

Robbie Barr appointed as Chairman and Ian Smith becomes Special Advisor to the Board

After four years as Chairman of the Four Seasons Health Care group, Ian Smith has decided to step down from the Board. During his tenure as Chairman, Ian has made a major contribution to the Group including driving the creation of three stand-alone businesses (Four Seasons Health Care, brighterkind and The Huntercombe Group) each with focused customer and care centric strategies. Each of these companies has now established a distinctive competitive position, and with this phase of the Group's strategy accomplished, Ian has decided it is an appropriate time to pass on the leadership of the Group.

Ian's knowledge and skills will not be lost to the Group as he has agreed to retain a role as Special Advisor to the Board to promote both the Group's interests and those of the broader care home and mental health sector.

Robbie Barr, who has been deeply involved with the business as Terra Firma's operating partner, will take over the role of Chairman. Robbie is currently Chairman of Odeon & UCI Cinemas and until recently, he was also Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Deutsche Annington and a director of AWAS.