

**News release**

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**Graphite Capital appointments expand investment and value creation teams**

Graphite Capital, a leading UK mid-market private equity specialist, has made three appointments which further develop its value creation and investment expertise. Emma Winter and Nick Eichorn have joined Graphite as value creation directors while Matt Hamilton-Allen has joined as an investment director.

Emma previously led the digital transformation practice of a boutique management consulting firm. She is now helping Graphite's portfolio companies with implementing technology strategies and strengthening their business processes. In addition, she will help assess the technology strategy, capabilities and investment plans of potential transaction targets. Emma earned an MBA with distinction from Henley Business School after obtaining a physics degree from Oxford University.

Nick brings three years' experience helping Aurelius Investments' portfolio companies build value as part of their leadership teams. Prior to that, he was chief operating officer of a global nutraceuticals brand supporting its commercial development and building an efficient operating platform to underpin further growth. He holds a finance and economics degree from the University of Queensland in Australia.

Matt has spent over 11 years in the UK mid-market, covering sectors including healthcare, industrials, business services and cleantech. At Graphite he is working on new transactions across multiple end-markets. He joined from Rutland Partners where he was an investment director, having previously worked for four years in M&A at Hawkpoint Partners. Matt has an MSc from Durham University Business School and an economics degree from Durham University.

Graphite managing partner, Markus Golser, commented: 'With these hires, we further reinforce the strength of our value creation and investment capabilities and are very pleased with the additional experience and skills that Emma, Nick and Matt will bring us.'

In the past year Graphite has acquired Opus Talent Solutions, a global talent solutions business specialising in the technology and renewable energy markets, and Wonderbly, the on-demand publishing platform for personalised children's books. It also sold U-POL, a leading manufacturer and distributor of automotive repair and refinishing products, to Axalta Coating Systems for 4.5 times its original investment.