

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: The notification is triggered due to the non-application of the Trading Book Exemption which is available under Sect. 36 Para. 1 WpHG to the holdings of Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc following the UK leaving the EU.

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)
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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:

01 Jan 2021

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	0.20 %	5.90 %	6.10 %	40421686
Previous notification	n/a %	n/a %	n/a %	/

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	81922	0.00 %	0.20 %
Total	81922		0.20 %	

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 %
Equity Call Option*	19.03.2021	at any time	25000	0.06 %
Right of recall over securities lending agreements	at any time	at any time	1670705	4.13 %
		Total	1695705	4.20 %

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	From 26.07.2069 to 02.12.2069	at any time	Cash	43	0 %
Equity Swap	From 23.03.2021 to 27.03.2029	at any time	Cash	690037	1.71 %
Equity Put Option*	19.03.2021	at any time	Physical	25000	0.06 %
			Total	690080	1.71 %

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)
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		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	%	%	%

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:

Regarding sections 7.b.1 & 7.b.2, the put and call options marked with * amounting to a combined percentage of 0.06% were not aggregated as they relate to a collar transaction under which, on a consolidated basis, Morgan Stanley can acquire 0.06% of the voting rights in VARTA AG (or receive an equivalent amount in cash) only once.

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