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"Bridging finance has experienced huge growth since the global financial crisis. The sector has particularly evolved over the last few years into a versatile, flexible and innovative form of alternative finance. Lenders have diversified product ranges to offer a suite of bridging products to cater for almost any scenario that requires short term property-backed finance."

- Lewis Cone, B2B Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- What are the key determinants driving the bridging loans industry?
- Was the market affected by the financial crisis? Has there been any structural changes as a consequence?
- Has regulation restricted industry development?
- Can the sector withstand competition from other lenders in the years ahead?
- What does the future hold for bridging finance?

A bridging loan is a flexible, short-term loan usually secured against property, where the borrower agrees to pay back the loan plus interest by an agreed date. They are typically used to provide finance for property purchases while a borrower is awaiting the completion of a contingent sale of an existing property, or simply where other finance is scarce.

Since bridging loans are usually offered on the basis of the security and the proposed exit rather than the borrower's ability to meet regular repayments, bridging can assist in a wide variety of situations.

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