

7IM Remuneration Policy

2023 – Summary

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Important notice

This document sets out the 7IM Remuneration Policy. Our Remuneration Policy is underpinned by principles which regulate decisions relating to compensation across the business, and ensure that these are applied and followed consistently, as set out in this Policy.

Our policy

How we apply our policy

We apply our UK Remuneration Policy across the 7IM Group (“**7IM**”) or (the “**Group**”). The Policy runs on a calendar year basis.

The Group contains three entities which are authorised and regulated by the UK Financial Conduct Authority (the “**FCA**”) as follows:

Firm Name	FRN	Business Type	Relevant Remuneration Code(s)
Seven Investment Management LLP (7IM LLP)	589124	MIFIDPRU investment firm (non-SNI firm) and UCITS management company	MIFIDPRU Remuneration Code UCITS Remuneration Code
7IM Investment and Retirement Solutions Limited (7IM IRSL)	787394	MIFIDPRU investment firm (SNI firm)	MIFIDPRU Remuneration Code In addition, certain limited MiFID remuneration incentive rules apply
Partners Wealth Management LLP (PWM)	442303	Article 3 MiFID exempt firm	No remuneration code, but certain limited MiFID remuneration incentive rules apply

All three firms above are subsidiaries of 7IM Holdings Limited (“7IM Holdings”). Remuneration arrangements are overseen by the committees described in the section below entitled “Governance and Oversight” (the “Remuneration Committees”) and ultimately by the 7IM governing bodies.

In accordance with the FCA rules and guidance, we apply the relevant remuneration requirements both on a solo (i.e. firm-specific) basis and a consolidated (i.e. group) basis.

We have set out below how this impacts the remuneration paid to specific individuals in the “Remuneration Code Staff” section.

In accordance with our MIFIDPRU obligations, we have worked extensively with all colleagues to increase awareness and remove conscious or unconscious bias within the workplace. The Leadership team work with the People & Culture team to agree and ensure all remuneration decisions are gender neutral and do not discriminate on the basis

of protected characteristics on accordance with the Equality Act 2010. We monitor this Policy, together with the relevant procedures and processes, on an ongoing basis to ensure there are no inadvertent breaches of the Equality Act 2010.

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Proportionality

7IM LLP has carried out a proportionality assessment in accordance with the UCITS Remuneration Code and relevant guidance, to take into account the size, nature and complexity of the firm's activities as a UCITS management company. 7IM has determined that it is appropriate to apply proportionality and disapply the so called pay out process rules to the extent permissible for relevant "Remuneration Code Staff". This assessment is kept under regular review.

Certain pay out process rules also feature in the MIFIDPRU Remuneration Code. The relevant rules applicable to 7IM LLP and the Group, are the rules in relation to in-year performance adjustment and clawback set out at SYSC 19G.6.30R and SYSC 19G.6.31R.

Remuneration code staff

7IM is not obliged to apply all remuneration rules to all of its personnel working in the UK consolidation group irrespective of their role.

However, the detailed requirements of our Policy do have to be applied to material risk takers (MRTs) in 7IM LLP and/or the consolidation group. 7IM Holdings and 7IM LLP are therefore obliged to identify their MRTs. High level principles are applied to all personnel.

MRTs – consolidated requirements

Group MRTs are:

- all staff members who have a material impact on the risk profile of the Group; and
- all staff members of an undertaking in the group, whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of another undertaking within the Group which is subject to the MIFIDPRU Remuneration Code on an individual basis, or the risk profile of any assets managed by such other undertaking.

The most stringent remuneration code requirements are applied to Group MRTs.

MRTs – solo requirements

Since 7IM LLP is a non-SNI firm, 7IM LLP has also identified its MRTs on a solo basis, applying both the UCITS Remuneration Code Staff test and the MIFIDPRU MRT test. For simplicity and as a matter of good practice, the most stringent remuneration code requirements are also then applied to these individuals.

No MRTs are identified in 7IM IRSL as it is an SNI firm, under FCA rules, and there are no additional 7IM IRSL Group MRTs.

