

Shimada-San Akinobu Bio

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Chairman of the Board

Shimada-san has more than 30 years of experience at Hitachi companies in roles with responsibilities including business strategy, technical strategy, product strategy and planning for storage and related hardware and software businesses.

In his most recent role, Shimada-san led global business operations as a senior executive supporting IT Platform Products Management Division and Hitachi Vantara. He graduated from Tokyo City University with a Mechanical Engineering degree.

**Akinobu
Shimada**



Adrian Johnson Bio



*Senior Vice President & General Manager
APAC & AMER*

As head of APAC and AMER sales, Adrian Johnson leads the Hitachi Vantara business across two global regions, partnering with customers to help them navigate and execute complex digital transformations. He and his team are focused on helping enterprises unlock the value in their data, reaching better outcomes for business and society.

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Nathan Knight Bio



VP & Managing Director ANZ

As VP & Managing Director of Hitachi Vantara for Australia and New Zealand, Nathan connects businesses, enterprises, and partners to Multi-Cloud Computing, Analytics + AI, Edge Computing, Enterprise Software, Data Services, and As-a-Service for IT Agility – for their competitive advantage.

His 20+ year career in tech underpins his understanding of the benefits technology can deliver to Public Sector, enterprise, and SMB customers. He knows businesses are on critical transformation journeys to increase relevance and drive innovation.

Throughout his career, he has demonstrated strong strategic, commercial, and people leadership to deliver the best outcomes for customers. He has a proven track record of change management, business turnaround, and delivering rapid growth in highly competitive markets.

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