RNS Number: 7107X WH Smith PLC 02 September 2025

## TR-1: Standard form for notification of major holdings

#### 1. Issuer Details

#### **ISIN**

GB00B2PDGW16

## **Issuer Name**

WH SMITH PLC

#### **UK or Non-UK Issuer**

UK

#### 2. Reason for Notification

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights

## 3. Details of person subject to the notification obligation

#### Name

Morgan Stanley

#### City of registered office (if applicable)

Country of registered office (if applicable)

US

Name	City of registered office	Country of registered office
Morgan Stanley	Wilmington, Delaware	USA

## 4. Details of the shareholder

Name	City of registered office	Country of registered office
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	London	UNITED KINGDOM

#### 5. Date on which the threshold was crossed or reached

29-Aug-2025

# 6. Date on which Issuer notified

02-Sep-2025

## 7. Total positions of person(s) subject to the notification obligation

	% of voting rights attached to shares (total of 8.A)	% of voting rights through financial instruments (total of 8.B 1 + 8.B 2)	Total of both in % (8.A + 8.B)	Total number of voting rights held in issuer
Resulting situation on the date on which threshold was crossed or reached	5.639944	0.176196	5.816140	7354692
Position of previous notification (if applicable)	6.136780	0.234387	6.371167	

8. Notified details of the resulting situation on the date on which the threshold was crossed or reached

# 8A. Voting rights attached to shares

	Number of direct voting rights (DTR5.1)	Number of indirect voting rights (DTR5.2.1)		% of indirect voting rights (DTR5.2.1)
GB00B2PDGW16		7131886		5.639944
Sub Total 8.A	7131886		5.639944	%

#### 8B1. Financial Instruments according to (DTR5.3.1R.(1) (a))

Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise/conversion period	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/converted	% of voting rights
Sub Total 8.B1				

## 8B2. Financial Instruments with similar economic effect according to (DTR5.3.1R.(1) (b))

Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise/conversion period	Physical or cash settlement	voting	% of voting rights
Equity Swap	14/10/2025	at any time	Cash	182262	0.144134
Equity Swap	08/07/2026	at any time	Cash	40544	0.032062
Sub Total 8.B2				222806	0.176196%

## 9. Information in relation to the person subject to the notification obligation

2. Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entities (please add additional rows as necessary)

Ultimate controlling person	Name of controlled undertaking	% of voting rights if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold	% of voting rights through financial instruments if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold	Total of both if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold
Morgan Stanley (Chain 1)				
Morgan Stanley (Chain 1)	Morgan Stanley International Holdings Inc.			
Morgan Stanley (Chain 1)	Morgan Stanley International Limited			
Morgan Stanley (Chain 1)	Morgan Stanley Investments (UK)			
Morgan Stanley (Chain 1)	Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	5.639944		5.816140%

# 10. In case of proxy voting

Na	nme of the proxy holder
Th	e number and % of voting rights held
Th	e date until which the voting rights will be held
11.	Additional Information
12.	Date of Completion
02	2-Sep-2025
13.	Place Of Completion
	Times of completion
M	umbai

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