governing one or more natural or legal persons with which the AIFM has close links;
 - (c) difficulties involved in the enforcement of those laws, regulations and administrative provisions.
- 4. The competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM may restrict the scope of the authorisation, in particular as regards the investment strategies of AIF the AIFM is allowed to manage.
- 5. The competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM shall inform the applicant in writing within three months of the submission of a complete application, whether or not authorisation has been granted. The competent authorities may prolong this period for up to three additional months, where they consider it necessary due to the specific circumstances of the case and after having notified the AIFM accordingly.

For the purpose of this paragraph an application is deemed complete, if the AIFM has at least submitted the information referred to in [Articles 7(2)(a) to (d) and 7(3)(a) and (b)- *Application for authorisation*].

AIFM may start managing AIF with investment strategies described in the application in accordance with [Article 7(3)(a)] in their home Member State as soon as the authorisation is granted, but not earlier than one month after having submitted any missing information referred to in [Articles 7(2)(e) and 5(3)(c) to (e)].

Article 9

Initial capital and own funds

1. Member States shall require that an AIFM which is an internally managed AIF has an initial capital of at least EUR 300 000.
2. Where an AIFM is appointed as external manager of one or more AIF, the AIFM shall have an initial capital of at least EUR 125 000, taking into account the following paragraphs.
3. Where the value of the portfolios of AIF managed by the AIFM exceeds EUR 250 million, the AIFM shall provide an additional amount of own funds. That additional amount of own funds shall be equal to 0.02 % of the amount by which the value of the portfolios of the AIFM exceeds EUR 250 million but the required total of the initial capital and the additional amount must not, however, exceed EUR 10 million.
4. For the purpose of paragraph 3, AIF managed by the AIFM, including AIF for which the AIFM has delegated one or more functions in accordance with [Article 20 - *delegation*] but excluding AIF portfolios that the AIFM is managing under delegation, shall be deemed to be the portfolios of the AIFM.
5. Irrespective of the amount of the requirements set out in paragraph 3, the own funds of the AIFM shall never be less than the amount required under Article 21 of Directive 2006/49/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 on the capital adequacy of investment firms and credit institutions (recast).

6. Member States may authorise AIFM not to provide up to 50 % of the additional amount of own funds referred to in paragraph 3 if they benefit from a guarantee of the same amount given by a credit institution or an insurance undertaking which has its registered office in a Member State, or in a third country where it is subject to prudential rules considered by the competent authorities as equivalent to those laid down in Union law.
7. To cover potential professional liability risks resulting from activities the AIFM may carry out pursuant to this Directive, both internally managed AIF and externally appointed AIFM shall:
 - (a) either have additional own funds which are appropriate to cover potential liability risks arising from professional negligence; or
 - (b) hold an appropriate professional indemnity insurance against liability arising from professional negligence which is appropriate to the risks covered.
8. Own funds, including any additional own funds as referred to in paragraph 7(a), shall be invested in liquid assets or assets readily convertible to cash in the short term and shall not include speculative positions.
9. The Commission shall adopt by means of delegated acts, in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c - *delegation to COM*], measures specifying:
 - (a) the risks the additional own funds or the professional indemnity insurance referred to in paragraph 7 must cover;
 - (b) the conditions for determining the appropriateness of additional own funds or the coverage of the professional indemnity insurance referred to in paragraph 7;
 - (c) the manner of determining ongoing adjustments of the additional own funds or of the coverage of the professional indemnity insurance referred to in paragraph 7.

10. With the exception of paragraphs 7 and 8 and their implementing measures this Article shall not apply to AIFM which are also authorised as management companies under Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS).

Article 10

Changes in the scope of the authorisation

Member States shall require that AIFM, before implementation, notify the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM of any material changes to the conditions for initial authorisation, in particular material changes in the programme of activity of the AIFM, of the investment strategy and policy of any AIF managed by it.

If the competent authorities of the relevant home Member State decide to impose restrictions or reject those changes, they shall, within one month of receipt of that notification, inform the AIFM. The competent authorities may prolong this period for up to one additional month, where they consider it necessary due to the specific circumstances of the case and after having notified the AIFM accordingly. If the relevant competent authorities do not oppose the changes within the relevant assessment period, they may be effected.

Article 11

Withdrawal of the authorisation

The competent authorities of the home Member States of the AIFM may withdraw the authorisation issued to an AIFM where that AIFM:

- (a) does not make use of the authorisation within 12 months, expressly renounces the authorisation or has ceased the activity covered by this Directive for the preceding six months, unless the Member State concerned has provided for authorisation to lapse in such cases;

- (b) has obtained the authorisation by making false statements or by any other irregular means;
- (c) no longer fulfils the conditions under which authorisation was granted;
- (d) no longer complies with Directive 2006/49/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 on the capital adequacy of investment firms and credit institutions (recast) if its authorisation also covers the discretionary portfolio management service referred to in [paragraph 4(a) of Article 6 - *Conditions for taking up activities*] of this Directive;
- (e) has seriously or systematically infringed the provisions adopted pursuant to this Directive; or
- (f) falls within any of the cases where national law, in respect of matters outside the scope of this Directive, provides for withdrawal.

CHAPTER III
OPERATING CONDITIONS FOR AIFM

SECTION 1 : GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Article 12

General principles

1. Member States shall ensure that AIFM comply with the following on an ongoing basis.

The AIFM shall:

- (a) act honestly, with due skill, care and diligence and fairly in conducting its activities;
- (b) act in the best interests of the AIF or the investors of the AIF it manages and the integrity of the market;
- (c) have and employ effectively the resources and procedures that are necessary for the proper performance of its business activities;
- (d) try to avoid conflicts of interests and, when they cannot be avoided, ensure that the AIF it manages are fairly treated;
- (e) comply with all regulatory requirements applicable to the conduct of its business activities so as to promote the best interests of the AIF or the investors of the AIF it manages and the integrity of the market;
- (f) treat all AIF investors fairly.

No investor may obtain a preferential treatment, unless this is disclosed in the AIF rules or instruments of incorporation.

2. Each AIFM the authorisation of which also covers the discretionary portfolio management service referred to in [paragraph 4(a) of Article 6 - *Conditions for taking up activities*] shall:

- (a) not be permitted to invest all or a part of the client's portfolio in units or shares of the AIF it manages, unless it receives prior general approval from the client;
 - (b) with regard to the services referred to in [paragraph 4 of Article 6] be subject to the provisions laid down in Directive 97/9/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 March 1997 on investor-compensation schemes.
3. The Commission shall adopt, in accordance with the regulatory procedure referred to in [Article 49(2) - *Committee*], implementing measures specifying the criteria to be used by the relevant competent authorities to assess whether AIFM comply with their obligations under paragraph 1.

Article 13

Remuneration

1. Member States shall require AIFM to have remuneration policies and practices for those categories of staff, including senior management, whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profiles of AIF they manage, that are consistent with and promote sound and effective risk management and do not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles, fund rules or instruments of incorporation of the AIF it manages.

The AIFM shall comply with the principles laid down in Annex II in a way and to the extent that is appropriate to their size, internal organisation and the nature, scope and complexity of their activities.

2. [ESMA] shall ensure the existence of guidelines on sound remuneration policies which comply with the principles set out in Annex II. The guidelines shall also take into account the size of the AIFM and the size of AIF they manage, their internal organisation and the nature, the scope and the complexity of their activities. [ESMA] shall cooperate closely with the Committee of European Banking Supervisors (CEBS) established by Commission Decision 2009/78/EC of 23 January 2009 in ensuring the existence of guidelines on remuneration policies.

Article 14

Conflicts of interest

1. Member States shall require AIFM to take all reasonable steps to identify conflicts of interest that arise in the course of managing one or more AIF between
 - (a) the AIFM, including their managers, employees or any person directly or indirectly linked to the AIFM by control, and the AIF managed by the AIFM or the investors of this AIF or;
 - (b) one AIF or the investors of this AIF and another AIF or the investors of this AIF, or
 - (c) the AIF or the investors of the AIF and another client of the AIFM;
 - (d) the AIF or the investors of the AIF and a UCITS managed by the AIFM or the investors of such UCITS;
 - (e) two of the AIFM's clients.

AIFM shall maintain and operate effective organisational and administrative arrangements with a view to taking all reasonable steps designed to prevent conflicts of interest from adversely affecting the interests of the AIF and its investors.

AIFM shall segregate within its own operating environment, tasks and responsibilities which may be regarded as incompatible with each other and which may potentially generate systematic conflicts of interest. AIFM shall assess whether its operating conditions may involve any other material conflicts of interest and disclose them to the AIF investors.

2. Where organisational arrangements made by the AIFM to manage conflicts of interest are not sufficient to ensure, with reasonable confidence, that risks of damage to investors' interests will be prevented, the AIFM shall clearly disclose the general nature or sources of conflicts of interest to the investors before undertaking business on their behalf, and develop appropriate policies and procedures.
3. The Commission shall adopt by means of delegated acts, in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c - *delegation to COM*], measures specifying:
 - (a) the types of conflicts of interests as referred to in paragraph 1;
 - (b) specifying the reasonable steps AIFM are expected to take in terms of internal and organizational procedures in order to identify, prevent, manage and disclose conflicts of interest.

Article 15

Risk management

1. The AIFM shall functionally and hierarchically separate the functions of risk management from the operating units, including the portfolio management.

For an AIFM for whom it would not be proportionate to functionally separate the functions of risk management and the operating units, including the portfolio management, in view of the nature, scale and complexity of the AIFM's business or the AIF it manages, the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM may approve a derogation from subparagraph 1, provided that the AIFM is nevertheless able to demonstrate that specific safeguards against conflicts of interest allow for the independent performance of risk management activities and that the risk management process satisfies the requirements of this Article and is consistently effective.

