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- liquidity management
- firms’ governance
- Asset Management Market Study (AMMS) remedies
- product governance
- LIBOR transition
- operational resilience; and
- EU withdrawal

## FCA outlines strategy on alternatives supervision

On 22 January 2020, the FCA published a [Dear CEO letter](#), “Our Alternatives Supervision Strategy”, providing the FCA’s view of the potential harm that alternative investment firms pose to their customers or the markets in which they operate. The letter also outlines the following key FCA supervisory priorities.

- investor exposure to inappropriate products or levels of investment risk
- client money and custody asset controls
- market abuse
- market integrity and disruption
- anti-money laundering and anti-bribery and corruption; and
- EU withdrawal

## HM Treasury publishes response to consultation on implementing MLD5

On 23 January 2020, HM Treasury published a [consultation response](#), “Transposition of the Fifth Money Laundering Directive”, outlining final rules and providing an overview of responses received to its April 2019 consultation..

## FCA publishes Handbook Notice 73

On 31 January 2020, the FCA published [Handbook Notice 73](#), setting out changes made to the FCA Handbook made by the FCA board on 12 December 2019, 10 January 2020 and 30 January 2020. The following parts of the Handbook were updated:

- COBS 19.5 and TP 2
- Glossary
- Fees App 3.1
- MCOB 4.1, 4.4A, 4.7A, 4.8A TP 4 and Sch 1
- PERG 4.6
- SYSC 3.2 and 4.1; and
- SUP 16 Annex 25G.

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