



## Onyx Capital Advisory Limited - IFPR Disclosure 2024 (Also trading as Onyx Markets)

### Introduction

In accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's ("FCA") UK Investment Firms Prudential Regime, ("IFPR")<sup>1</sup> Onyx Capital Advisory Limited ("Onyx" or "the firm") is required to disclose the following:

- 1) Governance arrangements.
- 2) Own Funds requirements.
- 3) Own Funds.
- 4) Risk management policies.
- 5) Remuneration policy and practices.

As of 2024, Onyx's financial year will run from January to December. The 2023-2024 financial year is therefore an 18-month period from July 2023 to December 2024. This disclosure will be updated upon the publication of Onyx's audited accounts in early 2025, in line with MiFIDPRU 8.1.10R.

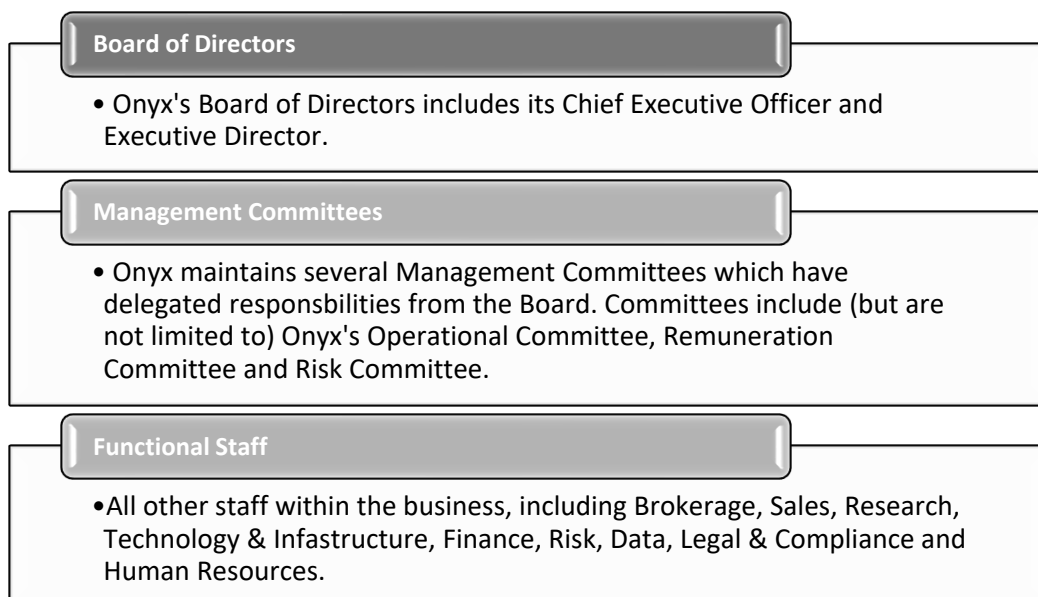
### 1) Governance arrangements

In accordance with MIFIDPRU 8.3, Onyx is required to disclose certain internal governance arrangements. Effective governance arrangements help a firm achieve its strategic objectives while also ensuring that risks to the firm, its stakeholders and the wider market are identified, managed and mitigated.

Onyx's governance framework:

- Safeguards overall responsibility for the firm;
- Approves and oversees the implementation of strategy objectives and risk strategy;
- Ensures the integrity and accuracy of the firm's operations including but not limited to accounting, financial reporting, legal and compliance, monitoring; and
- Provides responsibility for delegation and effective oversight of senior management and all other staff.

### Overview



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.handbook.fca.org.uk/handbook/MIFIDPRU/8/?view=chapter>



## Board of Directors

The Board is collectively responsible for:

- setting an appropriate risk strategy and appetite;
- promoting a comprehensive risk culture and awareness;
- monitoring the implementation of the firm's risk strategy;
- ensuring the independence of the control functions such as Compliance and Risk; and
- verifying that independent control functions operate correctly and effectively.

	External Executive Directorships Held	External Non-Executive Directorships Held
<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	3	0
<b>Executive Director</b>	1	0

## Diversity

Onyx strives for diversity and inclusion on its management body, and does not discriminate on the basis of gender, ethnicity or any other protected characteristics in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

## **2) Own funds requirements**

In accordance with MIFIDPRU 8.5, Onyx is required to disclose the following:

Figures as of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

<b>K-DTF (Daily Trading Flow)</b>	£3,951.31
<b>K-COH (Client Orders Handled)</b>	£3,963.58
<b>KFR Total (K-Factor Requirement / Own Funds Requirement)</b>	£7,914.88
<b>FOR (Fixed Overhead Requirement)</b>	£598,000

Firms must assess to what extent the Own Funds Requirement accounts for all the risks identified as part of the ICARA process. Where risks are not covered, the firm must assign additional regulatory capital. The result of this assessment is the Overall Financial Adequacy Rule ("OFAR"). In accordance with the OFAR, Onyx assesses the risks associated with the business model and consider whether any additional capital is required to mitigate them should they materialise. This includes considerations of wind-down costs and whether the requirements under the IFPR cover the risks to market, firm and clients.

