



Johnson joins Meridian Capital as a managing director

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According to Meridian Capital Group, LLC, Chad Johnson has joined as a managing director in its Commercial Originations Group. Johnson will be originating loans nationally. He will report to Marty Lanigan, senior managing director of origination and strategic initiatives, and will be working out of Meridian's newly-formed office in Kansas City, KS as well as its local headquarters.

Johnson has extensive experience across the commercial mortgage finance arena. As a 20-year industry veteran, he has held senior origination and mortgage banking roles with GMAC Commercial Mortgage, UBS, Deutsche Bank, and Wachovia. Johnson and Lanigan previously worked together at GMAC Commercial Mortgage, where Mr. Johnson ran the wholesale lending group.

"Chad's longstanding and successful track record, in combination with his excellent borrower relationships and tremendous deal experience, make him an excellent addition to the Meridian team," said Lanigan.

"Chad joins us at a very exciting time, and will play a significant role in positioning Meridian to become the leading U.S. commercial real estate finance company," said Ralph Herzka, Meridian's CEO.

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