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## **BankRI Grows Franchise Banking Division, Hires Gregory Kervin as VP**

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** – Bank Rhode Island (BankRI) has expanded its Franchise Banking Division for the second time in eight months by appointing Gregory Kervin as Vice President, Commercial Lender. With substantial experience in finance, Kervin will specialize in structuring financing for quick-service restaurant owners.

“Franchise lending demands specialized knowledge, financial acumen, and strong relationship-building skills. Greg embodies these qualities, making him a vital asset to our clients and the bank,” stated Will Tsonos, BankRI’s President and CEO. “As we further develop our franchise lending capabilities, Greg will be instrumental in maintaining strong relationships with our existing customer base.”

Previously, Kervin held the role of Vice President, Senior Portfolio Manager in Specialty Banking at Huntington National Bank, where he focused on credit risk assessment and financial analysis. He will report to Tom Fitzgerald, EVP, Franchise Banking Commercial Team Leader, and is based at BankRI’s Providence corporate office.

“Every company has a unique narrative, and understanding their specific needs and long-term objectives is my priority as a trusted advisor,” Kervin added. “I am excited to be a part of the BankRI team and collaborate with colleagues dedicated to our clients’ success.”

Kervin resides in South Kingstown with his family and holds a degree in Business Administration and Finance from Boston University’s Questrom School of Business.

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