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## Smiths News PLC

("Smiths News" or the "Company")

### New Chief Financial Officer Transition & Notice of Full Year Results

Smiths News (LSE: SNWS), the UK's largest news wholesaler and a leading provider of early morning end-to-end supply chain solutions, confirms it will announce its full year results for the 52-week period ended 30 August 2025 on Tuesday, 4 November 2025 and provides an update on the Chief Financial Officer transition.

#### Chief Financial Officer Transition

As previously announced, Richard Clay has been appointed as Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") and the Company confirms he will join the business on 2 February 2026.

Paul Baker will be stepping down as an executive director and CFO to join a large private business operating in a different sector, and his last day at Smiths News will be 21 November 2025.

George Cooper, currently Group Financial Controller at the Company, will be assuming the role of Interim Chief Financial Officer (a non-board appointment) to cover the period between Paul's departure and Richard's arrival.

George joined Smiths News in 2017 and is a highly experienced finance professional, having previously worked as a Finance Manager at Associated British Foods plc, and spent over 13 years with EY working in the audit division.

#### Analyst meeting

There will be a meeting for sell-side analysts at 9.30am on Tuesday, 4 November 2025, hosted by Jon Bunting (CEO), Paul Baker (CFO) and George Cooper (Group Financial Controller). For more details and to register attendance, please contact Vgo at [smithsnews@vgoconsulting.com](mailto:smithsnews@vgoconsulting.com).

A copy of the presentation will be made available on the Smiths News website following the meeting at: [Smiths News Results & Presentations](#)

#### Investor presentation

A webcast presentation of the Company's full year results will be hosted on the Investor Meet Company platform at 12.00pm on Tuesday, 4 November 2025. The presentation is open to all existing and potential shareholders. Questions can be submitted prior to the event via the Investor Meet Company dashboard up to 9.00am on the day before the meeting, or at any time during the live presentation.

Investors can sign up for free and add to meeting Smiths News via the following link: [Smiths News IMC meeting](#)

Investors who already follow Smiths News on the Investor Meet Company platform will be automatically invited.

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#### About Smiths News

Smiths News is the UK's largest news wholesaler and leading provider of early morning, end-to-end supply chain solutions. Smiths News has been delivering newspapers to retailers across the UK for over 200 years on behalf of the major national and regional publishers. Today Smiths News delivers to over 22,000 customers across England and Wales on a daily

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Smiths News' service capability now extends into a number of growth initiatives that build on its expertise in warehousing, reverse logistics and early morning final mile services, across its extensive high-density UK delivery network, including a waste recycling collection service, the delivery of additional categories such as books and home entertainment, and extending our services in the final mile.

The speed of turnaround and the density of Smiths News' coverage is critical to one of the world's fastest physical supply chains and we remain focused on continuing to deliver best in class service to the news and magazines market, whilst exploring opportunities for growth based on this strong foundation.

For more information, please visit: [www.smithsnews.co.uk](http://www.smithsnews.co.uk)

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