PWM does not have to identify its MRTs on a solo basis as it is not subject to any remuneration code as an article 3 MiFID exempt firm, and no PWM personnel have a material impact on the risk profile of the Group and so no PWM staff need to be treated as Group MRTs.

We maintain a list of individuals who are identified as MRTs and UCITS Remuneration Code Staff as set above, and who are referred to collectively as "Code Staff" and comprise senior management and other key roles and risk takers.

Relevant individuals identified as Code Staff will receive a letter each year, confirming identification of their status, highlighting key aspects of the Codes and the expectations of them to perform in their roles and satisfy their duties as Code Staff accordingly.

Fixed remuneration

All employees receive a fixed salary that is sufficient to allow 7IM to operate a fully flexible variable pay policy (including the ability to pay zero bonuses).

Fixed remuneration reflects a staff member's professional experience and organisational responsibilities, as set out in their job description and terms of employment. It is permanent, pre-determined, non-discretionary, non-revocable and not dependent on performance.

Variable remuneration

Bonus schemes or other reward or compensation schemes (including those for partnerships and other legal structures) that will be in place to reward staff for performance during their current year consist only of the annual discretionary bonus. The annual discretionary bonus is considered variable remuneration, which is generally based on performance (or, in exceptional cases, other conditions) and reflects the performance of the staff member in excess of their job description and terms of employment.

All employees are eligible for the annual discretionary bonus.

Any variable remuneration of Code Staff is paid or vests only if it is sustainable according to the financial situation of the Group as a whole, and justified on the basis of the performance of the firm, the business unit and the individual concerned, including financial and non-financial criteria.

Total variable remuneration is also considerably contracted, including through clawback arrangements, where financial performance is subdued or negative or where other criteria apply in accordance with the FCA rules. We are not required to use malus arrangements since no deferral mechanism is applied in relation to variable remuneration.

There are no staff who contractually receive only fixed, or only variable, remuneration.

An appropriate ratio between variable and fixed remuneration has been set in accordance with the requirements of the FCA rules. This ratio is reviewed annually, and may be updated for each performance period as the Remuneration Committees determine appropriate.

Remuneration principles

This section sets out the principles on which this Policy is founded.

Risk management and risk tolerance

Our Policy is applied on a consistent basis across the Group. We only operate discretionary bonuses.

All colleagues have clear objectives based on a balanced scorecard system which is agreed, documented and reviewed at the end of every quarter. This is captured in a centralised, auditable system.

Remuneration is based on the output from these reviews and the decision-making process includes a review of key conduct metrics (including non-financial metrics such as completion of mandatory compliance training and risk events) to determine an initial remuneration proposal which is then peer reviewed before final decision is approved by the executive committee of 7IM (“Executive Committee”).

7IM has a low appetite for risk and does not seek actively to take risks other than those inherent in running and developing its business; namely operational, strategic and market (to the extent that revenues depend on market levels) and those which are beyond its control. Specifically, 7IM LLP does not take any market positions on its own account.

The Remuneration Committee members for the 7IM LLP committee are the independent non-executive chair, an independent non-executive director and another non-executive director.

Supporting business strategy, objectives, values and long-term interests

Our appraisal and remuneration policies are specifically designed to align with strategy and principles of the business and within 7IM’s risk tolerance.

Remuneration process policy relies extensively on the appraisal process which reviews the achievement of individual objectives. These are, in turn, closely aligned to our founding tenets and strategic objectives.

The principles of the remuneration policy are wholly in line with these tenets, focusing on overall performance with no incentive for “short termism” or excessive risk taking. Relevant details are summarised under Principle 1.

Avoiding conflicts of interest

7IM’s investment strategy operates in the interest of the client and does not lend itself to conflicts of interest. No management or staff reward is made on a transactional basis, no commission is paid unless in exceptional circumstances and targets are kept separate from reward. Awards are not made based on short term investment performance. 7IM ensures that it does not remunerate or assess the performance of staff in such a way that would conflict with any duty to act in the best interests of clients.

