

News Release

Trident Funding Corp. and Oakland Capital Partners LLC Complete Partnership

St. Louis, MO March 14, 2018: Today Oakland Capital Partners, LLC closed its private investment in Trident Funding Corporation, the largest originator of boat and yacht loans in the United States.

Founded in 1996 by Jim Foley, Bob Dunford and Mike Bryant, Trident Funding Corporation (TFC) has been a recognized leader in the marine lending industry for its focus on “white glove” service to the marine buyer and high-quality lending standards in the banking industry. All three founders have agreed to stay on with the new entity in their current roles and all other Trident employees will remain with the business in their respective roles.

“We are proud and excited to have joined forces with Trident Funding,” said OCP’s Peter Benoist. “The entire Trident Team has made their mark in this industry as a reliable lending product source and an excellent service to the boat and yacht buyer in most of the major U.S. boating markets. We believe that we can help Trident with the resources and energy to build upon their strong record of success within the marine finance industry and look forward to a long and prosperous partnership with them.”

Trident Funding LLC has locations servicing each major domestic boating and yachting market – including Florida (Ft. Lauderdale), Mid-Atlantic (Annapolis), Northeast (Shelton, CT), New Jersey, North and South Carolina, Pacific Northwest (Seattle), Northern California (Alameda) and Southern California (Newport Beach).

Oakland Capital Partners, LLC (OCP) was established by partners Michael Amann, Peter Benoist, Jr. and Patrick McSwain in 2017 to identify, invest in, and manage small businesses with a strong performance record, a foundation of high business and community ethics and significant growth potential. Trident Funding is OCP’s first major enterprise investment.

“We are pleased to have found a partner in Oakland Capital that we can work closely with to grow Trident Funding to even greater heights of success,” said TFC’s Jim Foley.

While specializing in marine loan originations, TF also offers aircraft and other recreational vehicle lending services as well. Additionally, Trident's Wealth Management Division provides the same white-glove services to Wealth Management institutions and their clients with customized professional financing programs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Jim Foley (TFC) – jfoley@tridentfunding.com or 954-258-3666

Patrick McSwain (OCP) – pdm@oaklandcp.com or 314-285-8828