



**LISA ELLIS** FOUNDING OPERATING PARTNER, FIREMAN CAPITAL PARTNERS

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## music maven

LISA ELLIS IS A LITTLE BIT CORPORATE, a little bit rock 'n' roll. On any given day the former executive vice president at Sony Music Label Group might spend the morning at a business meeting for her private equity firm, Fireman Capital Partners, and the afternoon in a recording studio with artist Wyclef Jean, one of her partners in Karnaval House, a music and entertainment company.

Her carefully honed style is classic with a twist: figure-flattering Dolce & Gabbana suits with jewel-tone blouses, sky-high Jimmy Choo and Manolo Blahnik heels, and bold jewelry such as wooden beads with diamond accents. She wears jeans four days a week and changes outfits once or twice a day depending on what's on the agenda. "In the corporate world, if you wear jeans it offends the board," she says. "In the studio, if you wear a suit it offends the artists."

This page: Burberry silk blouse, \$350, and denim pants, \$275. Ellis' own Christian Louboutin pumps. Opposite, clockwise from top left: Harriet Anthony necklace. Dolce & Gabbana silk pantsuit, \$3,495. Harriet Anthony ring. Vince charmeuse top, \$175. Marc by Marc Jacobs bag. Manolo Blahnik pumps. Chanel watch. Prada sandals. Lela Rose dress, \$1,050. Where to Buy, page 87.



STYLIST: BETTINA BUDEWIG. PHOTOGRAPHS COURTESY OF CHANEL (WATCH); MARC JACOBS (BAG); BARNEYS (PRADA SHOE). OPPOSITE: STYLIST: TIFFANY PENTZ; MAKEUP: BRANDON ZIMOTYER FOR BALAN INC.; HAIR: MARK ANTHONY FOR EXCLUSIVE ARTISTS MANAGEMENT.