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LendingTree Sees Resurgence of Home Equity Lending

Home equity loans gain popularity with borrowers and lenders

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Dec. 17, 2015 /PRNewswire/ --[LendingTree®](#) (NASDAQ: TREE), the nation's leading online loan marketplace, has seen the home equity lending market expand as borrowers seek to leverage their homes' equity and more lenders join LendingTree's marketplace.

In the fourth quarter alone, LendingTree has added 14 new lenders to its home equity marketplace, which now includes 30 lenders and encompasses three of the [top five largest US home equity lenders](#).

LendingTree's average daily home equity loan requests have increased approximately 63 percent from January 2015 to November 2015. With the increased lender demand, the number of matches facilitated through LendingTree's marketplace are expected to grow nearly 50 percent quarter over quarter.

"This resurgence is fueled by several factors including home value appreciations and a strengthening housing market, which is attracting more borrowers and lenders to an expanding home equity market," said Doug Lebda, founder and CEO of LendingTree. "Consumer confidence and improving equity positions are allowing borrowers to access the equity in their homes. LendingTree's platform provides an easy mobile-enabled home loan shopping experience for consumers and delivers high-quality borrowers to lenders on the network."

Gabe Dalporto, LendingTree's CFO added, "We're more confident than ever that [home equity loans](#) will be a significant growth driver in 2016."

For more information, please visit www.lendingtree.com/home-equity-loans.

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