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BankRI Taps John Kirkwood as Director of Commercial Markets Payments Group

Veteran financial professional has 25+ years of experience in foreign exchange trading

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – With an eye on expanding services for its commercial clients, Bank Rhode Island (BankRI) has hired John Kirkwood as Director of its Commercial Markets Payments Group. John is a longtime financial professional who joined BankRI this past spring and works out of its Turks Head office in downtown Providence.

John comes to BankRI with more than 25 years of foreign exchange experience and a specialized focus in corporate foreign exchange trading and payment processing. With BankRI, he plays a key role in business development and introducing growth efforts and technologies specific to international payments in USD and foreign currency. For commercial clients with foreign exchange needs, he tailors risk management plans and value-based payment processing solutions.

Prior to BankRI, John was the owner and co-founder of Commonwealth Foreign Exchange, Inc.

“John is not only a tremendously experienced banker, but also someone who fully invests themselves in supporting the success of each and every client,” said Will Tsonos, President and CEO, BankRI. “Our clients in the global economy space have unique financial needs that require individualized solutions, and John is an important part of our ability to advance the services we provide.”

John holds a B.S. from Villanova and an MBA in International Business and Global Economics from the University of San Francisco.

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About Bank Rhode Island

Bank Rhode Island, a wholly owned subsidiary of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ:BRKL), is a full-service, FDIC-insured financial institution headquartered in Providence, Rhode Island. The bank operates 22 branches and more than 30 ATMs throughout Providence, Kent, Newport and Washington Counties. For more information, visit www.bankri.com.