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Whitbread PLC
31 December 2013

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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 | 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] | 27 December 2013 |
| **6. Date on which issuer notified:** | 30 December 2013 |
| **7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:** [vi, vii] | Below 6% |

**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 GB00B1KJJ408 | 10,851,227 | 10,851,227 | | | 10,803,527 | | 5.9764% |

**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** |
| 10,803,527 | 5.9764% |

| **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:** | |

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| **13. Additional information:** | |
| **14. Contact name:** | |
| **15. Contact telephone number:** | |

Schedule A

As of 27 December 2013

## Whitbread PLC

| | Number of Shares | Percent of Outstanding |
|---|---|---|
| **The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG") holdings** | **10,803,527** | **5.976%** |
| **Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:** | | |
| • Capital Guardian Trust Company | 3,698,330 | 2.046% |
| • Capital International Limited | 160,200 | 0.089% |
| • Capital International SÁrl | 307,100 | 0.170% |
| • Capital International, Inc. | 182,200 | 0.101% |
| • Capital Research and Management Company | 6,455,697 | 3.571% |

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