

# PRESS RELEASE

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## Ageas and BlackRock: Transparency notification

In accordance with the rules on financial transparency\*, BlackRock has notified Ageas on 8 November 2019 that, on 6 November 2019, its interest has exceeded the legal threshold of 5% of the shares issued by Ageas. Its current total shareholding stands at 5.08%.

### Reason for the notification

Acquisition or disposal of voting securities or voting rights

### Notification by

A parent undertaking or a controlling person

### Persons subject to the notification requirement

See annex 1a

### Date on which the threshold is crossed

6 November 2019

### Threshold that is crossed (in %)

5% shares

### Denominator

198,374,327

### Notified details

See annex 1b

### Chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively held, if applicable

The full chain of command can be found on <https://www.ageas.com/investors/shareholders>

### Additional information

The disclosure obligation arose due to voting rights attached to shares for BlackRock, Inc. going above 5%.

\* article 14, paragraph 1 of the law of 2 May 2007 on disclosure of major holdings us provisions.

## REGULATED INFORMATION

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## ANNEX 1a

Name	Address (for legal entities)
BlackRock, Inc.	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	Rembrandt Tower, 17th floor, Amstelplein, Amsterdam, Netherlands
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	20 Anson Road #18-01, Singapore, 79912, Singapore
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	100 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, DE, 19809, U.S.A.
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	161 Bay Street, Suite 2500, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2S1, Canada
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	Lenbachplatz 1 1st Floor, Munich, 80333-MN3, Germany
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	15/F, 16/F, 17/F Citibank Tower & 17/F ICBC Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock Fund Advisors	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105, U.S.A.
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105, U.S.A.
BlackRock International Limited	Exchange Place One, 1 Sempole Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8BL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	Level 26, 101 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000, Australia
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	1 University Square Drive, Princeton, NJ, 8540, U.S.A.
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	1-8-3 Marunouchi Chiyoda-ku, Trust Tower Main, Tokyo, 100-8217, Japan

## ANNEX 1b

A) Voting rights	Previous notification		After the transaction		
	# of voting rights	# of voting rights		% of voting rights	
		Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities	Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities
BlackRock, Inc.	0	0		0.00%	
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	27,284	27,284		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	8,563	8,563		0.00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1,358,525	1,472,279		0.74%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	111,307	112,217		0.06%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	146,156	146,385		0.07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	302,570	309,962		0.16%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	23,168	49,200		0.02%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	36,300	45,286		0.02%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3,114,861	3,120,231		1.57%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	2,885,458	2,858,250		1.44%	
BlackRock International Limited	4,136	4,136		0.00%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	72,562	72,562		0.04%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	330,894	410,994		0.21%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	259,793	354,571		0.18%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	366,987	404,431		0.20%	
Subtotal	9,048,564	9,396,351		4.74%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9,396,351</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.74%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
	Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise period or date	# of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised	% of voting rights	Settlement
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			376,908	0.19%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			98,695	0.05%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract for Difference			3,627	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract for Difference			14,426	0.01%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract for Difference			10,771	0.01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract for Difference			1,038	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract for Difference			174,313	0.09%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Depository Receipt			76	0.00%	
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>679,854</b>	<b>0.34%</b>	

<b>TOTAL (A &amp; B)</b>		<b># of voting rights</b>	<b>% of voting rights</b>
	<b>CALCULATE</b>	<b>10,076,205</b>	<b>5.08%</b>

In accordance with the rules on financial transparency\*, BlackRock has notified Ageas on 6 November 2019 that, on 4 November 2019, its interest has fallen below the legal threshold of 5% of the shares issued by Ageas. Its current total shareholding stands at 4.93%.

**Reason for the notification**

Acquisition or disposal of voting securities or voting rights

**Notification by**

A parent undertaking or a controlling person

**Persons subject to the notification requirement**

See annex 1c

**Date on which the threshold is crossed**

4 November 2019

**Threshold that is crossed (in %)**

5% shares

**Denominator**

198,374,327

**Notified details**

See annex 1d

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**Additional information**

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## ANNEX 1d

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BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	27,284	27,284		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	8,563	8,563		0.00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1,550,408	1,358,525		0.68%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	110,253	111,307		0.06%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	146,721	146,156		0.07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	302,570	302,570		0.15%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	23,211	23,168		0.01%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	35,172	36,300		0.02%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3,106,113	3,114,861		1.57%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	2,886,943	2,885,458		1.45%	
BlackRock International Limited	3,890	4,136		0.00%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	72,562	72,562		0.04%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	476,584	330,894		0.17%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	279,461	259,793		0.13%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	178,575	366,987		0.18%	
Subtotal	9,208,310	9,048,564		4.56%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9,048,564</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.56%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

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BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			98,695	0.05%	physical
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BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract for Difference			14,426	0.01%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract for Difference			21,526	0.01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract for Difference			1,038	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract for Difference			180,533	0.09%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Depository Receipt			76	0.00%	
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>722,687</b>	<b>0.36%</b>	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
<b>CALCULATE</b>	<b>9,771,251</b>	<b>4.93%</b>

This [press release](#) and the notifications received by Ageas are available on the [website](#).

**Ageas** is a listed international insurance Group with a heritage spanning 190 years. It offers Retail and Business customers Life and Non-Life insurance products designed to suit their specific needs, today and tomorrow. As one of Europe's larger insurance companies, Ageas concentrates its activities in Europe and Asia, which together make up the major part of the global insurance market. It operates successful insurance businesses in Belgium, the UK, France, Portugal, Turkey, China, Malaysia, India, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Singapore, and the Philippines through a combination of wholly owned subsidiaries and long term partnerships with strong financial institutions and key distributors. Ageas ranks among the market leaders in the countries in which it operates. It represents a staff force of over 45,000 people and reported annual inflows of over EUR 34 billion in 2018 (all figures at 100%).