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A synopsis of recently issued supervisory guidance, news releases, working papers and related documents from over 50 global and regional standard setting bodies, national regulators, international organizations and industry groups as well as the latest TC Notes. This report is prepared monthly for the TC Community. With the exception of the TC Notes, the summaries are taken from the organizations' web sites. Toronto Centre does not hold the copyright to these abstracts.

Standard Setting Bodies

Date	Organization	Title & Abstract
November 19, 2018	FSB BCBS IOSCO CPMI	<p><u>Standard-Setting Bodies Publish Final Report on Effects of Reforms on Incentives to Centrally Clear Over-the-Counter Derivatives</u></p> <p>The FSB, BCBS, CPMI and IOSCO published their final report <i>Incentives to Centrally Clear Over-the-Counter (OTC) Derivatives</i>. The findings of this evaluation report will inform relevant standard-setting bodies and, if warranted, could provide a basis for fine-tuning post-crisis reforms, bearing in mind the original objectives of the reforms. This does not imply a scaling back of those reforms or an undermining of members' commitment to implement them.</p>
November 28, 2018	FSB	<p><u>FSB Reports to G20 Leaders on Progress in Financial Regulatory Reforms</u></p> <p>The FSB published its fourth annual report on the implementation and effects of the G20 financial regulatory reforms. The report documents the substantial progress that has been made in implementing key post-crisis financial reforms; discusses how the reforms have contributed to the core of the financial system becoming more resilient to economic and financial shocks; describes the FSB's work to evaluate whether reforms are working as intended; lays out why preserving financial stability, and supporting sustainable growth, requires the continued monitoring of developments in the global financial system; and documents the benefits of cooperation between jurisdictions in the aftermath of the crisis.</p>

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November 27, 2018	FSB	<p><u>FSB Completes a Review of its Processes and Transparency to Maximise its Effectiveness</u> The FSB has reviewed its processes and transparency to maximize its effectiveness for the next phase of its work focused on promoting global financial stability. The review confirmed the FSB's existing strengths, and the FSB also found scope to enhance some of its work processes, reinforce the member-driven character of its work, further foster effective communication and strengthen engagement with external stakeholders.</p>
November 23, 2018	FSB	<p><u>FSB Publishes Recommendations on Compensation Data Reporting to Address Potential Misconduct Risk</u> The FSB published its finalized <i>Recommendations for National Supervisors: Reporting on the Use of Compensation Tools to Address Potential Misconduct Risk</i>. The recommendations complement the FSB's the <i>Supplementary Guidance to the FSB Principles and Standards on Sound Compensation Practices</i> by setting out the types of data that can support improved monitoring by supervisory authorities on the use of compensation tools to address misconduct risk in significant financial institutions.</p>
November 20, 2018	FSB	<p><u>FSB Report Finds that Effects of G20 Financial Reforms on Infrastructure Finance Are of a Second Order Relative to Other Factors</u> The FSB published its final report on the <i>Evaluation of the Effects of Financial Regulatory Reforms on Infrastructure Finance</i>, following public consultation earlier this year. The report concludes that the effect of the G20 reforms on infrastructure finance has been of a second order relative to factors such as the macro-financial environment, government policy and institutional factors.</p>
November 19, 2018	FSB	<p><u>FSB Publishes Reports on Implementation of OTC Derivatives Reforms and Removal of Legal Barriers</u> The FSB published the following two reports: i) setting out progress on reforms to over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives markets; and ii) reporting on FSB member jurisdictions' actions to remove legal barriers relating to OTC derivatives trade reporting.</p>
November 16, 2018	FSB	<p><u>FSB Publishes Progress Report on Measures to Address the Decline in Correspondent Banking and Updated Data</u> The FSB published two reports on its work to assess and address the decline in correspondent banking relationships: i) updated data on trends in correspondent banking relationships using data provided by SWIFT as of end-2017 and ii) a progress report on the FSB's four-point action plan to assess and address the decline in correspondent banking that will be delivered to the G20 Summit.</p>
November 16, 2018	FSB	<p><u>FSB Publishes 2018 G-SIB List</u> The FSB published the 2018 list of global systemically important banks (G-SIBs) using end-2017 data and an assessment methodology designed by the BCBS. One bank (Groupe BPCE) has been added to the list and two banks (Nordea and Royal Bank of Scotland) have been removed from the list and therefore the overall number of G-SIBs decreases from 30 to 29.</p>
November 15, 2018	FSB	<p><u>FSB Publishes 2018 Resolution Report and Publicly Consults on Financial Resources to Support CCP Resolution</u> The FSB published its 2018 Resolution Report and is also launching for public consultation a discussion paper, <i>Financial Resources to Support CCP Resolution and the Treatment of CCP Equity in Resolution</i>.</p>