Onyx concluded that from an Own Funds perspective, the Permanent Minimum Requirement represents a suitable level of capital for the firm to remain viable throughout the economic cycle. Therefore, Onyx have not set a separate fixed OFAR figure but will monitor and maintain sufficient Own Funds in line with the Permanent Minimum Requirement.

## **3) Own Funds**

In accordance with MIFIDPRU 8.4, Onyx is required to disclose the following:

Figures as of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

<b>Composition of regulatory Own Funds</b>			
	<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount (GBP thousands)</b>	<b>Source based on reference numbers/letters of the balance sheet in the</b>



			interim management accounts
<b>1</b>	<b>OWN FUNDS</b>	<b>5,103</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>TIER 1 CAPITAL</b>	<b>5,103</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>COMMON EQUITY TIER 1 CAPITAL</b>	<b>5,103</b>	
4	Fully paid up capital instruments	13,036	Page 14
5	Share premium		
6	Retained earnings	(8,546)	Page 14
7	Accumulated other comprehensive income		
8	Other reserves		
9	Adjustments to CET1 due to prudential filters		
10	Other funds		
11	(-) TOTAL DEDUCTIONS FROM COMMON EQUITY TIER 1		
19	CET1: Other capital elements, deductions and adjustments		
<b>20</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL TIER 1 CAPITAL</b>	<b>0</b>	
21	Fully paid up, directly issued capital instruments		
22	Share premium		
23	(-) TOTAL DEDUCTIONS FROM ADDITIONAL TIER 1		
24	Additional Tier 1: Other capital elements, deductions and adjustments		
<b>25</b>	<b>TIER 2 CAPITAL</b>	<b>0</b>	
26	Fully paid up, directly issued capital instruments		
27	Share premium		
28	(-) TOTAL DEDUCTIONS FROM TIER 2		
29	Tier 2: Other capital elements, deductions and adjustments		

<b>Own Funds: reconciliation of regulatory Own Funds to balance sheet in the interim management accounts</b>				
Figures in GBP thousands				
		a	b	c
		<b>Balance sheet as in interim management accounts</b>	<b>Under regulatory scope of consolidation</b>	<b>Cross reference to template OF1</b>



		statements		
		As at period end	As at period end	
<b>Assets - Breakdown by asset classes according to the balance sheet in the interim management accounts</b>				
1	Tangible assets	43		
2	Intangible assets	36		
3	Debtors	2,007		
4	Cash at bank and in hand	5,103		
5	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>7,240</b>		
<b>Liabilities - Breakdown by liability classes according to the balance sheet in the interim management accounts</b>				
1	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2,915		
2	Provisions	15		
3	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,930</b>		
<b>Shareholders' Equity</b>				
1	Called up share capital	13,036		Item 17
2	Profit and loss account	(8,725)		Item 8
3	<b>Total Shareholders' equity</b>	<b>4,310</b>		

#### 4) Risk management policies

##### Own Funds

The Own Funds Requirement under the Investment Firms Prudential Regime is a reflection of the risk that a firm poses to clients, itself and the wider market. The figure reflects the level of capital that is required to cover the risks that the firm poses. Onyx ensures that at all times, the Own Funds held are higher than the Own Funds Requirement. Maintaining compliance with the capital requirements set by the FCA is one of the firm's highest priorities.

Onyx Capital Advisory conducts MiFID business with clients across the globe but does not currently carry any market risk or hold client money, so its Own Funds requirements are derived from its permissions. As a firm with permission to execute client orders and deal on own account, Onyx's Permanent Minimum Requirement is £750,000. Once Onyx starts holding client money as part of the CFD and spread betting business, the relevant K-Factors will be calculated and monitored to ensure the firm's Own Funds are commensurate to the risk to client, market and firm. Under the Overall Financial Adequacy Rule, Onyx will continually assess these risks and adjust the capital threshold where appropriate.

Onyx treats the Own Funds Requirement with the highest priority and are therefore proactive in the monitoring and management of the capital position.

The Onyx Finance Team recalculate the firm's Own Funds level every month, which is monitored against the static Permanent Minimum Requirement. Trends and capital planning are used to forecast any threats to the limit. This allows Onyx to take appropriate action in advance and ensure compliance with the requirement.



Onyx operates with an additional, more conservative threshold limit in place, which triggers internal actions if surpassed. These actions can include raising the Own Funds level through capital injections from the Group.

### Liquidity

Liquidity Risk arises when a firm is unable to meet its short-term financial obligations as they fall due.

The potential harm of Liquidity Risk associated with Onyx's business strategy is limited because no positions are taken in the course of the brokerage business, and no client money is held. As such, outgoing payments are limited in size and number, for example, to third party service providers or routine business costs. These costs are not significant and do not put pressure on the liquidity position of the firm.

