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HELLO FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

Sustainability has moved from a side topic to something that now shapes how our industry works day to day.

In this edition, we introduce The Leasing Foundation sustainability working group - a group bringing together senior leaders from across the sector to focus on the practical steps needed to support the transition to a more sustainable future. From regulation through to new asset classes and financing models, the work is grounded in what the market needs now.

As the sustainability group sponsor, FIS Global looks at the role technology is playing in that shift. From pay-per-use models to better data and digital processes, the piece explores how systems and tools are starting to shape more efficient, lower-impact ways of financing assets.

If you would like to get involved, please get in touch!

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Workstream overviews:

Policy, legislation and regulation

Understanding and shaping regulatory developments impacting sustainable asset finance, ensuring alignment and clarity.

Changing market structure and ecosystem

Defining where asset finance can support sustainable energy markets such as solar, BESS and EV infrastructure.

Financing the transition

Developing bankable, scalable financing structures that enable sustainable projects to be executed at scale.

Asset innovation and sector development

Supporting emerging asset classes and equipping brokers with knowledge to drive adoption.

Thought leadership and resources

Providing practical guidance and insight to build industry capability and confidence.

How technology is powering sustainability in asset finance

By FIS global

Sustainability is now a defining priority for asset finance, influencing regulatory expectations, investment decisions and customer behaviour. As the industry transitions toward greener business models, technology is proving essential in helping lenders and captives embed sustainability into their products, operations and long-term strategies. FIS has been actively supporting the LF Sustainability Group's work on this theme and is contributing to how technology can accelerate environmental progress.

Optimising asset use through usage-based finance

Pay-Per-Use (PPU) capability uses real-time telemetry to track asset utilisation, maximising the value of asset purchases, supporting circularity, and encouraging better utilisation. The model aligns pricing with real usage, promoting efficient usage behaviour and reducing waste. Active telematics and reporting help consumers understand how well utilised their assets are, driving efficient decisions with a grounding in sustainability.

Digital workflows that cut paper and carbon

By digitising origination, documentation, servicing and collections, firms reduce paper use and manual processing. API integrations are used to connect to services such as portals, identity verification, e-signatures and automated decisioning all reduce physical operational footprint for staff and customers, while enhancing the overall customer experience.

Data intelligence supporting greener portfolios

Modern Asset Finance systems consolidate asset data, risk indicators, usage patterns and operational metrics, allowing lenders to assess climate-aligned risk, track environmental impact, and identify opportunities for greener portfolios. Financiers are now actively tracking data such as emission rating, fuel type and fuel economy – and expect financial systems to utilize the data to give key insights into the progression into greener portfolios for contribution into ESG reporting.

Enabling circularity through lifecycle and remarketing tools

Technology that improves asset tracking, servicing, refurbishment and remarketing helps extend asset life and reduce waste. Additional support at and after the end of the initial asset term greatly increases the lifespan and active use of an asset, utilising big data and AI capabilities to promote further outreach and personalised communications. FIS's capabilities support smarter end-of-contract decisions and encourage circular-economy behaviours.

Conclusion

Technology is central to the industry's sustainability transformation. By embracing data-driven decisioning, digitisation and innovative models like Pay-Per-Use, lenders can reduce impact while improving value both internally and externally. We are committed to enabling this shift through technology and industry partnership by actively reviewing business needs and industry shifts.



Sustainability working group members

Name	Company	Sub-Group
Alex Tait	Lombard	Policy, legislation and regulation
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Andy Taylor	Haydock	TBC
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Mark McLoughlin	DLL	Changing market structure and ecosystem
Nick Feasey	Invigors	Changing market structure and ecosystem
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Sam Allison	BPCE	Changing market structure and ecosystem
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About The Leasing Foundation

At The Leasing Foundation, our mission is simple: to build a diverse, world-class community of business finance professionals and empower them to be a force for good.

We achieve this by offering opportunities for personal development, training and insights, while we collaborate and strengthen networks across the industry. Through our five streams - [NextGeneration Network](#); [Innovation Initiative](#); [Equity, Diversity & Inclusion](#); [Sustainability](#) and the [Giving Network](#) we address the key areas shaping the future of business finance.

Whether you're starting out or leading a team, there's a place for you here.

To get involved or find out more, contact us at hello@leasingfoundation.org or visit www.leasingfoundation.org

Forthcoming events

8 April 2026 - Industry Insights Alumni breakfast: Places are limited and only open to individuals who have completed our Industry Insights programme. More info: [click here](#)

18 June 2026 - Leasing Foundation Summer party: Taking place at the stunning Fortnum's Bar & Restaurant at The Royal Exchange in London, this is one of our flagship events. More info [here](#).

4 May 2026 – The Leasing Foundation Cup (mixed netball tournament): A major highlight of the day will be the attendance of [Ebony Usoro-Brown](#), a Coach Core Foundation ambassador, who will support the event. More info [click here](#)

All current and future events (and news) will be updated [here](#).