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Tapestry hires chief operations officer from VF Corporation

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Tapestry has a new COO. Image credit: Coach

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Fashion group Tapestry has appointed Thomas Glaser as its new chief operations officer, tapping into his experience in supply chain management for VF Corporation's brands such as The North Face.

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Mr. Glaser has been at VF Corporation for almost two decades and was most recently vice president at VF Corporation and president of supply chain. At Tapestry, he will be overseeing the company's supply chain and IT, including distribution and ecommerce fulfillment for the group's brands.

Operational oversight

Mr. Glaser began his career at fashion group PVH in sales and sourcing roles for Asia and the United States. He later became vice president of sourcing and operations for a number of PVH's brands.

In 2001, the executive joined VF as managing director, VF Asia Ltd sourcing in Hong Kong. Before entering his current position in 2012, he held other operational and supply chain roles within the company.

Along with The North Face, VF Corporation includes brands such as JanSport, Timberland, Vans and Dickies.

At Tapestry, Mr. Glaser will report to CEO Victor Luis. He will be focused on overseeing the technology, logistics, manufacturing and product development for the company's brands, including Stuart Weitzman, Coach and Kate Spade.



Tom Glaser. Image courtesy of Tapestry

"Tom's leadership and outstanding operational track record at global multi-brand fashion companies make him an excellent addition to the Tapestry leadership team," said Mr. Luis in a statement. "He is very well regarded for his strategic focus, team leadership, strong analytical and technical skills and exceptional business acumen.

"His experience in managing and transforming complex supply chains to deal with the endless innovation required by successful consumer franchises make him uniquely qualified to build upon the foundation that we've already created at Tapestry and I am looking forward to partnering closely with him in support of all our brands," he said. Tom's operational stewardship will be invaluable as we execute our long-term strategic plan."

Tapestry has recently seen other changes in its C suite.

The fashion group's chief financial officer Kevin Wills exited the company.

Mr. Wills is leaving to pursue another opportunity, but stayed on in the role until February to allow for a smooth transition. No successor has been named yet, and Tapestry is conducting a search for his replacement ([see story](#)).

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