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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

Seagate Technology Public Limited Company

(Name of Issuer)

Ordinary Shares

(Title of Class of Securities)

G7945M107

(CUSIP Number)

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(415) 362-3700

(Name, address and telephone number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

July 31, 2017

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P.

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [X] (b) []

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)*

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5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) []

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

British Virgin Islands

	7. SOLE VOTING POWER	
	0	
NUMBER OF	8. SHARED VOTING POWER	
SHARES	21,000,000**	
BENEFICIALLY		
OWNED BY EACH	9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
PERSON WITH	0	
	10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
	21,000,000**	

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

21,000,000**

12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES []

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

7.2%

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

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Delaware

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Schedule 13D relates to the Ordinary Shares, \$0.00001 par value per share (the "Common Stock") of Seagate Technology Public Limited Company, an Irish public limited company (the "Issuer"). The address of the principal executive offices of the Issuer is 38/39 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin 2 L2, Ireland.

Item 2. Identity and Background

This statement is filed jointly by (a) ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P. ("ValueAct Master Fund"), (b) VA Partners I, LLC ("VA Partners I"), (c) ValueAct Capital Management, L.P. ("ValueAct Management L.P."), (d) ValueAct Capital Management, LLC ("ValueAct Management LLC"), (e) ValueAct Holdings, L.P. ("ValueAct Holdings") and (f) ValueAct Holdings GP, LLC ("ValueAct Holdings GP") (collectively, the "Reporting Persons").

ValueAct Master Fund is a limited partnership organized under the laws of the British Virgin Islands. VA Partners I is a Delaware limited liability company, the principal business of which is to serve as the General Partner to ValueAct Master Fund. ValueAct Management L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership which renders management services to ValueAct Master Fund. ValueAct Management LLC is a Delaware limited liability company, the principal business of which is to serve as the General Partner to ValueAct

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Management L.P. ValueAct Holdings is a Delaware limited partnership and is the sole owner of the limited partnership interests of ValueAct Management L.P. and the membership interests of ValueAct Management LLC and is the majority owner of the membership interests of VA Partners I. ValueAct Holdings GP is a Delaware limited liability company, the principal business of which is to serve as the General Partner to ValueAct Holdings.

The address of the principal business and principal office of each of the Reporting Persons is One Letterman Drive, Building D, Fourth Floor, San Francisco, CA 94129.

(d) and (e). None of the entities or persons identified in this Item 2 has during the past five years been convicted of any criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors), nor been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

The source of funds used for the purchase of the Issuer's securities was the working capital of ValueAct Master Fund. The aggregate funds used by these Reporting Persons to make the purchases were \$735,786,141.94.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

The Reporting Persons acquired the securities of the Issuer reported herein based on their belief that the securities were undervalued and represented an attractive investment opportunity.

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On September 19, 2016 the Reporting Persons entered into an agreement with the Issuer whereby a representative of ValueAct Management L.P., whose designee is Dylan Haggart, an employee of ValueAct Management L.P., was invited to serve as an observer of the Issuer's board of directors, subject to a confidentiality agreement.

The Reporting Persons have had and anticipate having further discussions with officers and directors of the Issuer in connection with the Reporting Persons' investment in the Issuer. The topics of these conversations will cover a range of issues, including those relating to the business of the Issuer, management, board composition (which may include whether it makes sense for a ValueAct Capital employee to be on the Issuer's board of directors), investor communications, operations, capital allocation, dividend policy, financial condition, mergers and acquisitions strategy, overall business strategy, executive compensation, and corporate governance. The Reporting Persons may also have similar conversations with other stockholders or other interested parties, such as industry analysts, existing or potential strategic partners or competitors, investment professionals, and other investors. The Reporting Persons may at any time reconsider and change their intentions relating to the foregoing. The Reporting Persons may also take one or more of the actions described in subsections (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D and may discuss such actions with the Issuer's management and the board of directors, other stockholders of the Issuer, and other interested parties, such as those set out above.

The Reporting Persons intend to review their investments in the Issuer

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on a continuing basis. Depending on various factors, including, without limitation, the Issuer's financial position and strategic direction, the outcome of the discussions and actions referenced above, actions taken by the Issuer's board of directors, price levels of the Common Stock, other investment opportunities available to the Reporting Persons, conditions in the securities market and general economic and industry conditions, the Reporting Persons may in the future take actions with respect to its investment position in the Issuer as it deems appropriate, including, without limitation, purchasing additional Common Stock or other instruments that are based upon or relate to the value of the Common Stock or the Issuer in the open market or otherwise, selling some of all of its securities of interests held by the Reporting Persons, and/or engaging in hedging or similar transactions with respect to the Common Stock.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) and (b). Set forth below is the beneficial ownership of shares of Common Stock of the Issuer for each person named in Item 2. Shares reported as beneficially owned by ValueAct Master Fund are also reported as beneficially owned by (i) ValueAct Management L.P. as the manager of each such investment partnership, (ii) ValueAct Management LLC, as General Partner of ValueAct Management L.P., (iii) ValueAct Holdings, as the sole owner of the limited partnership interests of ValueAct Management L.P. and the membership interests of ValueAct Management LLC and as the majority owner of the membership interests of VA Partners I and (iv) ValueAct Holdings GP, as General Partner of ValueAct Holdings. Shares reported as beneficially owned by ValueAct Master Fund are also reported as beneficially owned by VA Partners I, as General Partner of ValueAct Master Fund. VA Partners I,

