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DGAP Voting Rights Announcement: VARTA AG

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### Notification of Major Holdings

#### 1. Details of issuer

Name:	VARTA AG
Street:	VARTA-Platz 1
Postal code:	73479
City:	Ellwangen Germany
Legal Entity Identifier (LEI):	529900E7KB95K0XBWP63

#### 2. Reason for notification

<input type="checkbox"/>	Acquisition/disposal of shares with voting rights
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acquisition/disposal of instruments
<input type="checkbox"/>	Change of breakdown of voting rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other reason: As at the date on which the threshold was crossed, VARTA AG shares in the basket or index represented <20% of the value of the securities in the basket or index

#### 3. Details of person subject to the notification obligation

Legal entity: Morgan Stanley
City of registered office, country: Wilmington, Delaware, United States of America (USA)

#### 4. Names of shareholder(s)

holding directly 3% or more voting rights, if different from 3.

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#### 5. Date on which threshold was crossed or reached:

29 Jul 2022
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#### 6. Total positions

	% of voting rights attached to shares (total of 7.a.)	% of voting rights through instruments (total of 7.b.1 + 7.b.2)	Total of both in % (7.a. + 7.b.)	Total number of voting rights pursuant to Sec. 41 WpHG
New	0.06 %	4.52 %	4.58 %	40421686
Previous notification	0 %	5.02 %	5.02 %	/

## 7. Details on total positions

### a. Voting rights attached to shares (Sec. 33, 34 WpHG)

ISIN	Absolute		In %	
	Direct (Sec. 33 WpHG)	Indirect (Sec. 34 WpHG)	Direct (Sec. 33 WpHG)	Indirect (Sec. 34 WpHG)
DE000A0TGJ55	0	23263	0 %	0.06 %
<b>Total</b>	23263		0.06 %	

### b.1. Instruments according to Sec. 38 (1) no. 1 WpHG

Type of instrument	Expiration or maturity date	Exercise or conversion period	Voting rights absolute	Voting rights in %
Call Option	15.12.2023	at any time	50000	0.12 %
Right of recall over securities lending agreements	at any time	at any time	429348	1.06 %
		<b>Total</b>	479348	1.19 %

### b.2. Instruments according to Sec. 38 (1) no. 2 WpHG

Type of instrument	Expiration or maturity date	Exercise or conversion period	Cash or physical settlement	Voting rights absolute	Voting rights in %
Retail Structured Product	01.07.2072	at any time	Cash	1121	0 %
Equity Swap	From 03.03.2023 to 26.11.2024	at any time	Cash	511538	1.27 %
Compound Option	04.11.2024	at any time	Cash	770	0 %
Put Option	From 16.12.2022 to 20.12.2024	at any time	Physical	833800	2.06 %
		<b>Total</b>		1347229	3.33 %

## 8. Information in relation to the person subject to the notification obligation

<input type="checkbox"/>	Person subject to the notification obligation is not controlled nor does it control any other undertaking(s) that directly or indirectly hold(s) an interest in the (underlying) issuer (1.).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Full chain of controlled undertakings starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entity:

Name	% of voting rights (if at least 3% or more)	% of voting rights through instruments (if at least 5% or more)	Total of both (if at least 5% or more)
Morgan Stanley	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley Capital Management, LLC	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley Domestic Holdings, Inc.	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley Capital Services LLC	%	%	%
-	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley Capital	%	%	%

Management, LLC			
Morgan Stanley Domestic Holdings, Inc.	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	%	%	%
-	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley International Holdings Inc.	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley International Limited	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley Investments (UK)	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc	%	%	%
-	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley Capital Management, LLC	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley Domestic Holdings, Inc.	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	%	%	%
Prime Dealer Services Corp.	%	%	%
-	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley International Holdings Inc.	%	%	%
Morgan Stanley B.V.	%	%	%

**9. In case of proxy voting according to Sec. 34 para. 3 WpHG**

(only in case of attribution of voting rights in accordance with Sec. 34 para. 1 sent. 1 No. 6 WpHG)

Date of general meeting:

Holding total positions after general meeting (6.) after annual general meeting:

Proportion of voting rights	Proportion of instruments	Total of both
%	%	%

**10. Other explanatory remarks:**

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Date

04 Aug 2022
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