

# Holding(s) in Company

**BLACKROCK SMALLER COMPANIES TRUST PLC**

**LEI: 549300MS535KC2WH4082**

TR-1: Standard form for notification of major holdings

## 1. Issuer Details

### ISIN

GB00BWQGKH23

### Issuer Name

BLACKROCK SMALLER COMPANIES TRUST PLC

### UK or Non-UK Issuer

UK

## 2. Reason for Notification

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights

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

### Name

Rathbones Investment Management Ltd

### City of registered office (if applicable)

London

### Country of registered office (if applicable)

United Kingdom

| Name                                                  | City of registered office | Country of registered office |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Rathbones Investment Management International Limited | St Helier                 | Jersey                       |

## 4. Details of the shareholder

| Name                      | City of registered office | Country of registered office |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| BNP Paribas Limited       | London                    | United Kingdom               |
| Rathbone Nominees Limited | London                    | United Kingdom               |

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

30-Jul-2026

## 6. Date on which Issuer notified

31-Jul-2026

## 7. Total positions of person(s) subject to the notification obligation

|                                                                           | % of voting rights attached to shares (total of 8.A) | % of voting rights through financial instruments (total of 8.B 1 + 8.B 2) | Total of both in % (8.A + 8.B) | Total number of voting rights held in issuer |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Resulting situation on the date on which threshold was crossed or reached | 9.997000                                             | 0.000000                                                                  | 9.997000                       | 24400693                                     |
| Position of previous                                                      | 10.086000                                            | 0.000000                                                                  | 10.086000                      |                                              |

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| notification (if applicable) |  |  |  |  |
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## 8. Notified details of the resulting situation on the date on which the threshold was crossed or reached

### 8A. Voting rights attached to shares

| Class/Type of shares ISIN code(if possible) | Number of direct voting rights (DTR5.1) | Number of indirect voting rights (DTR5.2.1) | % of direct voting rights (DTR5.1) | % of indirect voting rights (DTR5.2.1) |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| GB00BWQGH23                                 |                                         | 24400693                                    |                                    | 9.997000                               |
| Sub Total 8.A                               | 24400693                                |                                             | 9.997000%                          |                                        |

### 8B1. Financial Instruments according to (DTR5.3.1R.(1) (a))

| 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 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                              |                 |                            |                                                                                       |                    |
| Sub Total 8.B1               |                 |                            |                                                                                       |                    |

### 8B2. Financial Instruments with similar economic effect according to (DTR5.3.1R.(1) (b))

| Type of financial instrument | Expiration date | Exercise/conversion period | Physical or cash settlement | Number of voting rights | % of voting rights |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
|                              |                 |                            |                             |                         |                    |
| Sub Total 8.B2               |                 |                            |                             |                         |                    |

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

2. Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entities (please add additional rows as necessary)

| Ultimate controlling person | Name of controlled undertaking                        | % of voting rights if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold | % of voting rights through financial instruments if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold | Total of both if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rathbones Group Plc         | Rathbones Investment Management Limited               | 9.924700                                                                   |                                                                                                          | 9.924700%                                                             |
| Rathbones Group Plc         | Rathbones Investment Management International Limited | 0.072300                                                                   |                                                                                                          | 0.072300%                                                             |

## 10. In case of proxy voting

Name of the proxy holder

The number and % of voting rights held

The date until which the voting rights will be held

If date does not apply, explain below

## 11. Additional Information

none

**12. Date of Completion**

31-Jul-2026

**13. Place Of Completion**

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