# Commercial Property Development Finance & Construction Loans

Turning your real estate vision into reality



# Why BEDROCK Funding?



Our aim is to become an extension of our clients' team and represent them in all their requirements for financing a property development.

Founder Pieter Eksteen started his career working as a property developer, developing gated communities and large land subdivisions before migrating into the finance world. This foundation provides the team at BEDROCK Funding with a unique understanding of our clients' DNA.

It is essential to have an insider's advantage when navigating potential funding structures. BEDROCK Funding are experts because we only arrange funding for property development projects. We work closely with property development finance lenders which allows us to solve complex funding challenges for our clients.

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## Property Development & Construction Finance Services

- Bank Construction Finance
- Non-Bank Construction Finance
- Mezzanine Finance
- Stretch Senior Construction Finance
- Preferred Equity & Joint Ventures
- Site Acquisition Finance
- Residual Stock Finance

# **Commercial Property Loans**

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# Property Development & Construction Finance Services



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# **Experts in financing for development**

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#### CONSTRUCTION FINANCE SERVICES:

- Bank Construction Finance
   Traditionally Construction Finance is
   done by Major Banks. Major Banks are
   "by design" very sponsor centric.
- Non-Bank Construction Finance Non-Banks are "as a rule" more project focused, as opposed to banks that are more sponsor focused.
- Mezzanine Finance Mezzanine finance is an additional subordinated loan which is generally secured by a second mortgage over the property.
- Stretch Senior Construction Finance Senior Stretch Finance is a funding option that combines senior and junior debt into a single loan.

- **Preferred Equity & Joint Ventures** Preferred Equity and Joint Ventures are alternatives to Mezzanine Finance and Stretch Senior pieces to increase the total project finance.
- Site Acquisition Finance
   Site Acquisition Finance is financing to purchase the development site as well as the associated development approval costs.
- Residual Stock Finance
   The purpose of Residual Stock Finance
   is generally to assist in repaying
   the Construction Finance and or
   assisting the developer in releasing
   some equity from the project.



# **Bank Construction Finance**



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BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCE SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS:

The minimum Bank Construction Finance Sponsor Requirements would typically include:

- Signed assets & liabilities statements and personal taxation returns for all the directors of the borrowing entity.
- Past 2 years full financial statements, including balance sheet & profit and loss statements, for the borrowing entity and parent company.
- Copies of ATO portals confirming that there are no outstanding or pending ATO liabilities.
- Full Group Cash Flow; providing the bank with insight into the next 12 months' projected cash flow across all the projects of the group.

Alongside the sponsor requirements mentioned above, banks will enforce strict criteria for construction finance regarding pre-sales, equity levels, location, and product mix. It's crucial to recognise that banks, like all lenders, may alter their lending criteria over time. Just because you could secure 80% of the cost from your bank two years ago doesn't ensure they'll offer the same terms today.

TYPICAL LENDING PARAMETERS FOR BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCE:

## Up to 65% LVR

70% LCR

Up to 100% Cover THROUGH THE NET PROCEEDS OF COMPLIANT PRE-SALES

#### Interest rates from 6.2% p.a.

AND LINE FEES FROM 1.3% P.A.

TYPICAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PROJECTS WITH BANK FINANCE (TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COST): 30% DEVELOPER EQUITY

**70%** 

# Non-Bank Construction Finance



Most banks and other main stream financial institutions have stringent rules and requirements with regards to loan serviceability, borrower experience, pre-sales and Loan to Value Ratios (LVR), to name but a few. The minimum requirements would typically be the borrower's up-to-date financials, at least 2 previous projects completed successfully by the borrower, at least 100% debt cover in pre-sales, and a maximum 65% Loan to Value limit.

There are however a substantial number of private lenders and mortgage trusts (typically referred to as Non-Banks) that are less stringent, these Non-Bank require minimum to no pre-sales (depending on the project size) and they will provide up to 75% Loan to Value limit, and up to 90% of Total Development Cost.

Non-Banks are "as a rule" more project focused, as opposed to banks that are more sponsor focused.

While major banks and mainstream lenders typically demand pre-sales before providing development finance, most Non-Banks permit developers to start construction without formal pre-sales, leading to substantial cost savings.