2. The AIFM shall implement adequate risk management systems in order to identify, measure, monitor and manage appropriately all risks relevant to each AIF investment strategy and to which each AIF is or can be exposed.

The AIFM shall review the risk management systems with appropriate frequency, no less than once a year, and adapt it, whenever necessary.

3. The AIFM shall at least:
 - (a) implement an appropriate, documented and regularly updated due diligence process when investing on behalf of the AIF, according to the investment strategy, the objectives and risk profile of the AIF;
 - (b) ensure that the risks associated to each investment position of the AIF and their overall effect on the AIF's portfolio can be properly identified, measured, monitored and managed on an ongoing basis including through the use of appropriate stress testing procedures;
 - (c) ensure that the risk profile of the AIF shall correspond to the size, portfolio structure and investment strategies and objectives of the AIF as laid down in the AIF rules or instruments of incorporation, prospectus and offering documents.

4. The AIFM shall set a maximum level of leverage which the AIFM may employ on behalf of each AIF as well as extent of the right of the re-use of collateral or guarantee that could be granted under the leveraging arrangement.
5. [In the case of AIFM which engage in short selling when investing on behalf of one or more AIF, Member States shall ensure that the AIFM:
 - (a) operates procedures which provide it with access to the securities or other financial instruments at the date when the AIFM committed to deliver them;
 - (b) implements a risk management procedure which allows the risks associated with the delivery of short sold securities or other financial instruments to be adequately managed.]⁷
6. The Commission shall adopt by means of delegated acts, in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c - *delegation to COM*], measures specifying:
 - (a) the risk management requirements to be employed by AIFM as a function of the risks which the AIFM incurs on behalf of the AIF that it manages and
 - (b) the requirements referred to in paragraph 3.
7. The Commission shall adopt, in accordance with the regulatory procedure referred to in [Article 49(2) - *Committee*], implementing measures specifying:
 - (a) the appropriate frequency of review of the risk management system;
 - (b) how the risk management function shall be functionally and hierarchically separated from the operating units, including the portfolio management function;
 - (c) under which conditions it would not be deemed proportionate to require an AIFM to functionally separate the functions of risk management and the operating units, including the portfolio management in view of the nature, scale and complexity of the AIFM's business or the AIF it manages;

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Discussions postponed until September, depending on the horizontal initiatives re. short selling.

- (d) specific safeguards against conflicts of interest referred to in subparagraph 2 of paragraph 1.

Article 16

Liquidity management

1. The AIFM shall for each AIF it manages, that is not an unleveraged closed-ended AIF, employ an appropriate liquidity management system and adopt procedures which enable it to monitor the liquidity risk of the AIF and to ensure that the liquidity profile of the investments of the AIF complies with its underlying obligations.

The AIFM shall regularly conduct stress tests, under normal and exceptional liquidity conditions, which enable it to assess the liquidity risk of the AIF and monitor the liquidity risk of the AIF accordingly.

2. The AIFM shall ensure that for each AIF it manages the investment strategy, the liquidity profile and the redemption policy are consistent.
3. The Commission shall by means of delegated acts, in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c - *delegation to COM*], adopt measures specifying :
- (a) the liquidity management systems and procedures,
 - (b) when an AIF shall be considered not to be unleveraged closed-ended as set out in paragraph 1.
4. The Commission shall adopt, in accordance with the regulatory procedure referred to in [Article 49(2) - *Committee*], implementing measures specifying the alignment of the investment strategy, liquidity profile and redemption policy set out in paragraph 2.

Article 17

Investment in securitisation positions

1. In order to ensure cross-sectoral consistency and to remove misalignment between the interest of firms that repackage loans into tradable securities and originators within the meaning of Article 4(41) of Directive 2006/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions (recast), and AIFM that invest in these securities or other financial instruments on behalf of one or more AIF, the Commission shall adopt by means of delegated acts, in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c *delegation to COM*], measures laying down the requirements in the following areas :
 - (a) the requirements that need to be met by the originator in order for an AIFM to be allowed to invest in securities or other financial instruments of this type issued after 1 January 2011 on behalf of one or more AIF, including requirements that ensure that the originator retains a net economic interest of not less than 5 per cent.
 - (b) qualitative requirements that must be met by AIFM which invest in these securities or other financial instruments on behalf of one or more AIF.

SECTION 2 : ORGANISATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Article 18

General principles

1. Member States shall require that AIFM shall, at all times, use adequate and appropriate human and technical resources that are necessary for the proper management of AIF.

In particular, the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM, having regard also to the nature of the AIF managed by the AIFM, shall require that the AIFM:

- (a) has sound administrative and accounting procedures, control and safeguard arrangements for electronic data processing and adequate internal control mechanisms including, in particular, rules for personal transactions by its employees or for the holding or management of investments in order to invest on its own account and ensuring, at least, that each transaction involving the AIF may be reconstructed according to its origin, the parties to it, its nature, and the time and place at which it was effected and that the assets of the AIF managed by the AIFM are invested according to the fund rules or the instruments of incorporation and the legal provisions in force;
 - (b) maintains and operates effective organisational and administrative arrangements with a view to taking all reasonable steps designed to prevent conflicts of interest from adversely affecting the interests of the AIF and its investors.
2. The Commission shall by means of delegated acts, in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c - *delegation to COM*], adopt measures specifying:
 - (a) the procedures and arrangements as referred to under point (a) of the paragraph 1 and

- (b) the structures and organisational requirements to minimise conflicts of interests as referred to under point (b) of paragraph 1.

Article 19

Valuation

1. The AIFM shall ensure that, for each AIF that it manages, appropriate and consistent procedures are established so that a proper and independent valuation of the assets of the AIF can be performed in accordance with this Article and the applicable national and AIF rules.

With the exception of closed-ended AIF whose shares or units are traded on a regulated market and for which there is a liquid market, the AIFM shall also ensure that the net asset value per share or unit of AIF is calculated and published in accordance with this Article and the applicable national and AIF rules or instruments of incorporation.

2. The rules applicable to the valuation of assets and the calculation of the net asset value per share or unit of the AIF shall be laid down in the law of the country where the AIF has its registered office and/or in the AIF rules or instruments of incorporation.
3. The valuation procedures used shall ensure that the assets are valued and the net asset value per share or unit are calculated and published at least once a year. The AIF rules or instruments of incorporation may exclude the publication. If the AIF is of the open-ended type, such valuations and calculations shall also be carried out at a frequency which both is appropriate to the assets held by the fund and its issuance and redemption frequency.
4. The AIFM shall ensure that the valuation function is either performed by:

- (a) an independent external valuer; or
- (b) the AIFM itself, provided that the valuation task is functionally separated from the portfolio management and the remuneration policy and other measures ensure that conflicts of interest are mitigated and that undue influence upon the employees is prevented.

An external valuer is deemed to be independent pursuant to point (a) of subparagraph 1, if it is independent from the AIF, the AIFM and from any other persons with close links to the AIF or the AIFM and performs the valuation task independently and impartially.

The depositary appointed for an AIF cannot be appointed as external valuer of that AIF.

5. When an external valuer is performing the valuation function, the AIFM shall be able to demonstrate that:
 - (a) the external valuer is subject to mandatory professional registration recognized by law or to legal or regulatory provisions or rules of professional conduct; and
 - (b) the external valuer can furnish sufficient professional guarantees to be able to effectively perform the relevant valuation function in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3;
 - (c) the appointment of the external valuator complies with the requirements of [Article 20 (1) - *delegation*] and their implementing measures.
6. The appointed external valuer may not delegate the valuation function to a third party.

7. The AIFM shall notify the appointment of the external valuer to the competent authorities of their home Member State which may require that another external valuer be appointed instead, if the conditions laid down in paragraph 5 are not or no longer met.
8. The external valuer shall exercise the valuation function with all due skill, care and diligence and shall be liable to the AIFM for any losses caused by its negligence or intentional failure.
9. When the valuation function is not performed by an independent external valuer, the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM may require the AIFM to have its valuation procedures and/or valuations verified by an external valuer or, where appropriate, an auditor.
10. The AIFM is responsible for the proper valuation of AIF assets, the calculation of the net asset value and the publication of that net asset value. Therefore, in no case shall the AIFM's liability towards the AIF and its investors be affected by the fact that the AIFM has appointed an external valuer.

However, notwithstanding the above and irrespective of any contractual arrangements providing otherwise, the external valuer shall be liable to the AIFM for any losses suffered by the AIFM as a result of the external valuer's [negligence or intentional] failure to perform its tasks.

11. The Commission shall adopt by means of delegated acts, in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c - *delegation to COM*], measures specifying:
 - (a) the criteria concerning the procedures for the proper valuation of the assets and the calculation of the net asset value per share or unit;
 - (b) when the market for closed-ended AIF which are traded on a regulated market is deemed liquid;

(c) the professional guarantees the external valuer must be able to furnish to effectively perform the valuation function.

12. The Commission shall adopt, in accordance with the regulatory procedure referred to in [Article 49(2) - *Committee*], implementing measures specifying the frequency of valuation carried out by open-ended funds which is both appropriate to the assets held by the fund and its issuance and redemption policy.

SECTION 3 : DELEGATION OF AIFM FUNCTIONS

Article 20

Delegation

1. AIFM which intend to delegate to third parties the task of carrying out on their behalf one or more of their functions shall notify the competent authorities of their home Member State before the delegation arrangements become effective.

