

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 6-K

Current report of foreign issuer pursuant to Rules 13a-16 and 15d-16 Amendments

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#### **MERANT PLC**

CIK: **881581** | IRS No.: **000000000** | State of Incorporation: **Y5** | Fiscal Year End: **0430**

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SIC: **3577** Computer peripheral equipment, nec

#### Mailing Address

*MICRO FOCUS GROUP  
PUBLIC LIMITED CO  
701 EAST MIDDLEFIELD  
ROAD  
MOUNTAIN VIEW CA 94303*

#### Business Address

*THE LAWN OLD BATH ROAD  
NEWBURY  
NEWBURY ENGLAND X0*

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of March 26, 1999

MERANT plc  
(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

The Lawn, Old Bath Road, Newbury, England RG14 1QN  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F    X  
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Form 40-F    \_\_\_\_\_

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes    X  
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No    \_\_\_\_\_

(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2 (b): 82-795.)

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Company Name:

MERANT plc

Full Issuer Name:

MERANT plc

Release Date:

IMMEDIATELY

Release Time:

IMMEDIATELY

Contact Name:

Philip Rosier

Tel. No:

01635-565583

Headline:

Generic Announcement

Announcement Body Information:

J.Sidney Webb, a non-executive director of MERANT plc, died on 24th March 1999.

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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 authorized.

MERANT plc  
(Registrant)

Date: March 26, 1999

By: /s/ Kenneth A. Sexton

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Kenneth Sexton  
Chief Financial Officer