



Paratus Board of Directors

Izak van de Merwe (49)

(Independent Non-Executive Director)

Appointed: 17 September 2024

Qualifications: B.Com in Marketing; Diploma in Financial Planning

Nationality: South African

Function and Committees: Investment Committee; Remuneration and Nominations Committee; and Environmental, Social and Governance Committee

Background: Izak has held numerous senior positions in the telecommunications sector, specializing in strategy, digital transformation, and market expansion. His expertise has afforded him the ability to work closely with many telecommunications, retail and financial services enterprises on the African continent. He is an experienced director and executive leader, currently Group Chief Operating Officer at Hugel Group Limited (JSE-listed).

He concurrently serves as Managing Director of Hugel Digital Enablement (Pty) Ltd and Chief Operations Officer of Hugel Management Company (Pty) Ltd. Prior to joining Hugel Group Limited, Izak was CEO of Virgin Mobile South Africa. Leading up to his appointment at Virgin Mobile, Izak served as strategic advisor to the Boards and executive teams of various blue-chip companies.