

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

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

08-Oct-2025

6. Date on which Issuer notified

10-Oct-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	1.024016	4.145501	5.169517	6537017

Position of previous notification (if applicable)	0.927072	4.240398	5.167470	
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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		1294900		1.024016
Sub Total 8.A	1294900		1.024016%	

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
Right of recall over securities lending agreements	at any time	at any time	2300	0.001819
Sub Total 8.B1			2300	0.001819%

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	08/07/2026	at any time	Cash	28665	0.022668
Equity Swap	15/07/2026	at any time	Cash	3655743	2.890986
Equity Swap	29/12/2026	at any time	Cash	1373147	1.085894
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 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 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	4.044648%

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

Of the total voting rights attached to shares in Section 8A, 49,285 (0.038975%) of these are the result of securities lending and borrowing arrangements

12. Date of Completion

10-Oct-2025

13. Place Of Completion

Mumbai

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