

Rob Woodward appointed non-executive director of OneWeb

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Rob Woodward, Chair of the Met Office, has been appointed to the board of OneWeb as the new non-executive director representing the UK Government.



The appointment was made by the Business Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng and comes after the UK Government completed its acquisition of a stake in OneWeb in November 2020. Rob will take his seat on the OneWeb board alongside two official representatives of the Secretary of State, Tom Cooper, UK Government Investments (UKGI) Director, and Hugo Robson, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's Chief Negotiator.

Rob Woodward said:

I am thrilled to be appointed to the OneWeb Board. It is an exciting global technology business with huge growth potential and I look forward to working alongside the excellent array of international investors and in particular to supporting the executive and UK Government in maximising the value potential of the company.

Business Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng said:

I am delighted that Rob will be joining OneWeb's board. He brings a wealth of experience from the public and private sectors, and will be an asset to the company as it continues to implement its ambitious plan to connect people worldwide through its satellite network.

Sunil Bharti Mittal, Executive Chairman, OneWeb said:

We welcome Rob Woodward to the Board of OneWeb as a Non Executive Director. As Chair of the Met Office, he is well-aware of the importance of space to modern societies. He has a distinguished business career, notably in the TMT sector with UBS, Deloitte and decades of transformative broadcast sector experience.

Rob was appointed to his first term as Chair of the Met Office Board in July 2018. He has held leadership positions across both the public and private sectors, including at STV Group plc, Channel 4 Television, UBS Corporate Finance and Deloitte.

Rob is also currently Chair of Court at Glasgow Caledonian University, Chair of technology company Blancco plc and marketing analytics provider Ebiquity plc.

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