

Holding(s) in Company

BLACKROCK SMALLER COMPANIES TRUST PLC

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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; An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments

3. Details of person subject to the notification obligation

Name

Jefferies Financial Group Inc

City of registered office (if applicable)

Country of registered office (if applicable)

US

4. Details of the shareholder

Full name of shareholder(s) if different from the person(s) subject to the notification obligation, above

City of registered office (if applicable)

Country of registered office (if applicable)

5. Date on which the threshold was crossed or reached

18-Aug-2026

6. Date on which Issuer notified

19-Aug-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	0.000000	5.245000	5.245000	12703378
Position of previous notification (if applicable)	0.403000	4.782000	5.185000	

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)
Sub Total 8.A				

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
Stock Loan/Repo Right of Recall	Open		6963648	2.875000
Sub Total 8.B1			6963648	2.875000%

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
Swap	23/12/2026		Cash	694970	0.287000
Swap	23/12/2026		Cash	1197320	0.494000
Swap	18/08/2026		Cash	1472440	0.608000
Swap	23/12/2026		Cash	2375000	0.981000
Sub Total 8.B2				5739730	2.370000%

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
Jefferies Financial Group Inc.	Jefferies International Limited	0.000000	5.245000	5.245000%

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**12. Date of Completion**

19-Aug-2026

13. Place Of Completion

London, United Kingdom

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Company Secretary

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Date: 19 August 2026