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Rob Kosier is currently the Director of Information Technology for the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Rob has 12 Years IT Experience working in the Gaming Industry and 20 plus years in the Information Technology field. Rob held the Executive Director of Information Technology for the Stratosphere Hotel & Casino and was the Director of Information at Sunset Station while with Station Casinos. Rob has worked with many Casino Construction projects, starting with the original expansion of the Hard Rock Hotel and assisted with the Green Valley Ranch project while at Station Casinos. A native of Northwest Ohio, Rob moved to Las Vegas in 1988 when he was stationed in Las Vegas with the United States Air Force. Rob spent 9 years in the Air Force where he worked with the Stealth Program at the Tonopah Test Range. Rob has a degree in Information Technology from the US Air Force.

ABOUT MIKE ESSIG

Mike Essig is currently the Project Manager for the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino overseeing a 5 million dollar IT Expansion. Mike has over 15 years experience working in the Information Technology field. Mike started out working with Lodging & Gaming Systems on IBM System 36 and AS/400 platforms. Mike joined Station Casinos where he helped with the opening of their Sunset Station property and was the Director of IT for the opening of Green Valley Ranch. Mike held the Executive Director of Information Technology for ACEP and was instrumental in the integration of the Aquarius into the ACEP family. Mike is ITIL Foundation Certified. Mike is currently a Doctoral learner at Capella University with a focus on Organizational Management with IT Management specialization. Mike has a Master of Science, Hospitality Administration from UNLV.