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AGGRESSIVE PRIVATE BRIDGE MONEY

With bank regulations tightening, expect private money lenders to fill in and fund sub-\$5M bridge loans. Look for small-balance bridge lenders to push higher up the capital stack, take on riskier deals and start to consider non-recourse money. Leverage will reach 80% of value, which could be even higher based on cost. Rates will be 8% to 12% with 2 to 3 point fees. Borrowers will see 1% to 2% higher pricing on non-recourse loans. Keep an eye out for new entrants into the space, as more bridge lenders dip below \$5M in order to get money out the door.

JCR Capital allocates leverage up to 80% and originates non-recourse bridge financing. The lender provides \$3M-plus loans for multifamily, office, retail, industrial and self storage. **Bloomfield Capital** funds \$1M-plus bridge loans for multifamily, office, retail, industrial/flex and hotels. Leverage will be 50% to 80% of value, but could go higher based on cost. Bloomfield provides 10% to 12% rates plus points. Terms will be 12 to 24 months with extensions. Most deals will be full recourse, but non-recourse money will be considered.

Commercial Capital provides \$100K to \$1.5M bridge loans for most commercial properties, including multifamily, budget hospitality and cell-phone towers. Borrowers will see two-year terms and 12% pricing. Leverage will max at 80% of purchase price or 60% of appraised value. Full recourse will be required. **Avant Capital** starts bridge lending at \$500K with 12- to 36-month terms. Multifamily, condos, office and retail will be preferred. Leverage will be 65% to 75% with 8% to 11% rates. The stronger the deal, the less recourse required. **A10 Capital** lends \$1M-plus for retail, office, industrial, multifamily, self-storage, parking and MHCs. Hotels will also be considered. A10 will originate non-re

TOP MEZZ LENDERS (PROJECTED 2014 ORIGINATIONS)		
MEZZ LENDER	FULL-YEAR PROJECTIONS	DETAILS
Colony Capital	\$500M+	\$20M+ loans for all properties
Principal Real Estate Investors	\$500M	Multifamily, retail, office, industrial, hotels in top 30 markets
CIBC	\$500M	Mezz behind CIBC's balance-sheet, floating-rate loans and fixed-rate CMBS loans; multifamily, office, retail, industrial, hotels, mixed-use
Torchlight Investors	\$350M	\$10M+ loans for office, retail, multifamily, condos, hotels, industrial, student housing
Canyon Capital Realty Advisors	\$250M	All properties, including condos, multifamily, retail, office, hotels, industrial, mixed-use; acquisitions, construction, redevelopment, refi
Terra Capital	\$250M	All value-add and stabilized properties, except senior housing, nationwide
RCG Longview	\$200M-\$250M	Stabilized and value-add office, retail, multifamily, industrial, flagged hotels
Heitman Financial Services	\$200M	

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RESIDENTIAL JV EQUITY ON FIRE...

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NorthStar Realty Finance will look for \$15M equity investments with a focus on manufactured housing and multifamily in the Southeast, Texas and Arizona. **Oaktree Capital Management** and **Westbrook Partners** target \$20M-plus deals. Westbrook will slow on residential deals and consider more commercial investments. Look for institutional JV players such as **Carlyle**, **Morgan Stanley** and **PCCP** to accept lower yield for deals in major markets rather than entering secondary locales.

Leverage for senior loans will top out around 70% but JV equity investors will step in and fund up to 90% of the remainder. Equity firms will also be attracted to deals with lower leverage, because it allows them to invest a heftier chunk of capital. Watch for more deals to be structured with lower priced 60% debt and 40% equity. The institutional equity investors will look for \$10M or even \$20M JV minimums, so the largest void will be for \$5M to \$10M equity infusions. Many equity groups will want to cut \$10M checks, so expect numerous JV partners to avoid deals with multiple layers of capital, including mezz and pref equity. JV investors will be interested

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Capital Advisors works on financing a multitenant office building in a Southeast core market. Rollover is spread out over the 10-year requested loan term and the tenancy includes both national credit tenants and stable local tenants.

Capital Advisors arranges a \$1.6M refinance on a 23,000-s.f., 100%-occupied office building in Raleigh, N.C. LTV was 60%. The loan has a 10-year term and 25-year amortization.

CBRE puts the finishing touches on a \$16M construction loan for an office/retail building in the Fort Worth, Texas, market. The project includes 92,000 s.f. of office space and a 17,000-s.f. retail component. The project is 100% spec.

CBRE works on financing a \$65M loan on two Class A office buildings leased to a single tenant with favorable credit. Zampa looks at 10-year proposals at 75% leverage with five-year interest only at 4.5%.

Cohen Financial secures \$5.56M in acquisition financing for a loft office property in Chicago. The bridge loan was provided by First Midwest Bank. Proceeds will go to reposition and re-tenant the property.

George Smith completes an \$89M non-recourse construction loan for Pacific City, a 12% leased retail center in Huntington Beach, Calif. Bram also arranges a \$51M non-recourse renovation/construction loan for Lido Village Marina in Newport Beach, Calif.

George Smith works on non-recourse acquisition/repositioning financing for a multifamily property. Mozer quotes 75% of the purchase price and 100% of the repositioning. The rate is Libor-plus 250.

Carlson closes a \$3M loan secured by an office warehouse property in Minneapolis. The loan was funded by a life insurance company after restructured a fixed-rate, 15-year term and 15-year amortization.

NorthMarq works to secure a \$20M acquisition loan for a 90%-occupied office building in a major submarket. Stults also closes a \$7M flex industrial/office property with an institutional life insurance company with a rate of 4.8%.

NorthMarq finalizes a suburban, multitenant office building bridge loan with a life company lender. Trebil recently closed a lower leverage multitenant acquisition. A number of lenders were willing to provide full-term, interest-only financing.

OFFICE FINANCING EXPLODES

Life companies will become more active on shorter term loans, floating-rate financing, interest-only provisions, flexible pre-payments and mezz lending for office. Look for an increase of three-, five- and seven-year loans, instead of the typical 10-year terms. Life companies will be flexible with mezz behind their loans and provide sub-debt in a one-stop-shop format. Expect debt yield to drop as low as 8.5% from the 10%-plus seen the last few quarters. The bulk of life companies will prefer 9% to 10.5% debt yield. DSC will be 1.30x to 1.50x. Count on LCs to dip loan minimums down to \$2M for office and provide aggressive pricing for the \$5M to \$7M loan space. Borrowers will need around 25% recourse on smaller deals.