

**ADMIRALEX LTD**  
**RISK MANAGEMENT DISCLOSURES**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013**

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ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 7 (PAR. 34-38) OF PART C AND ANNEX XII OF THE  
CYPRUS SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION DIRECTIVE DI144-2007-05  
FOR THE CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS OF INVESTMENT FIRMS

## **Scope of application**

The Management of Admiralex Ltd (hereinafter the “Company”), in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7 (Sub-Chapter A, Paragraphs 34 - 38) of Part C and Annex XII of the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (hereinafter the “CySEC”) Directive DI144-2007-05 of 2012, For The Capital Requirements of Investment Firms, has an obligation to publish information relating to risks and risk management on an annual basis at a minimum.

The Company obtained its license with number CIF 201/13, to act as a Cyprus Investment Firm, on 14 June 2013 and the license was activated on 31 January 2014. The information provided in this report is based on procedures followed by the Management to identify and manage risks for the year ended 31 December 2013 and on reports submitted to CySEC for the year under review.

## **Preparation and Availability of Report**

This report is prepared annually and is available electronically on our website (<http://www.admiralmarkets.com.cy/start-trading/account-opening-procedures/contracts-documents> )

The disclosures in this report are verified on a sample basis by the external auditor of Admiralex Ltd, Canaima Tax & Audit Ltd.

### **1. Credit Risk**

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is exposed to credit risk, which is monitored through various control mechanisms. Credit risk arises when a failure by counterparties to discharge their obligations could reduce the amount of future cash inflows from financial assets on hand at the balance sheet date.

Some concentrations of credit risk with respect to trade receivables existed at year end. Trade receivables are shown net of any provision made for impairment. The management believes that no additional credit risk, beyond amounts provided for collection losses, is inherent in the trade receivables. Cash balances are held with high credit quality financial institutions and the Company has policies to limit the amount of credit exposure to any financial institution.

#### *Maximum exposure to credit risk*

The table below shows the maximum exposure to credit risk.

	<b>Maximum exposure to credit risk</b>
	<b>2013</b>
	<b>€000</b>
Risk weighted assets:	
Institutions	56
Other assets and receivables	59
Corporates	68
<i>Total risk weighted assets</i>	<b>183</b>
<i>Credit Risk (8% of total risk weighted assets)</i>	<b>15</b>

## 2. Market Risk

### 2.1. Foreign Exchange Risk

The Company's reporting currency is the Euro. Foreign exchange risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The risk arises when future commercial transactions and recognised assets and liabilities are denominated in a currency that is not the Company's reporting currency. Management monitors the exchange rate fluctuations on a continuous basis and acts accordingly.

At the year end, there was no exposure to Foreign Exchange Risk (Market Risk) as the Company did not hold any positions in foreign currency.

### 2.2. Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Company's income and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates. Other than cash at bank, which attracts interest at normal commercial rates, the Company had a subordinated loan payable amounting to Eur125.000 from a related company bearing interest at 3.5% p.a.

The Company's management monitors the interest rate fluctuations on a continuous basis and acts accordingly.

### 2.3. Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk when the maturity of assets and liabilities does not match. An unmatched position potentially enhances profitability, but can also increase the risk of losses. The Company has policies and procedures with the object of minimizing such losses.

### 3. Other Risks

#### 3.1. Operational Risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss arising from fraud, unauthorized activities, error, omission, inefficiency, systems failure or external events. It is inherent in every business organization and covers a wide range of issues.

The Company manages operational risk through a control-based environment in which processes are documented and transactions are reconciled and monitored. This is supported by a program of audits undertaken by the Internal Auditors of the company and by continuous monitoring of operational risk incidents to ensure that past failures are not repeated.

The Company calculates its operational risk using the basic indicator approach and takes the average over three years of the sum of its net income. The Company takes the projections for its three years of operations.

The table below shows the Company's exposure to Operational Risk:

	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Average</b>
	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
Total Net Income from Activities	405	466	535	<b>469</b>

Under the Basic Indicator Approach, the capital requirement for operational risk is equal to 15% of the above relevant indicator, resulting in an operational risk of Euro70.000

#### 3.2. Concentration Risk

This includes large individual exposures and significant exposures to companies whose likelihood of default is driven by common underlying factors such as the economy, geographical location, instrument type etc.

