

## Julien appointed First Citizens CEO

JASON JULIEN has been appointed group chief executive officer of First Citizens Group Financial Holdings, succeeding Karen Darbasie upon her retirement.

Julien has served deputy CEO since January 2015.

'The board of First Citizens Group Financial Holdings Ltd took the decision on Friday, March 28, 2025, to appoint Mr Jason Julien as the new group chief executive officer to replace Ms Karen Darbasie upon her retirement,' a notice from First Citizens stated.

Neither the date of Darbasie's retirement nor the official transition date has been announced. Since 2015, Darbasie has been heading First Citizens' three-member executive management team, which included Julien and Neela Moonilal-Kissoon, who was appointed group deputy CEO - Operations and Administration in December 2023. Darbasie was the first woman to ever hold the position of GCEO of First Citizens.

'Mr Julien possesses an MBA (distinction) from the Edinburgh Business School, Heriot-Watt University and a BSc Management Studies (honours) from The University of the West Indies. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst with the CFA Institute.

'He also possesses a Certificate of Financial Advisors with the Institute of Business and Finance,' the notice stated.

'He has 25 years of banking and finance experience in leading local and regional financial service entities, along with varied board appointments,' it stated.