

**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:	27 Sep 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**

(a) Interests and short positions in the relevant securities of the offeror or offeree 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:	8,574,496	4.19%	704,230	0.34%
(2) Cash-settled derivatives and/or controlled:	702,801	0.34%	8,218,077	4.01%
(3) Stock-settled derivatives (including options) and agreements to purchase/sell:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>9,277,297</b>	<b>4.53%</b>	<b>8,922,307</b>	<b>4.36%</b>

(b) Rights to subscribe for new securities (including directors and 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 EXEMPT PRINCIPAL TRADER**

(a) Purchases and sales

Class of relevant security	Purchase/sale	Number of securities	Price per unit
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	317,863	5.6541 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	65,491	5.6550 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	17,308	5.6547 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	10,473	5.6544 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	2,279	5.6525 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	1,072	5.6535 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	990	5.6500 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	488	5.6567 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Purchase	28	5.6600 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	397,460	5.6550 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	22,185	5.6500 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	11,577	5.6548 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	5,156	5.6538 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	1,307	5.6549 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	1,021	5.6547 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	811	5.6525 GBP
1.7p ordinary	Sale	150	5.6555 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	21,226	5.6500 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	1,692	5.6515 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	2,360	5.6547 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	11,577	5.6548 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	4,435	5.6549 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	314,960	5.6550 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Decreasing Short	28	5.6649 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	317,863	5.6541 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	59,417	5.6550 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	247	5.6572 GBP
1.7p ordinary	SWAP	Increasing Short	49	5.6603 GBP
1.7p ordinary	CFD	Decreasing Short	47,009	5.6550 GBP
1.7p ordinary	CFD	Increasing Short	234	5.6504 GBP
1.7p ordinary	CFD	Increasing Short	447	5.6505 GBP

(c) Stock-settled derivative transactions (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

(d) Other dealings (including subscribing for 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 exempt principal trader making the disclosure and any party to the offer or any person acting in concert with a party to the offer:
NONE

(b) Agreements, arrangements or understandings relating to options or 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:	30 Sep 2024
Contact name:	Large Holdings Regulatory Operations
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