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November 15, 2018	FSB	<p><u>FSB Publishes Progress Report on Reforming Major Interest Rate Benchmarks</u> The FSB published its latest progress report on implementation of its recommendations to reform major interest rate benchmarks. The report sets out the progress made on the development of overnight nearly risk-free rates, and markets based on these rates, and on further reforms to interbank offered rates. The FSB has recently intensified its monitoring and coordination efforts given the importance of effective implementation of the reforms.</p>
November 12, 2018	FSB	<p><u>FSB Publishes Cyber Lexicon</u> The FSB published a Cyber Lexicon following public consultation earlier this year. The lexicon comprises a set of approximately 50 core terms related to cyber security and cyber resilience in the financial sector.</p>
November 23, 2018	BCBS	<p><u>Implementation of Basel Standards - A Report to G20 Leaders on Implementation of the Basel III Regulatory Reforms</u> The report summarizes the steps taken by Basel Committee member jurisdictions to adopt the Basel III standards, banks' progress in bolstering their capital and liquidity positions, the consistency of implementation in jurisdictions assessed since the Committee's last report and the Committee's implementation work plan.</p>
November 30, 2018	EBA	<p><u>EBA Provides Overview of Competent Authorities Implementation and Transposition of the CRD IV package</u> The EBA updated today all the information disclosed by EU Competent Authorities according to its Implementing Technical Standards (ITS) on supervisory disclosure, which was published in the EU <i>Official Journal</i> on 4 June 2014. This information, published in an aggregated format, provides an overview of the implementation and transposition of the <i>Capital Requirements Directive</i> (CRD IV) and <i>Capital Requirements Regulation</i> (CRR) across the EU. It also provides a detailed picture of the use of options and national discretions by each Competent Authority as well as information on the general criteria and methodologies used for the purpose of the supervisory review and evaluation process (SREP).</p>
November 16, 2018	EBA	<p><u>EBA Publishes Final Draft Technical Standards on the Specification of an Economic Downturn</u> The EBA published its final draft Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) specifying the nature, severity and duration of an economic downturn. These RTS complete the EBA's regulatory review of the internal ratings-based (IRB) Approach, with the objective of restoring market participants' trust in internal models by reducing the unjustified variability in resulting risk weighted exposure amounts.</p>
November 2, 2018	EBA	<p><u>EBA Publishes 2018 EU-wide Stress Test Results</u> The EBA published the results of the 2018 EU-wide stress test, which involved 48 banks from 15 EU and EEA countries, covering broadly 70% of total EU banking sector assets. The adverse scenario has an impact of -395 bps on banks' CET1 fully loaded capital ratio (-410 bps on a transitional basis), leading to a 10.1% CET1 capital ratio at the end of 2020 (10.3% on a transitional basis).</p>
November 26, 2018	ECB	<p><u>ECB Regulation Fosters a Harmonised Definition of Default Within the Single Supervisory Mechanism</u> The ECB published the ECB Regulation on the materiality threshold for credit obligations past due for all significant institutions within the Single Supervisory Mechanism, both for retail and for non-retail exposures, irrespective of the method used for the calculation of capital requirements.</p>

