

# Media Release

# Phonak unveils Virto R Infinio: the compact rechargeable hearing aid designed for today's active lifestyle

Stäfa, Switzerland – August 12, 2025 – Phonak, a global leader in hearing care solutions is excited to introduce the Virto R Infinio, its most compact rechargeable custom in-the-ear (ITE) hearing aid powered by the advanced Infinio technology. Designed for today's active style-conscious individuals, the Virto R Infinio features a sleek, compact design that combines exceptional sound quality, seamless connectivity, and all-day comfort, fitting perfectly into a modern lifestyle.

"Users have long desired a small, discreet, and fully featured inthe-ear hearing aid. Through our innovative RightFit™ customization, the Phonak Virto R Infinio delivers what is likely the smallest rechargeable ITE, perfectly blending style and advanced functionality" says Oliver Frank, Phonak Marketing Vice-President.

# Robin Gillon, Phonak brand ambassador, shares his experience



After testing the Virto R Infinio for several weeks, Phonak brand ambassador Robin Gillon, a professional skier, passionate biker, skateboarder and plane pilot, is thrilled with his new hearing aids. "These hearing aids fit my lifestyle perfectly," Robin shares. "Whether I'm wearing a helmet while skiing or biking, or using my headphones as a pilot, the comfort and custom fit of the Virto R Infinio make all the difference."

Robin is particularly impressed with the sound quality and speech understanding. "The tremendous improvement in sound quality and speech understanding has truly transformed my listening experience," he says. "I can hear conversations clearly, even in noisy environments."

He also appreciates the sleek design of his hearing aids. "I love how they complement my overall style. They're not just functional; they look great too!"



One of the standout features for Robin has been the impressive battery life. "I couldn't believe how long the batteries last! Even on long days filled with phone calls and streaming music, I never have to worry about running out of power," he adds.

# Key features of the Virto R Infinio

# 1. RightFit™ customization

- Tailored Fit: State-of-the-art customization process ensuring precise, comfortable fit.
- Key Components:
  - o Acoustically optimized receiver selection: ensures the best sound quality for each user.
  - Biometric calibration: utilizes cutting-edge methods for perfect fit. <sup>1</sup>
  - Streamlined workflows: simplifies the fitting process for professionals.

# 2. Exceptional sound quality & speech understanding

- AutoSense OS<sup>™</sup> 7.0: Advanced operating system trained with 18x more real-world data for 24% more precise environmental detection.
- SmartSpeech Technology offering better speech understanding in noise.
- Built-in Motion Sensor improves better speech understanding for people on the move.
- RogerDirect™: direct streaming from Roger microphones, improving speech understanding in group conversations by up to 61 percent. <sup>2</sup>
- APD 3.0: 93 percent first-fit satisfaction for instant comfort and sound quality. 3

# 3. Market-leading connectivity

- Bluetooth® compatibility: seamless connection with any Bluetooth-enabled device.
- One-Step pairing: simplified connection process for ease of use.
- Redesigned myPhonak App: intuitive access to key adjustments with user-friendly language.

# 4. Intuitive charging made easy

- Snap and charge System: Effortless drop-in charging with 360° magnetic retention.
- Charging Efficiency:
  - Fully charged in just three hours.
  - Up to 30 hours of use in calm environments.
  - At least 16 hours of use with eight hours of streaming.

In the United States, select availability begins August 12 with widespread availability in late August. Availability in other markets begins as of September onward.

For more information, please visit www.phonak.com/virto-infinio

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## **About Phonak**

**life is on.** Since 1947, Phonak is a Sonova brand and has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with hearing loss. Seventy-five years later, our passion for creating life-changing hearing solutions that help people thrive physically, socially, and emotionally remains. By offering the industry's broadest portfolio of hearing solutions, we're committed to creating a world where "life is on" for everyone.

At Phonak, innovation is not limited to products. We work to change the conversations surrounding people with hearing loss. We do this by fighting the stigma of hearing aids and creating an understanding of how hearing is connected to the broader context of healthy living.

#### **About Sonova**

Sonova is a global leader in innovative hearing care solutions: from personal audio devices and wireless communication systems to audiological care services, hearing aids and cochlear implants. The Group was founded in 1947 and is headquartered in Stäfa, Switzerland.

Sonova operates through four businesses – Hearing Instruments, Audiological Care, Consumer Hearing and Cochlear Implants – and the core brands Phonak, Unitron, AudioNova, Sennheiser (under license) and Advanced Bionics as well as recognized regional brands. The Group's globally diversified sales and distribution channels serve an ever growing consumer base in more than 100 countries.

In the 2024/25 financial year, the Group generated sales of CHF 3.9 billion, with a net profit of CHF 547million. Around 18,000 employees are working on achieving Sonova's vision of a world where everyone enjoys the delight of hearing.

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Sonova has a long-standing commitment to innovation and was ranked no. 12 among the most innovative companies in Europe in 2025 by Fortune magazine, selected from 300 companies across 21 countries and 16 industries. For more information please visit www.sonova.com.

## **About Robin Gillon**

Born severely deaf, Robin "Bino" Gillon has overcome major obstacles to become one of the world's top freestyle skiers. He started skiing at age two and began winning international competitions by 16, launching him onto the AFP World Tour and FIS World Cup, where he represented his country at the highest level. Since then, he's ranked among Europe's top five, the world's top 30, and earned several international film awards as both a star and producer. As a Phonak brand ambassador, he promotes empowerment and representation.