Some concentration of credit risk with respect to trade receivables exists due to the Company's small number of clients. The Company's experience in the collection of trade receivables has never caused debts which are past due and have to be impaired. Due to these factors, management believes that no additional credit risk beyond any amounts provided for collection losses is inherent in the Company's trade receivables.

The Company has a policy in place to monitor debts overdue by preparing debtors ageing reports. Fees receivable which are past due the payment period are chased for collection.

#### 3.3. Reputation Risk

Reputation risk is the current or prospective risk to earnings and capital arising from an adverse perception of the image of the Company on the part of customers, counterparties, shareholders, investors or regulators. Reputation risk could be triggered by poor performance, the loss of one

or more of the Company's key directors, the loss of large clients, poor customer service, fraud or theft, customer claims and legal action, regulatory fines.

The Company has transparent policies and procedures in place when dealing with possible customer complaints in order to provide the best possible assistance and service under such circumstances. The possibility of having to deal with customer claims is very low as the Company provides high quality services to clients. In addition, the Company's Board of Directors is made up of high caliber professionals who are recognized in the industry for their integrity and ethos; this adds value to the Company.

#### *3.4. Strategic Risk*

This could occur as a result of adverse business decisions, improper implementation of decisions or lack of responsiveness to changes in the business environment. The Company's exposure to strategic risk is moderate as policies and procedures to minimize this type of risk are implemented in the overall strategy of the Company.

#### *3.5. Business Risk*

This includes the current or prospective risk to earnings and capital arising from changes in the business environment including the effects of deterioration in economic conditions. Research on economic and market forecasts are conducted with a view to minimize the Company's exposure to business risk. These are analyzed and taken into consideration when implementing the Company's strategy.

#### *3.6. Capital Risk Management*

This is the risk that the Company will not comply with capital adequacy requirements. The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders. The Company has a regulatory obligation to monitor and implement policies and procedures for capital risk management. Specifically, the Company is required to test its capital against regulatory requirements and has to maintain a minimum level of capital. This ultimately ensures the going concern of the Company. Such procedures are explained in the Procedures Manual of the Company.

The Company is further required to report on its capital adequacy quarterly and has to maintain at all times a minimum capital adequacy ratio which is set at 8%. The capital adequacy ratio expresses the capital base of the Company as a proportion of the total risk weighted assets. Management monitors such reporting and has policies and procedures in place to help meet the specific regulatory requirements. This is achieved through the preparation on a monthly basis of management accounts to monitor the financial and capital position of the Company.

### *3.7. Regulatory Risk*

Regulatory risk is the risk the Company faces by not complying with relevant Laws and Directives issued by its supervisory body. If materialized, regulatory risk could trigger the effects of reputation and strategic risk. The Company has documented procedures and policies based on the requirements of relevant Laws and Directives issued by the Commission; these can be found in the Procedures Manual. Compliance with these procedures and policies are further assessed and reviewed by the Company's Internal Auditors and suggestions for improvement are implemented by management. The Internal Auditors evaluate and test the effectiveness of the Company's control framework at least annually. Therefore the risk of non-compliance is very low.

### *3.8. Legal and Compliance Risk*

This could arise as a result of breaches or non-compliance with legislation, regulations, agreements or ethical standards and have an effect on earnings and capital. The probability of such risks occurring is relatively low due to the detailed internal procedures and policies implemented by the Company and regular reviews by the Internal Auditors. The structure of the Company is such to promote clear coordination of duties and the management consists of individuals of suitable professional experience, ethos and integrity, who have accepted responsibility for setting and achieving the Company's strategic targets and goals. In addition, the board meets at least annually to discuss such issues and any suggestions to enhance compliance are implemented by management.

### *3.9. IT Risk*

IT risk could occur as a result of inadequate information technology and processing, or arise from an inadequate IT strategy and policy or inadequate use of the Company's information technology. Specifically, policies have been implemented regarding back-up procedures, software maintenance, hardware maintenance, use of the internet and anti-virus procedures. Materialization of this risk has been minimized to the lowest possible level.

