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Mike Simmons' insights are grounded in more than 30 years of operating experience. Mike built his career through effective strategic planning, acquisitions, integration, executive team development and operational excellence. Mike's industry specializations include: energy services, industrials, private equity and financial services.

At Shawcor, a multi-billion-dollar oil and gas manufacturing and service firm, Mike led the strategic and corporate development efforts that reshaped the company. During his tenure and under his personal leadership, Shawcor completed 12 successful acquisitions, integrations, joint ventures and divestitures. Mike also led the creation and growth of the Integrity Management Group, now a leader in pipeline inspection.

Prior to Shawcor, Mike was CEO of Q Energy and an Operating Partner for Q Investments, a multi-billion-dollar hedge fund based in Fort Worth, Texas. Mike was responsible for a portfolio of private equity investments including Minyards Grocery Stores and i2 Technologies, a public software firm in which he was a director.

In his 20 years at GE, Mike led GE's Upstream Business, which he grew into GE Oil & Gas's first \$1 billion division. He was also CEO of GE Oil & Gas's PII Pipeline Solutions business, a global technology-based pipeline integrity service company with over 1,000 employees. Mike held executive roles throughout the U.S. and Europe in energy, finance, real estate and GE's Pension fund.

Mike earned his Master's in Business Administration from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and received hands-on experience and executive development at GE's famed Crotonville Learning Center.

Mike has served on the boards of non-profits and public and private companies. He currently is on the board of directors of Zedi Technologies.