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"The market does not experience the same turbulence as mainstream finance providers facing increasing regulations and uncertainty over funding from major institutions. Market development will largely be determined by what happens in the housing market and if there is enough equity in properties to continue to fund redevelopments and business expansions."

- Lewis Cone, Senior B2B Analyst

# This report looks at the following areas:

- Industry under the spotlight regarding default rates
- The number of SMEs seeking external finance has fallen with bridgers needing to be proactive

The bridging loans sector is expanding significantly faster than the mainstream mortgage market, which grew by 4% in 2018, according to UK Finance. In comparison, the bridging loans market increased by 17% in 2018.

Despite this growth, the bridging finance sector is still only worth some 3% of the traditional mortgage sector, which was valued at £267.5 billion at the end of 2018 and is expected to decline to around £250 billion by the end of 2019 - suggesting spare capacity for the industry to capitalise on.

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