

# BRIDGING & COMMERCIAL MAGAZINE



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or more than a decade, Bridging & Commercial

has been the go-to resource for specialist finance news, features and updates. Our flagship website has thrived throughout various economic and political changes and remains the reliable home of the exclusive and breaking news for the discerning intermediary.

In January 2019, we published our very first issue of the Bridging & Commercial Magazine in all its printed glory.

We promised to challenge the boundaries of what a trade publication can be; to elevate conversation from anecdotal to thoroughly researched and interrogated; to showcase individuals and companies in ways never seen before; andnto give you a reason to once again pore over a magazine — from cover to cover.

In our fourth year, we feel that we've delivered on these promises and more. Our unwavering attention to detail, both aesthetic and journalistic, got us shortlisted in the 2020 Property Press Awards and earned us an early loyal following — one which we expect to see grow steadily into 2022 and beyond through new partnerships.

The sector has trusted us with its most delicate and controversial subject matters, safe in the knowledge that we give these important topics the respect and treatment they deserve. Not ones to shy away from digging deep, we've brought many a theme into the light with the help and support of industry experts and you, the reader.

We want this magazine to continue to reflect our nuanced, interesting market and its people, providing a true reflection of everything there is to celebrate, work towards and stand together for.

# The Bridging & Commercial Universe







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# Reach

- Published six times per year
- Circulation is 2,200 per issue on average
- The digital version of the magazine gets
- We promote the digital magazine via email marketing to a database of over 7,000
- channels (Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram), encompassing 8,693 followers

# What fields are our readers in?

- **Professional Services** 
  - Media/Marketing
- Developers/Property Investors
  - Other
  - Brokers/Intermediaries/ IFAs

approximately 3,000 reads in its month of release

• The magazine is shared via our B&C social media

• A proportion of the magazines are distributed at industry events and exhibitions (when possible)



# Where are our readers based?



e are committed to providing our loyal readership with objective and original news stories that offer not only a deep insight into the markets we report on, but something educational that intermediaries can learn from and which helps build their knowledge. Our audience should understand that our decisions are not influenced by outside interests and trust us to be fair, responsible and impartial. We are dedicated to achieving the highest standards of accuracy when looking to establish the truths of stories. Our editorial values apply to all our content, whether created by us or industry contributors.

Each issue of the Bridging & Commercial Magazine will be written and edited exclusively by our dedicated in-house editorial team and talented freelancers, to ensure it adheres to our house style and values. As a rule, we do not accept contributed content, unless it is for our separate sponsored supplements and marked advertorials. Instead, we personally seek out relevant and knowledgeable professionals to give an expert perspective on specific areas of the market to help us with our article research. As a result, we have full editorial control of the Bridging & Commercial Magazine. We endeavour to provide original and informative stories and features, all backed by either our own research, industry sentiment or official sources. We will avoid publishing quotes in our interviews as facts, which are based on rumour or information from other news outlets that cannot be substantiated.

### **Forward Features**

We often get asked if we have a forward features list; however, we have decided to take the same stance as we do on bridgingandcommercial.co.uk by coming up with our timely feature ideas on an issue-by-issue basis. Our position on this is that we are known for capturing the exact mood of the bridging and commercial finance sectors, which can ultimately change at any moment owing to — among other possible circumstances — unforescen political, economic, regulatory and business-related changes. Our editorial team canvasses the market ahead of every magazine edition to find out what the most pertinent issues are for us to be reporting on. However, we have outlined the overarching theme for each issue in 2022, and welcome ideas throughout the year from all relevant companies and individuals within them which are a perfect fit for these topics.

# **Production Schedule**

Issue	Theme	Booking deadline	Copy deadline	Release date
Jan/Feb 2021	Power List	15th Jan	20th Jan	Mid-Fe
Mar/Apr 2021	Resi vs commercial & specialist BTL	15th Mar	20th Mar	Mid-Ap
May/Jun2021	Development & Planning	15th May	20th May	Mid-Ju
Jul/Aug 2021	Regulation	15th Jul	20th Jul	Mid-Aı
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# Breaking the Latest News & Exclusive Features







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### **ENNESS FOUNDERS LAUNCH NEW BRIDGING LENDER TO PLUG INTERNATIONAL GAP**

