Executive Committee



Standing from left to right Dr Kenneth Barr Mr Jonathan Hunt Ms Caroline Hempstead Mr Alex Del Priore Mr Andrew Webster

Sitting from left to right Mr Sibaji Biswas Mr Alok Mehrotra

Mr Jonathan Hunt Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

Mr Jonathan Hunt has over 30 years of experience in the global life sciences and biopharmaceuticals industry. At Syngene, he is responsible for strategy, strategy execution, leading the executive team and the Company's business operations and steering its investment decisions. Prior to joining Syngene, he held leadership positions at AstraZeneca for over a decade, including President and Director of AstraZeneca, Austria, and President, AstraZeneca, India. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of Syngene since 2016, Managing Director since 2020 and is a member of the Stakeholders Relationship & ESG Committee, the Risk Management Committee and the Science & Technology Committee. He completed his BA in Business Studies & Economics from the University of Sheffield and holds an MBA from Durham University, United Kingdom.

🕥 Mr Sibaji Biswas

Executive Director & Chief Financial Officer

Mr Sibaji Biswas is a certified Chartered Financial Analyst from ICFAI, holding a B.Tech from IIT Kharagpur and an MBA from University of Calcutta. He has also completed Management Development Programs at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad and London Business School. He has over 20 years of experience in finance and related functions. His prior experience includes working with Vodafone (Romania), Vodafone (India), Hutchison Essar Limited, Fascel Limited and the ABP Group. Prior to joining Syngene, he was the CFO and a member of the Board at Vodafone (Romania). At Syngene, he oversees the finance, supply chain, legal, secretarial and IT functions and as a member of the Executive Committee, he plays an important role in driving strategy and planning, improving profitability, identifying new opportunities, improving cash generation and enabling organizational growth.

Mr Biswas has been elevated to the position of Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer with effect from April 01, 2024.

Mr Andrew Webster Chief Human Resources Officer

Mr Andrew Webster holds a Higher National Diploma in Business Studies from Blackburn College of Technology, UK, and a professional qualification from the Institute of Personnel Management awarded by Salford Technical College, UK. His experience in the Human Resources function includes management of mergers and acquisitions; driving culture change; building a leadership and talent pipeline; and delivering a diversity agenda. Mr Webster joined Syngene in December 2022 from management consultancy, Teneo, Hong Kong. Prior to joining Teneo, he was CHRO for global retail group, DFS and held HR leadership roles at global biopharmaceutical company, AstraZeneca PLC. He started his career as an HR professional in the UK retail groups House of Fraser and Marks and Spencer PLC. Mr Webster is a member of the Executive Committee where he leads on talent management strategy and building employee value proposition, in addition to steering all Human Resources operations. Mr Webster succeeded Sanjeev Sukumaran as CHRO on December 1, 2022.

S Mr Alok Mehrotra Chief Quality Officer

Mr Alok Mehrotra holds an M. Tech in Chemical Technology (Food Technology) from Harcourt Butler Technological Institute. He has over 25 years of experience in Manufacturing Operations, Quality Assurance, Sustainability/EHS and Production and Supplier Technical Assurance across various industries. Over the years, he has worked with leading corporates including Godrej Pillsbury, Pepsi Foods India Limited and Reckitt Benckiser. At Dr Reddy's Laboratories, he established the Global Quality Management System and was also responsible for the quality oversight of all external suppliers worldwide. Prior to joining Syngene, he was Head of Operations Excellence, EHS and Sustainability at Dr Reddy's Laboratories. As Syngene's CQO, he is a member of the Executive Committee and leads the Quality function with responsibility for maintaining standards in quality and compliance.

Or Kenneth Barr Senior Vice President – Discovery Services

Dr Kenneth Barr completed his Ph.D. in Synthetic Organic/ Organometallic Chemistry under the direction of Professor Stephen Buchwald at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and pursued his postdoctoral study in natural product synthesis under the direction of Professor Steven Martin at the University of Texas at Austin. He has nearly three decades of experience in drug discovery and has been associated with organizations including Abbott Labs, Merck Sharp and Dohme, Amplyx Pharmaceuticals, and Sunesis Pharmaceuticals. Prior to joining Syngene, he was the Head of R&D Strategic Global Operations at FORMA Therapeutics, where he was responsible for driving research effectiveness and providing alliance management for key pharma and CRO relationships. As a member of the Executive Committee, he is responsible for the strategy and operations of the Discovery Services Division.

Mr Alex Del Priore

Senior Vice President – Manufacturing Services

Mr Alex Del Priore holds a BSc in Chemical Engineering from the University of South Carolina and completed his MBA from Vanderbilt University, both in the United States. He has three decades of experience in developing, commercializing and lifecycle management of products in various life science industries. Prior to joining Syngene, he was Vice President Operations and Health COO at Johnson Matthey in the UK where his remit included M&A activity, strategy development and new product introduction. As a member of the Executive Committee, he leads the Manufacturing Services Division. In this role, he leads both the development, clinical and commercial manufacturing of Syngene's biologics business and the commercial manufacturing of API/ Advance Intermediates in Mangalore, India.

Ms Caroline Hempstead Head of Corporate Affairs

Ms Caroline Hempstead has a degree in French studies from Manchester University, UK. She has more than 30 years of experience in Corporate Affairs roles in multinationals in sectors ranging from financial services and oil & gas to pharmaceuticals. She joined Syngene in 2019 as Head of Corporate Affairs. Prior to joining Syngene, she held similar roles at AstraZeneca plc and LafargeHolcim (now Holcim), preceded by leadership roles in corporate communications at Royal Dutch Shell, Inchcape plc and the London Stock Exchange. As a member of the Executive Committee and the ESG Council, her responsibilities encompass corporate communications and Environment, Social and Governance activity.