



Media Release

IFM announces new Head of Infrastructure for Europe

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IFM Investors is pleased to announce that Deepa Bharadwaj will become its new Head of Europe – Infrastructure, following the retirement of current head Christian Seymour.

Mr Seymour joined IFM in 2004 and has been instrumental in establishing IFM’s European base in London in 2006.

During that time, he has helped oversee investments in major European infrastructure assets, such as Arqiva, Naturgy, and M6toll, while growing IFM’s presence in Switzerland and the Netherlands.

Mr Seymour will remain with IFM as a Senior Advisor and take over responsibility for IFM’s Peer Review Team, which is an intrinsic part of IFM’s acquisition process.

Ms Bharadwaj joined IFM in 2017 and has extensive global expertise in the infrastructure and energy sectors, having worked in the United States, Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Europe.

Before joining IFM, Ms Bharadwaj worked at Standard Chartered Bank in Singapore in a number of senior leadership roles, including as Global Head for Power, Transportation and Infrastructure. She also has extensive experience in diversity and inclusion initiatives, was the chair of the European Inclusion and Diversity Forum and has been a member of the Steering Committee of the Women’s Infrastructure Network in Australia.

Deepa moved to London in 2019, where she currently has senior level responsibility for managing IFM’s infrastructure operations, including fundraising, sourcing investment opportunities, transaction execution, asset management, and developing client relationships.

Her appointment provides strong continuity for IFM’s infrastructure team in Europe and is another indication of IFM’s stability as our presence in the region continues to grow.

Quotes attributable to IFM Investors Global Head of Infrastructure Kyle Mangini:

“Deepa is a fantastic leader who has the experience, skillset and investor-focused mindset that will help drive our growth ambitions in Europe – a vital market for IFM.”

Quote attributable to IFM Investors new Head of Europe – Infrastructure Deepa Bharadwaj:

“This is a challenging time for the global economy, but it also presents significant opportunities for infrastructure investment, including in areas like renewables and the transition to a low-carbon economy.”

“I look forward to working even more closely with our fantastic infrastructure team so we keep delivering for our investors and their beneficiaries, which includes millions of working people in Europe and globally.”

Quote attributable to IFM Investors outgoing Head of Europe – Infrastructure Christian Seymour:

“It’s been a great honour to work at IFM and play a part in its extraordinary global growth. I wish Kyle, Deepa and the team every success and I’m pleased to be able to continue supporting IFM as a senior advisor in the years ahead.”

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