Governance and oversight

As permitted by the remuneration regulations, 7IM has established a remuneration committee at the level of 7IM Holdings, which is the parent of the regulated entities in the Group. Additionally, as a best practice approach, 7IM LLP has established a firm-specific remuneration committee. Both committees are established within the UK.

The general principles of 7IM's remuneration policy are reviewed by the Executive Committee and the Remuneration Committees, which meet at least bi-annually or more frequently as requested. The policy is reviewed at least annually and the Remuneration Committees are responsible for its implementation. The Remuneration Committees are provided with a summary of remuneration arrangements and changes, with particular attention focused during meetings on the remuneration of Code Staff. Compensation decisions for the heads of the control functions are overseen and approved by the Remuneration Committee to mitigate conflicts of interest.

Control functions

Control function performance appraisals are based on function and role specific performance that is independent of the performance of the business units that they oversee.

Profit-based measurement and risk adjustment

7IM operates a discretionary bonus scheme. The available bonus pool is set annually by the Remuneration Committee, which have discretion to vary the amount of the pool.

Variable remuneration is discretionary and based on an individual's performance against their balanced scorecard. Where performance standards are not met, then no variable remuneration is paid.

Pension policy

7IM do not operate discretionary pension benefits.

Personal investment strategies

7IM takes all reasonable steps to ensure that Code Staff do not use personal hedging strategies or remuneration- and liability-related contracts of insurance to undermine the relevant regulatory rules. A bar on making such arrangements is included within the firm's personal dealing code.

Avoidance of the remuneration rules/code

7IM does not pay any variable remuneration through financial vehicles or methods that facilitate non-compliance with the MIFIDPRU Remuneration Code or any other MIFIDPRU rules.

Remuneration structures

Please also refer to the earlier sections entitled "Fixed Remuneration" and "Variable Remuneration".

All individuals are subject to an annual appraisal, which reviews performance (financial and non-financial) related to core competencies and key role competencies.

We do not provide guaranteed variable remuneration unless in exceptional circumstances and in accordance with the relevant regulatory remuneration rules.

We do not issue exceptional or non-standard termination payments to staff and any termination or severance payments do not reward failure.

Disclosures

7IM complies with the relevant regulatory disclosure requirements. Such disclosures are available via the website: www.7im.co.uk

Appendix

Categories of Code Staff

7IM LLP and 7IM Holdings has identified the following categories of Code Staff, who are considered to be Material Risk Takers (as defined in SYSC 19G.5.1R) in accordance with the requirements of SYSC 19G.5.2R and SYSC 19G.5.6R and who are considered to be UCITS Remuneration Code Staff in accordance with the requirements of SYSC 19E.2.2R.

- Members of the 7IM Executive Committee
- Other 7IM senior management staff who are not in the Executive Committee
- Staff with managerial responsibility for any of the following in the Group:
 - Regulated activities
 - Control functions
 - Money laundering prevention
 - Material risk management
 - IT and cyber/information security
 - Outsourced functions which are critical or important
- Staff with other managerial responsibility which has a material impact on 7IM's risk profile, or assets managed by 7IM
- Key decision makers in relation to the 7IM investment process

Staff, with portfolio management and investment management roles will only be identified as Code Staff where they fall within one of the above categories. Due to 7IM's business model, and the way in which investment decision-making is carried out within the Group, portfolio managers may not meet the relevant regulatory requirements to be categorised as Code Staff.

In particular, 7IM has taken into account the ESMA guidelines for UCITS management companies on how to identify categories of staff. This guidance indicates that staff, including portfolio managers, need only be treated as Code Staff to the extent they can exert a material influence on 7IM LLP's risk profile or any UCITS managed by 7IM LLP, which can (but does not have to) include individual traders and specific trading desks. With the exception of the Head of Portfolio Management who oversees all the 7IM portfolio managers and is treated as Code Staff, individual portfolio managers in 7IM LLP/the Group do not head up a business unit and are not individually responsible for managing a single fund or a single mandate, and are not treated as Code Staff.

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