

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

Full name of shareholder(s) if different from the person(s) subject to the notification obligation, above

City of registered office (if applicable)

Country of registered office (if applicable)

5. Date on which the threshold was crossed or reached

25-Sep-2025

6. Date on which Issuer notified

29-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	0.927072	4.240398	5.167470	6534429

Position of previous notification (if applicable)	0.997948	4.250964	5.248912	
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## 8. Notified details of the resulting situation on the date on which the threshold was crossed or reached

### 8A Voting rights attached to shares

Class/Type of shares ISIN code(if possible)	Number of direct voting rights (DTR5.1)	Number of indirect voting rights (DTR5.2.1)	% of direct voting rights (DTR5.1)	% of indirect voting rights (DTR5.2.1)
GB00B2PDGW16		1172312		0.927072
Sub Total 8.A	1172312		0.927072%	

### 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 v oting rights
Right of recall over securities lending agreements	at any time	at any time	122300	0.096716
Sub Total 8.B1			122300	0.096716%

### 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	Number of voting rights	% of voting rights
Equity Swap	14/10/2025	at any time	Cash	182262	0.144134
Equity Swap	26/06/2026	at any time	Cash	1373147	1.085894
Equity Swap	08/07/2026	at any time	Cash	28665	0.022668
Equity Swap	15/07/2026	at any time	Cash	3655743	2.890986
Sub Total 8.B2				5239817	4.143682%

## 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 v oting 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 Capital Management, LLC			
Morgan Stanley (Chain 1)	Morgan Stanley Domestic Holdings, LLC			
Morgan Stanley (Chain 1)	Morgan Stanley Capital Services LLC			

Morgan Stanley (Chain 2)				
Morgan Stanley (Chain 2)	Morgan Stanley Capital Management, LLC			
Morgan Stanley (Chain 2)	Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC			
Morgan Stanley (Chain 3)				
Morgan Stanley (Chain 3)	Morgan Stanley International Holdings Inc.			
Morgan Stanley (Chain 3)	Morgan Stanley International Limited			
Morgan Stanley (Chain 3)	Morgan Stanley Investments (UK)			
Morgan Stanley (Chain 3)	Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc		3.059608	3.986680%

#### 10. In case of proxy voting

**Name of the proxy holder**

**The number and % of voting rights held**

**The date until which the voting rights will be held**

#### 11. Additional Information

#### 12. Date of Completion

29-Sep-2025

#### 13. Place Of Completion

Glasgow

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