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November 15, 2018	ECB	<p><u>ECB Promotes a Common Understanding of the Rules on Internal Models</u> The ECB published the first chapter of its guide to internal models, following a public consultation. The guide provides transparency regarding the ECB's understanding of the most relevant aspects, for the institutions it directly supervises, of the applicable regulations on internal models.</p>
November 9, 2018	ECB	<p><u>ECB Publishes Final Guides for Banks on their Capital and Liquidity Management</u> The ECB published its expectations regarding institutions' internal capital and liquidity adequacy assessment processes (ICAAPs and ILAAPs). The guides, which are not legally binding, will be applied from 1 January 2019 and replace the expectations published in January 2016. They aim to assist banks in strengthening their ICAAPs and ILAAPs, and to encourage the adoption of best practices.</p>
November 28, 2018	EIOPA	<p><u>EIOPA Consults on the Integration of Sustainability Risks and Factors</u> EIOPA published for consultation its draft technical advice on possible amendments to the delegated acts under Solvency II and the Insurance Distribution Directive concerning the integration of sustainability risks and factors. The proposed draft amendments to the Solvency II Delegated Regulation are aimed to ensure identification and assessment of sustainability risks in the areas of underwriting and investments.</p>
November 15, 2018	EIOPA	<p><u>EIOPA Assesses Supervisory Practices and Application of Key Functions Through Peer Review</u> EIOPA published the findings of its peer review assessing how National Competent Authorities supervise and determine whether an insurer's setting of key functions fulfils the legal requirements of Solvency II with a particular emphasis on proportionality.</p>
November 13, 2018	EIOPA	<p><u>EIOPA Outlines the Principles and Guidance for the Pension Benefit Statement</u> EIOPA published its report on the <i>Implementation of IORP II in Relation to the Pension Benefit Statement: Guidance and Principles Based on Current Practices</i>. The report is part of EIOPA's work to facilitate the national implementation of IORP II and focusses on the new requirement for Institutions for Occupational Retirement Provision (IORPs) to draw-up a pension benefit statement.</p>
November 23, 2018	ESMA	<p><u>Managing Risks of a No-Deal Brexit in the Area of Central Clearing</u> ESMA is publishing this public statement to address the risks of a no-deal Brexit scenario in the area of central clearing. The ESMA Board of Supervisors supports the continued access to UK CCPs to limit the risk of disruption in central clearing and to avoid negatively impacting EU financial market stability.</p>
November 13, 2018	ESMA	<p><u>ESMA Consults on Future Guidelines for Money Market Funds' Disclosure</u> Starting from the end of the first quarter of 2020, European money market funds will have to disclose certain information under the <i>Money Market Fund Regulation (MMFR)</i> to their national competent authorities. To facilitate funds' regulatory disclosure, ESMA has opened a public consultation on draft guidelines providing further specifications on how to fill-in the MMFR reporting template.</p>
November 13, 2018	ESMA	<p><u>ESMA Publishes MiFID II Supervisory Briefing on Suitability</u> ESMA has published an updated version of its supervisory briefing on MiFID II suitability requirements. This publication is an updated version of ESMA's 2012 supervisory briefing and takes into account the content of ESMA's guidelines on certain aspects of the MIFID II suitability requirements published on 28 May 2018.</p>

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November 13, 2018	ESMA	<p><u>ESMA Provides Standards and Guidance for Securitisation Repositories Under the Securitisation Regulation</u> ESMA has issued a set of items which aim to implement the new European regulatory framework for securitizations and help promote simple, transparent and standardized (STS) securitizations.</p>
November 8, 2018	ESMA	<p><u>ESMA Proposes a Regulatory Change to Support the Brexit Preparations of Counterparties to Uncleared OTC Derivatives</u> ESMA has published a final report with draft regulatory technical standards (RTS) proposing to amend the three Commission delegated regulations on the clearing obligation under the <i>European Market Infrastructure Regulation</i> (EMIR). The draft RTS propose, in the context of the UK's withdrawal from the EU, to introduce a limited exemption in order to facilitate the novation of certain non-centrally cleared OTC derivative contracts to EU counterparties during a specific time-window. The amendments would only apply if the UK leaves the EU without the conclusion of a withdrawal agreement – a no deal scenario.</p>
November 7, 2018	ESMA	<p><u>ESMA Provides Overview of NCAs' Declared Compliant Status With Guidelines</u> ESMA has published an overview of the compliance status declared by national competent authorities as regards the application of ESMA guidelines in their respective jurisdictions.</p>
November 6, 2018	ESMA	<p><u>ESMA Publishes Official Translations of Guidelines on MiFID II Suitability Requirements</u> ESMA has issued the official translations of its guidelines on certain aspects of the MiFID II suitability requirements.</p>
November 26, 2018	ESRB	<p><u>ESRB Publishes Report on Macroprudential Provisions, Measures and Instruments for Insurance</u> The ESRB has published a report on macroprudential provisions, measures and instruments for (re)insurance. The report serves as an input to ongoing Solvency II discussions on strengthening the regulatory framework for (re)insurers from a macroprudential perspective. It identifies options that could further strengthen the macroprudential framework for (re)insurance and target systemic risks.</p>
November 30, 2018	EBA EIOPA ESMA	<p><u>ESAs Publish Statement Clarifying Securitisation Disclosure Requirements and Consolidated Application of Securitisation Rules for Credit Institutions</u> The European Supervisory Authorities have published a statement in response to industry concerns relating to severe operational challenges both in meeting the transitional provisions of the <i>Securitisation Regulation</i> disclosure requirements, as well as in complying with the EU requirements on risk retention, transparency, re-securitization and criteria for credit-granting obligations on a consolidated basis by EU credit institutions engaged in local securitization activities in third countries.</p>

