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Canada's **Avison Young** has opened a commercial real estate services office in Houston.

The Houston location is the Toronto-based real estate firm's fourth location outside of Canada.

Rand Stephens and Josh LaRocca have joined the firm to lead the new office. Stephens will

be managing director, while LaRocca will be a principal. Prior to joining the company, they were co-managing partners for Mohr Partners.

Founded in 1978, Avison Young calls itself Canada's largest independently-owned commercial real estate services company and the only national, Canadian-owned, principal-managed real estate brokerage firm in the country.

It opened its first U.S. office in Chicago in 2009 followed by Washington, DC and Atlanta. In the past 18 months, the company has grown from 11 to 18 offices and from 300 to 600-plus real estate professionals.

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