In addition to the cost savings described above, starting the project earlier also has the following advantages:

Interest costs and holding costs on the land

- Equity is released much earlier
- Pre-sale commissions and marketing expenses to achieve pre-sales
- No discounts on sales values required to achieve pre-sale targets
- Less time in the market means less market risk

- Selling the units at completion may result in a higher selling price in a rising market
- Properties are easier to sell once construction has commenced, i.e. buyers like to see the product either finished or under construction

TYPICAL LENDING PARAMETERS FOR NON-BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCE:

#### Up to \$15M WITHOUT PRE-SALES

Up to 75% LVR

#### Interest rates from 9% p.a.

AND LINE FEES FROM 1.3% P.A.

TYPICAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PROJECTS WITH NON-BANK FINANCE (TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COST): 15% Developer equity

85%

# Mezzanine Finance



Mezzanine finance is an additional subordinated loan (behind the senior debt provider) which is generally secured by a second mortgage over the property. Mezzanine finance is used when the senior debt (i.e. the primary loan secured by a first mortgage) plus the developer's equity is not enough to cover the total development cost of the project.

Mezzanine finance can also be used to reduce a developer's equity to allow them to use their equity for other projects and "in doing so" diversifying their risk.

Mezzanine finance comes at a higher cost, but reducing the developer's equity contribution will increase the return on equity considerably.

In most instances, monies invested into a project will be invested in accordance with the following priorities when Mezzanine Finance is used:

- All the Developer's Equity;
- All the Mezzanine Finance; and then
- All the Senior Debt

TYPICAL LENDING PARAMETERS FOR MEZZANINE FINANCE:

Up to 80% LCR

**FROM 14%** 

Up to 70% LVR FROM 14% P.A.

Up to 80% LVR

TYPICAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PROJECTS WITH MEZZANINE FINANCE (TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COST): 15% Developer equity 15% Mezzanine Debt

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# Stretch Senior Construction Finance



Senior Stretch Finance is a funding option that combines senior and junior debt into a single loan to achieve a higher loan-to-value ratio (LVR) than typically available from the major banks and other mainstream lenders.

Senior Stretch Finance can provide funding for up to 90% of the total development cost and normally has reduced pre-sale requirements, and is therefore more expensive than traditional major bank funding.

Stretch Construction Finance provides an opportunity for businesses ready to scale up, but may not meet the criteria to be funded with a typical business loan. A stretch senior loan offers flexibility to accommodate the financing needs of the borrower.

Stretched debt requires higher interest payments as it carries a greater risk to the lender than a conventional senior loan. For borrowers that can tolerate the higher interest, senior stretch loans are a more convenient solution. This type of loan requires fewer stakeholders as all the funding is arranged through one lender.

STRETCHED SENIOR DEBT FOR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT FINANCE:

### \$20-125 Million

Up to 75% LVR

From 50% Pre-Sales

## From 6.5% interest rates

## From 3% line fees

TYPICAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PROJECTS WITH STRETCH SENIOR FINANCE (TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COST):

**85%** bank debt

15%

# Preferred Equity & Joint Ventures



Preferred Equity and Joint Ventures are alternatives to Mezzanine Finance and Stretch Senior pieces to increase the total project finance. For example, when the senior debt (i.e. the primary loan secured by a first mortgage) plus the developer's equity is not enough to cover the total development cost of the project.

While similar to Mezzanine Finance, Preferred Equity is not secured by a second mortgage over the property, and eliminates the hurdle of a deed of subordination debt to be negotiated with senior lenders. This means that banks are sometimes more willing to allow senior debt with Preferred Equity rather mezzanine finance for development projects.

The capital partner providing the preferred equity will usually receive a fixed percentage of the profit on completion of the profit, sometimes coupled with a small interest component. The capital partners' capital amount and return is secured in priority to the developer, but behind the senior debt provider. TYPICAL LENDING PARAMETERS FOR PREFERRED EQUITY AND JOINT VENTURES:

Provide up to 90%

OF REQUIRED EQUITY

#### Receives 10-15% coupon

(INTEREST COMPONENT) ON ALL MONIES INVESTED

Receives % profit share

ON COMPLETION



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## **Other Construction Finance Sercices**



# Site Acquisition Finance

Site Acquisition Finance is the first step that is required to be taken to purchase the development site. It is our priority to set you up for financial success and provide you with the correct funding start to finish.

