

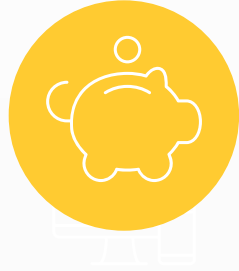
CHALLENGER

**Credit & Debt Markets
in a Rising Interest
Rate Environment:
Do Lenders Still Have
Risk Concerns About
Calgary?**



Introduction

Equitable Bank



Company Overview

- Equitable Bank is the 9th largest Schedule I Bank, servicing clients coast to coast since 1970
- Equitable Bank manages ~\$26 billion in assets and offers a diverse suite of lending and savings solutions
- Launched EQ Bank in 2016
- Publicly traded (TSX: EQB) with a market cap of \$1.03 billion



Program Strengths

- Strength is in shorter term construction, bridge and repositioning transactions
- Ability to structure and participate in complex transactions with partners providing a “one-stop-shop” solution for borrowers and provide financing beyond the traditional 75% LTV level
- Open to sub-debt with the right lender/partner as well as participation in loan syndications, whether on an A/B or pari-passu structure
- The Commercial Finance Group (CFG) program covers most standard asset classes including multi-res, retail, office, industrial, retirement, self-storage, student housing, construction, condo inventory, hotel and land



Program Limitations

- Pricing on term financing remains somewhat wide of the market for standard asset class products
- Cannot provide secondary financing
- Limited land bucket

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Competitive Advantage

- Service
- Smaller bank, more nimble with the ability to execute quickly
- Balance sheet lender with significant room to grow the portfolio
- Open to work with other lenders on loan syndications and complex transactions



2018 Opportunities

- Introduced hotel financing for 2018
- Emphasis on providing longer-term financing with rates commensurate with market
- Without the capital markets opening up, lenders are constantly having to manage individual borrower limits which will require either “selling down” and/or syndication of new facilities
- Grow the portfolio by targeting ~\$2 billion in commercial originations

Case Study



Opportunity

- To finance the retrofit/construction of a 10-storey 90,300 sq. ft. office building and 32 3-storey residential townhomes

Challenges

- Two different asset classes on one parcel of land
- Limited g'tee to support both transactions
- Equity entirely comprised of appraisal surplus
- Environmental contamination on-site

Mitigating Factors

- Office asset 75% pre-leased and residential asset 100% pre-sold
- Great location
- Experienced sponsor and developer
- Stabilized LTV, LTC and DSC within parameters

Exit Strategy

- EQB provided long-term debt at 80% occupancy with the 1st year I/O and amortized thereafter on the office asset and sales were utilized to pay-out the residential asset

Solution

- **Loan Amount:** \$44.75MM over 2 facilities
- **Term:** 2 years
- **Amortization:** Interest Only
- **Prepayment:** Open
- **Loan-to-Value:** 68% (stabilized)
- **Loan-to-Cost:**
- **Recourse:** Yes