

GLAXOSMITHKLINE PLC  
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**FORM 6-K**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For period ending February 2009

**GlaxoSmithKline plc**  
(Name of registrant)

**980 Great West Road, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 9GS**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No x

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### **GlaxoSmithKline plc, announces board changes**

GlaxoSmithKline plc (GSK) announces that Mr. James Murdoch has been appointed a Non-Executive Director and will join the Board of the Company with effect from 20th May 2009. On appointment, James will also become a member of GSK's Corporate Responsibility Committee. James is Chairman and Chief Executive of News Corporation Europe and Asia.

It is also announced that  
Sir Ian Prosser and Dr Ronaldo Schmitz  
will retire from the Board  
at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting on  
20  
th  
May 2009

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Commenting on the  
changes  
, Sir Christopher  
Gent  
, Chairman of GSK, said  
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"I am delighted to welcome James to the Board of GSK. His experience of global business, marketing and communications will bring a unique and alternative perspective to the Board. He will also be an excellent addition to the Board's Corporate Responsibility Committee, an area where he has shown particular leadership at BSkyB and News Corporation.

"I  
would like to thank

both Sir Ian and Ronaldo  
for their dedicated service to the Boards of GSK and the  
heritage companies.

I have always valued their support and wish them well for the future.

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Sir Robert Wilson will succeed Sir Ian as GSK's Senior Independent Non-Executive Director. Sir Robert will  
step down as Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and will be succeeded by Sir Crispin Davis.

Professor Sir Roy Anderson

will also join the Audit Committee with effect from

20

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May 2009

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Biographical details of James Murdoch  
are given below.

**S M Bicknell**  
**Company Secretary**

**02 February 2009**

### **Biographical details**

James Murdoch was appointed Chairman and Chief Executive, News Corp,  
Europe

and

Asia

, in 2007. In this role, he has direct responsibility for the strategic and operational development of News  
Corporation's television, newspaper and related digital assets in

Europe

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Asia

and the

Middle East

. At the same time, James was appointed Non-Executive Chairman of BSkyB and re-joined the Board of  
News Corporation. James served as Chief Executive Officer of BSkyB from 2003 to 2007 and was  
previously Chairman and CEO of Star TV.

James serves on the Board of Yankee Global Enterprises, the Board of Trustees of the Harvard Lampoon  
and the Leadership Council of The Climate Group.

**Notes**

1. The appointment of James Murdoch as a Non-Executive Director has been made by the Board on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee.
2. On appointment, James will be a member of the Corporate Responsibility Committee which provides a Board-level forum for the regular review of external issues that might have the potential for serious impact upon the Group's business and reputation.
3. As a Non-Executive Director of GSK, James will receive fees of £75,000 per annum.
4. The Board has determined that James will be an independent Non-Executive Director in accordance with the Combined Code on Corporate Governance.
5. Sir Ian Prosser was appointed to the Board of the newly formed GlaxoSmithKline plc in May 2000, having previously served on the Board of SmithKline Beecham plc since 1999. He has been the Company's Senior Independent Non-Executive Director since January 2004.
6. Dr Ronaldo Schmitz was also appointed to the Board of GlaxoSmithKline plc in May 2000, having previously served on the Board of Glaxo Wellcome plc since 1997. He was Chairman of the Audit Committee from 2001 until 2006.
7. With effect from 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009 the composition of the Board of GlaxoSmithKline plc will be as follows:

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| Sir Christopher Gent       | Non-Executive Chairman                               |
| Sir Robert Wilson          | Senior Independent Non-Executive Director            |
| Mr Andrew Witty            | Chief Executive Officer                              |
| Mr Julian Heslop           | Chief Financial Officer                              |
| Dr Moncef Slaoui           | Executive Director, Chairman, Research & Development |
| Professor Sir Roy Anderson | Independent Non-Executive Director                   |
| Dr Stephanie Burns         | Independent Non-Executive Director                   |
| Mr H Lawrence Culp         | Independent Non-Executive Director                   |
| Sir Crispin Davis          | Independent Non-Executive Director                   |
| Sir Deryck Maughan         | Independent Non-Executive Director                   |
| Mr James Murdoch           | Independent Non-Executive Director                   |
| Dr Daniel Podolsky         | Independent Non-Executive Director                   |
| Mr Tom de Swaan            | Independent Non-Executive Director                   |

**GlaxoSmithKline**

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**Registered in  
England  
&  
Wales**

:  
No. 3888792

**Registered Office:**  
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TW8 9GS

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

**GlaxoSmithKline plc**  
(Registrant)

Date: February 02, 2009

By: VICTORIA WHYTE

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Victoria Whyte  
Authorised Signatory for and on  
behalf of GlaxoSmithKline plc