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WORLD FEDERATION OF EXCHANGES (WFE)

The WFE Publishes 12th Annual Sustainability Survey: Exchanges See Sustainability as a Strategic Opportunity to Create and Protect Value

On 16 September 2026, the WFE published the 12th edition of its Annual Sustainability Survey, based on responses from 58 exchange groups. The survey identifies transition finance as a growing priority across both equity and bond markets. Investor demand for sustainability-related products was reported by 93% of respondents, with green bonds remaining the most common product, followed by sustainability and social bonds; sustainability indices, ETFs, carbon markets and ESG ratings are also widely available. Five exchanges have already introduced transition designations and another 20 plan to do so.

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Transition Finance, Impact Valuation and Resilience London Climate Action Week 2026 - Follow-up Summary

On 22 July 2026, the WFE published a follow-up summary from its London Climate Action Week roundtable. The discussion highlighted a shift in transition finance from a disclosure-led agenda towards implementation, capital allocation and resilience, with credible transition finance linked to real-economy pathways, governance, measurable progress, financing instruments and risk-adjusted returns.

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SUSTAINABLE STOCK EXCHANGES INITIATIVES (UN SSE)

Upcoming UN SSE Expert Group Meeting: Commodity Markets & Energy Transition

On 23 July 2026, the UN SSE convened its Commodity Markets and Energy Transition Expert Group, bringing together more than 20 stock exchanges, regulators and market participants. The meeting focused on carbon and emissions markets and on the role of commodity markets in supporting the transition to low- and zero-emissions energy systems.

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Carbon Currents Roundtable: Building the Demand Side – Compliance, Convergence and Exchange-Traded Carbon

On 21 September 2026, during New York Climate Week, CME Group hosted a closed-door roundtable in partnership with S&P Global Energy and the UN SSE. Participants discussed carbon market risk, carbon credit portfolio construction, quality assurance, governance, delivery risk and price exposure as companies move from climate commitments towards implementation.

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Board Leadership on Climate: Navigating Uncertainty and Building Resilience

On 22 September 2026, the UN SSE and Chapter Zero Alliance held an invitation-only roundtable hosted at NYSE/ICE in New York. The event focused on strengthening board-level competencies for navigating climate change, extreme weather, adaptation and corporate resilience.

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AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE (ASE)

100% Compliance Percentage for Companies in Submitting Their Annual Sustainability Report for 2025 Within the Specified Period

On 1 July 2026, ASE reported that all 22 listed companies required to submit an annual sustainability report for 2025 had done so within the specified period through the XBRL e-disclosure system. Under ASE sustainability reporting rules, companies included in the ASE20 index sample are required to prepare sustainability reporting in accordance with GRI Standards.

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Amman Stock Exchange Workshop on Sustainability for SMEs and Beginners

On 21 September 2026, ASE hosted an online workshop facilitated by UN SSE experts. The programme introduced practical tools for integrating sustainability into governance, strategy, operations and disclosures, with particular attention to SMEs and companies at an early stage of sustainability integration.

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BRASIL BOLSA BALCAO (B3)

Sustainability-Related Financial Information Report

On 20 August 2026, B3 published its 2025 Sustainability-Related Financial Information Report. The report was prepared voluntarily in compliance with IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 and audited by an independent third party. It connects sustainability- and climate-related risks and opportunities with B3's financial statements and considers their potential financial impacts over different time horizons.

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B3 Highlights New Financial Instruments As a Way to Expand Investments in Nature-based Solutions

On 6 August 2026, during the World Climate Summit São Paulo 2026, B3 highlighted that transforming nature-related projects into investments with scale, predictability and robust financial models is essential to expand financing for the Nature-Positive agenda. The exchange pointed to sustainable and traceable value chains, the bioeconomy and nature-based solutions as opportunities, and stressed the importance of predictable financial flows, guarantees, reliable metrics and risk-mitigation instruments to attract institutional capital.

