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Whitbread PLC
12 March 2014

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For filings with issuer exclude the annex

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

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	X
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]	The Capital Group Companies, Inc.
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):[iv]	See Schedule A
5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached: [v]	10 March 2014
6. Date on which issuer notified:	11 March 2014
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: [vi, vii]	Below 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**
Ordinary Shares (ISIN: GB00B1KJJ408)	9,094,912	9,094,912			9,000,289		4.9602%

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**

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**

Total (A+B+C)	
Number of voting rights	**Percentage of voting rights**
9,000,289	4.9602%

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

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:	
14. Contact name:	
15. Contact telephone number:	

Note: Annex should only be submitted to the FCA not the issuer

Annex: Notification of major interests in share

A: Identity of the persons or legal entity subject to the notification obligation	
Full name (including legal form of legal entities)	The Capital Group Companies, Inc.
Contact address (registered office for legal entities)	333 South Hope Street, 55th Floor Los Angeles, California 90071
Phone number & email	(213) 615-0469 & GRGroup@capgroup.com
Other useful information (at least legal representative for legal persons)	

B: Identity of the notifier, if applicable	
Full name	Christopher Aquino
Contact address	333 South Hope Street, 55th Floor Los Angeles, California 90071

Phone number & email	(213) 615-0469 & GRGroup@capgroup.com
Other useful information (e.g. functional relationship with the person or legal entity subject to the notification obligation)	Fax: (213) 615-4056

C: Additional information

For notes on how to complete form TR-1 please see the FCA website.

Schedule A

As of 10 March 2014

Whitbread PLC

	Number of Shares	**Percent of Outstanding**
The Capital Group Companies, Inc ("CG") Holdings	**9,000,289**	**4.960%**
Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:		
· Capital Guardian Trust Company	1,379,272	0.760%
· Capital International Limited	86,400	0.048%
· Capital International Sàrl	139,800	0.077%
· Capital International, Inc	99,698	0.055%
· Capital Research and Management Company	7,295,119	4.020%

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