



Robert Read –
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Robert is a Managing Director of the Investment Manager, a member of the Investment Committee of Harbert Australian Private Equity Fund II, L.P. (“HAPE II”) and a Director of the General Partner, HMC Australian Private Equity Fund II Holdings Pty Ltd (“HAPE II Holdings”).

Robert has recently joined HAPE from GlaxoSmithKline (Australia) where he was Director of Commercial Strategy & Operations. This role was accountable for driving business improvement through strategic development, M&A Digital Marketing, Sales force training and effectiveness, marketing excellence, Business Intelligence, Project Management Office and corporate strategy.

Prior to this, Robert was a Director at ANZ Private Equity, a A\$500 million middle-market private equity fund. Robert was involved in a number of successful investments. ANZPE included a team of 30 investment professionals located in 6 offices across Australia and New Zealand. Robert was based in Sydney and he led or managed a number of acquisitions and exits (including 3 via IPO) across a range of industries including Recruitment, Manufacturing, Security, Finance, Mining services and Aged Care.

Prior to joining ANZPE, Robert worked in Venture Capital at St George Bank. This followed his experience in Business Consulting to Small & Medium Enterprises in Melbourne across a variety of industries.

Robert holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Arts from Monash University and has graduated from the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Robert is a director on Fasttrack Pty Ltd and Sumo Visual Pty Ltd and holds an external directorship with JAR Group Pty Ltd.