

William Sinclair Holdings PLC
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Appointment of Acting Chairman

The board of William Sinclair Holdings plc announces with regret that its Chairman, Mr Peter Barton, died on 26 July after a brief illness. Mr Barton made a major contribution to the Company over many years and he will be greatly missed.

The process to appoint a new Chairman to succeed Mr Barton will commence shortly. In the meantime Mr William Simpson, currently the senior non-executive director, has agreed to serve as the acting chairman with immediate effect until a successor has been appointed.

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