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ValueAct Management L.P., ValueAct Management LLC, ValueAct Holdings and ValueAct Holdings GP also, directly or indirectly, may own interests in one or more than one of the partnerships from time to time. Unless otherwise indicated below, by reason of such relationship ValueAct Master Fund is reported as having shared power to vote or to direct the vote, and shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of, such shares of Common Stock, with VA Partners I (only with respect to ValueAct Master Fund), ValueAct Management L.P., ValueAct Management LLC, ValueAct Holdings and ValueAct Holdings GP.

As of the date hereof, the Reporting Persons may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 21,000,000 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 7.2% of the Issuer's outstanding Common Stock. All percentages set forth in this Schedule 13D are based upon the Issuer's reported 291,813,271 outstanding shares of Common Stock as of July 31, 2017 as reported in the Issuer's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

(c) The following table sets forth all transactions with respect to shares of Common Stock effected in the previous sixty days to this Schedule 13D by the Reporting Persons, inclusive of any transactions effected through 4:00 p.m., New York City time, on August 10, 2017. Except as otherwise noted below, all such transactions were purchases (or sales) of shares of Common Stock effected in the open market.

Reporting Person	Trade Date	Buy/Sell	Shares	Price/Share
ValueAct Master Fund	7/28/2017	Buy	500,000	\$32.28 (1)
ValueAct Master Fund	7/31/2017	Buy	1,000,000	\$32.90 (2)

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ValueAct Master Fund	8/1/2017	Buy	700,000	\$33.16 (3)
ValueAct Master Fund	8/2/2017	Buy	1,000,000	\$33.22 (4)
ValueAct Master Fund	8/3/2017	Buy	454,235	\$33.49 (5)
ValueAct Master Fund	8/4/2017	Buy	1,215,000	\$33.48 (6)
ValueAct Master Fund	8/7/2017	Buy	900,000	\$33.45 (7)
ValueAct Master Fund	8/8/2017	Buy	1,125,000	\$33.23 (8)
ValueAct Master Fund	8/9/2017	Buy	290,000	\$32.67

- (1) Weighted-average price at which shares were purchased (sold) on the listed date between the range of \$32.19 and \$32.30 per share
- (2) Weighted-average price at which shares were purchased (sold) on the listed date between the range of \$32.77 and \$33.02 per share
- (3) Weighted-average price at which shares were purchased (sold) on the listed date between the range of \$33.12 and \$33.18 per share
- (4) Weighted-average price at which shares were purchased (sold) on the listed date between the range of \$33.17 and \$33.34 per share
- (5) Weighted-average price at which shares were purchased (sold) on the listed date between the range of \$33.47 and \$33.50 per share
- (6) Weighted-average price at which shares were purchased (sold) on the listed date between the range of \$33.47 and \$33.50 per share
- (7) Weighted-average price at which shares were purchased (sold) on the listed date between the range of \$33.41 and \$33.47 per share
- (8) Weighted-average price at which shares were purchased (sold) on the listed date between the range of \$33.02 and \$33.37 per share

(d) and (e) Not applicable.

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Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

The information set forth in Item 4 is incorporated by reference herein. Other than as described elsewhere in this Report and as previously reported, the Reporting Persons have no understandings, arrangements, relationships or contracts relating to the Issuer's Common Stock which are required to be described hereunder.

Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits

- (1) Joint Filing Agreement.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below on this Schedule 13D hereby constitutes and appoints Jeffrey W. Ubben, Bradley E. Singer, G. Mason Morfit and Allison Bennington, and each of them, with full power to act without the other, his or its true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or it and in his or its name, place and stead, in any and all capacities (until revoked in writing) to sign any and all amendments to this Schedule 13D, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of

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them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary fully to all intents and purposes as he or it might or could do in person, thereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

ValueAct Capital Master Fund, L.P., by
VA Partners I, LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Bradley E. Singer

Dated: August 10, 2017

Bradley E. Singer, Chief Operating Officer

VA Partners I, LLC

By: /s/ Bradley E. Singer

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Exhibit 1

JOINT FILING UNDERTAKING

The undersigned parties hereby agree that the Schedule 13D filed herewith (and any amendments thereto) relating to the Common Stock of the Issuer, is being filed jointly on behalf of each of them with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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