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Whitbread PLC
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TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES[i]

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1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached: [ii]	Whitbread PLC

2 Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights	S
An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached	¨
An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments	¨
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights	¨
Other (please specify):	¨

3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation: [iii]	BlackRock, Inc.
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):[iv]	
5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached: [v]	18 February, 2016
6. Date on which issuer notified:	19 February, 2016
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: [vi, vii]	Voting rights attached to shares holding for BlackRock, Inc. has gone above 5%

8. Notified details:

A: Voting rights attached to shares [viii, ix]

Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE	**Situation previous to the triggering transaction**		**Resulting situation after the triggering transaction**				
	Number of Shares	**Number of Voting Rights**	**Number of shares**	**Number of voting rights**		**% of voting rights** [x]	
			Direct	**Direct** [xi]	**Indirect** [xii]	**Direct**	**Indirect**
GB00B1KJJ408	9,085,553	9,085,553	N/A	N/A	9,234,525	N/A	5.06%

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financial instrument	**Expiration date** [xiii]	**Exercise/ Conversion Period** [xiv]	**Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.**	**% of voting rights**
Securities Lending			226,175	0.12%

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments [xv, xvi]						
Resulting situation after the triggering transaction						
Type of financial instrument	**Exercise price**	**Expiration date** [xvii]	**Exercise/ Conversion period** [xviii]	**Number of voting rights instrument refers to**	**% of voting rights** [xix, xx]	
					Nominal	**Delta**
CFD				5,686	0.00%	0.00%

Total (A+B+C)	
Number of voting rights	**Percentage of voting rights**
9,466,386	5.18%

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: [xxi]
See Annex

Proxy Voting:	
10. Name of the proxy holder:	
11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:	
12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:	

13. Additional information:	BlackRock Regulatory Threshold Reporting Team
14. Contact name:	Timothy Dudley
15. Contact telephone number:	020 7743 3650

Name	**% 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 Institutional Trust Company, National Association			

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 (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.			
BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC			
BlackRock HK Holdco Limited			
BlackRock Cayco Limited			
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 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 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 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 International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock Group Limited			
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited			
BlackRock, Inc.			
Trident Merger, LLC			
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
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 Capital Holdings, Inc.			
BlackRock Advisors, LLC			
BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.			
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.			
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 Group Limited			
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited			
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG			
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 Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC			
BlackRock HK Holdco Limited			
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited			

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