The following conditions have to be complied with:

- (a) the AIFM must be able to justify its entire delegation structure with objective reasons;
- (b) the delegatee must dispose of sufficient resources to perform the respective tasks and the persons who effectively conduct the business must be of sufficiently good repute and sufficiently experienced;
- (c) where the delegation concerns the portfolio management or the risk management, the mandate must be given only to undertakings which are authorised or registered for the purpose of asset management and subject to supervision. Where this condition cannot be satisfied, delegation may only be given on the condition of prior approval by the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM;
- (d) where the delegation concerns the portfolio management or the risk management and is given to a third-country undertaking, in addition to the requirements in point (c), co-operation between the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM and the supervisory authority of the undertaking shall be ensured;
- (e) the delegation shall not prevent the effectiveness of supervision of the AIFM, and in particular, it must not prevent the AIFM from acting, or the AIF from being managed, in the best interests of its investors;

- (f) the AIFM must be able to demonstrate that the delegatee is qualified and capable of undertaking the functions in question, that it was selected with all due care and that the AIFM is in a position to monitor effectively at any time the delegated activity, to give at any time further instructions to the delegatee and to withdraw the delegation with immediate effect when this is in the interest of investors.

No delegation of portfolio management or risk management shall be given to the depositary or to any other undertaking whose interests may conflict with those of the AIFM or the investors of the AIF unless those conflicts can be managed.

The AIFM shall review the services provided by each delegatee on an ongoing basis.

- 2. In no case shall the AIFM's liability towards the AIF and its investors be affected by the fact that the AIFM has delegated functions to a third party, nor shall the AIFM delegate its functions to the extent that, in essence, it can no longer be considered to be the manager of the AIF and to the extent that it becomes a letter-box entity.
- 3. The third party may sub-delegate any of the functions delegated to it as long as the following conditions are fulfilled:
 - (a) the AIFM consented prior to the sub-delegation;
 - (b) the AIFM notified the competent authorities of its home Member State before the sub-delegation arrangements become effective;
 - (c) the conditions set forth in paragraph 1 points (a) to (f), in the understanding that all references to the 'delegatee' shall be read as references to the 'sub-delegatee'.

No sub-delegation of portfolio management or risk management shall be given to the depositary or to any other undertaking whose interests may conflict with those of the AIFM or the investors of the AIF unless those conflicts can be managed.

The relevant delegatee shall review the services provided by each sub-delegatee on an ongoing basis.

4. Where the sub-delegatee further delegates any of the functions delegated to it, the conditions set forth in paragraph 3 shall apply mutatis mutandis.
5. The Commission shall adopt by means of delegated acts, in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c - *delegation to COM*] measures specifying the following :
 - (a) the conditions for fulfilling the requirements set out in paragraphs 1 and 3;
 - (b) the conditions under which the manager has delegated its functions to the extent that it becomes a letter-box entity and therefore could no longer be considered to be the manager of the AIF as set out in paragraph 2.

SECTION 4 : DEPOSITARY

Article 21

Depositary

1. For each AIF it manages, the AIFM shall ensure that a single depositary is appointed in accordance with the provisions set forth below.
2. The appointment of the depositary shall be evidenced by a contract in writing. The contract shall, among others, regulate the flow of information deemed necessary to allow the depositary to perform its functions for the AIF for which it has been appointed as depositary, as set out in this Directive and in other relevant laws, regulations or administrative provisions.
3. The depositary shall be either:
 - (a) a credit institution having its registered office in the European Union and authorised in accordance with Directive 2006/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions (recast), or

- (b) an investment firm having its registered office in the European Union, subject to capital adequacy requirements according to Article 20 (1) of Directive 2006/49/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 on the capital adequacy of investment firms and credit institutions including capital requirement for operational risks and authorised in accordance with Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 on markets in financial instruments amending Council Directives 85/611/EEC and 93/6/EEC and Directive 2000/12/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 93/22/EEC, to also provide the ancillary service of safe-keeping and administration of financial instruments for the account of clients in accordance with Section B(1) of Annex I to that Directive; such investment firms shall in any case have own funds not less than the amount of initial capital referred to in Article 9 of Directive 2006/49/EC; or

- (c) other categories of institutions which are subject to prudential regulation and ongoing supervision and which, at the date of entry into force of this Directive pursuant to Article 55, belongs to those categories determined by Member States to be eligible to be depositaries under Article 23 (3) of Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS).

For non-EU AIF only, and without prejudice to what is set forth in paragraph 5(b), the depositary can also be a credit institution or any other entity of the same nature as the entities set forth in subparagraph 1 as long as such entity is subject to effective prudential regulation and supervision of the same effect as the provisions laid down in European Union law.

In addition to the provisions of the first and second subparagraph, for AIF which have no redemption rights exercisable during the period of five years from the date of the initial investments and which, in accordance with their core investment policy, do not invest in assets that must be held in custody in accordance with point (a) of paragraph 7, the depositary may be an entity which carries out depositary functions as part of its professional or business activities in respect of which such entity is subject to mandatory professional registration recognized by law or to legal or regulatory provisions or rules of professional conduct and which can furnish sufficient financial and professional guarantees to be able to effectively perform the relevant depositary functions and meet the commitments inherent to those functions.

4. In order to avoid conflict of interests between the depositary, the AIFM and/or the AIF and/or its investors, the following incompatibilities are applicable:
 - (a) an AIFM is not allowed to act as depositary;
 - (b) a prime broker acting as counterparty to an AIF is not allowed to act as depositary for this AIF. Delegation by the depositary to such prime broker of its custody tasks in accordance with paragraph 10 is allowed if the relevant conditions are met.

5. The depositary shall be located as follows:
 - (a) For EU AIF, the depositary shall be [established] in the home Member State of the AIF;
 - (b) For non-EU AIF, the depositary shall be [established] in the third country where the AIF is [established], except when location of the depositary in that third country is prohibited pursuant to the national law of that third country. In the latter case, the most reasonable and objective justification for the choice of the country in which the depositary will have to be [established] is required.

Without prejudice to the requirements set forth in paragraph 3, the appointment of a depositary [established] in a third country shall at all times be subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The competent authorities of the Member States in which the shares or units of the third country AIF are intended to be marketed, and, insofar different, of the home Member State of the AIFM, have signed cooperation and exchange of information agreements with the competent authorities of the third country where the depositary is [established];
- (ii) the third country where the depositary is [established] is the subject of a decision taken by [ESMA] stating that depositaries being [established] in that country are subject to effective prudential regulation (including minimum capital requirements) and supervision which are to the same effect as the provisions laid down in European Union law and are effectively enforced;
- (iii) the third country where the depositary is [established] is not listed as Non-Cooperative Country and Territory by the Financial Action Task Force on anti-money laundering and terrorist financing;
- (iv) the Member States in which the shares or units of the third country AIF are intended to be marketed, and, insofar different, of the home Member State of the AIFM, have signed an agreement with the third country where the depositary is [established] which fully complies with the standards laid down in Article 26 of the OECD Model Tax Convention and ensures an effective exchange of information in tax matters.

- (v) the depositary shall by contract be liable to the AIF, or, as the case may be, to the investors of the AIF, consistently with the paragraphs 11 and 12 of this Article and shall explicitly agree to comply with paragraph 10 of this Article.

- 6. The depositary shall in general ensure that the AIF's cash flows are properly managed, and shall in particular ensure that all payments made by or on behalf of investors upon the subscription of shares or units of an AIF have been received and that all cash of the AIF has been booked in one or more cash accounts opened in the name of the AIF or in the name the AIFM acting on behalf of the AIF or in the name of the depositary acting on behalf of the AIF at an entity referred to in Article 18 (1) (a) to (c) of Commission Directive 2006/73/EC of 10 August 2006 implementing Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards organisational requirements and operating conditions for investment firms and defined terms for the purposes of that Directive, or an equivalent institution in the relevant market where cash accounts are required, and in accordance with the principles set forth in Article 16 of Commission Directive 2006/73/EC of 10 August 2006 implementing Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards organisational requirements and operating conditions for investment firms and defined terms for the purposes of that Directive.

- 7. The assets of the AIF, or, as the case may be, the AIFM acting on behalf of the AIF, shall be entrusted to the depositary for safe-keeping, as follows:
 - (a) *Financial instruments*
 - (i) The depositary shall hold in custody all financial instruments that can be registered in a financial instruments account opened in the depositary's books and all financial instruments that can be physically delivered to the depositary;

(ii) For this purpose, the depositary shall ensure that all those financial instruments that can be registered in a financial instruments account opened in the depositary's books, are registered in the depositary's books within segregated accounts in accordance with the principles set forth in Article 16 of Commission Directive 2006/73/EC of 10 August 2006 implementing Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards organisational requirements and operating conditions for investment firms and defined terms for the purposes of that Directive, opened in the name of the AIF or, as the case may be, the AIFM acting on behalf of the AIF, so that they can at all times be clearly identified as belonging to the AIF in accordance with the applicable law.

(b) *Other assets*

- (i) For all other assets of the AIF, the depositary shall verify the ownership of the AIF, or, as the case may be, the AIFM acting on behalf of the AIF, of such assets and shall maintain a record of those assets for which it is satisfied that the AIF, or, as the case may be, the AIFM acting on behalf of the AIF, holds the ownership of such assets;
- (ii) The assessment whether the AIF, or, as the case may be, the AIFM acting on behalf of the AIF, holds the ownership shall be based on information or documents provided by the AIF or the AIFM and on external evidence;
- (iii) The depositary shall keep this record up to date.

8. In addition to the tasks referred to in paragraph 6 and 7, the depositary shall:

- (a) ensure that the sale, issue, re-purchase, redemption and cancellation of shares or units of the AIF are carried out in accordance with the applicable national law and the AIF rules or instruments of incorporation;

- (b) ensure that the value of the shares or units of the AIF is calculated in accordance with the applicable national law and the AIF rules or instruments of incorporation and procedures laid down in [Article 18 - *Valuation*];
- (c) carry out the instructions of the AIFM, unless they conflict with the applicable national law or the AIF rules or instruments of incorporation;
- (d) ensure that in transactions involving the AIF's assets any consideration is remitted to it within the usual time limits;
- (e) ensure that an AIF's income is applied in accordance with the applicable national law and the AIF rules.

