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KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Robin List

What does it take to create a successful exit?

Robin List is the founder of Sylphar, a company specializing in over-the-counter consumer healthcare products. In 2017, he partnered with Vendis Capital to accelerate Sylphar's growth through acquisitions and digital expansion. This strategy led to the company's sale to EQT-backed Karo Healthcare in 2021, with Robin and his team reinvesting in Karo. Following the acquisition, he joined Karo's Corporate Management Team to oversee Sylphar's integration.



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