

MARKS AND SPENCER GROUP P.L.C.

United Kingdom - Registry no. 04256886

Company background report - generated 2026-10-25 - free official public sources only

Assessment

No compliance red flags identified at company level from free public sources. Active, listed retail group. A significant cyber incident in April-May 2025 is disclosed below; no enforcement action against this company was found in the sampled window. A 2024 FCA final notice naming a brand-sharing financial-services entity is clarified - that entity is not part of this group.

- Registry status: active; accounts and confirmation statement up to date.
- No sanctions-list match on the OFAC SDN list or the FCDO UK Sanctions List (downloaded and screened 2026-10-25).
- No charges registered on the Companies House charges register.
- Ownership: PSC register exempt because shares are listed on a UK regulated market.
- April-May 2025 cyber incident disclosed under adverse media; no enforcement action against the group followed in the sampled window.

1. Registry profile

Companies House, the UK official company register. This is the listed group holding company; the register also holds several similarly named M&S entities (including MARKS AND SPENCER P.L.C., company number 00214436, an active subsidiary) - the free coverage check distinguishes them.

Status

Active. Public limited company. [1]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/04256886> (retrieved 2026-10-25)

Incorporated

23 July 2001 as TRUSHELFCO (NO.2827) LIMITED, a shelf company; renamed CONKER RETAIL LIMITED on 7 August 2001 and MARKS AND SPENCER GROUP P.L.C. on 24 January 2002. The M&S retail business long predates the current group holding entity. [1]

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Registered office

Waterside House, 35 North Wharf Road, London, W2 1NW. [1]

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Industry (SIC)

47190 - Other retail sale in non-specialised stores. [1]

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Accounts and filings

Last group accounts made up to 28 Mar 2026; next accounts to 31 Mar 2027 (due 30 Sep 2027). Confirmation statement current (last 23 Jul 2026). Latest filing 23 Oct 2026 (SH01, statement of capital following a share allotment). [2]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/04256886/filing-history> (retrieved 2026-10-25)

2. Officers

Officers on record

70 officers on record, 60 of them historic resignations. [3]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/04256886/officers> (retrieved 2026-10-25)

Serving officers (examples)

Nick Folland (Secretary); Evelyn Bourke; Fiona Dawson; Alison Dolan; Tamara Ingram; Stuart Machin; Archibald Norman; Sapna Sood. Serving directors are listed at the source. [3]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/04256886/officers> (retrieved 2026-10-25)

3. Ownership (persons with significant control)

PSC register

Exempt from PSC disclosure since 23 July 2017 because voting shares are admitted to trading on a UK regulated market. Ownership is via the public float. [4]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/04256886/persons-with-significant-control> (retrieved 2026-10-25)

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4. Charges and secured debt

Charges register

No charges registered on the Companies House charges register. [5]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/04256886/charges> (retrieved 2026-10-25)

5. Sanctions screening

Exact and fuzzy name match against the lists as downloaded on 2026-10-25 (OFAC SDN file published 2026-10-20; UK Sanctions List file dated 2026-10-16). The UN consolidated list is not screened (its terms allow personal, non-commercial use only); the EU list is not yet covered.

OFAC SDN (US)

No match. [6]

Source: <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/> (retrieved 2026-10-25)

UK Sanctions List (FCDO)

No match. [7]

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list> (retrieved 2026-10-25)

6. Adverse media and enforcement

Public sources only. Searched for fraud, bribery, insolvency, winding-up and sanctions news.

Cyber incident (2025)

In April-May 2025 the group suffered a major cyber incident that disrupted online operations for weeks; M&S confirmed some customer personal data was taken and estimated a material operating-profit impact for 2025/26. The ICO issued a statement on the retail cyber incidents; no ICO enforcement action against the group was found in the sampled window. [8]

Source: <https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/media-centre/news-and-blogs/2025/05/statement-on-cyber-incidents-impacting-retailers/> (retrieved 2026-10-25)

FCA final notice - entity clarification

A May 2024 FCA final notice in the HSBC customer-treatment case (HSBC fined GBP 6.28 million) names Marks and Spencer Financial Services plc. That company is HSBC-owned (M&S Bank) and is not part of this group; the naming reflects brand licensing, not this company's conduct. [10]

Source: <https://www.fca.org.uk/publication/final-notice/hsbc-uk-bank-hsbc-bank-marks-and-spencer-financial-services-2024.pdf> (retrieved 2026-10-25)

Company-level findings

No enforcement actions, sanctions designations, insolvency events or winding-up petitions against MARKS AND SPENCER GROUP P.L.C. itself found in the sources searched. [1]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/04256886> (retrieved 2026-10-25)

What we could not check

- Court records and civil litigation: No free, reusable court-records source is covered. Civil claims would not necessarily appear here.
- Politically exposed persons (PEP) screening: Requires a paid PEP database, which this service does not use.
- Beneficial ownership beyond the register: The PSC register is exempt for listed companies, so shareholders above the public float are not shown.
- Credit score, payment behaviour, financial strength: Credit data is commercial. Only filing dates are reported, not accounts analysis.
- Identity verification of individuals, and personal background of officers: This service covers companies, not personal profiling.
- UN Security Council and EU consolidated sanctions lists: UN terms allow personal, non-commercial use only, so the UN list is not screened in a paid report; an EU list source route is not yet covered.
- Group structure and subsidiaries: Not extracted from the register for this report.

Sources

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