

# BORROWING OPTIONS

## FOR ESOP OWNED COMPANIES

Leveraged ESOPs

VS

Traditional Borrowing

### PURPOSE

Invest/Acquire employer securities

Typically fund business cycles and fixed assets

### TYPICAL STRUCTURES

Term debt amortized (principal and interest) over a set period of time

- Margined against assets
- Lines of credit require interest only on amount advances
- Term loans are amortized with principal and interest payments required

### COLLATERAL

All assets on the operating business and possibly unallocated ESOP stock. ESOP term debt will likely be un-margined or considered an "air-ball"

- All assets on the operating business
- Accounts Receivable/Inventory (up to 85% on A/R and 65% on Inventory)
- Equipment/Real Estate (typically 80% with special circumstances up to 100%)

### PRICING

Can have a higher interest rate due to uncollateralized nature and different forms of capital (senior, junior and mezzanine)

Transaction specific but lower interest rate due to a fully collateralized nature

### REPAYMENT SOURCE

Cash flow, remaining collateral, sale

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### BALANCE SHEET POST LENDING

Negative equity and higher leverage multiples

Equity remains, but debt/equity leverage typically increases

### INCOME STATEMENT POST TRANSACTION

Can deduct interest and principal payments

Deducts only interest payments

### COVENANT CONSIDERATIONS

Fixed Charge Coverage, Minimum EBITDA, Debt/EBITDA, Maximum Unfinanced CapEx

Debt/Equity, Maximum Unfinanced CapEx, Minimum Equity requirement, Fixed Charge Coverage

### PERSONAL GUARANTY

Transaction and structure specific but not typically required

Occasionally, depending on asset makeup and balance sheet leverage



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