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Did You Hear? New Avison Young Boston Boss Brings On New Broker

A Daily Look at the Movers and Shakers in Commercial Real Estate



After almost two decades with CBRE, Jason Levendusky is hitching his wagon to the growing Avison Young brokerage firm. (Courtesy of Avison Young)

In a testament to the speed that the Toronto-based brokerage is growing, Avison Young's new boss in Boston is already hiring.

Thomas Collins, [who was hired](#) by Avison in August as a managing director after 20 years at Cushman & Wakefield, announced this week that he's hired CBRE veteran **Jason Levendusky**.

Levendusky joins Avison as a principal and will be doing both landlord and tenant representation work across greater Boston. He'll handle office and industrial assignments and will also help with sales.

Avison Young has hired a couple dozen brokers in the country in the past couple months, including big hires in Boston, San Francisco, Phoenix, San Diego, Chicago and Washington, D.C. When Collins came on board, one task was to grow the Boston bench.

“My approach is not to be fast-and-furious, but to be methodical and thoughtful and build a team,” said Collins this week. “Jason is a 20-year veteran, and we’re looking to build a team that works around him. I’m not looking to hire three Jasons and throw them into the mix and see what happens.”

Levendusky spent the past 18 years with CBRE’s formidable Boston shop. He was previously with WP Commercial, a fund run by Goldman Sachs. His clients have included Bentall Kennedy, General Electric, RREEF and Zone Labs.

Collins thinks the recent spate of chair-changing among brokers at the big national firms reflects the strength of the commercial real estate sector right now. Avison Young, as one of a handful of big, nonpublic companies, pitches the chance for brokers to become principals, or stakeholders, in a company that’s on the growth curve.

“There’s a lot of recruiting going, there’s a lot of business going on and a lot of business to be done,” Collins said.

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CRC Hires Brogden to Assist in Oversight of Multifamily Portfolio



Kara Brogden

Continental Realty Corp. has hired **Kara Brogden** as an asset management associate in Baltimore.

In her new role, Brogden will assist in the oversight of CRC's multifamily portfolio, including reporting activities, working with internal and external stakeholders, and handling special projects.

Brogden brings more than seven years of residential real estate experience to the firm, most recently serving as a valuation analyst for Altus Group. She's also held property management and leasing roles at A&G Management and The Dolben Co.

Allen Morris Co. Promotes Vasquez, Hires Cardenas in Florida



Lulio Vasquez, left, and Derek Cardenas

Diversified real estate firm The Allen Morris Co. has promoted **Lulio Vasquez** to assistant asset manager and named **Derek Cardenas** as development associate.

Vasquez has been with the company for 17 years, most recently as a senior property accountant. In his new role, Vasquez will be responsible for maintaining the company's portfolio while maximizing asset returns.

Cardenas is tasked with oversight and management of the firm's development and construction activities across Florida, including cost and budget evaluation, marketing and sales, and sourcing new deals. Cardenas joins Allen Morris from Related Group, where he served as assistant project manager.

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