As the CFD and spread betting business is launched and grows, OCAL will continue to implement controls for the management and mitigation of the Liquidity Risks associated with the new business line. These will include regular client money reconciliations, active position risk management, and monitoring of the firm's liquid capital position against its requirement.

The Onyx Group has a strong liquidity position as a result of the trading profits of Onyx Commodities Limited. Regardless, Onyx monitors its position at a firm level against its requirement on a weekly basis, when the Finance Team recalculate the liquid capital position.

Similarly to the approach to Own Funds, Onyx monitors the liquidity position of the firm against the limits, utilising an internal, more conservative limit to trigger appropriate action if a potential risk is identified.

### Concentration

Onyx does not currently take any positions, so there is no trading counterparty exposure. The concentration risk to firm and the wider market is considered minimal as a result of this. As Onyx begins to take positions as part of the CFD and spread betting business, trading counterparty exposure will be monitored, however it is likely to be minimal as most clients will be trading on margin rather than credit. Where concentration risk is identified, Onyx takes appropriate steps to mitigate the potential materialisation of the risk by either limiting any further exposure to the client, or group of interconnected clients, or increasing the Own Funds set aside under the K-CON metric. This ensures any concentration risk is kept within the firm's appetite and the firm's Own Funds level continues to be appropriate.

Onyx has a diverse client portfolio and does not rely solely on specific clients or entities for its revenue. This results in low client concentration risk.

## **5) Remuneration policy and practices**

### Qualitative disclosures

Onyx's business strategy is to develop and expand its 360-degree service offering in commodity derivatives. Onyx's remuneration policy encourages staff to responsibly promote the success of the business through their role.

The Remuneration Committee aim to incentivise and reward staff. Onyx's policy has been written in line with the firm's cultures and values. Performance criteria includes both financial and non-financial indicators, but will differ depending on an individual's role within the firm. Onyx encourages responsible business conduct and fair treatment of any other market participants. Performance assessments include considerations of business strategy and objectives, compliance with regulatory obligations, culture and conduct, and adherence to effective risk management. These assessment considerations, derived from the firm's risk profile, discourage any behaviour or action which could cause detriment to the business or wider market.

All remuneration paid to staff is clearly categorised as either fixed or variable. Such fixed remuneration must be and is recognised as adequate compensation to an individual for the provision of their services in accordance with a contract.



All employees receive a salary as agreed in their contract, which comprises the fixed part of their remuneration.

The main form of variable remuneration available to Onyx's Code Staff, is an annual, discretionary cash bonus dependent both on their own individual performance and that of Onyx's. All employees are eligible.

Financial performance is an important factor in the calculation of any variable remuneration. Onyx's measurement of financial performance is assessed based on profit (not revenue or turnover). Awards will reflect Onyx's financial performance and as such, variable remuneration will be contracted where subdued or negative financial performance occurs.

All end-of-year discretionary bonuses can be considered ex-post adjusted as they are a reflection of both the firm and individual's performance, so are adjusted accordingly. In light of this, there is by default, no ex-ante adjustment made to the variable remuneration amounts because they are based on historical data.

Onyx does not reward failure and maintains controls around malus and clawback. Examples of where malus may be applied, include (but are not limited to):

- cases of fraud or other conduct with intent or severe negligence which led to significant losses;
- where the Material Risk Taker ("MRT") in question participated in or was responsible for conduct which resulted in significant losses to firm, or
- where the MRT in question failed to meet appropriate standards of behaviour and/or fitness and propriety.

In the case of early termination of a contract, any payments will reflect performance achieved over time.

In both measuring and allocating variable remuneration, Onyx's Board will make qualitative judgements, considering the firm's Internal Capital Adequacy and Risk Assessment ("ICARA"), and will consider the current and future risks faced by the firm. Considerations include capital, liquidity and Own Funds planning in line with the ICARA, in addition to the assessment of risk. Onyx only awards guaranteed variable remuneration in rare scenarios and in line with SYSC 19G.6

Onyx identifies Material Risk Takers as any members of the firm's management body, senior management or any individual with managerial responsibility for certain areas of the business. In this disclosure there are no MRTs who are not included in the Senior Management bracket.

#### Quantitative disclosures



	Senior Management	All Other Staff
Number of Staff	11	24
<b>(GBP thousands)</b>		
Total Fixed Remuneration	470	1,089
Total Variable Remuneration	300	409
Total Awarded Remuneration	770	1,498

Onyx Capital Advisory Limited made no severance payments in the reporting period.

Onyx Commodities Limited and Onyx Capital Advisory Limited share multiple Senior Managers who provide services to both firms. Where a Senior Manager provides services to both firms, they have been included in the Senior Manager head count for both firms, however their remuneration has not been double-counted and has been included solely in the disclosure of their employer.