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November 29, 2018	EBA EIOPA ESMA	<p><u>ESAs Propose to Amend Bilateral Margin Requirements to Assist Brexit Preparations for OTC Derivative Contracts</u></p> <p>The EBA, the EIOPA and ESMA, together with the European Supervisory Authorities, have published a final report with draft regulatory technical standards (RTS) proposing to amend the Commission Delegated Regulation on the risk mitigation techniques for OTC derivatives not cleared by a CCP (bilateral margin requirements) under the <i>European Market Infrastructure Regulation</i> (EMIR). The draft RTS propose, in the context of the UK's withdrawal from the EU, to introduce a limited exemption in order to facilitate the novation of certain OTC derivative contracts to EU counterparties during a specific time-window. The amendments would only apply if the UK leaves the EU without the conclusion of a withdrawal agreement – a no deal scenario. The draft RTS complement the similar proposal published by ESMA on 8 November with respect to the clearing obligation.</p>
November 8, 2018	EBA EIOPA ESMA	<p><u>ESAs Consult on Proposed Changes to the Key Information Documents for PRIIPs</u></p> <p>The European Supervisory Authorities have issued a consultation paper on targeted amendments to the delegated regulation covering the rules for the Key Information Document (KID) for Packaged Retail and Insurance-based Investment Products (PRIIPs).</p>
November 8, 2018	EBA EIOPA ESMA	<p><u>ESAs Consult on Guidelines on Cooperation and Information Exchange for AML/CFT Supervision Purposes</u></p> <p>The Joint Committee of the three European Supervisory Authorities launched a public consultation on draft guidelines on the cooperation and information exchange between competent authorities supervising credit and financial institutions for the purposes of Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) supervision. The draft guidelines are part of the ESAs' wider work on fostering a common approach to AML/CFT within the EU.</p>
November 14, 2018	IAIS	<p><u>IAIS Publishes Public Consultation Document on a Holistic Framework for Systemic Risk in the Insurance Sector</u></p> <p>The IAIS has published its proposed holistic framework for the assessment and mitigation of systemic risk in the insurance sector. The IAIS proposes to evolve its current approach to systemic risk by: i) recognizing that systemic risk may arise from both the collective activities and exposures of insurers at a sector-wide level as well as from the distress or disorderly failure of individual insurers; ii) addressing cross-sectoral aspects of systemic risk, by comparing the potential systemic risk stemming from the insurance sector with other parts of the financial system; and iii) moving away from a binary approach in which certain additional policy measures are only applied to a relatively small group of insurers (the identified G-SIIs), to an approach with a proportionate application of an enhanced set of policy measures targeted at the exposures and activities that can lead to systemic risks from the insurance sector as a whole.</p>
November 8, 2018	IAIS	<p><u>Draft Application Paper on Proactive Supervision of Corporate Governance</u></p> <p>This application paper sets out good practices related to the organization and functioning of the supervisor, with the objective of promoting proactive supervision of corporate governance. It aims to raise awareness of, and seeks to address, the organizational, cultural, and procedural challenges faced by supervisors in detecting problems in corporate governance and taking appropriate steps at an early stage.</p>

