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A buyer's agent says New Zealanders are increasingly seeking an edge in the turbulent property market.

The agents help by providing research data on potential properties, liaising with lawyers and mortgage brokers, and seeing the process through to negotiation and eventual purchase.

One company, Erskine + Owen, says nervous consumers are increasingly turning to such organisations to get the best deal possible.

Director Lisa Phillips says her clients are wanting certainty in their investment decisions and are willing to pay for expertise on current and future market trends.

She says at least 50 percent of her clients are ex-pat New Zealanders asking for assistance with purchasing a property, after being out of the loop overseas.

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