

George Karidis, SoftLayer

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Chief Operations Officer

As COO, George Karidis is directly responsible managing and overseeing the company's strategic growth including datacenter operations, international expansion efforts, customer service and support as well as the Catalyst program. Before joining SoftLayer in January, 2008, Mr. Karidis spent seven years with Devonshire Investors, the private equity arm of Fidelity Investments. There he drove the strategic planning efforts of portfolio companies focused on the telecom, hosting, and software markets, taking active roles in each company from inception through domestic growth and international expansions. Previously, Mr. Karidis led business development for a startup serving the SME market, and spent more than 6 years with the Yankee Group as an industry analyst covering the telecom and IT sectors. He holds an Honors Bachelor of Commerce Degree from McMaster University with majors in finance, accounting, and economics, and an MBA from the University of Ottawa.