

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:	CVS Group 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				
Name	Aggregate of Standard Life Aberdeen plc affiliated investment management entities with delegated voting rights on behalf of multiple managed portfolios			
City and country of registered office (if applicable)	Edinburgh, Scotland			
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} :	17/12/2018			
6. Date on which issuer notified (DD/MM/YYYY):	18/12/2018			
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	9.94	0.00	9.94	70,538,506
Position of previous notification (if applicable)	10.48	0.00	10.48	

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)
GB00B2863827	N/A	7,009,934	N/A	9.94
SUBTOTAL 8. A	7,009,934		9.94	

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
SUBTOTAL 8. B 1				

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
SUBTOTAL 8.B.2					

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
Standard Life Aberdeen plc			
Standard Life Investments (Holdings) Limited			
Standard Life Investments Limited	9.93	0.00	9.93
Standard Life Aberdeen plc			
Standard Life Investments (Holdings) Limited			
Ignis Asset Management Limited			
Ignis Investment Services Limited			

10. In case of proxy voting, please identify:	
Name of the proxy holder	N/A
The number and % of voting rights held	N/A
The date until which the voting rights will be held	N/A

11. Additional information^{xvi}
<p>In reference to section 9, the shares detailed are managed by the named discretionary investment management entity within multiple portfolios on behalf of underlying clients, based on investment management agreements whereby the client has delegated the exercise of the voting power to the referenced investment manager.</p> <p>This disclosure also reflects the fact that the voting rights effectively held indirectly by the underlying intermediate holding company Standard Life Investments (Holdings) Limited ("SLIHL") and held by the underlying investment management entity Standard Life Investments Limited ("SLIL") decreased below a notifiable threshold due to trading on 17 December 2018. SLIHL now effectively holds 9.94% and SLIL holds the delegated voting rights to 9.93% in CVS Group plc. Prior to this crossing, SLIHL effectively held 10.08% and SLIL held 10.07% of the delegated voting rights.</p>

Place of completion	Edinburgh, United Kingdom
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Date of completion	18/12/2018
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