

## News release

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### Graphite Capital expands and strengthens team

Graphite Capital, the leading UK mid-market private equity specialist, is pleased to announce a number of promotions and appointments.

**Mike Innes** has been promoted to Graphite's Management Board. Innes joined Graphite in 2005 and has led and structured a variety of investments, including Beck & Pollitzer, Trenchard Aviation and Dominion Gas. He has a particular focus on the industrial and energy sectors.

**Liam McGivern** has been promoted to investment director and **Denise Bartolo** to director of investor relations. McGivern joined Graphite in 2014 and has since been working on a number of transactions in the services sector, including Graphite's investments in sk:n and nGage. He previously worked on European mezzanine investments at Pricoa Capital Group. Bartolo joined Graphite in 2008 and worked in portfolio management prior to moving to investor relations.

Graphite has also significantly expanded its investment team in the past twelve months, making four new appointments. **John Western** and **Tony Saade** joined last year as investment managers. Western was previously a member of the M&A team at Jefferies where he worked for both private equity and corporate clients. Before joining Graphite, Saade worked at Duke Street in the consumer and business services sectors and, prior to that, at Roland Berger in strategy consulting.

**Lara Markham** and **Sophie Davies** have joined as investment managers. Markham joined in March from OC&C Strategy Consultants, where she worked in M&A and corporate strategy across the consumer, business services and TMT sectors. Davies joined in May from Goldman Sachs, where she headed up the EMEA convertible bond trading desk, having previously worked in equity derivative sales.

Rod Richards, Graphite managing partner, said: "We are delighted to recognise the contributions that Mike, Liam and Denise have made to Graphite's business. We are also pleased to have grown the team considerably over the last year. This investment in people leaves us well-resourced to complete the investment programme for our eighth fund and to begin the fund-raising for our ninth."

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