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## Scott Atkinson to Lead Heidrick & Struggles' Venture Capital Practice

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**Venture Capital specialty practice provides senior talent and advisory services to late-stage, venture-backed companies**

CHICAGO and SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- [Heidrick & Struggles](#) (Nasdaq: HSII), a premier provider of executive search, leadership assessment and development, organization and team effectiveness, and culture shaping services globally, has appointed San Francisco-based Partner [Scott Atkinson](#) to lead the [Venture Capital Practice](#).



Atkinson takes on this leadership role, succeeding [Rebecca Foreman Janjic](#), who earlier this year was named the Global Practice Managing Partner for the firm's [Global Technology and Services Practice](#).

"Heidrick & Struggles has a rich and deep history working with venture capital firms and maturing technology start-ups needing to fully harness senior-level talent who can accelerate growth," said [Krishnan Rajagopalan](#), President and CEO, Heidrick & Struggles. "Scott is well positioned to lead this specialty practice with a proven track record in senior-level leadership searches for venture capital, private equity and investment banking firms."

Since joining Heidrick & Struggles in 2010, Atkinson has led searches for chief financial officers, chief executive officers, board directors, and executives for leading publicly traded, private equity, and venture capital-backed companies experiencing growth, innovation, restructuring and global expansion. Previously, Atkinson served as a senior member of the legal team and human resources group at CollabNet, a venture-backed provider of enterprise cloud development solutions.

"There is incredible opportunity to help venture-backed companies navigate the leadership and talent challenges that come with rapid growth," said Atkinson. "Heidrick & Struggles has a talented group of leadership advisors who are passionate about helping venture-backed and growth-oriented companies shape the future, and I look forward to further building our capabilities in the sector."

Heidrick & Struggles' increased focus on rapidly growing, late-stage startup clients is among many of the firm's significant advances to address the needs of companies harnessing innovation for rapid growth or global expansion. These include:

- The new [Artificial Intelligence Specialty Practice](#) to help established organizations of all sizes find and develop leaders with the ability to apply a deep understanding of AI to rethink and transform the business model.
- The launch of the [Game-Changer Collaboration](#) partnership including leading corporations, venture accelerators, technology foundries and research institutions in the U.S., China, Singapore and Israel.
- Leveraging proprietary, data-driven tools to provide clients with deeper candidate insights and real-time sharing of engagement and candidate information.
- The growth of advisory capabilities in [Heidrick Consulting](#) helping to drive the success of leaders, teams and organizations in a rapidly changing world.

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