

Nomination form for election to the UKISUG (UK & Ireland SAP User Group)
Board of Directors

Biographical details:

First name	Russell Smith
Job Title	VP ERP Transformation Technology
Company	AstraZeneca

Career and Experience

Current role and responsibilities
Currently owning the SAP relationship globally between SAP and AstraZeneca. Leading the Technology implementation of one of the largest S/4HANA business transformations in Europe. Member of the AZ IT Leadership Team reporting directly to Global CIO
Previous relevant roles
Functional CIO for all global Enabling Functions in AstraZeneca including Finance, HR, Legal, Compliance, Sustainability, M&A Executive Director at Credit Suisse leading Corporate Functions IT Associate Partner IBM working on multiple global ERP transformation programs
Experience of working with the SAP portfolio of products and services
Working since 2022 full-time on the S/4HANA transformation business case and owning the SAP relationship across AZ. Current scope includes 20+ SAP products alongside core S/4HANA solution. Accountable for all SAP Technology elements and decisions across program. Huge consumer of MaxA services resulting in multiple touchpoints/understanding of the SAP Services portfolio. Executive links into SAP including to our program sponsor Muhammad Alam Prior to 2022 multiple projects within my portfolio touching/impacting our ECC estate particularly in Finance. Regular relationship/touchpoint with SAP UK MD and organisation. Regular presenter of keynotes at UKISUG and Sapphire events Member of EMEA SAP Executive Advisory Board representing AZ (next Collaborative Workshop for EAB is Barcelona 4-5 June)



Other relevant professional experience

Extensive wider experience across ERP spectrum with Oracle and Workday that will bring new / alternate perspectives of how to work with SAP in a win:win scenario.
Business / Functional experience in wider areas than SAP that will bring perspectives to the board – especially HR, Compliance, and Data Privacy\Regulatory
Proven experience influencing SW vendors regarding roadmaps and priorities of importance to customers

Education and Professional Qualifications

Degree level education.

UKISUG

Please describe your volunteer role with the User Group or your experience of the UKISUG

Lead the AZ participation at UKISUG
Attended multiple UKISUG events and presented at UKISUG Keynotes as well as ensuring wider AZ support for these events

Why do you want to serve as a Director of UKISUG?

Contribute positively to the growth and impact of UKISUG – an organisation I greatly value/admire
Widen my experience of the SAP ecosystem and user community – particularly in the UK customer base.
Grow professionally into a new and challenging role.

What appropriate experience can you bring to UKISUG and its Board of Directors?

(E.g. governance, professional capabilities, financial control, membership organisations, etc.)

Extensive experience in the ERP technology ecosystem.
Experience beyond SAP in senior executive roles relating to strategy, governance, organisation and execution.
Leadership experience of large organisations and ensuring/optimising their effectiveness (700+ people)



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A wide network of senior technology peers in similar global complex organisations (UK and beyond).
Access/familiarity to senior SAP contacts.
Wide knowledge of the SAP technology landscape/offerings beyond core SAP capabilities.