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November 2018	IAIS	<p><u>Issues Paper on Increasing Digitalisation in Insurance and its Potential Impact on Consumer Outcomes</u> This paper considers the impact of the trend of increasing digitalization in insurance on consumer outcomes and insurance supervision in light of Insurance Core Principle 19 on Conduct of Business. It focuses on product design and underwriting, along with marketing, sales and distribution aspects of the insurance value chain.</p>
November 19, 2018	IOSCO	<p><u>IOSCO Members Found Mostly Compliant with Principles for Commodity Derivatives Markets</u> IOSCO published the findings of an updated survey that show respondent IOSCO members to be broadly compliant with the <i>IOSCO Principles for the Regulation and Supervision of Commodity Derivatives Markets</i>.</p>
November 14, 2018	IOSCO	<p><u>IOSCO Seeks Feedback on Proposed Framework for Assessing Leverage in Investment Funds</u> IOSCO is requesting feedback on a proposed framework to help measure leverage used by investment funds which in some circumstances could pose financial stability risks. The proposed framework, outlined in <i>IOSCO Report: Leverage</i>, comprises a two-step process aimed at achieving a meaningful and consistent assessment of global leverage. The first step indicates how regulators could exclude from consideration funds that are unlikely to create stability risks to the financial system while filtering and selecting a subset of other funds for further analysis.</p>

National Regulators

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November 30, 2018	OSFI	<p><u>Minimum Capital Test for Federally Regulated Property and Casualty Insurance Companies</u> OSFI is releasing a revised <i>Minimum Capital Test (MCT) Guideline</i> for federally regulated property and casualty (P&C) insurers. The MCT 2019 guideline incorporates changes to reflect OSFI's review of the framework for reinsurance, International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) 16, and the amendments to Guideline B-5 – <i>Asset Securitization</i>.</p>
November 26, 2018	OSFI	<p><u>Asset Securitization</u> After completing a public consultation process, OSFI is releasing an updated final version of Guideline B-5: <i>Asset Securitization</i>. Key amendments reflect events that have affected securitizations since the guideline was first published in November 2004, including the financial crisis and changes to the Basel Framework. The guideline also incorporates relevant content from the <i>Advisory Securitization – Expected Practices</i>. OSFI plans to repeal the <i>Advisory</i> when the <i>Guideline</i> becomes effective on January 1, 2019.</p>
November 15, 2018	Bank of Canada Bank of England MAS	<p><u>The Bank of Canada, Bank of England and Monetary Authority of Singapore Share Assessment on Emerging Opportunities for Digital Transformation in Cross-border Payments</u> The three institutions have jointly published a report assessing alternative models that could enhance cross-border payments and settlements. The report, <i>Cross-border Interbank Payments and Settlements: Emerging Opportunities for Digital Transformation</i>, examines existing challenges and proposes alternative models that could result in improvements in speed, cost and transparency for users and provides an initial framework for assessing cross-border payments and settlements in greater depth, for the global financial community.</p>

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November 22, 2018	PRA	<u>The Systemic Risk Buffer: Updates to the Statement of Policy – CP 29/18</u> The PRA proposes minor updates to its Statement of Policy <i>The PRA's Approach to the Systemic Risk Buffer</i> .
November 15, 2018	PRA	<u>Securitisation – Significant Risk Transfer: SS9/13</u> Following publication of PS29/18 <i>Securitisation: The New EU framework and Significant Risk Transfer</i> , this SS was updated and renamed <i>Securitisation: Significant Risk Transfer</i> .
November 15, 2018	PRA	<u>The Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) and the Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process (SREP): SS31/15</u> This SS was updated following PS 29/18 <i>Securitisation: The New EU Framework and Significant Risk Transfer</i> .
November 15, 2018	PRA	<u>Securitisation: The New EU Framework and Significant Risk Transfer – PS29/18, CP12/18</u> This policy statement provides feedback to responses to CP 12/18 <i>Securitisation: The New EU Framework and Significant Risk Transfer</i> . It also contains the PRA's final policy, as follows: i) final SS10/18 <i>Securitisation: General Requirements and Capital Framework</i> (Appendix 1); ii) updated SS9/13 <i>Securitisation: Significant Risk Transfer</i> (Appendix 2); and iii) updated SS31/15 <i>The Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) and the Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process (SREP)</i> (Appendix 3).
November 14, 2018	PRA	<u>UK Leverage Ratio: Applying the Framework to Systemic Ring-fenced Bodies and Reflecting the Systemic Risk Buffer – PS28/18, CP14/18</u> This policy statement provides feedback to responses to CP14/18 <i>UK Leverage Ratio: Applying the Framework to Systemic Ring-fenced Bodies and Reflecting the Systemic Risk Buffer</i> . It also contains the PRA's final policy to update: i) The Leverage Ratio, Public Disclosure, Reporting Leverage Ratio, and Ring-fenced Bodies Parts of the PRA Rulebook (Appendix 1); ii) SS45/15 <i>The UK Leverage Ratio Framework</i> (Appendix 2); iii) SS46/15 <i>UK Leverage Ratio: Instructions for Completing Data Items FSA083</i> (Appendix 3); and iv) FSA083 Leverage Ratio Reporting template, and reporting instructions (Appendix 4).
November 14, 2018	PRA	<u>The UK Leverage Ratio Framework: SS45/15</u> This SS was updated following publication of PS28/18 <i>UK Leverage Ratio: Applying the Framework to Systemic Ring-fenced Bodies and Reflecting the Systemic Risk Buffer</i> .
November 9, 2018	PRA	<u>Implementing the Extension of the SM&CR to Insurers (Part 2)</u> This policy statement provides feedback to responses to CP 20/18 <i>Strengthening Accountability: Implementing the Extension of the SM&CR to Insurers (Part 2)</i> . It also provides the final set of rules for the implementation of the extension of the Senior Managers and Certification Regime to insurers.
November 29, 2018	Bank of England	<u>Consultation Response: A Global Standard to Modernise UK Payments, ISO 20022</u> The Bank of England, the Pay.UK and the Payments Systems Regulator have published a response to the consultation on the adoption of a common global messaging standard, known as ISO 20022. This document summarizes responses received, sets out how the industry input has fed into our approach, and outlines plans for the next phase of this important initiative.
November 28, 2018	Bank of England	<u>Stress Testing the UK Banking System: 2018 Results</u> The results of the Bank of England's 2018 stress test show the UK banking system is resilient to deep simultaneous recessions in the UK and global economies that are more severe overall than the global financial crisis and that are combined with large falls in asset prices and a separate stress of misconduct costs.