For land acquisition and development there will be associated development approval costs. We take the possible unexpected costs into consideration to make sure your project proceeds without a hitch. Land acquisition loans can provide bridging finance for the land and additional pre or post development approval costs.

To start the process, most cases only require loan security that is limited to the subject property and personal guarantee. Interest can be capitalised for the loan period or serviced monthly to offer flexibility to the borrower and consistent cash flow.

TYPICAL LENDING PARAMETERS FOR SITE ACQUISITION FINANCE:

# Up to 70% LVR

From 10% interest rates

Term from 6 months

# **Residual Stock Finance**

It is a nature of the Property Development Industry, that not all the products will be sold and settled within 3 months of practical completion for every project you do. Sometimes the sales process takes a bit longer for whatever reason.

Most projects carry a significant portion of Construction Finance, to be repaid from Sales Proceeds at completion or within 3 months from completion and titles. This might create a problem if there are not enough settlements to achieve the repayment within the required timeframe.

The typical purpose of Residual Stock Finance will either be:

- Assist in repaying the Construction Finance;
- Assist the developer in releasing some equity from the project; or
- a combination of both

The term and gearing for bridging loans in commercial property are directly related to the cost of the facility. For example a 20-year home loan style loan is typically much cheaper than a 6-month bridging loan.

# Commercial Development Finance Services

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# **Commercial Development Finance Services**

# Licensed Professionals For Your Commercial Property Loan

Depending on the client's key considerations, there are several Commercial Property Loan options that might be applicable. It is our intention as commercial building finance experts to thoroughly understand your situation and provide the right loan to meet your requirements.

With our team of professional commercial finance specialists on your side from start to finish we can ensure needs are met. We focus on commercial lending exclusively as opposed to residential property home loans and private real estate. By focusing on one area we are across every type of loan available including commercial loans for apartment buildings and loans for industrial property.

SOME OF OUR SPECIALISED LOAN OPTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDING FINANCE ARE:CONSTRUCTION FINANCE SERVICES:

- Bank Commercial Property Loans
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   are by design very sponsor centric.
- Non-Bank Commercial Property Loans
   Non-Banks are as a rule more project-focused, as opposed to banks that are more sponsor focused. For the right business, non-banks will provide a favourable loan for industrial property.
- Mezzanine Commercial Property Loans
   Mezzanine Commercial Property Loan is an additional subordinated loan which is generally secured by a second mortgage over the property.
- Preferred Equity & Joint Ventures
   Preferred Equity and Joint Ventures
   are alternatives to Mezzanine
   Commercial Property Loans. This type
   of loan increases the level of "Other
   People's Money" on the property.
- Acquisition Commercial Property Loans
   Preferred Equity and Joint Ventures are
   alternatives to Mezzanine Finance and
   Stretch Senior pieces to increase the total
   project finance. This short term solution
   is the perfect alternative to a typical
   bank loan for an industrial property.







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# Bank Commercial Property Loans



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BANK COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LOANS SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

- The minimum requirements of Bank Commercial Property Loans Sponsor would typically include:
- Signed assets & liabilities statements and personal taxation returns for all the directors of the borrowing entity;
- Past 2 years full financial statements, including balance sheet & profit and loss statements, for the borrowing entity and parent company;
- Copies of ATO portals confirming that there are no outstanding or pending ATO liabilities; and
- Full Group Cash Flow; providing the bank with insight into the next 12 months' projected cash flow across all the projects of the group.
- Stringent WALE requirements; and
- Minimum of 1.5 times Interest Cover Ratios

In addition to the above Sponsor requirements, banks will also have Stringent WALE requirements; and the minimum requirements of around 1.5 times Interest Cover Ratios, the level of equity required, location and product mix. It is important to note that banks, like any other lender, change their appetites from time to time. Just because you could borrow 60% of value from your bank 24 months ago, does certainly not guarantee that they would do the same loan parameters today.

TYPICAL LENDING PARAMETERS FOR BANK COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LOANS:

Up to 60% LVR

Minimum WALE of 3

Interest rates from 6.5% p.a.

