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NextGen Owners Bridge Fund Launches Platform to Address the Growing Financing Gap in Generational Business Ownership Transition

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San Francisco, California — April 1, 2026 — NextGen Owners Bridge Fund today announced the launch of the NextGen Owners Bridge platform, designed to address a rapidly expanding gap in the market for business acquisition financing and ownership transition.

As millions of baby boomer-owned businesses approach transition over the next decade, a structural disconnect has emerged between willing sellers and a new generation of buyers. Traditional lending institutions often lack the flexibility, speed, and alignment required to support modern acquisition pathways — particularly in time-sensitive transactions.

NextGen Owners Bridge was created to bridge that gap.

The platform provides bridge loan solutions to support business acquisition entrepreneurs — including search funders and independent sponsors — seeking to acquire and operate established businesses. These solutions are designed to help buyers close transactions with speed and certainty while navigating delays in traditional financing, such as SBA loan approvals or longer-term recapitalization through portfolio refinancing.

NextGen Owners Bridge Fund serves as a core capital vehicle within the platform, alongside a broader network of private capital partners. Together, this enables approximately \$25 million in initial deployment capacity to support qualified acquisition opportunities.

Addressing a Structural Market Shift

The United States is undergoing one of the largest generational transfers of business ownership in history, with trillions of dollars in enterprise value expected to change hands over the coming decade. However, many qualified buyers — particularly those pursuing entrepreneurship through acquisition — face significant barriers in accessing timely and flexible capital.

NextGen Owners Bridge addresses this challenge by providing financing solutions aligned with the realities of business acquisition transactions, including transitional ownership structures, seller timelines, and evolving capital needs.

A Platform for Next-Generation Ownership

Unlike traditional lending institutions, NextGen Owners Bridge is designed as a financing platform focused specifically on business ownership transition. The platform emphasizes:

- Flexible acquisition financing structures
- Advisory support for entrepreneurial business buyers and next-generation operators
- Faster underwriting and closing timelines
- Alignment with long-term business continuity, legacy preservation, and local economic growth

Leadership Perspective

“Across the country, we are seeing a massive wave of business ownership transition, but the financing infrastructure has not evolved at the same pace. Today’s buyer pool is increasingly composed of experienced professionals — many of them Millennials and next-generation operators — who are stepping into ownership through acquisition rather than starting from scratch. However, they are often constrained by slow and rigid financing processes.

Our platform provides bridge capital that allows these entrepreneurs and search funders to close acquisitions with speed and certainty, while they secure longer-term financing such as SBA loans or execute recapitalization through portfolio refinancing.

At the same time, we are building a broader ecosystem that integrates an investor network, an operator and mentor community, resource-sharing infrastructure, and AI-powered growth support services — so that once these businesses are acquired, they are positioned to thrive, scale, and continue creating value for decades.”

— Irene Zhang, Founder, NextGen Owners Bridge Fund

Capital Backing

The platform launches with approximately \$25 million in initial deployment capacity, supported by a consortium of private capital partners, including family offices. This capital base enables immediate financing activity across qualified business acquisition opportunities.

About NextGen Owners Bridge

NextGen Owners Bridge Fund is a private credit investment fund and the core capital vehicle behind the NextGen Owners Bridge platform. The platform provides bridge loan solutions and is building an integrated ecosystem that supports business acquisition entrepreneurs — including search funders and independent sponsors — in acquiring established cash-flowing businesses.

Through a combination of access to capital, AI-powered growth support, and a curated network of experienced operators and investors, NextGen Owners Bridge aims to enable generational business ownership transition while preserving legacy businesses and supporting local economic continuity and long-term community growth.