

Cherian George crops up in new role

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Cherian George of Fitch Ratings fame has cropped up in a new role having joined Keystone Global as a senior adviser.

IJGlobal reported on George's impending departure from the rater <u>back in November 2021</u> stepping down from his role global head of infrastructure and project finance, and his replacement by <u>Scott Zuchorski</u> earlier this year.

George has joined Keystone as a senior adviser to support its project advisory opportunities, bringing deep-rooted experience, knowledge, and thought leadership to the team.

With more than 30 years of corporate, public sector, and project finance experience, George at Fitch managed the credit ratings and risk analysis on in excess of 900 transactions globally, including transport, energy, industrials, water, public and social infrastructure, P3s and the sports sectors.

Prior to joining Fitch in 1999, he was assistant comptroller/CFO for The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's tunnels, bridges, and terminals business segment.

Mit Jha, managing principal of Keystone Global, said: "We are ecstatic to welcome Cherian to the Keystone Global team and I am looking forward to working with him.

"He brings an unparalleled understanding of credit analysis and is widely recognised as a thought leader in infrastructure."



Maria Kang, Keystone managing director, added: "Cherian's experience and expertise in the global infrastructure sector will provide invaluable insight for all the transactions which we are pursuing."

George said: "It is a unique opportunity for me to bring my varied experience in infrastructure to effectuate better project development and transactions. I look forward to sharing my independent perspectives on structures, finance and credit to achieve more sustainable solutions for both private sector success and the public good."

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