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## ThinkAdvisor Reports Real Estate Financing Trends in Akerman Survey Signal Market Upswing

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The 2015 Akerman U.S. Real Estate Industry Outlook Survey was featured in an article titled, "Heady Demand for U.S. Commercial Real Estate" by ALM's *ThinkAdvisor.* Based on the Akerman Survey findings, the article noted that foreign investment and institutional capital will drive deal volumes in 2015, with banks and insurance companies serving as the top two funding sources. Real estate executives who took the Akerman Survey also believed that nontraditional investment vehicles would contribute even greater funding this year, including mortgage-backed securities, private equity, REITs and pension funds, which is emblematic of an increasingly diverse lending environment. Richard Bezold, chair of the Real Estate Practice Group, was quoted on the state of the U.S. market for real estate investors.

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