Feature

### Words by BETH FISHER

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Guernsev-ba international bridging finance provider-which is named after the sum of numbers from the address of Enness's first office (352 Battersea Road)-opened its doors this June with the intent to bring new funding options to an untapped area of the competitive UK market and overseas. While Enness co-founders Islay Robinson and Hugh Wade-Jones

(and non-executive chairman Nigel Le Quesne) are shareholders and will be supporting the business, Islay and Hugh will continue in their current roles as brokers, having brought in Tenn Capital CEO Matt Watson to run the show. Matt joins the lender from alternative financier Sancus, where he was the managing director for its Guernsey operations for almost five years. Throughout his career, he has been involved in scaling startup businesses. "Building something from scratch is hard; it takes parts of you along the journey with it," he states. "I do enjoy seeing things go from idea stage to something that is real and creates value."

May/June 2021

# What They Say

### Alex Upton, Commercial Director of Development Finance, Hampshire Trust Bank:

Bridging & Commercial Magazine continues to be an industry leader through delivering deep insight and intelligent opinion, as well as rich content. The bi-monthly format is not just a lovely thing to look at; the quality of editorial and features, as well as a high-profile list of contributors, means it is a mustread for all those who have an interest in the commercial finance and shortterm lending sectors.

### Nick Baker, Head of Intermediaries, Allica Bank:

The team at Medianett are at the forefront of our markets - always looking for ways to delve deeper into the most pressing challenges we face and the opportunities ahead of us. They are connect and informed, with their fingers firmly on the pulse of the industry.

### Jordan McBriar, Adapt Finance:

Medianett not only initially elevated our presence in the Specialist Finance market but, due to their constant innovation, they have cemented it, too. Everyone needs great people around them and in Caron, Beth and the rest of the team, we have the best there are.

### Kimberley Gates, Head of Strategic Partnerships, **Sirius Property Finance:**

Bridging & Commercial magazine has brought a fresh and vibrant offering to the traditional selection of trade publications. The content is not only beautifully presented, it consistently offers thought provoking and informative articles, as well as bringing a social and human edge to what is, after all, a people and relationship driven sector. A must read for myself and my colleagues at Sirius!











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ngineer and chartered accountant who spent 8 years as a strategy consultant advi ternational companies and private equi unds on M&A and corporate policy. He sit n the Pi Labs Investment Committee enture capital fund investing exclusively i he proptech vertical) as a voting membe and is a mentor to portfolio businesses. His leadership at CrowdPropertywhich was featured in the Deloitte Fa 50 list as one of UK's fastest growing tech businesses—has helped fund over £300m of development projects. With competition in the non-bank property

development finance sector rising, lender will need to look towards tech to differentiate hemselves and offer what developers really want-quick money. The pair believe th benefits of this are starting to show, and it will only take a few to pressure others to



July/Aug 2021

# Supplements & Special Publications

ach issue of the magazine will be accompanied by an educational supplement or similar, delivered in partnership with some of the industry's most prevalent thought leaders. These shorter publications will aim to lift the lid on topics previously explored or introduced on the B&C website, or via our sister publication, Development Finance Today.

We have paved the way in these niche areas and it seems only right that we expand our print offering to cover the burning issues that exist in this part of the market, too.

We are open to collaborating on different ideas that are of industry-wide importance. Ideally, these takeaway booklets will provide the perfect amount of intense insight into a particular product, both informing and improving readers' confidence in these areas.



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Since providing its first loan—against a car number plate, back in 1981—MSP Capital has financed the building of football stadiums, Co-op stores across the South and numerous residential developments. But it has been a progressive journey. I sit down with managing director Martin Higgins, who, since 1994, has helped to grow what was once a small Dorset family business into the



2021 sees MSP occasion that was marked by an online celebration involving mandatory dressing takeaways. By chance, the entire staff had 2020, just before Covid hit. "We have a great team covering all ages, experiences and interests, and it was an amazing time together," Martin reminisces. "Work was not on the agenda or discussed, so it was a pure focus on fun. Of course, against the backdrop of the pandemic, this memory is even more appreciated by us all now."

