

FORM 8.3

PUBLIC OPENING POSITION DISCLOSURE/DEALING DISCLOSURE BY
 A PERSON WITH INTERESTS IN RELEVANT SECURITIES REPRESENTING 1% OR
 MORE

Rule 8.3 of the Takeover Code (the "Code")

1. KEY INFORMATION

(a)	Full name of discloser:	Barclays PLC.
(b)	Owner or controller of interest and short positions disclosed, if different from 1(a):	
(c)	Name of offeror/offeree in relation to whose relevant securities this form relates:	ASCENTIAL PLC
(d)	If an exempt fund manager connected with an offeror/offeree, state this and specify identity of offeror/offeree:	
(e)	Date position held/dealing undertaken:	22 Aug 2024
(f)	In addition to the company in 1(c) above, is the discloser making disclosures in respect of any other party to the offer?	NO

2. POSITIONS OF THE PERSON MAKING THE DISCLOSURE

Interests and short positions in the relevant securities of the offeror or offeree

(a) to which the disclosure relates following the dealing(if any)

Class of relevant security:	1.7p ordinary			
	Interests		Short Positions	
	Number	(%)	Number	(%)
(1) Relevant securities owned and/or controlled:	4,409,135	2.16%	364,501	0.18%
(2) Cash-settled derivatives:	226,343	0.11%	4,008,365	1.96%
(3) Stock-settled derivatives (including options) and agreements to purchase/sell:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
TOTAL:	4,635,478	2.27%	4,372,866	2.14%

Rights to subscribe for new securities (including directors and

(b) other executive options)

Class of relevant security in relation to which subscription right exists	
Details, including nature of the rights concerned and relevant percentages:	

3. DEALINGS (IF ANY) BY THE PERSON MAKING THE DISCLOSURE

(a) Purchase and sales

Class of relevant security	Purchase/sale	Number of securities	Price per unit
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	63,020	5.7335 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	28,238	5.7281 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	23,052	5.7347 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	19,287	5.7350 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	14,819	5.7332 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	13,792	5.7219 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	11,107	5.7230 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	7,028	5.7227 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	2,520	5.7229 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	2,022	5.7280 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	1,850	5.7275 GBP

1.7p ordinary	Purchase	1,146	5.7200 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	1,019	5.7273 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	867	5.7237 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	809	5.7287 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	600	5.7250 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	409	5.7300 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	288	5.7150 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	41,889	5.7345 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	27,366	5.7350 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	14,394	5.7187 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	5,333	5.7268 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	4,848	5.7238 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	2,520	5.7229 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	2,102	5.7249 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	1,188	5.7186 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	1,100	5.7259 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	896	5.7175 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	570	5.7300 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	288	5.7150 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	288	5.7151 GBP

(b) Cash-settled derivative transactions

Class of relevant security	Product description	Nature of dealing	Number of reference securities	Price per unit
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	6,611	5.7278 GBP
1.7p ordinary	CFD	Increasing Short	2,797	5.7291 GBP
1.7p ordinary	CFD	Increasing Short	3,962	5.7294 GBP
1.7p ordinary	CFD	Increasing Short	19,287	5.7350 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Long	188	5.7235 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Long	1,100	5.7260 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	14,394	5.7187 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	3,086	5.7189 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	570	5.7300 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	90	5.7350 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	867	5.7237 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	14,819	5.7332 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	16,037	5.7350 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	11,107	5.7230 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Long	425	5.7272 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	1,672	5.7229 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	2,102	5.7249 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	19,931	5.7329 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	806	5.7250 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	50,938	5.7254 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	17,414	5.7350 GBP

Stock-settled derivative transactions

(c)

(including options)

(i)

Writing, selling, purchasing or varying

Class of relevant security	Product description	Writing, purchasing, selling, varying etc	Number of securities to which option relates	Exercise price per unit	Type	Expiry date	Option money paid/ received per unit

(ii)

Exercising

Class of relevant security	Product description	Exercising/ exercised against	Number of securities	Exercise price per unit

Other dealings (including subscribing for

(d)

new securities)

Class of relevant security	Nature of Dealings	Details	Price per unit (if applicable)

4. OTHER INFORMATION

(a) Indemnity and other dealings arrangements

Details of any indemnity or option arrangement, or any agreement or understanding, formal or informal, relating to relevant securities which may be an inducement to deal or refrain from dealing entered into by the person making the disclosure and any party to the offer or any person acting in concert with a party to the offer:
NONE

Agreements, arrangements or understandings relating to options or

(b)

derivatives

Details of any agreement, arrangement or understanding, formal or informal, between the person making the disclosure and any other person relating to: (i) the voting rights of any relevant securities under any option; or (ii) the voting rights of future acquisition or disposal of any relevant securities to which any derivative is referenced:
NONE

(c) Attachments

Is a Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions) attached?	NO
Date of disclosure:	23 Aug 2024
Contact name:	Large Holdings Regulatory Operations
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