

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

M&G Plc

City of registered office (if applicable)

London

Country of registered office (if applicable)

United Kingdom

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

15-Oct-2025

6. Date on which Issuer notified

16-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	4.984870	0.000000	4.984870	6303525
Position of previous notification (if applicable)	5.022800	0.000000	5.022800	

**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		6303525		4.984870
Sub Total 8.A	6303525		4.984870%	

**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	Number of voting rights	% of voting rights
Sub Total 8.B2					

**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
M&G Plc	M&G Plc (Parent company)			
M&G Plc	M&G Group Regulated Entity Holding Company Limited (wholly owned subsidiary of M&G Plc)			
M&G Plc	M&G Group Limited (wholly owned subsidiary of M&G Group Regulated Entity Holding Company Limited)			
M&G Plc	M&G FA Limited (wholly owned subsidiary of M&G Group Limited)			
M&G Plc	M&G Investment Management Limited (wholly owned subsidiary of M&G FA Limited)			

**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

The date until which the voting rights will be held

#### 11. Additional Information

We no longer hold a notifiable position.

#### 12. Date of Completion

16-Oct-2025

#### 13. Place Of Completion

London, United Kingdom

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