



# Regulatory Story

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**Company** Ashley (Laura) Hldgs PLC  
**TIDM** ALY  
**Headline** Holding(s) in Company  
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 Ashley (Laura) Hldgs PLC  
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<b>TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES</b>	
<b>1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached:</b>	Laura Ashley Holdings
<b>2 Reason for the notification</b> (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):	
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights	Yes
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):	
<b>3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:</b>	Ruffer LLP (for its discretionary clients)
<b>4. Full name of shareholder(s)</b> (if different from 3.):	

5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached:	02 August 2012
6. Date on which issuer notified:	06 August 2012
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:	1% to 5%

<b>8. Notified details:</b>							
<b>A: Voting rights attached to shares</b>							
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	
			Direct	Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect
GB0000533728	9,004,094	9,004,094	37,137,342	37,137,342	-	5%	-

<b>B: Qualifying Financial Instruments</b>				
<b>Resulting situation after the triggering transaction</b>				
Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise/ Conversion Period	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.	% of voting rights

<b>C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments</b>						
<b>Resulting situation after the triggering transaction</b>						
Type of financial instrument	Exercise price	Expiration date	Exercise/ Conversion period	Number of voting rights instrument refers to	% of voting rights	
					Nominal	Delta

<b>Total (A+B+C)</b>	
Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights

37,137,342	5%
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<b>9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable:</b>	
N/A	

<b>Proxy Voting:</b>	
<b>10. Name of the proxy holder:</b>	N/A
<b>11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:</b>	
<b>12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:</b>	

<b>13. Additional information:</b>	<p>Ruffer LLP now controls the voting rights over 37,137,342 shares (5% of the voting rights) of Laura Ashley Holdings which are held by Ruffer LLP's discretionary clients.</p> <p>This change from 1% to 5% is due to the purchase of 28,133,248 shares on 02 August 2012.</p>
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