Michael Andrew

Mr Andrew was elected Global Chairman of KPMG International in October 2011. He is the first alumni from our faculty to be appointed as Chief Executive of one of the Big Four accounting firms. He led the KPMG global network of professional services firms providing Audit, Tax and Advisory services and oversaw the activities of KPMG worldwide, which generated annual revenue of US\$25 billion in FY2013. KPMG member firms can be found in 156 countries, employing over 152,000 staff. Mr Andrew retired as Global Chairman of KPMG International (KPMG) on 15 March 2014.

Mr Andrew was previously the National Chairman of Partners and Asia-Pacific Chairman of KPMG and has over thirty years of experience with the company. He has had broad experience in emerging markets, both in Eastern Europe and Asia-Pacific and has been a key driver of the Australian firm's robust growth. In recent times he has been one of the architects of KPMG's global strategy. He is a qualified Barrister and Solicitor with the Supreme Court of Victoria and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. He was one of two Australians appointed to the International Business Council of the World Economic Forum.

Mr Andrew has extensive experience in the governance of not-for-profit organisations. Mr Andrew is currently the Chairman of the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Taskforce for the B20. His current roles are: Chairman, Dowd Foundation; Steering Committee Member, United Nations Global Compact for the Environment; Advisory Board Member, BML Munjal University (a new Indian University affiliated with Imperial College London); International Advisory Board Member, Lingnan (University) College, Sun Yat-sen University (Guangzhou, China), Board Member Australian Prostate Cancer Research Council. In Australia his chair roles included: Chair of the Business Council Education Taskforce, Inaugural Chairman, Schools Connect Australia; Chairman of Lauriston Girls School; Vice Chairman of the Committee for Melbourne; Treasurer of the Melbourne Cricket Club; Trustee, Creative Partnerships Australia; Board Member Australia, Prostate Cancer Foundation; Director, Jawun Indigenous Corporate Partnerships.

In his address to the 2009 University of Melbourne Graduation Ceremony, Mr Andrew said "At KPMG, it is compulsory for every Partner to set up a philanthropic or not-for-profit board and contribute to the betterment of our society. I am currently tackling the problems of Indigenous education and employment through various partnerships with communities. I recently launched a disabled employment project, sponsored research into women's diabetes, helped to expand the Prahran Mission for the homeless and raised funds for new Cancer centres. It is heartening to see the increased awareness of social issues among our graduates who want to address issues such as climate change, indigenous development and social inclusion".

Mr Andrew's professional recognition, his strong and ongoing engagement with the University of Melbourne and other international tertiary institutions and his philanthropic work towards indigenous education and employment make him a deserving candidate for an Honorary Doctorate in Commerce.