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BURSA MALAYSIA

Bursa Malaysia Workshop on IFRS Sustainability Standards

Bursa Malaysia hosted the workshop on 28 July 2026 as part of the UN SSE capacity-building programme on IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards. The session focused on the implementation of IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 by capital-market participants.

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Bursa Malaysia Workshop on Human Rights, Value Chains and Business Responsibility

On 25 September 2026, Bursa Malaysia hosted an online workshop facilitated by the UN SSE, the International Labour Organization and UNDP's Finance Against Slavery and Trafficking programme. The session covered forced-labour risks, human-rights due diligence, supply-chain management and relevant international standards and regulatory expectations.

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EURONEXT

H1 2026 in Review: Continued Strong Momentum for Euronext Bond Listings

On 30 July 2026, Euronext reported continued momentum in its debt-listing business and highlighted several sustainable-finance transactions, including Hera Group's inaugural €500 million European Green Bond and Acea's €500 million Blue Bond, the first blue bond issued by an Italian company. Euronext stated that it again ranked first globally for new ESG bond listings.

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Euronext Sustainability Week 2026: Building Resilience in a Changing World

Euronext opened its fourth Sustainability Week on 14 September 2026. The programme covered 37 events in 11 countries and more than 3,200 participants, with sustainability considered alongside resilience, security and strategic autonomy. During the week, Euronext also launched the Euronext Athens ESG Index and Euronext Athens ESG Tilted Index, as well as new ESG guidance and investor tools, including the Investor Stewardship Guide, ESG Trends Report 2026, ESG Reporting Guide and an expanded Euronext Sustainable Network.

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2026 Euronext ESG Trends Report: Efficiency Gains as Sustainability Reporting Enters Nnew Phase

Published on 14 September 2026, the report is based on reported and verified disclosures from more than 1,680 Euronext-listed companies. It reviews developments in greenhouse-gas emissions, energy efficiency, board gender diversity and sustainability reporting against the evolving European regulatory framework.

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Workshop on Managing and Reporting Nature-Related Risks and Opportunities | CPD Certified

On 18 September 2026, Euronext hosted an online workshop in collaboration with the UN SSE. The session provided practical guidance on identifying, managing and reporting nature-related risks and opportunities and integrating nature considerations into sustainability strategies and disclosures.

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HONG KONG EXCHANGES AND CLEARING (HKEX)

HKEX, HKMA, DFSA and Nasdaq Dubai Form Strategic Working Group to Strengthen Hong Kong-Dubai Financial Market Connectivity

On 10 September 2026, HKEX, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Dubai Financial Services Authority and Nasdaq Dubai established a Strategic Working Group. Areas identified for cooperation include sustainable finance, Islamic finance, innovation, capital-markets development and market connectivity between Hong Kong and the Dubai International Financial Centre.

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Markets in Motion Series: Episode 5

Published on 21 September 2026, the episode features HKEX Group Chief Sustainability Officer Paul Chow discussing how HKEX is connecting sustainability ambitions with financing opportunities, alongside Towngas Chief Investment Officer Alan Chan, who discusses the company's green transformation journey.

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INTERCONTINENTAL EXCHANGE (ICE)

July 2026 wildfires in Spain and France: Exposure and Projected Loan Delinquency

On 4 August 2026, ICE Climate published an analysis of the financial exposure associated with the July wildfires in Spain and France. ICE Climate's wildfire delinquency model assesses potential increases in mortgage delinquency for exposed properties and demonstrates the use of granular climate-risk and property-level modelling to identify and quantify wildfire exposure.

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Board Leadership on Climate: Navigating Uncertainty and Building Resilience

NYSE/ICE hosted the UN SSE and Chapter Zero Alliance roundtable on 22 September 2026 in New York. The discussion focused on board competencies and governance responses to climate uncertainty, extreme weather and adaptation.

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JAPAN EXCHANGE GROUP (JPX)

Corporate Governance Code (July 2026 Revision) Published

On 21 July 2026, Tokyo Stock Exchange published the revised Corporate Governance Code and amended its Securities Listing Regulations accordingly, with the changes taking effect on the same date.

