# GRAHAM SPORTS PARTNERS

#### **ABOUT US**

Sponsored by the Graham family, Graham Sports Partners (GSP) manages a portfolio of direct investments across six soccer verticals, with additional Graham family capital available for new investments.

The GSP team combines seasoned private equity professionals from the <u>Graham organization</u> with over two decades of investment and operating experience in soccer, together with senior operating partners from leading global sports brands, agencies, professional teams, and governing bodies.

Collectively, the Grahams own controlling or substantial direct equity stakes in over three dozen operating businesses spanning industries that range from sports to industrial technologies, advanced manufacturing, software development, health care, and education.

### WHY SOCCER, WHY GRAHAM, WHY NOW?

- 40+ collective years of direct investment and operating experience with an existing soccer-centric portfolio
- Increased momentum across North America over the next decade, driven by demographic changes in American culture and the hosting of several major global soccer events
- A preferred strategic partner given our soccer heritage and deep network of sector specialists
- Soccer is the world's largest sporting ecosystem with favorable tailwinds across the industry



56% of U.S. Gen Z (aged 16 - 26) indicate an increased interest in soccer<sup>2</sup>

32%

increase in soccer participation from 2020 to 2023, 5x faster than the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest-growing sport<sup>4</sup> 67% increase in attendance

at MLS games from 2012 - 2022<sup>3</sup>

15.3MM

total participation in organized or recreational soccer in 2023<sup>5</sup>

#### **INVESTMENT CRITERIA**

- Transaction Size: Enterprise Values of \$5MM \$100MM; typically control investments, select minority investments
- Business Segments: Soccer ecosystem emphasis, opportunistic investing in other sports
- Geography: North American emphasis, select international investments
- Scale: Lower middle market and profitable targets, typically with \$5MM+ in Revenue and \$1MM+ in EBITDA

## **GRAHAM'S SECTOR FOCUS**

Media & Content	Digital Content Creation   Soccer Marketing	
Technology & Services	Data & Analytics   Education   Training & Licensing	
Product	Specialty Retail   Memorabilia   Streetwear   Lifestyle	
Amateur Sports	Youth Development   Leagues & Tournaments   Clinics & Camps	
Venues	Multi-Sport Facilities Management & Ownership	
<b>Professional Teams</b>	Commercial & Media Rights   Men's & Women's Professional Clubs	

<sup>1</sup>US. Soccer and Mexican Football Federation have submitted a joint bid to host the 2031 FIFA Women's World Cup; High probability of hosting the tournament.<sup>2</sup> Source: For Soccer, 2023; Gen Z U.S. Soccer Fars Show Most Interest in MLS <sup>3</sup>Source: NVGT, 2022; The Power of the MLS. <sup>4</sup>Source: Sports & Fitness Industry Association, 2024, State of the Industry Report. <sup>5</sup>Source: National Sporting Goods Association, 2024; Sports Participation in the United States.



## MORE ABOUT GRAHAM

<u>Graham Sports Partners</u> leverages the Graham organization's unique combination of private equity and operating experience with our industry resources from leading global sports brands, agencies, professional teams, and governing bodies.

#### **Private Equity Investment Experience**

Investment Entity	Strategy
Graham Partners	Buyouts and Expansion Capital
Inverness Graham	Buyouts and Expansion Capital
Striker Partners	Buyouts and Expansion Capital
<u>Graham Capital Investments (GCI)</u>	Buyouts and GP Seeding
<u>Graham Capital</u>	Diversified Direct Private Investing
<u>Graham Software Development</u>	Technology Investing and AI
Graham Sports Partners	2+ Decades of Sports Investing

#### **Operating Experience & Resources**



**Portfolio Companies** – Over two decades of investing and operating across six soccer verticals



Industry Executives – A team of senior executives from leading global sports brands, agencies, professional teams, and governing bodies



In-House Operations Team – Strategy, Finance & Accounting, Operations, Sales & Marketing, Supply Chain & Real Estate, Cyber & IT, and ESG

# EXISTING SOCCER-CENTRIC PORTFOLIO

Graham Sports Partners is comprised of a diversified portfolio of soccer-centric investments in six verticals.

Investment	Sector	Description
FOR SOCCER	Media & Content	For Soccer is North America's leading soccer marketing, media, and experience agency providing brands authentic connection to the American soccer consumer at scale
SOCCER.COM	Product	<u>Soccer.com</u> <sup>6</sup> (also known as Sports Endeavors) is one of the largest online retailers of soccer goods in the market, providing a crucial intermediary between brands, teams, and families
S 3 SIDELINE SOCCER SOLUTIONS	Amateur Sports	<u>Sideline Soccer Solutions</u> is one of the nation's largest youth soccer tournament operators with over 300 tournaments and 200k youth participants annually
yscsports	Venues	<u>YSC Sports</u> is a state-of-the-art soccer centric facility located in World Cup 2026 host city, Philadelphia, with over 800k (75% adult) annual participants
<b>YSC</b> A D VAN TA GE	Technology & Services	<u>YSC Advantage</u> is a proprietary, NCAA-approved, hybrid, online learning curriculum offered to elite high school players from both domestic and international professional soccer clubs
	Professional Teams	<u>The Philadelphia Union</u> <sup>6</sup> is a professional soccer club competing in the top tier of the American soccer pyramid in Major League Soccer (MLS), with the Union Academy widely recognized as the leader in North American player development

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