



Welcoming Grant Esterhuizen as our new Chair

We are delighted to announce the appointment of [Grant Esterhuizen](#) as the firm's new Chair, succeeding [Suki Samra](#) from 1 May 2026.

Grant brings nearly three decades of experience at the firm, including 16 years leading the Corporate team. As part of the leadership transition, [Jamie Earley](#) will take over as Head of [Corporate](#) from 1 May, while Grant will continue in his role as Head of the wider Corporate and Commercial Group, ensuring strong continuity across the practice.

Well known across the firm for his calm and considered approach, Grant moves into the Chair role with a strong focus on supporting people, strengthening relationships and upholding the firm's guiding principles. As Chair, he will take on a key non-executive role representing the partnership, supporting effective governance and helping to promote a connected and collaborative culture across the business. He will also continue to represent the firm externally through his involvement in regional and professional networks, including [Dorset Chamber](#) and [MSI Global Alliance](#).

Speaking about his appointment, Grant said:

"It is a real honour to take on the role of Chair at Lester Aldridge. I care deeply about this firm, our people and our clients. My focus will be on creating an environment where colleagues feel supported and listened to, and where our guiding principles remain central to how we work together. I am excited about the journey ahead and proud to be representing such a talented and dedicated partnership. My sincere thanks go to Suki for his commitment and leadership as Chair over the past five years."

[Tom Alder](#), Managing Partner, commented:

"Grant brings a huge amount of experience, integrity and positivity to the role. His insight and steady leadership will be invaluable as we continue to support our colleagues and deliver for our clients. I am delighted to be working alongside him and would also like to extend my thanks to Suki for the contribution and stability he has provided as Chair."

Pictured: Suki Samra and Grant Esterhuizen