9. In the context of their respective roles, the AIFM and the depositary shall act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the interest of the AIF or, as the case may be, the investors of the AIF.

A depositary may not carry out activities with regard to the AIF or, as the case may be, the AIFM on behalf of the AIF that may create conflicts of interest between the AIF, its investors, the AIFM and the relevant entity acting as a depositary.

The assets referred to in paragraph 7 may not be re-used by the depositary without the prior consent of the AIF or, as the case may be, the AIFM acting on behalf of the AIF.

10. The depositary may not delegate to third parties any of its functions, other than those referred to in paragraph 7.

The depositary may only delegate to third parties the functions referred to in paragraph 7, provided that:

- (a) the tasks are not delegated with the intention to avoid the requirements of this Directive, and

- (b) the depositary can demonstrate that there is an objective reason for the delegation; and
- (c) the depositary has exercised all due skill, care and diligence in the selection and the appointment of any third party to whom it wants to delegate parts of its tasks, and shall keep exercising all due skill, care and diligence in the periodic review and ongoing monitoring of any third party to whom it has delegated parts of its tasks and of the arrangements of the third party in respect of the matters delegated to it; and
- (d) the depositary has ensured that the third party fulfils the following conditions and on an ongoing basis ensures that it will remain to fulfil such conditions during the performance of the tasks delegated to it:
 - (i) it has the structures and the expertise that are adequate and proportionate to the nature and complexity of the assets of the AIF or the AIFM acting on behalf of the AIF which it holds in custody;
 - (ii) as far as the delegation of custody tasks referred to in point (a) of paragraph 7 are concerned, it is subject to supervision in the jurisdiction concerned;
 - (iii) as far as the delegation of custody tasks referred to in point (a) of paragraph 7 are concerned, it is subject to external periodic audit to ensure that the financial instruments are in its possession;
 - (iv) it segregates the assets from its own assets and from the assets of the depositary so that they can at any time be clearly identified as belonging to a given AIF or, as the case may be, the AIFM on behalf of an AIF;
 - (v) it may not make use of the assets without the prior consent of the AIF or, as the case may be, the AIFM acting on behalf of the AIF, and a prior information of the depositary; and
 - (vi) it complies with the general obligations and prohibitions set forth in paragraph 7 and 9.

The third party may in turn sub-delegate these tasks, provided that the same conditions are met. In such case, paragraph 12 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the relevant parties.

For purposes of this paragraph, entrusting the custody of assets referred to in point (a) of paragraph 7 to the operator of a securities settlement system as designated for the purposes of Directive 98/26/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 May 1998 on settlement finality in payment and securities settlement systems shall not be considered a delegation of its custody functions.

11. The depositary shall be liable to the AIF, or, as the case may be, to the investors of the AIF, for the loss by the depositary, or as the case may be, a third party to whom the custody has been delegated, of financial instruments held in custody according to point (a) of paragraph 7.

In the case of such a loss of a financial instrument held in custody, the depositary shall return a financial instrument of the identical type or the corresponding amount to the AIF or, as the case may be, the AIFM acting on behalf of the AIF without undue delay. The depositary shall not be liable if it can prove that the loss has arisen as a result of an external event beyond its reasonable control.

The depositary shall also be liable to the AIF, or, as the case may be, to the investors of the AIF, for all other losses suffered by them as a result of the depositary's negligent or intentional failure to properly perform its obligations pursuant to this Directive.

12. The depositary's liability shall not be affected by any delegation referred to in paragraph 10, except in the case of a loss of financial instruments held in custody by a third party pursuant to paragraph 10. In that case, provided that a written contract between the depositary and the AIF, or, as the case may be, the AIFM acting on behalf of the AIF, expressly allows such a discharge, the depositary can discharge itself of its liability if it can prove that all requirements laid down in paragraph 10 (a) to (d) are met.

If the depositary can successfully discharge itself of its liability, the third party itself shall be liable to the AIF, or, as the case may be, to the investors of the AIF, for the loss by that third party of financial instruments held in custody by delegation according to point (a) of paragraph 7 juncto paragraph 10. In such case, the second subparagraph of paragraph 11 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

13. Liability to the investors of the AIF may be invoked directly or indirectly through the AIFM, depending on the legal nature of the relationship between the depositary, the AIFM and the investors.
14. The depositary shall make available on request to its competent authorities all information which it has obtained while undertaking its duties and that may be necessary for the competent authorities of the AIF or the AIFM. If the competent authorities of the AIF or the AIFM are different from that of the depositary, the competent authorities of the depositary shall share the information received without delay with the competent authorities of the AIF and the AIFM.
15. The Commission shall adopt by means of delegated acts, in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c - *delegation to COM*], measures specifying:
 - (a) the particulars that need to be included in the standard agreement as referred to in paragraph 2;

- (b) general criteria for assessing whether the prudential regulation and supervision of third countries as referred to in the second subparagraph of paragraph 2 and in paragraph 5 (b) (ii) are to the same effect as the provisions laid down in European Union law and are effectively enforced;
- (c) the conditions for performing the depositary functions pursuant to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8, including:
 - the type of financial instruments that shall be included in the scope of the depositary's custody duties according to point (a) of paragraph 7;
 - the conditions upon which the depositary may exercise its custody duties over financial instruments registered with a central depositary; and
 - the conditions upon which the depositary shall safe keep according to point (b) of paragraph 7 the financial instruments issued in a nominative form and registered with an issuer or a registrar;
- (d) the due diligence duties of depositaries pursuant to paragraph 10 (c);
- (e) the segregation obligation set forth in paragraph 10 (d) (iv);
- (f) the conditions and circumstances under which conditions financial instruments held in custody shall be considered as lost;
- (g) what is to be understood by external events beyond reasonable control pursuant to paragraph 11;

CHAPTER IV TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS

Article 22

Annual report

1. An AIFM shall, for each of the EU AIF it manages and for each of the AIF it markets in the European Union, make available an annual report for each financial year no later than six months following the end of the financial year. The annual report shall be provided to investors on request. The annual report shall be made available to the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM, and, where applicable, the home Member State of the AIF.

Where the AIF is required to make public an annual financial report in accordance with Directive 2004/109/EC only such additional information referred to in points (a) to (e) of paragraph 2 needs to be provided to investors on request, either separately or as an additional part of the annual financial report. In the latter case the annual financial report shall be made public no later than four months following the end of the financial year.

2. The annual report shall at least contain the following:
 - (a) a balance-sheet or a statement of assets and liabilities;
 - (b) an income and expenditure account for the financial year;
 - (c) a report on the activities of the financial year;
 - (d) the indication of how the changes in the information listed in [Article 23 **■** *Disclosure to investors*] during the financial year covered by the report are made available;
 - (e) the total amount of remuneration for the financial year, split into fixed and variable remuneration paid by the AIFM, and number of beneficiaries, and, where relevant, carried interests paid by the AIF;

(f) the aggregate amount of remuneration broken down by senior management and members of staff of the AIFM whose actions have a material impact on the risk profile of the AIF.

3. The accounting information given in the annual report shall be prepared in accordance with the accounting standards of the home Member State of the AIF, or, as the case may be, in accordance with the accounting standards of the third country where the AIF has its registered office and with the accounting rules laid down in the fund rules or in the instruments of incorporation of the AIF.

The accounting information given in annual report shall be audited by one or more persons empowered by law to audit accounts in accordance with Directive 2006/43/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 on statutory audits of annual accounts and consolidated accounts, amending Council Directives 78/660/EEC and 83/349/EEC and repealing Council Directive 84/253/EEC. The auditor's report, including any qualifications, shall be reproduced in full in the annual report.

By way of derogation from the second subparagraph, Member States may permit AIFM marketing non-EU AIF to subject the annual reports of those AIF to an audit meeting international auditing standards in force in the country where the AIF has its registered office and audited by an authorised accountant.

4. The Commission shall adopt by means of delegated acts, in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c - *delegation to COM*], measures specifying the content and format of the annual report. These measures shall be adapted to the type of AIF to which they apply.

Article 23

Disclosure to investors

1. AIFM shall for each of the EU AIF it manages and for each of the AIF it markets in the European Union make available to AIF investors the following information before they invest in the AIF, as well as any changes thereof:
 - (a) a description of the investment strategy and objectives of the AIF, information on where any master AIF is [established], information on where the underlying funds are [established] if the AIF is a fund of fund, the types of assets which the AIF may invest in and of the techniques it may employ and of all associated risks, any applicable investment restrictions, the circumstances in which the AIF may use leverage, the types and sources of leverage permitted and the associated risks, any restrictions to the use of leverage and of any collateral and asset re-use arrangements;
 - (b) a description of the procedures by which the AIF may change its investment strategy or investment policy, or both;
 - (c) a description of the main legal implications of the contractual relationship entered into for the purpose of investment, including information on jurisdiction, applicable law and on the existence, or not, of any legal instruments providing for the recognition and enforcement of judgments on the territory where the AIF is [established];
 - (d) the identity of the AIFM, the AIF's depositary, auditor and any other service providers and a description of their duties and the investors' rights;
 - (e) a description of how the AIFM is complying with the requirements of [Article 9(7) - *Initial capital and own funds*];
 - (f) a description of any function delegated by the AIFM and of any safekeeping function delegated by the depositary, the identification of the delegatee and any conflicts of interest that may arise from such delegations;

- (g) a description of the AIF's valuation procedure and of the pricing methodology for valuing assets, including the methods used in valuing hard-to-value assets, according to [Article 19 - *valuation*];
- (h) a description of the AIF's liquidity risk management, including the redemption rights both in normal and exceptional circumstances, existing redemption arrangements with investors;
- (i) a description of all fees, charges and expenses and of the maximum amounts thereof which are directly or indirectly borne by investors;
- (j) how the AIFM ensures a fair treatment of investors and, whenever an investor obtains a preferential treatment or the right to obtain preferential treatment, a description of that preferential treatment, the type of investors who obtain such preferential treatment as well as, where relevant, their legal or economic links with the AIF or AIFM;
- (k) the latest annual report referred to in [Article 22 - *annual report*];
- (l) the procedure and conditions of issue and sale of units or shares;
- (m) the latest net asset value of the AIF or the latest market price of the unit or share of the AIF, according to [Article 19 - *valuation*];
- (n) where available, the historical performance of the AIF;
- (o) a description of any material arrangement of the AIF with its prime brokers and the way the conflicts of interests in relation thereof are managed;
- (p) how and when the information required by paragraphs 4 and 5 will be disclosed.

