

SMITH & NEPHEW PLC

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(Report of Foreign Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16)

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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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SMITH & NEPHEW plc
(Registrant's name)

Building 5, Croxley Park, Hatters Lane
Watford, England, WD18 8YE
(Address of principal executive office)

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

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Appointment of Non-Executive Director

28 August 2025

Smith+Nephew (LSE: SN, NYSE: SNN), the global medical technology company, is pleased to announce that Dr Garheng Kong will join the Board as an independent Non-Executive Director and a member of the Audit Committee with effect from 1 September 2025.

Garheng is currently managing partner and co-founder of HealthQuest Capital. He also serves as lead independent director of Laboratory Corporation of America (LabCorp) and a non-executive director of Xeris Biopharma Holdings Inc, Lunit Inc and IKS Health. Garheng was previously managing general partner of Sofinnova Investments, Inc and served as a non-executive director of Venus Concept, Inc, Alimera Sciences and Avedro, Inc and as chair of Histogenics Corporation.

Rupert Soames, Chair of Smith+Nephew, commented:

"We are delighted to welcome Garheng to our Board. He has wide experience in the medtech and biopharma sectors and has significant clinical, technical and investment expertise having served as an executive, non-executive and as an investor, supporting innovation and growth across a number of successful businesses."

No disclosure obligations arise under paragraphs (1) to (6) of UKLR 6.4.8 R of the UK Listing Authority's Listing Rules in respect of the new appointment.

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About Smith+Nephew

Smith+Nephew is a portfolio medical technology business focused on the repair, regeneration and replacement of soft and hard tissue. We exist to restore people's bodies and their self-belief by using technology to take the limits off living. We call this purpose 'Life Unlimited'. Our 17,000 employees deliver this mission every day, making a difference to patients' lives through the excellence of our product portfolio, and the invention and application of new technologies across our three global business units of Orthopaedics, Sports Medicine & ENT and Advanced Wound Management.

Founded in Hull, UK, in 1856, we now operate in around 100 countries and generated annual sales of \$5.8 billion in 2024. Smith+Nephew is a constituent of the

FTSE100 (LSE:SN, NYSE:SNN). The terms 'Group' and 'Smith+Nephew' are used to refer to Smith & Nephew plc and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless the context requires otherwise.

For more information about Smith+Nephew, please visit www.smith-nephew.com and follow us on [X](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#).

Forward-looking Statements

This document may contain forward-looking statements that may or may not prove accurate. For example, statements regarding expected revenue growth and trading profit margins, market trends and our product pipeline are forward-looking statements. Phrases such as "aim", "plan", "intend", "anticipate", "well-placed", "believe", "estimate", "expect", "target", "consider" and similar expressions are generally intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from what is expressed or implied by the statements. For Smith+Nephew, these factors include: conflicts in Europe and the Middle East, economic and financial conditions in the markets we serve, especially those affecting healthcare providers, payers and customers; price levels for established and innovative medical devices; developments in medical technology; regulatory approvals, reimbursement decisions or other government actions; product defects or recalls or other problems with quality management systems or failure to comply with related regulations; litigation relating to patent or other claims; legal and financial compliance risks and related investigative, remedial or enforcement actions; disruption to our supply chain or operations or those of our suppliers; competition for qualified personnel; strategic actions, including acquisitions and disposals, our success in performing due diligence, valuing and integrating acquired businesses; disruption that may result from transactions or other changes we make in our business plans or organisation to adapt to market developments; relationships with healthcare professionals; reliance on information technology and cybersecurity; disruptions due to natural disasters, weather and climate change related events; changes in customer and other stakeholder sustainability expectations; changes in taxation regulations; effects of foreign exchange volatility; and numerous other matters that affect us or our markets, including those of a political, economic, business, competitive or reputational nature. Please refer to the documents that Smith+Nephew has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including Smith+Nephew's most recent annual report on Form 20-F, which is available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov, for a discussion of certain of these factors. Any forward-looking statement is based on information available to Smith+Nephew as of the date of the statement. All written or oral forward-looking statements attributable to Smith+Nephew are qualified by this caution. Smith+Nephew does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in circumstances or in Smith+Nephew's expectations.

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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.

Smith & Nephew plc
(Registrant)

Date: August 28, 2025

By: /s/ Helen Barraclough
Helen Barraclough
Company Secretary