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**Arcmont Asset Management Limited**

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**Firm:** Arcmont Asset Management Limited (“Arcmont”)

**Calendar Year Disclosure Period:** 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

**Date:** 30 April 2021

**Summary of classes of instruments included in this report, and class of instruments not included in this report:**

Classes of instruments included in this report	Classes of instruments not included in this report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currency derivatives               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Swaps, forwards, and other currency derivatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Debt instruments:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bonds</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Equities – Shares &amp; Depositary Receipts               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tick size liquidity bands 1 and 2 (from 0 to 79 trades per day)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equities – Shares &amp; Depositary Receipts               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tick size liquidity bands 5 and 6 (from 2000 trades per day)</li> <li>- Tick size liquidity bands 3 and 4 (from 80 to 1999 trades per day)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Debt instruments               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Money markets instruments</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Interest rates derivatives               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Futures and options admitted to trading on a trading venue</li> <li>- Swaps, forwards, and other interest rates derivatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Credit derivatives               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Futures and options admitted to trading on a trading venue</li> <li>- Other credit derivatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Currency derivatives               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Futures and options admitted to trading on a trading venue</li> <li>- Swaps, forwards, and other currency derivatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Structured finance instruments</li> <li>• Equity Derivatives               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Options and Futures admitted to trading on a trading venue</li> <li>- Swaps and other equity derivatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Securitized Derivatives               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Warrants and Certificate Derivatives</li> <li>- Other securitized derivatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Commodities derivatives and emission allowances Derivatives               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Options and Futures admitted to trading on a trading venue</li> <li>- Other commodities derivatives and emission allowances derivatives</li> <li>- Contracts for difference</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Exchange traded products (Exchange traded funds, exchange traded notes and exchange traded commodities)</li> <li>• Emission allowances</li> <li>• Other instruments</li> </ul>

<b>General</b>	<p>Arcmont Asset Management Limited is authorised and regulated in the United Kingdom by the Financial Conduct Authority (“FCA”). As part of the MiFID II Best Execution requirements, investment firms must publish, on an annual basis, reports summarising specific information on the quality of execution obtained for each financial instrument traded during the preceding year. MiFID II provides 22 sub-classes of financial instruments and investment firms are required to disclose their trading volumes with different counterparties expressed as a percentage of the firm’s total execution volume and a percentage of the number of executed orders, in that particular sub-class of financial instrument (the Top 5 broker report).</p> <p>In addition, investment firms must also provide a qualitative report summarising the conclusions drawn from its monitoring of the quality of execution. This report provides qualitative information summarising the quality of execution undertaken by Arcmont in 2020, in the sub-classes of instruments detailed below. The sub-classes that are not included in this report have been excluded because Arcmont did not execute any orders in these instruments during 2020. This report should be read with the accompanying quantitative disclosure report (the Top 5 broker report).</p>
<b>Close links, conflicts of interest and common ownership with respect to execution venues</b>	<p><b>Close links</b></p> <p>Arcmont has no close links to report.</p>
	<p><b>Conflicts of interest</b></p> <p>Arcmont has no conflicts of interest to report.</p>
	<p><b>Common ownerships</b></p> <p>Arcmont has no common ownership to report.</p>
<b>Specific arrangements with execution venues regarding payments made or received, discounts, rebates or non-monetary benefits received</b>	<p>Arcmont has no specific arrangements to report.</p>
<b>Factors leading to a change in the list of execution venues listed in the best execution policy</b>	<p>During 2020 Arcmont undertook a project to onboard a number of new brokers to act as counterparties to listed bond transactions. These new brokers were added to Arcmont’s approved list of counterparties. Such transactions in listed bonds are expected to commence during 2021.</p>
<b>Differentiation across client categories</b>	<p>N/A - all of Arcmont’s clients are professional clients</p>
<b>Use of data / tools relating to quality of execution</b>	<p>Due to the limited trading activity undertaken, Arcmont has not used specific data or tools relating to quality of execution.</p>
<b>Use of consolidated tape provider output</b>	<p>Arcmont has not used output from consolidated tape providers.</p>

<b>Class of instrument</b>	<b>Currency derivatives: swaps, forwards, and other currency derivatives</b>
<b>Observations and Execution Factors</b>	Arcmont executes orders in currency forwards for hedging purposes. The ability to settle on a net basis is considered a primary execution factor because settling transactions on a gross basis creates significant additional costs. For accounts which have the ability to settle transactions on a net basis across different counterparties, the choice of counterparty is primarily determined by price and the level of liquidity offered by the counterparty. For accounts without this ability, Arcmont may direct orders to one specific counterparty to ensure that transactions can be settled on a net basis. In order to demonstrate that best execution is being achieved in this scenario, Arcmont undertakes monitoring to assess whether the results are at least as good as could be obtained from relying on another counterparty.
<b>Class of instrument</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Debt instruments: Bonds</b></li> <li>• <b>Equities – Shares &amp; Depository Receipts: tick size liquidity bands 1 and 2 (from 0 to 79 trades per day)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Observations and Execution Factors</b>	During 2020, Arcmont executed a very small number of transactions in unlisted and listed bonds and unlisted equity instruments. These transactions were not executed through a broker but the terms of these transactions were bilaterally negotiated with the counterparty. Due to the nature of these instruments, there is typically no choice to select a specific counterparty with which to execute the transactions. Arcmont has in place a rigorous approval process before executing a transaction which includes approval by the Investment Committee and the Deal Approval Committee to ensure that executing these transactions represents the best possible outcome for Arcmont’s clients on a consistent basis.

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