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- Lewis Cone, Senior B2B Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- Brexit impasse and uncertainty causing changes to mortgage lending strategies
- Empty and unused properties in London could offer new opportunities

Market uncertainty has reduced property investment flows from European investors to the UK, but London still receives the highest volume of investment property activity of any European city and remains the highest priority target from investors located outside Europe.

During 2018, new loans totalled an estimated £49.6 billion, up by 11% on 2017. This total was underpinned by a strong second half of the year, with loan originations having reached £22.5 billion in the first half of 2018 - 27% higher than the same period in 2017.

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Growth is expected to be supported by continued foreign investment and robust occupier demand, particularly in the offices and industrial sectors.

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