Reflecting on the past four decades, Martin was completely new to us as a nation." He believes the lender's biggest achievement was when it moved from being family to privately owned. Paul Miracca and David Capra, director of development finance and staying close to its clients and supporting commercial director, respectively, along with them in making the most of their assets. one other, bought Martin's father out. Private "This will enable them to make the best of "This was nearly 10 years ago and, with new as you come out of a tough time." He stakeholders, it meant that we could plot a steady course with growth and opportunity livelihoods was the best thanks it could have

firmly on the agenda," Martin says. And its most challenging moment? "The credit crunch," Martin replies, putting the pandemic to one side, as we're still enduring it. "We had clients who we'd known for decades having a torrid time and banks retreating with little rationale

lines has made it think differently about its is going to see some initiatives come to up, company sponsored cocktail making and business. "We have created infrastructure and life that will enable more people to get systems that have enabled us to have experts involved with sports facilities and suchlike. enjoyed a weekend away at a hotel in January leading the charge on customer experience, while the platform does the heavy lifting." In 2020, its loan portfolio doubled to £200m, despite Covid-19 restrictions battering the property industry early on. "Having been around for decades and seen numerous economic cycles, we are ready for every challenge," Martin states, confidently, "but the very word 'pandemic' imparts that a vital lesson he learnt in earlier years was never to chase rapid expansion. Instead, MSP follows the simple logic of ownership was split across the four of them, any challenges and, of course, opportunities. with the fourth person leaving when Cabot One: you survive. Two: your clients survive. Square Capital came on board much later. Three: you find that growth occurs naturally Covid, as it affirms its ideals and mission divulges that seeing clients maintain their had for the sheer number of extra hours worked to navigate the past 12 months. Further showing its commitment to the market last year, MSP designated an initial £30m in funds for a new low-cost, premium residential bridging product. It has since continued a measured release of for their actions," he recalls. "Our business the offering—which Martin says has been in that order," he responds.

capital structure with a syndicate of funding and, over the next few years, our community It feels great to be at a stage where we're giving back, and long may that continue." Looking to the future, MSP aims to boost its relationships with introducers and increase and diversify its funding. "I think we mirror our clients in our attitude to opportunities and, as they're constantly developing, so are we," Martin says. "There's lots of potential in this area if you have an entrepreneurial spirit. Our current long-term funders recognise that our market position is all about being the best in class. They want us to do more of the same and listen to any innovations we have on the horizon." In line with its ambitions, the finance provider is soon to reveal its overhauled website-something which has helped bring the team closer together during moving forward. "I am keen to share what we do and our values with a much larger audience," Martin comments. "Pressing 'go live' on the new website will be a definite milestone in the MSP journey." I end our interview by asking Martin one last question: "What is your biggest goal for the business this year?" "I wish for the health of our team and their families, and growth-

Mar/Apr 2021





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Building and Existing Building—will be awarded a grand prize of \$300,000, while iteration of its sustainable construction both sections will share \$600,000.

### 3. CANADA

Ranked second-highest in the US Green Building Council's latest top 10 countrie and regions for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), Canada is continuing its trajectory towards a more sustainable construction sector. The nation knows that climate action starts at home-which is why, over the next seven years, the government will help more than 700,000 homeowners with up to C\$5,600 to boost their energy efficiency and reduce their energy bills via energy-saving respectively. Then comes its Canada Greener Homes Grant. To make

### 4. SINGAPORE

Having started in 2005 with the first plan, Singapore has culminated its green building journey with the all-encompassing Green Building Masterplan, published this year. Its goal? To hit the three 80s: have 80% of buildings green, ensure 80% of new developments are super low-energy, and achieve an 80% increase in energy efficiency from 2005 levels-all by 2030. The city-state's plan is structured in layers. The first is the increased minimum energy-efficiency requirements; existing buildings now need to be at least 40% more energy efficient than the 2005 baseline, while new builds and super-low energy homes must be 50% and 60% more the Green Mark 2021 certification system, the deal even sweeter, proposals are being which aims to raise standards in energy



### 5. USA

After a tumultuous presidential election, the USA didn't wait long to announce its plans to tackle the climate crisis and make its building sector greener, leading to the CLEAN Future Act (CFA) bill introduced in March. It proposes to improve the energy efficiency of the entire sector,

existing home to be wildfire resistant Non-profit buildings often don't get as much attention as residential and commercial properties when it comes to improvements. The CFA is addressing this by introducing a funding scheme to award grants of up to \$200,000 to nonprofit organisations-including hospitals,

### 1. GERMANY Home of the well-known Passivhaus

system—a voluntary standard for energy efficiency in buildings-Germany is no stranger to effective, sustainable construction methods, and has continued to transform its development industry through a variety of initiatives. After introducing tax reliefs for energy-efficient renovations at the beginning of 2020, which allowed citizens to deduct 20% of the costs up to €40,000 from their taxes the German government launched the Federal Funding for Efficient Buildings in January this year as part of its broader 2030 Climate Action Programme. This allows anyone to borrow up to €150,000 for the construction or purchase of a new sustainable home, and up to €60,000 or individual improvements to existing properties. The scheme rewards highly efficient homes through repayment subsidies, which can cut a borrower's loan repayment from 15% and 50%, depending on the extent of the improvementsthe more efficient a property is, the higher the repayment subsidy is.

