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Los Angeles-based Thorofare Capital, a commercial real estate debt manager, provided a bridge loan of an undisclosed amount to Wilson Capital, according to an April 8 announcement. Wilson Capital has refinanced multiple loans since the start of the year as part of a portfolio-wide recapitalization strategy, said Taylor Wilson, the company's president.

"These transactions are consistent with a portfolio-wide recapitalization strategy to support

lease-up activities as well as provide debt maturities that reflect forecasted market conditions," Wilson said.

The Jovie is one of three communities that have been refinanced, he said. The four-story, 182-unit development is a class A property situated at 1305E. Wells Branch Parkway for active adults age 55 and over. It is 30% leased.

In January, Wilson Capital also refinanced its Brio property in Pflugerville, which is 60% leased, and its Sommery development in Round Rock, which is 45% leased. Loan amounts weren't disclosed.

Wilson Capital is emerging as one of the most active multifamily developers in the metro. Though vertical construction on its Wilson Tower project downtown — once designed to be the tallest tower in all of Texas — has yet to begin, the firm ranked fifth on the Austin Business Journal's most recent list of the biggest multifamily developers in the region, with 1,419 apartment units under development or delivered in 2022 and a further 1,767 planned. Wilson Capital's metro portfolio also is widespread, with apartment projects rising from downtown to Dripping Springs to Pflugerville. Thorofare has closed five loans in 2024, according to the announcement. In 2023, the firm closed more than \$623.4 million in aggregate financings. The loan to Wilson Capital "is in line with our strategy of lending on high quality assets and supporting sponsors with strong track records," stated Felix Gutnikov, Thorofare's head of operations. "In this uncertain interest rate, capital markets and economic environment, we will focus on loan portfolio growth with cautious optimism and prioritize relationship lending opportunities."

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