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Dexter John joined Canadian proxy solicitor Gryphon Advisors in April as president and CEO after nearly nine years as an executive vice president at D.F. King in Canada. Gryphon works with sister firm Frontline Advisors to provide clients with full-service proxy solicitation and corporate governance consultation (Gryphon specializes in niche topics like shareholder activism and cannabis consulting while Frontline – founded by Kingsdale Advisors alumni Jackie Cheung and Victor Guo – provides general corporate governance advice regarding compensation, diversity, strategy, and more).

“No one offers the full array of services that we offer,” John told Activist Insight Monthly. “This is not a fly-by-night operation. We have long-term plans. We aim to be the No. 1 provider of services in the near future.”

Gryphon currently has offices in Toronto and Calgary. It is Canada-focused but also qualified to service clients in the U.S. and Europe.