RNS Number : 9215I
Whitbread PLC
26 March 2018

TR-1: Standard form for notification of major holdings

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR HOLDINGS (to be sent to the relevant issuer and to the FCA in Microsoft Word format if possible)[i]

1a. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached[ii]:	Whitbread PLC	
1b. Please indicate if the issuer is a non-UK issuer (please mark with an "X" if appropriate)		
Non-UK issuer		
2. Reason for the notification (please mark the appropriate box or boxes with an "X")		
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights		X
An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments		
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights		
Other (please specify)[iii]:		
3. Details of person subject to the notification obligation[iv]		
Name	BlackRock, Inc.	
City and country of registered office (if applicable)	Wilmington, DE, USA	
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.)[v]		
Name		
City and country of registered office (if applicable)		
5. Date on which the threshold was crossed or reached[vi]:	22/03/2018	
6. Date on which issuer notified (DD/MM/YYYY):	23/03/2018	

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 of issuer[vii]
Resulting situation on the date on which threshold was crossed or reached	4.98%	0.51%	5.50%	183,542,857
Position of previous notification (if applicable)	5.00%	0.35%	5.35%	

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

A: Voting rights attached to shares

Class/type of shares ISIN code (if possible)	**Number of voting rights[ix]**		**% of voting rights**	
	Direct (Art 9 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.1)	**Indirect** (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.2.1)	**Direct** (Art 9 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.1)	**Indirect** (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.2.1)
GB00B1KJJ408		9,153,166		4.98%
SUBTOTAL 8. A	9,153,166		4.98%	

B 1: Financial Instruments according to Art. 13(1)(a) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (a))				
Type of financial instrument	**Expiration date**[x]	**Exercise/ Conversion Period**[xi]	**Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/converted.**	**% of voting rights**
Securities Lending			937,247	0.51%
		SUBTOTAL 8. B 1	937,247	0.51%

B 2: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect according to Art. 13(1)(b) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (b))					
Type of financial instrument	**Expiration date**[x]	**Exercise/ Conversion Period** [xi]	**Physical or cash settlement**[xii]	**Number of voting rights**	**% of voting rights**
CFD			Cash	8,591	0.00%
			SUBTOTAL 8.B.2	8,591	0.00%

9. Information in relation to the person subject to the notification obligation (please mark the applicable box with an "X")	
Person subject to the notification obligation is not controlled by any natural person or legal entity and does not control any other undertaking(s) holding directly or indirectly an interest in the (underlying) issuer[xiii]	
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 entity[xiv] (please add additional rows as necessary)	X

Name[xv]	**% 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**
See Attachment			

10. In case of proxy voting, please identify:	
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[xvi]
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Place of completion	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
Date of completion	23 March, 2018

Section 9 Attachment

Name[xv]	**% 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**

BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC			
BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC			
BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.			
BlackRock Fund Advisors			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC			
BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC			
BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.			
BlackRock Fund Advisors			
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.			
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited			
BlackRock, Inc.			
Trident Merger, LLC			
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock Group Limited			
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.			
BlackRock HK Holdco Limited			
BlackRock Lux Finco S.a.r.l.			
BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited			
BlackRock Japan Holdings GK			

BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC			
BlackRock Canada Holdings LP			
BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC			
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock Group Limited			
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock Group Limited			
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited			
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.			
BlackRock Advisors, LLC			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock Group Limited			
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.			
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited			
BlackRock, Inc.			

BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock Group Limited			
BlackRock International Limited			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.			
BlackRock HK Holdco Limited			
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited			

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