2. The AIFM shall inform the investors before they invest in the AIF of any arrangement made by the depositary to contractually discharge itself of the liability in accordance with [Article 21(12) - *depositaries*]. The AIFM shall also inform investors of any changes with respect to depositary liability without delay.

3. Where the AIF is required to publish a prospectus in accordance with Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading and amending Directive 2001/34/EC or in accordance with national law, only such information referred to in paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 which is in addition to that contained in the prospectus need to be disclosed separately or as additional information in the prospectus.
4. AIFM shall for each of the EU AIF it manages and for each of the AIF it markets in the European Union shall periodically disclose to investors:
 - (a) the percentage of the AIF's assets which are subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature;
 - (b) any new arrangements for managing the liquidity of the AIF;
 - (c) the current risk profile of the AIF and the risk management systems employed by the AIFM to manage these risks.
5. AIFM managing one or more EU AIF employing leverage or marketing in the European Union one or more AIF employing leverage, shall for each such AIF:
 - (a) disclose the maximum level of leverage which the AIFM may employ on behalf of the AIF as well as any right of the re-use of collateral or any guarantee granted under the leveraging arrangement;
 - (b) disclose periodically the total amount of leverage employed by that AIF.
6. The Commission shall adopt by means of delegated acts, in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c - *delegation to COM*], measures specifying the disclosure obligations of AIFM referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5. These measures shall be adapted to the type of AIFM to which they apply.

Article 24

Reporting obligations to competent authorities

1. AIFM shall regularly report to the competent authorities of its home Member State on the principal markets and instruments in which it trades on behalf of the AIF it manages.

It shall provide aggregated information on the main instruments in which it is trading, markets of which it is a member or where it actively trades, and on the principal exposures and most important concentrations of each of the AIF it manages.

2. An AIFM shall provide for each of the EU AIF it manages and for each of the AIF it markets in the European Union the following to the competent authorities of its home Member State:

- (a) the percentage of the AIF's assets which are subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature;
- (b) any new arrangements for managing the liquidity of the AIF;
- (c) the actual risk profile of the AIF and the risk management tools employed by the AIFM to manage the market risk, liquidity risk, counterparty risk and other risks including operational risk;
- (d) the main categories of assets in which the AIF invested;
- (e) where relevant, the use of short selling;
- (f) the results of the stress tests performed according to [Article 15(3)(b) - *risk management*] and [Article 16(1) - *liquidity management*] second subparagraph.

3. The AIFM shall provide on request the following documents to the competent authorities of its home Member State:

- (a) an annual report of each EU AIF managed by the AIFM and, as the case may be, for each AIF marketed in the European Union, for each financial year, according to [Article 22(1) - *annual report*];
- (b) a detailed list of all AIF which the AIFM manages for the end of each quarter.

4. AIFM managing one or more AIF employing leverage on a systematic basis shall make available to the competent authorities of its home Member State:

- (a) information about the overall level of leverage employed by each AIF it manages, a break-down between leverage arising from borrowing of cash or securities and leverage embedded in financial derivatives and the extent to which their assets have been reused under leveraging arrangements;
- (b) information about the overall level of leverage employed by each AIF it manages.

That information shall include the identity of the five largest sources of borrowed cash or securities for each of the AIF managed by the AIFM, and the amounts of leverage received from each of those entities for each of the AIF managed by the AIFM.

For the non-EU AIFM, the reporting obligations set forth in this paragraph are limited to the AIF marketed by them in the European Union.

5. [Member States shall ensure that the competent authorities of the home Member State of an AIFM have access to information on the use of short selling on account of AIF managed by the AIFM for the purposes of identifying the extent to which the use of short selling contributes to the build-up of systemic risk in the financial system or risks of disorderly markets. The competent authorities of the home Member States shall also ensure that such information, in respect of all AIFM that they supervise, is made available in an adequate manner to other competent authorities, [ESMA], CESR and the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB) established by Regulation .../.../EC through the procedures set out in Article 46 on supervisory co-operation.]⁸

6. Where necessary for the effective monitoring of systemic risk, the competent authorities of the home Member State may require information in addition to that described in this Article, on a periodic as well as on an ad-hoc basis. The competent authorities shall inform [ESMA] about the additional information requirements.

In exceptional circumstances and where required in order to ensure the stability and integrity of the financial system, or to promote long term sustainable growth, [ESMA] may request the competent authorities of the home Member State to impose additional reporting requirements.

7. The Commission shall adopt by means of delegated acts, in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c - *delegation to COM*]:

- (a) specify, for the purposes of paragraph 4, when leverage is considered to be employed on a systematic basis;
- (b) measures specifying the obligations to report and provide information referred to in paragraphs 1 through 6.

Those measures shall take into account the need to avoid excessive administrative burden for competent authorities.

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Provision on short selling to be reviewed when COM issues its proposal on this issue (September).

CHAPTER V
AIFM MANAGING SPECIFIC TYPES OF AIF

SECTION 1 : AIFM MANAGING LEVERAGED AIF

Article 25

Use of information by competent authorities, supervisory cooperation and limits to leverage

1. Member States shall ensure that the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM use the information to be gathered under [Article 24 - *reporting obligations*] for the purposes of identifying the extent to which the use of leverage contributes to the build-up of systemic risk in the financial system or risks of disorderly markets or risks to the long term growth of the economy.

2. The competent authorities of the home Member States of the AIFM shall ensure that all information gathered under [Article 24 - *reporting obligations*], in respect of all AIFM that they supervise [and the information gathered under [Article 7 - *authorisation*], is made available to competent authorities of other relevant Member States, [ESMA] and the ESRB through the procedures set out in [Article 46 - *cooperation*] on supervisory co-operation. They shall, without delay, also provide information through this mechanism, and bilaterally to the competent authorities of other Member States directly concerned, if an AIFM under their responsibility, or AIF managed by this AIFM could potentially constitute an important source of counterparty risk to a credit institution or other systemically relevant institution in other Member States.

3. Competent authorities shall assess the risks that the use of leverage by an AIFM with respect to the AIF it manages could entail, and when it is deemed necessary in order to ensure the stability and integrity of the financial system, the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM, after having notified [ESMA], the ESRB and, as the case may be, the competent authorities of the relevant AIF, shall impose limits to the level of leverage that an AIFM may employ or other restrictions on the management of the AIF with respect to the AIF under its management to limit the extent to which the use of leverage contributes to the build-up of systemic risk in the financial system or risks of disorderly markets. The competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM shall duly inform [ESMA] and the ESRB and, as the case may be, the competent authorities of the AIF, of actions taken in this respect, through the procedures set out in [Article 46] on supervisory co-operation.
4. The notification referred to in paragraph 3 shall be made not less than ten working days before the proposed measure is intended to take effect or to be renewed. The notification shall include details of the proposed measure, the reasons for the measure and when the measure is intended to take effect. In exceptional circumstances, the competent authority may decide that the proposed measure takes effect within that period.
5. [ESMA] shall perform a facilitation and coordination role, and in particular try to ensure that consistent approach is taken by competent authorities, in relation to measures proposed by competent authorities under paragraph 3.
6. After receiving notification referred to in paragraph 4, [ESMA] shall issue advice to the competent authority about the measure that is proposed or taken. The advice may in particular address whether the conditions for taking action appear to be satisfied, whether the measures are appropriate and the duration of the measures.

7. On the basis of the information received according to paragraph 2, and after taking into account the advice of the ESRB, [ESMA] may determine that the leverage employed by an AIFM, or by a group of AIFM, poses a substantial risk to the stability and integrity of the financial system and may issue advice to competent authorities specifying the remedial measures to be taken (including limits to the level of leverage, which that AIFM, or that group of AIFMs, can employ). [ESMA] shall immediately inform the competent authorities concerned, the ESRB, and the Commission of any such determination.
8. If a competent authority proposes to take action contrary to the [ESMA] advice referred to in paragraphs 6 or 7 it shall publish a notice setting out full reasons for doing so.
9. The Commission shall adopt by means of delegated acts, in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c - *delegation to COM*], measures setting out principles specifying the circumstances in which competent authorities exercise the provisions in paragraph 3, taking into account different strategies of AIF, different market conditions in which AIF operate and possible pro-cyclical effects following from exercising the provisions.

SECTION 2 : OBLIGATIONS FOR AIFM MANAGING AIF WHICH ACQUIRE CONTROL OF NON LISTED
COMPANIES AND ISSUERS

[Reference is made to the position paper issued in this regard.] Text to be included after discussions on the private equity section in trialogue.]

