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### Graham is a partner in the corporate team.

He advises on a broad range of UK and international corporate transactions including M&A, early stage development capital and joint ventures.

With a background in private equity, Graham focuses on acting for founders, families and businesses where creativity or innovation is the primary value generator. He chairs the Firm's global Luxury Brands special interest group and has a particular interest in advising those in the fashion tech space. Graham has a particular understanding of investment into founder led companies within the creative industries.

Graham also advises on corporate reorganisations and general business and company law, principally for family-owned business and founder led or eponymous brands. He is particularly experienced in shareholder relations and is regarded as a trusted adviser to his clients, using Withers' unique platform to help them understand and navigate the intersection of their personal and business interests.

Over 50% of Graham's practice has an international or cross-border element and he collaborates closely with the Withers' network to ensure a seamless delivery for clients.

## Track record

#### Kering

Advised on the acquisition by Kering of a majority stake in British fashion house Christopher Kane.

#### **LVMH**

Advised on the acquisition by LVMH of a majority stake in British shoe designer Nicholas Kirkwood.

### Women's fashion designer

Advising a well known women's fashion designer in terms of all of their corporate work, shareholder relations, commercial work and recent business planning.

#### **LVMH**

Advised on the acquisition by LVMH of a minority stake in British fashion house J W Anderson.

### Senior executive and deal manager moves

Advised senior executive and deal manager moves for a number of high profile hedge funds and private equity houses including Advent and 3i.

# Clients

Fabrizio TATLER

# Recent recognition





### **Talks**

- 'Building the next generation of retail,' Vogue Business Founders' Forum in partnership with Withersworldwide January 25, 2023, panelist
- 'Dolphin Tank: Fashion Tech,' Virtual event with Springboard Enterprises and New York Fashion Tech Lab September 22, 2021, panelist
- 'Fashion tech law: A global perspective,' New York Fashion Tech Lab virtual workshop June 11, 2021, speaker
- 'Dolphin Tank: Online Event | Fashion Tech | Female Entrepreneurs,' September 29, 2020, panelist

## External publications

'<u>Highlights from the 2023 Vogue Business Founders' Forum with Withersworldwide</u>,' - Vogue Business - January 30, 2023, featured

'NFTs: is art mimicking fashion?' Withers insight - May 5, 2021, co-author

### **Admissions**

England and Wales, 2007

## Education

Edinburgh University, LLB (Hons)

## Languages

**English** 

French

# Memberships

Franco-British Chamber of Commerce

# Key dates

Year joined: 2012

Year became partner: 2017