60%

BANK DEBT

TYPICAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PROPERTIES WITH **BANK FINANCE (TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COST**):

40% EOUITY

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# Non-Bank Commercial Property Loans



Most banks and other mainstream financial institutions have stringent rules and requirements with regards to loan serviceability, borrower experience, tenancy mix and Loan to Value Ratios (LVR), to name but a few.

The minimum requirements would typically be the borrower's up-to-date financials, proof that the borrower is a seasoned property owner, a strong WALE, Interest Cover Ratio above 1.5 times and a maximum 65% Loan to Value limit.

There are however a substantial number of private lenders and mortgage trusts (typically referred to as Non-Banks) that are less stringent, these Non-Banks will not be as stringent on Interest Cover Ratios, might accept a lower WALE and be comfortable with Higher LVR's.

#### NON-BANK COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LOANS BENEFITS

- Most Non-Bank Commercial Property Loans offer options that include some of the following benefits:
- LVR's of up to 75%;
- Will consider valuation as opposed to purchase price in most cases for Acquisition Finance;
- Will accept lower WALE's as opposed to the mainstream banks;
- Will be flexible on Interest Cover Ratios if the transaction has the ability for the loan to be amortised down (over say 12 months) to a level where the desired Interest Cover Ratios are met.

While it is more expensive, it provides a significantly greater return on equity to the borrower or owner.

TYPICAL LENDING PARAMETERS FOR NON-BANK COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LOANS:

## Up to \$100 Million

Up to 75% LVR

## Interest rates from 8% p.a.

TYPICAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PROPERTIES WITH NON-BANK COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LOANS (TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COST): 25% BORROWER EQUITY

**75%** NON-BANK

FINANCE

# Mezzanine Commercial Property Loans



A Mezzanine Commercial Property Loan is an additional subordinated loan (behind the senior debt provider) which is generally secured by a second mortgage over the property.

Mezzanine finance is used when the senior debt (i.e. the primary loan secured by a first mortgage) plus the borrower's equity is not enough to cover the total Property Value.

#### BENEFITS OF MEZZANINE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LOANS

Mezzanine Commercial Property Loans can also be used to reduce a borrower's equity to allow them to use some of their equity for other properties and in doing so diversifying their risk.

Mezzanine Commercial Property Loans comes at a higher cost, but reducing the borrower's equity contribution will increase the return on equity considerably.

In most instances, all monies will be in accordance with the following priorities when a Mezzanine Commercial Property Loan is used:

All the Senior Debt;

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- All the Mezzanine Finance; and then
- All the Borrower's Equity;

#### TYPICAL PARAMETERS WITH MEZZANINE FINANCE LENDERS:

Up to 70% LVR FROM 14% P.A.

Up to 80% LVR

FROM 20% P.A.



# Other Commercial Development Finance Sercices



# **Preferred Equity and Joint Ventures**

While similar to a Mezzanine Commercial Property Loan, Preferred Equity is not secured by a second mortgage over the property, and eliminates the hurdle of a deed of subordination debt to be negotiated with senior lenders.

This means that banks are sometimes more willing to allow senior debt with Preferred Equity rather than Mezzanine Commercial Property Loans. The capital partner providing the preferred equity will usually receive a fixed percentage of the income on the property and a Share of the Sales value, should the property be sold. The capital partners' capital amount and return is secured in priority to the borrower or owner, but behind the senior debt provider.



Provide up to 90% of REQUIRED EQUITY Fixed Income

RECEIVES A FIXED COMPONENT OF INCOME GENERATED BY THE TENANCIES

% Share of the Sales RECEIVES % SHARE OF THE SALES VALUE UPON THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY

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TYPICAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PROPERTIES WITH PREFERRED EQUITY (TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COST):



# Acquisition Commercial Property Loans

We can provide financing to assist with the acquisition cost as well as potential capital contributions and improvements post settlement.

In most scenarios the loan security is limited to the subject property and the relevant lease incomes. Acquisition Commercial Property Loans are typically Interest Only and over a 3 year term.

TYPICAL LENDING PARAMETERS FOR ACQUISITION COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LOANS:

Up to 75% LVR (SOME LENDERS WILL CONSIDER VALUATION IF HIGHER THAN THE PURCHASE PRICE)

Interest rates from 8% p.a.

Term from 12 months UP TO 3 YEARS

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