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## **Share Buyback Programme**

Smith+Nephew (LSE:SN, NYSE:SNN), the global medical technology business, announces that it intends to undertake a share buyback programme to return 500 million to shareholders, while maintaining leverage, and without compromising growth plans.

This additional return of value will be undertaken in the second half of 2025 and reflects strong cash generation and balance sheet resulting from the 12-Point Plan transformation. Further details are contained in Smith+Nephew's Second Quarter and First Half 2025 Results announcement published today, 5 August 2025.

To implement the buyback programme, Smith+Nephew has entered into a non-discretionary agreement with J.P. Morgan Securities plc in relation to the latter's purchase, acting as riskless principal, of the Company's ordinary shares of USD 0.20 each for an aggregate price of up to USD 500 million as part of the programme.

Shares acquired by J.P. Morgan Securities will be subsequently repurchased by Smith+Nephew, held as treasury shares and then either be cancelled or retained for the purpose of satisfying awards under employee share plans. The Programme will commence on 5 August 2025 and will end no later than 31 December 2025. The purpose of the Programme is to reduce Smith+Nephew's issued share capital by returning surplus capital to shareholders.

Any purchase of shares contemplated by this announcement will be carried out on Recognised Investment Exchanges[1] and will be effected with certain pre-set parameters. The maximum number of ordinary shares which may be purchased by the Company is 87,440,566 ordinary shares, which is the maximum pursuant to the authority granted by shareholders at the Company's 2025 Annual General Meeting.

The programme will be executed in accordance with (and subject to the existence of and/or the limits prescribed by) the general authority granted by shareholders at the Company's relevant Annual General Meeting; and will be conducted within the parameters prescribed by the Market Abuse Regulation 596/2014/EU as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of section 3 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (as amended) and Chapter 9 of the Financial Conduct Authority's UK Listing Rules. No repurchases will be made in respect of the Company's American Depositary Receipts.

J.P. Morgan Securities plc may undertake transactions in Shares (which may include sales and hedging activities, in addition to purchases which may take place on any available trading venue or on an over the counter basis) during the period of the Programme in order to manage its market exposure under the Programme. Disclosure of such transactions will not be made by J.P. Morgan Securities plc as a result of or as part of the Programme, but J.P. Morgan Securities plc will continue to make any disclosures it is otherwise legally required to make.

Smith+Nephew will make further announcements in due course following any repurchase of shares. There is no guarantee that the programme will be implemented in full or that any shares will be bought back by the Company.

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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+Nenhew is a constituent of the ETSE100 (LSE-SNLN) The terms 'Groun' and 'Smith+Nenhew'

are used to refer to Smith & Nephew plc and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless the context requires otherwise.

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