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November 28, 2018	Bank of England	<p><u>Systemic Risk Survey Results - 2018 H2</u> This report presents the results of the 2018 H2 survey, which was conducted by the Bank of England in the period between 17 September and 11 October 2018.</p>
November 28, 2018	Bank of England	<p><u>EU Withdrawal Scenarios and Monetary and Financial Stability: A Response to the House of Commons Treasury Committee</u> The report analyses the economic effects of the Withdrawal Agreement and the Political Declaration regarding the future relationship between the EU and the UK, as well as the consequences of leaving the EU without a Withdrawal Agreement.</p>
November 6, 2018	Bank of England	<p><u>Follow-up Letter to EU Systems Designated Under the Settlement Finality Directive</u> This letter provides further detail on the future regime, including the terms under which EU systems may use the temporary SFD designation regime.</p>
November 30, 2018	FCA	<p><u>Statement on EU Withdrawal Impact Assessment</u> The FCA publishes its <i>EU Withdrawal Impact Assessment</i>. The assessment was requested by the Treasury Select Committee and sets out the impact of the Withdrawal Agreement and future framework on the FCA's objectives.</p>
November 23, 2018	FCA	<p><u>FCA Launches Further Consultations Ahead of the UK's Exit from the EU</u> The FCA published a further consultation on its approach to the UK's exit from the EU. This paper sets out additional proposals to prepare for the possibility the UK leaves the European Union on 29 March 2019 without an implementation period.</p>
November 7, 2018	FCA	<p><u>FCA Clarifies Fairer Treatment of Regular Premium PPI Complaints and Proposes New Mailing Requirements</u> The FCA has issued final guidance that clarifies its expectations about the handling of certain regular premium payment protection insurance (PPI) complaints. The FCA is also proposing new rules requiring firms to write to around 150,000 consumers who had previously complained unsuccessfully to tell them they can make a new complaint and remind them of the deadline.</p>
November 19, 2018	CFTC	<p><u>CFTC Approves a Final Rule to Amend Uncleared Swap Margin Requirements</u> The CFTC announced that it has approved a final rule to amend its uncleared swap margin requirements (CFTC Margin Rule) to better align with certain rules (QFC Rules) adopted by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the FDIC, and the OCC that impose restrictions on certain qualified financial contracts. The amendments ensure that master netting agreements are not excluded from the definition of "eligible master netting agreement" under the CFTC Margin Rule based solely on such agreements' compliance with the QFC Rules. They also ensure that any legacy uncleared swap that is not subject to the CFTC Margin Rule would not become so subject if it is amended solely to comply with the QFC Rules.</p>
November 2, 2018	Federal Reserve Board	<p><u>Federal Reserve Board Finalizes New Supervisory Rating System for Large Financial Institutions</u> The Federal Reserve Board finalized a new supervisory rating system for large financial institutions that is aligned with the core areas most important to supporting a large firm's safety and soundness and U.S. financial stability. The Board's post-crisis supervisory program for large financial institutions focuses on capital, liquidity, and the effectiveness of its governance and controls. In each of those areas, supervisors will use the new rating system to assign a confidential rating to the firms.</p>