Article 26

Scope

Article 27

Notification of the acquisition of control of non-listed companies

Article 28

Disclosure in case of acquisition of control

[General disclosure requirements in case of acquisition of control of non-listed companies]

*[Disclosure on financing in case of acquisition of control of non-listed companies and
issuers]*

Article 29

Specific provisions regarding the annual report in case of control of non-listed companies

Article 30

CHAPTER VI
RIGHTS OF EU AIFM TO MARKET AND MANAGE EU AIF IN THE EUROPEAN
UNION

Article 31

Marketing of shares or units of EU AIF in the home Member State of the AIFM

1. Member States shall ensure that an authorised EU AIFM may market shares or units of any EU AIF that it manages to professional investors in the home Member State of the AIFM as soon as the conditions laid down in this Article are met.

Where the EU AIF is a feeder AIF the right to market referred to in the first subparagraph is subject to the condition that the master AIF is also an EU AIF which is managed by an authorised EU AIFM.

2. The AIFM shall submit a notification to the competent authorities of its home Member State in respect of each EU AIF that it intends to market.

That notification shall comprise the following:

- (a) identification of the AIF it intends to market and information on where the AIF is [established];
- (b) the AIF rules or instruments of incorporation;
- (c) identification of the depositary of the AIF;
- (d) a description of, or any information on the AIF available to investors;
- (e) where relevant, information on the arrangements established to prevent units or shares of the AIF from being marketed to retail investors, including in the case where the AIFM relies on activities of independent entities to provide investment services in respect of the AIF.

3. No later than twenty working days after receipt of a complete notification pursuant to paragraph 2, competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM shall inform the AIFM whether it may start marketing the AIF identified in the notification referred to in paragraph 2. The competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM may only prevent the marketing of the AIF if information provided in the notification demonstrates that the AIFM's management of the AIF will not be in accordance with one or more provisions of this Directive. In case of a positive decision, the AIFM may start marketing the AIF in its home Member State as of the date of that notification.

Insofar they are different, the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM shall also inform the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIF that the AIFM may start marketing shares or units of the AIF.

4. In the event of a material change in any of the particulars communicated in accordance with paragraph 2, the AIFM shall give written notice of that change to the competent authorities of its home Member State at least one month before implementing the change.
5. The Commission shall in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c, - *delegation to COM*] adopt implementing measures specifying the form and content of a standard model of the notification letter referred to in paragraph 2.
6. Without prejudice to [Article 39(1) - *retail marketing*], Member States shall require that the AIF managed and marketed by the AIFM are only marketed to professional investors.

Article 32

Marketing of shares or units of EU AIF in other Member States than in the home Member State of the AIFM

1. Member States shall ensure that an authorised EU AIFM may market shares or units of an EU AIF that it manages to professional investors in another Member State than the home Member State of the AIFM as soon as the conditions laid down in this Article are met.

Where the EU AIF is a feeder AIF the right to market referred to in the first subparagraph is subject to the condition that the master AIF is also an EU AIF and is managed by an authorised EU AIFM.

2. The AIFM shall submit a notification to the competent authorities of its home Member State in respect of each EU AIF that it intends to market.

That notification shall comprise the following:

- (a) a notification letter, including a programme of operations identifying the AIF it intends to market and information on where the AIF is [established];
- (b) the AIF rules or instruments of incorporation;
- (c) identification of the depositary of the AIF;
- (d) a description of, or any information on, the AIF available to investors;
- (e) the indication of the Member State(s) in which it intends to market the shares or units of the AIF to professional investors;
- (f) information made on arrangements made for the marketing of AIF and, where relevant, information on the arrangements established to prevent shares or units of the AIF from being marketed to retail investors, including in the case where the AIFM relies on activities of independent entities to provide investment services in respect of the AIF.

3. The competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM shall, no later than [twenty] working days after the date of receipt of the complete documentation, transmit the complete documentation referred to in paragraph 2 to the competent authorities of the Member State(s) where the AIF is proposed to be marketed (the competent authorities of the host Member State of the AIFM). Such transmission shall only occur if the information provided in the notification demonstrates that the AIFM's management of the AIF will be in accordance with the provisions of this Directive.

The competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM shall enclose an attestation that the AIFM concerned is authorised to manage AIF with that particular investment strategy.

4. Upon transmission of the documentation, the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM shall without delay notify the AIFM about the transmission. The AIFM may start marketing the AIF in the host Member State(s) of the AIFM as of the date of that notification.

Insofar they are different, the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM shall also inform the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIF that the AIFM may start marketing the shares or units of the AIF in the host Member State(s) of the AIFM.

5. Arrangements referred to in point (f) of paragraph 2 shall be subject to the laws and supervision of the host Member State(s) of the AIFM.
6. Member States shall ensure that the notification letter referred to in paragraph 2 and the attestation referred to in paragraph 3 are provided in a language customary in the sphere of international finance.

Member States shall ensure that electronic transmission and filing of the documents referred to in paragraph 3 is accepted by their competent authorities.

7. In the event of a material change in any of the particulars communicated in accordance with paragraph 2, the AIFM shall give written notice of that change to the competent authorities of its home Member State at least one month before implementing the change.

The competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM shall without delay inform the competent authorities of the host Member State(s) of the AIFM of those changes.

8. The Commission shall in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c, - *delegation to COM*] adopt implementing measures specifying the following:
 - (a) the form and content of a standard model of the notification letter;
 - (b) the form and content of a standard model of attestation.
9. Without prejudice to [Article 39(1) - *retail marketing*], Member States shall require that the AIF managed and marketed by the AIFM are only marketed to professional investors.

Article 33

Conditions for providing management services in other Member States

1. Member States shall ensure that an authorised AIFM may provide management services in relation to an EU AIF [established] in another Member State either directly or via the establishment of a branch, provided that the AIFM is authorised to manage that type of AIF.

2. Any AIFM wishing to provide management services in relation to an EU AIF [established] in another Member State for the first time shall communicate the following information to the competent authorities of its home Member State:
 - (a) the Member State in which it intends to provide management services directly or establish a branch;
 - (b) a programme of operations stating in particular the services which it intends to perform and identifying the AIF it intends to manage.

3. If the AIFM intends to establish a branch, it shall provide, in addition to paragraph 2, the following information:
 - (a) the organisational structure of the branch;
 - (b) the address in the home Member State of the AIF from which documents may be obtained;
 - (c) the names of persons responsible for the management of the branch.

4. The competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM shall, within [one month] of receiving the complete documentation, transmit the complete documentation referred to in paragraph 2, and, as the case may be, paragraph 3, to the competent authorities of the host Member State of the AIFM and an attestation that they have authorised the AIFM concerned. They shall immediately notify the AIFM about the transmission.

Upon receipt of the transmission notification the AIFM may start to provide its services in the host Member State of the AIFM.

Insofar they are different, the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM shall also inform the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIF that the AIFM may start managing the shares or units of the AIF in the host Member State(s) of the AIFM.

5. The host Member State of the AIFM shall not impose any additional requirements on the AIFM concerned in respect of the matters covered by this Directive.

6. In the event of a change in any of the particulars communicated in accordance with paragraph 2, and, as the case may be, paragraph 3, an AIFM shall give written notice of that change to the competent authorities of its home Member State at least one month before implementing the change.

The competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM shall inform the competent authorities of the host Member State of the AIFM of those changes.

CHAPTER VII
SPECIFIC RULES IN RELATION TO THIRD COUNTRIES

[Reference is made to the discussion schemes issued in this regard.] Text to be included after discussions on the third country section in trialogue.]

Article 34

Conditions for EU AIFM which manage non-EU AIF which are not marketed in Member States

Article 35

Conditions for the marketing in the European Union of a non-EU AIF managed by an EU AIFM

Article 36

Conditions for the management and marketing in the European Union of EU AIF by a non-EU AIFM

Article 37

Conditions for the marketing in the European Union of non-EU AIF managed by a non-EU AIFM

[Article 38

Registration of non-EU AIFM by [ESMA]]

CHAPTER VIII
MARKETING TO RETAIL INVESTORS

Article 39

Option for Member States to allow the marketing of AIF by AIFM to retail investors

1. Without prejudice to other instruments of European Union law, Member States may allow AIFM to market to retail investors on their territory shares or units of AIF they manage in accordance with this Directive, irrespective of whether AIF are marketed on a domestic or cross-border basis or whether they are EU or non-EU AIF.

In such cases, Member States may impose stricter requirements on the AIFM or the AIF than the requirements applicable to the AIF marketed to professional investors on their territory in accordance with this Directive. However, Member States may not impose stricter or additional requirements on EU AIF [established] in another Member State and marketed on a cross-border basis than on AIF marketed domestically.

2. Member States that permit the marketing of AIF to retail investors on their territory, shall, within one year of the date referred to in [Article [x] - *transposition*] inform the Commission and [ESMA] of:
 - (a) the types of AIF which AIFM may market to retail investors on their territory;
 - (b) any additional requirements that the Member State imposes for the marketing of AIF to retail investors.

Member States shall also inform the Commission and [ESMA] of any subsequent changes with regard to the first subparagraph.

CHAPTER IX
COMPETENT AUTHORITIES⁹

SECTION 1 : DESIGNATION, POWERS AND REDRESS PROCEDURES

Article 40

Designation of competent authorities

Member States shall designate the competent authorities which are to carry out the duties provided for in this Directive. They shall inform [ESMA and] the Commission thereof, indicating any division of duties.

The competent authorities shall be public authorities

Article 41

Responsibility of competent authorities in Member States

1. The prudential supervision of an [EU AIFM] shall be the responsibility of the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM, whether the AIFM manages and/or markets AIF in another Member State or not, without prejudice to those provisions of this Directive which confer responsibility to the competent authorities of the host Member State of the AIFM.
2. The supervision of compliance with [Articles 12 and 13 - *general principles on conduct of business and conflicts of interest*] shall be the responsibility of the competent authorities of the host Member State of the AIFM when an [EU AIFM] manages and/or markets AIF through a branch within the territory of that Member State.

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Chapter to be amended depending on the outcome of the discussions on third country issues and ESMA.