As of July, more than 150,000 applications have been received and €2.7bn approved for energy-efficient building renovations in the first half of 2021, €610m of which has already been paid out.

### 2. HONG KONG

With around 10,000 skyscrapers and high-rise buildings, Hong Kong is defined by its extensive vertical built environment-but it's also its downfall when it comes to sustainability. More than 50,000 buildings consume up to 90% of the city's electricity and account for 60% of its greenhouse gas emissions. To combat this, Hong Kong has been using every tool in the box to revolutionise its construction sector and promote green building. An extra HK\$1bn has been allocated to install additional small-scale renewable energy systems in government buildings and infrastructure, as well as \$150m pledged to conduct energy audits and install energy-saving appliances, free of charge, for NGOs subvented by the Social Welfare Department. Hong Kong's piece de resistance, however, is the Advancing Net Zero Ideas Competition launched in March. A sustainable version of The Apprentice, this calls on international industry stakeholders, designers, academics and technology experts to generate ideas and solutions to accelerate the sector's adoption and development of low/zero carbon design and technologies. The winner Sept/Oct 2021

### Six ways we are building greenglobally

### Words by ANDREEA DULGHERU

Over the past year, we have seen the UK bring forth a variety of measures and support schemes to 'build back better' and cut carbon emissions-but we're not the only ones working hard to make the built environment more sustainable. We've looked across the globe to draw inspiration from what our neighbours and distant nations are doing to make this sector greener

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a particular focus on reuse (of both materials and buildings) and waste-free building sites. While there are no official government requirements to enforce this, numerous studies have highlighted the benefits of reuse in the industry. The Circularity Gap Report Norway 2020 estimates that the recycling of construction and demolition waste into new buildings could see the country's material footprint drop by 15% and alleviate the negative environmental impact of mining and processing to produce materials such as concrete and steel. Following this, the government announced in January that the Directorate for Building Quality will prepare a guide for the reuse of building materials, as well as study and propose changes to national rules so that these promote the reuse of

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One of the things about coming out of the EU was that we wouldn't have so much regulation, so the last thing Boris wants is more of it"



RC: The part investor, rather than the full merger or acquisition, has been around a long time—you can go back to the likes of Masthaven with The William Pears Group. They came in, funded the business and took an interest, but sat back and allowed the firm to run it, because they were the specialists and had the skill sets to do that. They haven't got the time to do it. Even though they lend in the same space themselves, they haven't got enough people and they can't manage.

LD: The models just don't fit any more, do they?

RC: No, they don't. And so they've done funding lines, other ways in which they could get closer to making it happen. And then, as you say, it's all about the people, isn't it?

LD: Yes.

**RC:** And if you acquire and lose the people, then you've got nothing.

LD: You've bought an expensive shell, haven't you?

RC: Yes, and the book itself runs off so quickly. You can buy bridging



be very beneficial to both parties.

books, and it has happened, but by the time you've done the due diligence, the book's already disappeared. And you're obviously going to want to pay less than the full value, because that's where you're going to make your money, running it off. So, it's never been a great option for businesses that do well. It's a notable viewpoint, but I don't think you'll see it in the traditional sense, as you said.

### LD: Agreed.

CS: Ray, you've mentioned that you were slightly doubtful, because the market is doing well and people are making money, about what's going to encourage or incentivise people to sell.

RC: If you've set up your lender, done well and expanded but want to do more—why would you want to get out of the market, unless you're planning to retire? There might be a few people around that have given it some thought. So, do they want to pass it on to somebody else, or do they just want to sell, take the money and run?

CS: Perhaps we're at the stage, because a lot of the people who run these lenders are edging on 15 years in it, when is it natural to start thinking about that?

RC: The thing is, do you step back from the duties and allow other people to run it, and just take profit, or do you consider selling

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