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**Smiths News PLC**  
("Smiths News" or the "Company" or the "Group")

**Directorate Change - Chief Financial Officer Resignation**

Smiths News, (LSE: SNWS), the UK's largest news wholesaler and a leading provider of early morning end-to-end supply chain solutions, today announces that Paul Baker, Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), has informed the Board of his intention to step down as a director and CFO, to join a large private business, operating in a different sector.

Paul will remain with the Company through his notice period whilst a replacement is found, to ensure a seamless and effective transition of responsibilities, at which point a final departure date will be confirmed. The search for Paul's successor will now commence and a further update will be issued in due course.

In addition, the Group expects to provide, in March 2025, a pre-close trading update for the half year ending 1 March 2025.

**Jonathan Bunting, Chief Executive Officer of Smiths News, commented:**

*"I would like to thank Paul for his significant contribution during his time with the business. He is leaving the business in a strong financial and operational position."*

*"Paul has been a valued colleague who I have very much enjoyed working with, and I wish him every success in his next role and for the future."*

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**About Smiths News**

For over 200 years, Smiths News has been delivering newspapers to retailers across the UK. It distributes newspapers and magazines on behalf of the major national and regional publishers, delivering to approximately 22,500 customers across England and Wales on a daily basis. The speed of turnaround and the density of Smiths News' coverage is critical to one of the world's fastest physical supply chains.

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