

BRITISH AIRWAYS PLC  
Form 6-K  
May 16, 2005  
FORM 6-K

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER**

**FURNISHED PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER**

**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**16 May 2005**

**BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc**

**(Registrant's Name)**

**Waterside HBA3,**

**PO Box 365**

**Harmondsworth UB7 0GB**

**United Kingdom**

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Yes No X

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc

By: /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Alan Buchanan

Title: Company Secretary

Date 16 May 2005

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1.	S198 Notification by Franklin Resources Inc

**SCHEDULE 10**

**NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES**

1. Name of company

British Airways Plc

2. Name of shareholder having a major interest

Franklin Resources Inc.

3. Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18

As above

4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them

Bank of New York, London 2,963,906

Bank of New York, Europe 30,708

Cede	5,167,900
Chase Nominees Ltd	26,477,864
Citibank London	374,700
Clydesdale Bank PLC	1,496,050
Euroclear Bruxelles	83,330
HSBC Bank	2,169,064
Mellon Bank NA London	6,260,941
Merrill Lynch	1,322,680
Northern Trust Company	3,602,507
Royal Trust Corp of Canada	5,492,131
State Street Nominees Ltd	8,828,577
Total	64,276,358

5. Number of shares / amount of stock acquired

N/a

6. Percentage of issued class

N/a

7. Number of shares / amount of stock disposed

1,001,210

8. Percentage of issued class

0.09%

9. Class of security

ordinary shares of 25p

10. Date of transaction

Not known

11. Date company informed

16 May 2005

12. Total holding following this notification

64,276,358

13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

5.94%

14. Any additional information

15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

Alan Buchanan, 020 8738 5119

16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

Alan Buchanan, Company Secretary

Date of notification

16 May 2005

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