

Abbey Plc ("Abbey" or the "Company")

Holding(s) in Company

Abbey was notified on 2 March 2010 by Polar Capital European Forager Fund Limited that its shareholding is 930,000 ordinary shares representing 4.01% of the Company's issued share capital.

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