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Applications Open for FY2026 “Nadeshiko Brands” and “Next Nadeshiko: Companies Supporting Dual Careers and Co-parenting”

On 1 September 2026, TSE and Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry opened applications for the FY2026 Nadeshiko Brands programme. The initiative identifies listed companies demonstrating outstanding efforts in women's empowerment in the workplace, alongside the Next Nadeshiko designation focused on support for dual careers and co-parenting.

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Publication of JPX Report 2026

JPX published JPX Report 2026 on 18 September 2026. The integrated report covers financial and non-financial value creation and includes JPX's sustainability-related market infrastructure. Among the initiatives described are the TSE Carbon Credit Market and TOCOM's participation in the Tokyo Metropolitan Government's Green Hydrogen Trial Trading Project.

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LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP (LSEG)

Sustainable Investment Insights - July 2026

Published on 9 July 2026, the report “Sustainability navigates energy shocks and market volatility in H1 2026” reviews sustainable-investment performance across equities, fixed income, green bonds, infrastructure and real estate. LSEG noted strong performance of sustainable-investment equity indices and growing green-bond issuance during the first half of the year.

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Decarbonising Portfolios 2026: Tracking the Transition Across Investment Benchmarks

Published on 16 September 2026, the report examines portfolio carbon metrics used in investment decision-making, climate-risk management and regulatory reporting, including financed emissions and carbon-intensity measures.

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Asset Owners Focus on Governance as Concerns About Climate Risk Rise, FTSE Russell Survey Finds

On 22 September 2026, FTSE Russell published its ninth annual sustainable investment asset owner survey. It found that 84% of respondents were incorporating sustainability considerations into investment strategies, while governance had become the leading sustainability priority and corporate reporting was identified as the main barrier to broader sustainable-investment adoption.

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London Stock Exchange Workshop on IFRS Sustainability Standards

On 22 September 2026, the London Stock Exchange hosted an online workshop facilitated by experts from the IFRS Foundation and UN SSE. The programme covered IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 and was designed for professionals working across governance, strategy, risk management, finance and sustainability.

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LUXEMBOURG STOCK EXCHANGE (LUXSE)

SENELEC Brings SLBs with Green Financing Features to LGX

On 13 July 2026, LuxSE celebrated the admission of SENELEC's XOF 108 billion sustainability-linked bonds to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and their display on the Luxembourg Green Exchange. LuxSE described the transaction as Africa's first securitisation by a public utility and linked it to Senegal's energy transition and broader access to international capital markets in local currency.

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Bringing Together Capital Market Stakeholders to Scale Outcome Bonds: Insights from the World Bank Group

Published on 7 August 2026, the LuxSE article examines the World Bank's use of outcome bonds, which mobilise private capital and link investor returns to the successful performance of underlying projects. The World Bank issues around USD 50 billion of sustainable bonds annually, with outcome bonds forming an innovative part of its issuance programme.

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Financing Korea's Green and Industrial Transformation: Insights from KEXIM

On 17 September 2026, LuxSE highlighted KEXIM's return to the exchange with a new green bond issued in July 2026 following an update to its Sustainable Finance Framework. The revised framework broadened eligible sustainable-financing activities to include Green Enabling projects.

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SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE (SSE)

Supporting Companies in Attracting More Global Long-Term Capital: SSE Hosts the Sixth "Dialogue with International Investors: Empowering Listed Companies through ESG" Event

On 23 July 2026, the Shanghai Stock Exchange held the sixth edition of its dialogue with international investors, involving sustainability experts from Norges Bank Investment Management, Neuberger Berman and S&P Global and representatives of nearly 90 SSE-listed companies. The programme addressed corporate governance, sustainability factors, climate-related issues and ESG disclosure practices. The SSE also reported that, as of 30 April 2026, 1,384 SSE-listed companies had published standalone ESG-related reports, representing a disclosure rate of 59.7%, up 1.5 percentage points year on year.

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