## **4. Capital Management**

The adequacy of the Company's capital is monitored by reference to the rules established by the Basel Committee as adopted by the CySEC. In December 2007 the CySEC issued the Directive DI144-2007-05, as later amended, for the calculation of the capital requirements of Investment Firms adopting the relevant European Union directive. Basel II consists of three pillars: (I) minimum capital requirements, (II) supervisory review process and (III) market discipline.

### *4.1. Pillar I – Minimum Capital Requirements*

The Company adopted the Standardised approach for Credit and Market risk and the Basic Indicator approach for Operational risk.

According to the Standardised approach for credit risk, in calculating the minimum capital requirement, risk weights are assigned to exposures, after the consideration of various mitigating factors, according to the exposure class to which they belong. For exposures with institutions, the risk weight also depends on the term and maturity period of the exposure. The categories of exposures the Company is exposed to with regards to credit risk, are deposits with banks, fixed assets and other current assets.

The Standardised measurement method for the capital requirement for market risk adds together the long and short positions of foreign exchange risk according to predefined models to determine the capital requirement. As at year end the company did not have any positions in foreign currency.

For operational risk, the Basic Indicator approach calculates the average, on a three year basis, of net income to be used in the risk weighted assets calculation.

#### *4.2. Pillar II – The Supervisory Review Process (SRP)*

The Supervisory Review Process provides rules to ensure that adequate capital is in place to support any risk exposures of the Company in addition to requiring appropriate risk management, reporting and governance structures. Pillar II covers any risk not fully addressed in Pillar I, such as concentration risk, reputation risk, business and strategic risk and any external factors affecting the Company.

Pillar II connects the regulatory capital requirements to the Company's internal capital adequacy assessment procedures (ICAAP) and to the reliability of its internal control structures. The function of Pillar II is to provide communication between supervisors and investment firms on a continuous basis and to evaluate how well the investment firms are assessing their capital needs relative to their risks. If a deficiency arises, prompt and decisive action is taken to restore the appropriate relationship of capital to risk.

#### *4.3. Pillar III – Market discipline*

Market Discipline requires the disclosure of information regarding the risk management policies of the Company, as well as the results of the calculations of minimum capital requirements, together with concise information as to the composition of original own funds. In addition the results and conclusions of ICAAP are disclosed as applicable.

According to the CySEC Directive, the risk management disclosures should be included in either the financial statements of the investment firms if these are published, or on their websites. In addition, these disclosures must be verified by the external auditors of the investment firm. The investment firm will be responsible to submit its external auditors' verification report to CySEC. The Company has included its risk management disclosures as per the Directive on its website as it does not publish its financial statements. Verification of these disclosures has been made by the external auditors and sent to CySEC.

#### 4.4. Capital adequacy ratio

The primary objective of the Company's capital management is to ensure that the Company complies with externally imposed capital requirements and that the Company maintains healthy capital ratios in order to support its business and to maximise shareholders' value.

The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of its activities.

The CySEC requires each investment firm to maintain a minimum ratio of capital to risk weighted assets of 8%. The CySEC may impose additional capital requirements for risks not covered by Pillar I.

In December 2013 the Company's performance with respect to all externally imposed capital requirements was as shown in the table below:

	<b>2013</b>
	<b>€000</b>
<i>Eligible Own Funds</i>	
Original Own Funds (Tier 1 Capital)	256
Subordinated loan (Tier 2 Capital)	125
Total Eligible Funds	<b>381</b>
<i>Capital Requirements/Risk Weighted Assets</i>	
Credit risk	15
Operational Risk	70
Total Risks	<b>85</b>
Minimum Capital Adequacy Ratio	<b>8%</b>
<b><i>Capital Adequacy Ratio</i></b>	<b>35,89%</b>

Own Funds mean the capital base as defined in the existing capital base directive. The capital base of CIFs is made up of Tier 1 original own funds, Tier 2 additional own funds, less deductions from capital. Tier 1 capital consists mainly of paid up share capital, reserves brought forward, less any proposed dividends, translation differences and unaudited current period losses, as applicable.