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## BankRI Hires Maria Botelho as VP, Commercial Real Estate Lender

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** – Bank Rhode Island has grown the team of its Commercial Real Estate Division, hiring Maria Botelho as Vice President, Commercial Real Estate Lender. The seasoned banking professional joined the bank this spring and works out of its Downtown Providence headquarters in the Turk's Head Building.

In her role, Maria is responsible for developing new commercial real estate relationships and arranging financial solutions for the construction, purchasing, and refinancing of investment real estate projects. She also manages a portfolio of established clients, which brings her to work closely with local developers, investors, and area businesses to help meet a wide range of financial needs.

"Maria brings a great deal of lending experience to our team and a personalized, detail-oriented approach to doing business," said Keb Brackenbury, SVP, and Team Leader of BankRI Commercial Real Estate. "But more importantly, she has a proven track record of successfully developing long-standing customer relationships, which is the foundation of everything we do at BankRI."

Maria has more than 15 years of experience in commercial lending, and prior to joining BankRI, was a vice president, commercial loan officer with Pawtucket Credit Union. She is a lifelong Rhode Islander and a resident of Barrington.

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