



Brokers First Funding Appoints Anant Bhakta as Vice President of Capital Markets

Costa Mesa, CA — June 24, 2026 — **Brokers First Funding (BFF)**, a leading wholesale mortgage lender dedicated to empowering broker partners through integrity, transparency, and exceptional service, is pleased to announce the appointment of **Anant Bhakta** as its new **Vice President of Capital Markets**. In this role, Bhakta will oversee all capital markets strategy and execution, with the entire Lock Desk and Capital Markets team reporting directly to him.

Bhakta brings a strong track record of leadership across mortgage banking, rate sheet management, pricing strategy, and secondary market execution. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated expertise in optimizing pricing models, strengthening investor relationships, and enhancing operational efficiency to support scalable growth. His background includes extensive experience in capital markets leadership roles where he successfully improved margin performance while maintaining competitive positioning for broker partners.

“We are thrilled to welcome Anant to Brokers First Funding,” said **Shabi Asghar, President of BFF**. “His deep expertise in capital markets, combined with his strategic mindset and leadership ability, makes him the ideal person to lead this critical function as we continue to scale. By aligning our Lock Desk and Capital Markets team under his leadership, we are reinforcing our commitment to delivering consistent pricing, execution excellence, and exceptional service to our broker partners.”

“I’m excited to join Brokers First Funding at such a pivotal time in its growth,” said Bhakta. “BFF has built a strong reputation for supporting brokers with speed, transparency, and competitive products. I look forward to working with the talented Lock Desk and Capital Markets teams to enhance pricing strategies, strengthen execution, and continue delivering value to our broker partners.”

Bhakta’s appointment underscores BFF’s ongoing investment in talent and infrastructure to support its expanding national footprint and commitment to the wholesale channel. His hiring comes on the heels of a recent rebrand and adding Frank Nese, Managing Director and Steven Winokur, Chief Marketing Officer earlier this year.

About Brokers First Funding (BFF)

BFF is a premier wholesale lender, dedicated to forging long-lasting, mutually rewarding relationships with its broker partners, employees, and the communities it serves. Fueled by a commitment to service excellence, BFF provides a wide variety of products and dependable funding solutions that consistently set the standard in our industry. By combining personalized service with a comprehensive product suite (including non-Agency, non-QM, conventional, and government loans), BFF ensures brokers have the tools and resources they need to succeed.

For more information about BFF and its leadership team, visit its newly redesigned website at <http://www.bffws.com>.

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