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November 2, 2018	SEC	<p><u>SEC Adopts Rules That Increase Information Brokers Must Provide to Investors on Order Handling</u> The SEC announced that it has voted to adopt amendments that will require broker-dealers to disclose to investors new and enhanced information about the way they handle investors' orders.</p>
November 27, 2018	APRA	<p><u>APRA Responds to Submissions on ADI Leverage Ratio, and Extends Timeline for Broader Capital Framework Reforms</u> APRA released its response to submissions on the introduction of a leverage ratio requirement for authorized deposit-taking institutions (ADIs). APRA also announced that it is proposing to align the implementation of a range of revisions to the capital framework for ADIs, including the proposed leverage ratio, with the timeline set out in the Basel III framework.</p>
November 16, 2018	APRA	<p><u>APRA Launches Review of Capital Requirements for Private Health Insurers</u> APRA has commenced a review of the capital standards for private health insurers to ensure they remain sufficient to protect policyholders. The review of the capital framework for private health insurance (PHI) is the final phase of APRA's PHI Roadmap, launched in 2016 shortly after APRA took over regulatory responsibility for the sector from the Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC).</p>
November 15, 2018	APRA	<p><u>APRA Updates Planned Integration of AASB 17 Insurance Contracts into the Capital and Reporting Frameworks for Insurers</u> APRA has released an update on its plan to integrate AASB 17 Insurance Contracts (AASB 17) into the capital and reporting frameworks for life and general insurers.</p>
November 8, 2018	APRA	<p><u>APRA Seeks to Increase the Loss-Absorbing Capacity of ADIs to Support Orderly Resolution</u> APRA announced proposed changes to the application of the capital adequacy framework for authorized deposit-taking institutions (ADIs) to support orderly resolution in the unlikely event of failure. The proposed changes are a significant step towards building APRA's resolution capability. The discussion paper seeks feedback from interested stakeholders on the proposals.</p>
November 7, 2018	APRA	<p><u>APRA Finalizes Prudential Standard Aimed at Combatting Threat of Cyber Attacks</u> APRA has released the final version of its prudential standard focused on information security management. The new Prudential Standard CPS 234 <i>Information Security</i> will shore up APRA-regulated entities' resilience against information security incidents (including cyber-attacks), and their ability to respond swiftly and effectively in the event of a breach.</p>
November 16, 2018	HKMA	<p><u>Gazettal of Commencement Notice, Exposure Limits Rules, Revised Capital Rules and Revised Disclosure Rules Under Banking Ordinance</u> The <i>Banking (Amendment) Ordinance 2018 (Commencement) (No. 2) Notice 2018</i> (Commencement Notice), the <i>Banking (Exposure Limits) Rules</i>, the <i>Banking (Capital) (Amendment) Rules 2018</i> (BCAR) and the <i>Banking (Disclosure) (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2018</i> were gazetted on November 16 to implement some recent international standards on banking regulation in Hong Kong.</p>

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November 19, 2018	Monetary Authority of Singapore	<p><u>Consultation Paper on Proposed Payment Services Bill</u> MAS proposes to enact a new payments legislation in the form of the proposed <i>Payment Services Bill</i> to: i) streamline payment services under a single legislation by combining the <i>Payment Systems (Oversight) Act</i> and the <i>Money-Changing and Remittance Businesses Act</i>; ii) enhance the scope of regulated activities to take into account developments in payment services; and iii) calibrate regulations according to the risks the activities pose by adopting a modular regulatory regime.</p>
November 14, 2018	Monetary Authority of Singapore	<p><u>Sandbox Express</u> MAS is proposing the creation of pre-defined sandboxes, known as Sandbox Express, to complement the current sandbox approach. The aim is to enable firms which intend to conduct certain regulated activities – where the risks are generally low and well understood – to embark on their experiments more quickly within pre-defined sandboxes, without going through the existing sandbox application and approval process to customize their sandboxes.</p>
November 12, 2018	Monetary Authority of Singapore	<p><u>MAS Introduces New FEAT Principles to Promote Responsible Use of AI and Data Analytics</u> MAS has released a set of principles to promote fairness, ethics, accountability and transparency (FEAT) in the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and data analytics in finance. The principles provide guidance to firms offering financial products and services on the responsible use of AI and data analytics, to strengthen internal governance around data management and use. This will foster greater confidence and trust in the use of AI and data analytics, as firms increasingly adopt technology tools and solutions to support business strategies and in risk management.</p>

