



GRAPHITE CAPITAL

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Graphite Capital broadens its investment team

Graphite Capital, the leading UK mid-market private equity specialist, has added to its team with the appointment of Simon May as investment manager.

May joins Graphite after six years at PwC, most recently as a manager in the Business Recovery Services division where he focused on the manufacturing, distribution and healthcare sectors. He is a chartered accountant and holds a first class degree in mathematics from the University of Bath. As well as working with portfolio companies, May will look at investment opportunities and specifically cover the Midlands region.

Rod Richards, Graphite managing partner, says: "We are delighted to welcome Simon. He is an excellent addition to our team which is well placed to capitalise on the growing number of investment opportunities we expect to emerge in the next few years."

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Graphite is a specialist provider of private equity finance to mid-market companies in the UK. Graphite focuses on management buy-outs and buy-ins, expansion capital, replacement capital and turnaround opportunities. It invests in transactions with enterprise values of £25 million to £200 million. Graphite manages more than £1.2 billion through three private funds and the publicly-quoted Graphite Enterprise Trust PLC. The current fund, Graphite Capital Partners VII, is a £585 million fund raised in 2007. GCPVII investments include UPOL, a world leader in automotive refinishing products, Alexander Mann Solutions, the largest independent provider of recruitment process outsourcing solutions to blue-chip companies worldwide; Kurt Geiger, Europe's leading luxury branded footwear retail, design and wholesale company; London Square, a new house-builder focused on prime sites within the M25; and Teaching Personnel, a leading UK educational supply agency.

Graphite's previous fund invested in 15 companies including Park Holidays, an owner and operator of caravan parks in the South of England, and Micheldever Tyre Services, the UK's largest wholesaler of car, 4x4 and motorcycle tyres.

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