3. [The prudential supervision of a registered [non-EU AIFM] shall be the responsibility of the competent authorities of the [Member State of reference], whether the AIFM markets AIF in other Member States or not, without prejudice to those provisions of this Directive which confer responsibility to the competent authorities of [the host Member State of the AIFM]. Paragraphs 4 to 7 shall apply mutatis mutandis whereby references to 'the competent authorities of the home Member State' shall be read as references to 'the competent authorities of the [Member State of reference]'.]

4. The competent authorities of the host Member State of the AIFM may require the AIFM managing or marketing AIF in the host Member State of the AIFM, whether this is done through a branch or not, to provide the information necessary for the monitoring of their compliance with the rules under the responsibility of the host Member State of the AIFM that apply to them.

Those requirements shall not be more stringent than those which the same Member State imposes on AIFM for which that Member State is the home Member State for the monitoring of their compliance with the same standards.

5. Where the competent authorities of the host Member State of the AIFM ascertain that an AIFM managing and/or marketing AIF in their territory, whether this is done through a branch or not, is in breach of one of the rules under their responsibility, those authorities shall require the AIFM concerned to put an end to that breach and inform the competent authorities of the home Member State thereof.

6. If the AIFM concerned refuses to provide the competent authorities of its host Member State with information falling under its responsibility, or fails to take the necessary steps to put an end to the breach referred to in paragraph 5, the competent authorities of its host Member State shall inform the competent authorities of its home Member State accordingly. The competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM shall, at the earliest opportunity, take all appropriate measures to ensure that the AIFM concerned provides the information requested by the competent authorities of its host Member State pursuant to paragraph 4 or puts an end to the breach. The nature of those measures shall be communicated to the competent authorities of the host Member State of the AIFM.

7. If, despite the measures taken by the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM or because such measures prove to be inadequate or are not available in the Member State in question, the AIFM continues to refuse to provide the information requested by the competent authorities of its host Member State pursuant to paragraph 4, or persists in breaching the legal or regulatory provisions, referred to in the same paragraph, in force in its host Member State, the competent authorities of the host Member State of the AIFM may, after informing the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM, take appropriate measures, including those laid down in [*Articles 42 and 44 - powers and administrative penalties*], to prevent or penalise further irregularities and, insofar as necessary, to prevent that AIFM from initiating any further transactions within its territory. Where the function carried out in the host Member State of the AIFM is the management of AIF, the host Member State may require the AIFM to cease managing those AIF.

8. Where applicable, [ESMA] shall facilitate the negotiation and conclusion of the cooperation agreements required by this Directive between the competent authorities of the Member States and the competent authorities of third countries. [Insofar this falls within the scope of the powers granted to [ESMA] in accordance with [Regulation .../.../EC] [ESMA] may conclude international multilateral cooperation agreements on behalf of the competent authorities of the Member States.]

Article 42

Powers of competent authorities

1. Competent authorities shall be given all supervisory and investigatory powers that are necessary for the exercise of their functions. Such powers shall be exercised in any of the following ways:
 - (a) directly;
 - (b) in collaboration with other authorities;
 - (c) under their responsibility by delegation to entities to which tasks have been delegated;
 - (d) by application to the competent judicial authorities.

2. The competent authorities shall have the following powers:
 - (a) have access to any document in any form and to receive a copy of it;
 - (b) require information from any person related to the activities of the AIFM or the AIF and if necessary to summon and question a person with a view to obtaining information;
 - (c) carry out on-site inspections with or without prior announcements;
 - (d) require existing telephone and existing data traffic records;
 - (e) require the cessation of any practice that is contrary to the provisions adopted in the implementation of this Directive;
 - (f) request the freezing or the sequestration of assets;
 - (g) request the temporary prohibition of professional activity;

- (h) require authorised or registered AIFM, depositaries or auditors to provide information;
 - (i) adopt any type of measure to ensure that AIFM or depositaries continue to comply with the requirements of this Directive applicable to them;
 - (j) require the suspension of the issue, repurchase or redemption of units in the interest of the unit-holders or of the public;
 - (k) withdraw the authorisation granted to an AIFM or a depositary;
 - (l) [request [ESMA] to withdraw the registration of a [non-EU AIFM];]
 - (m) refer matters for criminal prosecution;
 - (n) allow auditors or experts to carry out verifications or investigations.
3. [Where [the competent authority of the Member State of reference] considers that a registered [non-EU AIFM] is in breach of its obligations under this Directive, it shall give notice of that fact in a specific manner to [ESMA] as soon as possible.]
4. Member States shall ensure that the competent authorities have the powers necessary to take all measures required in order to ensure the orderly functioning of markets in those cases where the activity of one or more AIF in the market for a financial instrument could jeopardise the orderly functioning of that market.

Article 43

Powers and competences of [ESMA]

[ESMA] shall have the powers necessary, including those enumerated under [Article 44 paragraph 3 - *Administrative penalties*], to carry out the tasks attributed to it by this Directive.

Article 44

Administrative penalties

1. Member States shall lay down the rules on measures and penalties applicable to infringements of the national provisions adopted pursuant to this Directive and shall take all measures necessary to ensure that those rules are enforced. Without prejudice to the procedures for the withdrawal of authorisation and/or registration or to the right of Member States to impose criminal sanctions, Member States shall ensure, in conformity with their national law, that the appropriate administrative measures can be taken or administrative sanctions be imposed against the persons responsible where the provisions adopted in the implementation of this Directive have not been complied with. Member States shall ensure that these measures are effective, proportionate and dissuasive.
2. Member States shall provide that the competent authorities may disclose to the public any measure or sanction that will be imposed for infringement of the provisions adopted in the implementation of this Directive, unless such disclosure would seriously jeopardise the financial markets, be detrimental to the interests of the investors or cause disproportionate damage to the parties involved.
3. [ESMA] shall produce an annual report on the application of administrative measures and imposition of sanctions in case of breaches of the provisions adopted in the implementation of this Directive in the different Member States. Competent authorities shall provide [ESMA] with the necessary information for this purpose.

Article 45

Right of appeal

1. The competent authorities shall give written reasons for any decision to refuse or withdraw authorisation of AIFM to manage and/or market AIF, or any negative decision taken in the implementation of the measures adopted in application of this Directive, and communicate them to applicants.

2. Member States shall provide that any decision taken under laws, regulations or administrative provisions adopted in accordance with this Directive is properly reasoned and is the subject of the right of appeal to the courts.

That right to appeal to the courts shall apply also where, in respect of an application for authorisation which provides all the information required, no decision is taken within six months of the submission of the application.

SECTION 2 : CO-OPERATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

Article 46

Obligation to co-operate

1. The competent authorities of the Member States shall co-operate with each other and with the [ESMA] and the ESRB whenever necessary for the purpose of carrying out their duties under this Directive or of exercising their powers under this Directive or under national law.
2. Member States shall facilitate the co-operation provided for in this section.
3. Competent authorities shall use their powers for the purpose of co-operation, even in cases where the conduct under investigation does not constitute an infringement of any regulation in force in that Member State.
4. The competent authorities of the Member States shall immediately supply one another and [ESMA] with the information required for the purposes of carrying out their duties under this Directive.
5. Where the competent authorities of one Member State has good reason to suspect that acts contrary to the provisions of this Directive, are being or have been carried out by AIFM not subject to supervision of those competent authorities on the territory of another Member State, it shall notify [ESMA] and the competent authorities of the other Member State thereof in as specific a manner as possible. The recipient authorities shall take appropriate action, shall inform [ESMA] and the notifying competent authorities of the outcome of that action and, to the extent possible, of significant interim developments. This paragraph shall be without prejudice to the competences of the notifying competent authority.

6. Competent authorities may bring to the attention of [ESMA] where a request to exchange information according to paragraph 4 has been rejected or has not been acted upon within a reasonable time.
7. The Commission shall, in accordance with the regulatory procedure referred to in [Article 49(2) - *Committee*], adopt implementing measures relating to the procedures for exchange of information between competent authorities.

Article 47

Exchange of information relating to the potential systemic consequences of AIFM activity

1. The competent authorities of the Member States responsible for the authorisation and/or supervision of AIFM under this Directive shall communicate information to the competent authorities of other Member States where this is relevant for monitoring and responding to the potential implications of the activities of individual AIFM or AIFM collectively for the stability of systemically relevant financial institutions and the orderly functioning of markets on which AIFM are active. The ESRB and the [ESMA] shall also be informed and shall forward this information to the competent authorities of the other Member States.
2. Subject to the conditions laid down in Article 15 of Regulation .../.../EC, aggregated information relating to the activities of AIFM under their responsibility shall be communicated by the competent authorities of the AIFM to [ESMA] and the ESRB.
3. The Commission shall adopt by means of delegated acts, in accordance with [Articles 50a, 50b and 50c - *delegation to COM*] measures specifying the content of the information to be exchanged pursuant to paragraph 1.

The Commission shall, in accordance with the regulatory procedure referred to in [Article 51(2) - *committee*] adopt implementing measures specifying the modalities and frequency of the information to be exchanged pursuant to paragraph 1.

Article 48

Co-operation in supervisory activities

1. The competent authorities of one Member State including the [competent authority of the AIF] [and the depositaries], may request the co-operation of the competent authorities of another Member State in a supervisory activity or for an on-the-spot verification or in an investigation on the territory of the latter within the framework of their powers pursuant to this Directive.

Where the competent authorities receive a request with respect to an on-the-spot verification or an investigation, it shall perform one of the following:

- (a) carry out the verification or investigation itself;
 - (b) allow the requesting authority to carry out the verification or investigation;
 - (c) allow auditors or experts to carry out the verification or investigation.
2. In the case referred to in paragraph 1(a) the competent authority of the Member State which has requested co-operation, may ask that members of its own personnel assist the personnel carrying out the verification or investigation. The verification or investigation shall, however, be the subject of the overall control of the Member State on whose territory it is conducted.