International Organizations

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October 2018	Asian Development Bank UN Women	<p><u>Gender Equality and the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific: Baseline and Pathways for Transformative Change by 2030</u> This publication provides the first Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) assessment of the situation of women and girls in Asia and the Pacific based on data from official sources. The report establishes a baseline for governments and policy makers to monitor and accelerate progress towards gender equality commitments in the SDGs. It identifies data gaps and underscores the necessity of heightened urgency to improve production and use of gender statistics for evidence-based SDG localization. It also provides valuable insight into key catalysts and policy recommendations to assist countries to achieve gender equality by 2030.</p>
October 2018	CGAP	<p><u>A Digital Credit Revolution: Insights from Borrowers in Kenya and Tanzania</u> This research shares insights from large-scale phone surveys of digital credit users and nonusers in Kenya and Tanzania to understand their experiences with digital credit. The study emphasized identifying potential risks emerging from these new credit sources, The results shed light on market development and evolution in the two leading digital credit markets and provide insights on how more nascent markets might evolve.</p>

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November 2018	Financial Stability Institute	<p><u>The Basel Framework in 100 Jurisdictions: Implementation Status and Proportionality Practices</u> This paper explores the current state of implementation of key Basel standards and outline the associated proportionality practices in 100 jurisdictions that are not members of the BCBS. We find that all jurisdictions have adopted some version of the Basel risk-based capital regime, while most have implemented, in some manner, quantitative liquidity standards and the large exposures rule. In their implementation of Basel standards, nearly all jurisdictions apply proportionality, simplifying standards in some cases and applying more stringent requirements in others. As countries shift to the Basel III risk-based capital regime, more extensive proportionality strategies are applied. This paper catalogues a range of proportionality practices applied in non-BCBS jurisdictions, providing a reference for authorities that seek to tailor the Basel framework to fit their country-specific circumstances.</p>
November 2018	IMF	<p><u>Macro-Fiscal Implication of Climate Change: The Case of Djibouti</u> This paper reviews the significant macro-fiscal challenges posed by climate change in Djibouti and the costs of mitigation and adaptation policies. The paper concludes that Djibouti is susceptible to climate change and related costs are potentially large. Investing now in adaptation and mitigation has large benefits in terms of reducing the related costs in the future. Reforms to generate the fiscal space are therefore needed and investment for mitigation and adaptation to climate change should be built into the long-term fiscal projections. Finally, concerted international efforts and stepping up regional cooperation could help moderate climate-related macro-fiscal risks.</p>
November 26, 2018	UN Environment Program Finance Initiative	<p><u>UNEP, 28 Banks Launch Consultation on Principles for Responsible Banking</u> The UN Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) and a group of banks launched a global consultation on a draft set of Principles for Responsible Banking. The six principles aim to align banks' strategies with societal goals as articulated by the SDGs and Paris Agreement on climate change.</p>

Industry

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September 2018	GSMA	<p><u>Mobile Money Policy and Regulatory Handbook</u> This handbook explores regulatory challenges that have faced industry since its inception, and recommends approaches key stakeholders can take towards creating an enabling environment. It also accounts for recent regulatory considerations surrounding mobile money taxation and data privacy.</p>
November 20, 2018	Geneva Association	<p><u>Managing Physical Climate Risk—Leveraging Innovations in Catastrophe Risk Modelling</u> This report examines catastrophe risk modelling as a critical tool to help improve and even reshape the future of disaster and climate risk management.</p>

Other

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November 2018	AFI	<u>Gender Considerations in Balancing Financial Inclusion and Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)</u> This guideline note examines data on current practices in the AFI network and is intended to support financial policymakers and regulators responsible for implementing and overseeing AML/CFT standards at the national level. In doing so, it will raise awareness of the specific financial inclusion challenges disproportionately faced by women in the national implementation of AML/CFT standards, and assist in the formulation and implementation of policy responses that can contribute to advancing women's financial inclusion.