In fiscal year 2022, Accompany Capital provided $2,255,400 in loans to 50 small businesses in Brooklyn.

**Total Borough Statistics**
for 1,456 small businesses since 1997

- **$15.7 Million in Loans**
- **95.2% of Loans to Refugees & Immigrants**
  - 656 immigrants and 730 refugees
- **39.9% to Women Owned Businesses**
  - 581 businesses received $5.1 million in loans
- **1,211 Jobs Supported**
  - 186 jobs created, 1,025 jobs retained since FY18

**About Brooklyn**
Brooklyn is New York’s most populous borough with over 2.7 million residents. Home to as many as 200 different languages, its population is nearly 40% foreign-born. In 2000, 91% of the approximately 38,704 businesses in Brooklyn were small businesses with fewer than 20 employees.

**Impact**
In fiscal year 2022, Accompany Capital served 127 operating businesses:

- **7 Businesses started**
- **5 Businesses expanded**
- **115 Businesses strengthened**
- **16 Full time jobs created**
- **10 Part time jobs created**
- **257 Jobs retained**
Awa Konate came to the United States from the Republic of Burkina Faso seeking political asylum due to the instability in her home country. Three years later her application was approved and she began working as a home attendant while also helping a friend at their hair braiding salon.

She enjoyed the work so much that she rented a chair in her friend’s salon and started to build her own hair braiding clientele with an initial loan from Accompany Capital and is now the proud owner of Ladoux Beauty Bar.

In 2020, a second loan from Accompany Capital allowed her to renovate her new larger location, as well as purchase new equipment and increase her inventory.

Then, during the pandemic, she received an Accompany Capital Emergency Grant, which helped with expenses when she was able to reopen.

A single mother, she now has two employees and a thriving business and looks forward to expanding even more in the future.
Andrea Zanin, an award-winning pastry chef with over 30 years of experience in his native Italy, came to the U.S. in 2015 with a vision: to combine the traditional excellence he perfected in his father’s pastry shop in Venice with the latest technology to bring the sweet and savory flavors of Venice to New York.

Bianco Latte, his elegant pasticceria and café in Williamsburg, opened in 2021 and was an immediate success: Brooklynnites loved his holiday Panettone, which had won “Best Traditional Panettone” in Italy, and his award winning Tiramisu, as well as the welcoming space. A year later, in 2022 he was able to expand into Manhattan with a popular café in Hudson Yards.

Now, with Accompany Capital’s help, he will be expanding his presence in Brooklyn with a location in another popular neighborhood as he continues to grow his business and bring his wholesome, authentic Italian-inspired treats to Brooklyn and beyond.