In the case referred to in paragraph 1(b) the competent authority of the Member State on whose territory the verification or investigation is carried out may request that members of its own personnel assist the personnel carrying out the verification or investigation.

3. Competent authorities may refuse to exchange information or to act on a request for co-operation in carrying out an investigation or on-the-spot verification only in the following cases:

- (a) an investigation, on-the-spot verification or exchange of information might adversely affect the sovereignty, security or public order of the Member State addressed;
- (b) judicial proceedings have already been initiated in respect of the same actions and the same persons before the authorities of the Member State addressed;
- (c) final judgment has already been delivered in the Member State addressed in respect of the same persons and the same actions.

The competent authorities shall inform the requesting competent authorities of any decision taken under the first subparagraph, stating the reasons therefore.

- 4. Competent authorities may bring to the attention of [ESMA] situations where a request:
 - (a) to carry out an investigation or on-the-spot verification according to paragraph 1 has been rejected or has not been acted on within a reasonable time; or
 - (b) for authorisation for its officials to accompany those of the competent authorities of the other Member State has been rejected or has not been acted upon within a reasonable time.

- 5. The Commission shall adopt in accordance with the regulatory procedure referred to in [Article 51(2) - *committee*] measures concerning procedures for on-the-spot verifications and investigations.

Article 49

Dispute settlement

- 1. [ESMA] shall establish a mediation mechanism.

2. In case of disagreement between competent authorities of Member States on an assessment, action or omission of one of the competent authorities concerned under this Directive, competent authorities shall refer the matter to the [ESMA]. [ESMA] shall act in accordance with the powers and procedure laid down in Article 11 of Regulation .../...(ESMA).

CHAPTER X
TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 50a

Exercise of the delegation

1. The powers to adopt delegated acts referred to in Articles [cross references to be included] shall be conferred on the Commission for an indeterminate period of time.
2. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.
3. The powers to adopt delegated acts are conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in Articles 50b and 50c.

Article 50b

Revocation of the delegation

1. The delegation of power referred to in Articles [cross references to be included] may be revoked by the European Parliament or by the Council.
2. The institution which has commenced an internal procedure for deciding whether to revoke the delegation of power shall inform the other legislator and the Commission at the latest one month before the final decision is taken, stating the delegated powers which could be subject to revocation and the reasons for a revocation.
3. The decision of revocation shall put an end to the delegation of the powers specified in that decision. It shall take effect immediately or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of the delegated acts already in force. It shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Article 50c

Objections to delegated acts

1. The European Parliament and the Council may object to the delegated act within a period of two months from the date of notification. At the initiative of the European Parliament or the Council this period shall be extended by one month.
2. If, on expiry of that period, neither the European Parliament nor the Council has objected to the delegated act it shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union and shall enter into force at the date stated therein.

The delegated act may be published in the Official Journal of the European Union and enter into force before the expiry of that period if the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission of their intention not to raise objections.

3. If the European Parliament or the Council objects to the adopted delegated act, it shall not enter into force. The institution which objects shall state the reasons for objecting to the delegated act.

Article 51

Committee

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the European Securities Committee established by Commission Decision 2001/528/EC of 6 June 2001 establishing the European Securities Committee 26.
2. [Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 5 and 7 of Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.]

The period laid down in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at three months.]

Article 52

Disclosure of derogations

Where a Member State makes use of a derogation or option provided by [cross references to be included] of this Directive it shall inform the Commission thereof as well as of any subsequent changes. The Commission shall make the information public on a web-site or other easily accessible means.

Article 53

Transitional provisions

1. [Text to be included depending on the outcome of discussions on third country issues]
2. The competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIF or in case where the AIF is not regulated the competent authorities of the home Member State of the AIFM may allow institutions referred to in [Article 21(3)(a) - depositaries] and [established] in another Member State to be appointed as a depositary until 4 years after the date of implementation.

Article [54]

Micro-finance AIF

In order to develop a convenient regulatory framework for the asset class of microfinance investment funds, in compliance with the principle of proportionality, the Commission shall propose a specific regulatory framework for the management of microfinance investment funds.

[Text of remaining articles to be included at a later stage]

ANNEX I

1. Investment management functions which an AIFM must at least perform when managing an AIF:
 - (a) portfolio management;
 - (b) risk management.

2. Other functions an AIFM may additionally provide in the course of the collective management of an AIF:
 - (a) Administration:
 - (aa) legal and fund management accounting services;
 - (bb) customer inquiries;
 - (cc) valuation and pricing (including tax returns);
 - (dd) regulatory compliance monitoring;
 - (ee) maintenance of unit-/shareholder register;
 - (ff) distribution of income;
 - (gg) unit/shares issues and redemptions;
 - (hh) contract settlements (including certificate dispatch);
 - (ii) record keeping;
 - (b) Marketing;
 - (c) Activities related to the assets of AIF.

ANNEX II
REMUNERATION POLICY

1. When establishing and applying the remuneration policies for those categories of staff, including senior management, whose professional activities have a material impact on their risk profile or the risk profiles of AIF they manage, AIFM shall comply with the following principles in a way and to the extent that is appropriate to their size, internal organisation and the nature, scope and complexity of their activities:
 - (a) the remuneration policy is consistent with and promotes sound and effective risk management and does not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles, fund rules or instruments of incorporation of the AIF it manages;
 - (b) the remuneration policy is in line with the business strategy, objectives, values and interests of the AIFM and the AIF it manages or the investors of the AIF, and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interest;
 - (c) the management body in its supervisory function of the AIFM adopts and periodically reviews the general principles of the remuneration policy and is responsible for its implementation;
 - (d) the implementation of the remuneration policy is, at least annually, subject to central and independent internal review for compliance with policies and procedures for remuneration adopted by the management body in its supervisory function;
 - (e) staff members engaged in risk management are compensated in accordance with the achievement of the objectives linked to their functions, independent of the performance of the business areas they control;

- (f) where remuneration is performance related, the total amount of remuneration is based on a combination of the assessment of the performance of the individual and of the business unit or AIF concerned and of the overall results of the AIFM, and when assessing individual performance, financial as well as non-financial criteria are taken into account;
- (g) the assessment of performance is set in a multi-year framework appropriate to the life-cycle of the AIF managed by the AIFM in order to ensure that the assessment process is based on longer term performance and that the actual payment of performance-based components of remuneration is spread over a period which takes account of the redemption policy of the AIF it manages and their investment risks;
- (h) guaranteed variable remuneration is exceptional and occurs only in the context of hiring new staff and is limited to the first year;
- (i) fixed and variable components of total remuneration are appropriately balanced; the fixed component represents a sufficiently high proportion of the total remuneration to allow the operation of a fully flexible policy on variable remuneration components, including the possibility to pay no variable remuneration component;
- (j) payments related to the early termination of a contract reflect performance achieved over time and are designed in a way that does not reward failure;
- (k) the measurement of performance used to calculate variable remuneration components or pools of variable remuneration components includes a comprehensive adjustment mechanism to integrate all relevant types of current and future risks;
- (l) subject to the legal structure of the AIF and its instruments of incorporation or fund rules, a substantial portion, which is at least 50 % of any variable remuneration shall consist of units or shares of the AIF concerned, or equivalent ownership interests, or share-linked instruments or equivalent non-cash instruments.

These instruments are subject to an appropriate retention policy designed to align incentives with the interests of the AIFM and the AIF it manages or the investors of the AIF.

Member States or their competent authorities may place restrictions on the types and designs of these instruments or ban certain instruments as appropriate.

This point shall be applied to both the portion of the variable remuneration component deferred in line with point (m) and the portion of the variable remuneration component not deferred.

- (m) a substantial portion, which is at least 40 % of the variable remuneration component, is deferred over a period which is appropriate in view of the life cycle and redemption policy of the AIF concerned and is correctly aligned with the nature of the risks of the AIF in question. This period should be at least three to five year unless the life cycle of the AIF concerned is shorter; remuneration payable under deferral arrangements vests no faster than on a pro-rata basis; in the case of a variable remuneration component of a particularly high amount, at least 60 % of the amount is deferred;
- (n) the variable remuneration, including the deferred portion, is paid or vests only if it is sustainable according to the financial situation of the AIFM as a whole, and justified according to the performance of the business unit, the AIF and the individual concerned; the total variable remuneration is generally considerably contracted where subdued or negative financial performance of the AIFM or of the AIF concerned occurs, taking into account both current compensation and reductions in payouts of amounts previously earned, including through malus or clawback arrangements;
- (o) staff members are required to undertake not to use personal hedging strategies or remuneration- and liability-related insurance to undermine the risk alignment effects embedded in their remuneration arrangements;
- (p) variable remuneration is not paid through vehicles or methods that facilitate the avoidance of the requirements of this Directive.

2. The principles set out in paragraph 1 shall apply to the remuneration of any type paid by the AIFM, to any amount paid directly paid by the AIF itself, including carried interest, or to any transfer of shares or units of the AIF, made to the benefits of those categories staff, including senior management, whose professional activities have a material impact on their risk profile or the risk profiles of the AIFs they manage.

3. AIFM that are significant in terms of their size or the size of the AIF they manage, their internal organisation and the nature, the scope and the complexity of their activities shall establish a remuneration committee. The remuneration committee shall be constituted in a way that enables it to exercise competent and independent judgment on remuneration policies and practices and the incentives created for managing risk.

The remuneration committee shall be responsible for the preparation of decisions regarding remuneration, including those which have implications for the risk and risk management of the AIFM or the AIF concerned and which are to be taken by the management body in its supervisory function. The remuneration committee shall be chaired by a member of the management body who does not perform any executive functions in the AIFM concerned.