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EQS 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):	529900E7KB95KOXBWP63

## 2. Reason for notification

	Acquisition/disposal of shares with voting rights
X	Acquisition/disposal of instruments
	Change of breakdown of voting rights
	Other reason:

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

Legal entity: The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. City of registered office, country: Wilmington, DE, United States of America (USA)
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## 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:

09 Oct 2023
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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	0.16 %	4.79 %	4.95 %	42641686
Previous notification	0.11 %	4.90 %	5.01 %	/

## 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	68675	0 %	0.16 %
<b>Total</b>		68675		0.16 %

**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 %
Right To Recall	Open		485696	1.14 %
Call Warrant	08.10.2027		251310	0.59 %
Swap	08.10.2027		307333	0.72 %
		<b>Total</b>	1044339	2.45 %

**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 %
Put Option	18.12.2026		Physical	40900	0.10 %
Swap	28.09.2033		Cash	914638	2.14 %
Call Warrant	31.12.2030		Cash	43932	0.10 %
		<b>Total</b>		999470	2.34 %

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

	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.).
X	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)
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	%	%	%
GSAM Holdings LLC	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P.	%	%	%
-	%	%	%
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	%	%	%
GSAM Holdings LLC	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs Asset Management Holdings LLC	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs Asset Management UK Holdings I Ltd	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs Asset Management UK Holdings II Ltd	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs Asset Management Holdings I B.V. / Goldman Sachs Asset Management Holdings II B.V.	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs Asset Management Holdings B.V.	%	%	%
-	%	%	%
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	%	%	%

Goldman Sachs Bank USA	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs Bank Europe SE	%	%	%
-	%	%	%
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	%	%	%
Goldman, Sachs & Co. Wertpapier GmbH	%	%	%
-	%	%	%
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC	%	%	%
-	%	%	%
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs (UK) L.L.C.	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs Group UK Limited	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs International	%	%	%

### 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

12 Oct 2023
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