

# PRESS RELEASE

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## Ageas and BlackRock: Transparency notification

### REGULATED INFORMATION

In accordance with the rules on financial transparency\*, BlackRock has notified Ageas on 21 February 2019 that, on 19 February 2019, its interest has exceeded the legal threshold of 5% of the shares issued by Ageas. Its current shareholding stands at 5.00%.

#### 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

19 February 2019

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

5% shares

#### Denominator

203,022,199

#### 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 total holdings in voting rights for BlackRock, Inc. going above 5%.

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

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

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%).

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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 Semple 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	
Holders 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.	28,760	28,760		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	14,848	14,848		0.01%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	2,452,858	2,432,605		1.20%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	144,827	144,827		0.07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	125,253	125,253		0.06%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	356,456	356,432		0.18%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	23,142	23,142		0.01%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	47,890	42,957		0.02%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3,036,816	3,037,836		1.50%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	2,745,519	2,745,519		1.35%	
BlackRock International Limited	12,139	12,139		0.01%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	60,974	60,974		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	521,966	501,160		0.25%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	295,624	294,226		0.14%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	128,611	152,741		0.08%	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>9,995,683</b>	<b>9,973,419</b>		<b>4.91%</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9,973,419</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.91%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction						
	Holders of equivalent financial instruments	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				59,502	0.03%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent				25,611	0.01%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference				3,107	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference				3,675	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference				4,231	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference				623	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference				82,981	0.04%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Depository Receipt				76	0.00%	
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>179,806</b>	<b>0.09%</b>	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
	CALCULATE	10,153,225 5.00%

In accordance with the rules on financial transparency\*, BlackRock has notified Ageas on 19 February 2019 that, on 18 February 2019, its interest has fallen below the legal threshold of 5% of the shares issued by Ageas. Its current shareholding stands at 4.99%.

**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**

18 February 2019

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

5% shares

**Denominator**

203,022,199

**Notified details**

See annex 1d

**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 below 5%. Additionally, the disclosure obligation arose due to total holdings for BlackRock, Inc. going below 5%. In heading 10(A & B), however, the form displays total holdings for BlackRock, Inc. as remaining at 5%. Please note this is due to the rounding of the form.

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

## ANNEX 1c

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 Semple 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 1d

A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
		# of voting rights	# of voting rights	% of voting rights	
Holders 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.	28,760	28,760		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	14,848	14,848		0.01%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	2,099,737	2,452,858		1.21%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	144,835	144,827		0.07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	125,253	125,253		0.06%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	356,432	356,456		0.18%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	24,821	23,142		0.01%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	203,555	47,890		0.02%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3,036,816	3,036,816		1.50%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	2,742,933	2,745,519		1.35%	
BlackRock International Limited	12,139	12,139		0.01%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	60,974	60,974		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	549,120	521,966		0.26%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	312,549	295,624		0.15%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	518,645	128,611		0.06%	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10,231,417</b>	<b>9,995,683</b>		<b>4.92%</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9,995,683</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.92%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction						
	Holders of equivalent financial instruments	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				50,073	0.02%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent				4,868	0.00%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference				3,107	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference				3,675	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference				4,231	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference				623	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference				82,981	0.04%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Depository Receipt				76	0.00%	
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>149,634</b>	<b>0.07%</b>	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
	CALCULATE	10,145,317 5.00%

In accordance with the rules on financial transparency\*, BlackRock has notified Ageas on 19 February 2019 that, on 15 February 2019, its interest has exceeded the legal threshold of 5% of the shares issued by Ageas. Its current shareholding stands at 5.11%.

**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 1e

**Date on which the threshold is crossed**

15 February 2019

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

5% shares

**Denominator**

203,022,199

**Notified details**

See annex 1f

**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 total holdings in voting rights for BlackRock, Inc. going above 5%.

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

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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 Semple 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 1f

A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
		# of voting rights	# of voting rights	% of voting rights	
Holders 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.	28,760	28,760		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	14,848	14,848		0.01%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	2,087,545	2,099,737		1.03%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	144,888	144,835		0.07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	125,253	125,253		0.06%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	358,066	356,432		0.18%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	29,982	24,821		0.01%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	163,812	203,555		0.10%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3,033,196	3,036,816		1.50%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	2,757,832	2,742,933		1.35%	
BlackRock International Limited	12,139	12,139		0.01%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	60,974	60,974		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	560,033	549,120		0.27%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	356,312	312,549		0.15%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	380,034	518,645		0.26%	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10,113,674</b>	<b>10,231,417</b>		<b>5.04%</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>10,231,417</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5.04%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction						
	Holders of equivalent financial instruments	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				33,745	0.02%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent				4,868	0.00%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference				3,107	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference				3,675	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference				4,231	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference				623	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference				82,981	0.04%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Depository Receipt				76	0.00%	
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>133,306</b>	<b>0.07%</b>	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
	CALCULATE	10,364,723 5.11%

In accordance with the rules on financial transparency\*, BlackRock has notified Ageas on 18 February 2019 that, on 14 February 2019, its interest has exceeded the legal threshold of 5% of the shares issued by Ageas. Its current shareholding stands at 5.05%.

**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 1g

**Date on which the threshold is crossed**

14 February 2019

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

5% shares

**Denominator**

203,022,199

**Notified details**

See annex 1h

**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 total holdings in voting rights for BlackRock, Inc. going above 5%.

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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.
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## ANNEX 1h

A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
		# of voting rights	# of voting rights	% of voting rights	
Holders 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.	28,760	28,760		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	14,848	14,848		0.01%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	2,051,832	2,087,545		1.03%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	144,900	144,888		0.07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	133,315	125,253		0.06%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	360,780	358,066		0.18%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	33,351	29,982		0.01%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	43,019	163,812		0.08%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3,040,234	3,033,196		1.49%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	2,739,858	2,757,832		1.36%	
BlackRock International Limited	12,139	12,139		0.01%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	60,974	60,974		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	568,178	560,033		0.28%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	333,927	356,312		0.18%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	141,176	380,034		0.19%	
Subtotal	9,707,291	10,113,674		4.98%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>10,113,674</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.98%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction						
	Holders of equivalent financial instruments	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				47,764	0.02%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent				4,868	0.00%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference				3,107	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference				3,675	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference				5,141	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference				623	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference				82,981	0.04%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Depository Receipt				76	0.00%	
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>148,235</b>	<b>0.07%</b>	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
	<b>CALCULATE</b>	<b>10,261,909</b>