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WORLD FEDERATION OF EXCHANGES (WFE)

WFE Publishes Draft Principles for Listed Companies In Transition to Going Green

The WFE Transition Equity Principles, which are supported by WFE Members, spanning exchanges in every jurisdiction and continent, set out a guiding framework for Exchange Designations that create a hallmark for listed companies that are on credible decarbonisation pathways.

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WFE Publishes Open Letter on Cross-Border Fragmentation in Sustainability Regulation

The Federation is calling on forward-looking, innovative, regulators, governments and related bodies to take urgent and coordinated action to address cross-border fragmentation in sustainability regulation, for the benefit of investors, issuers and the exchanges that serve them.

Fragmented regulation hinders global growth by duplicating costs, erecting barriers to cross-border expansion, and diverting capital away from substantive sustainable outcomes toward formal compliance. The global fragmentation that currently exists in sustainability regulation creates significant costs for exchanges, listed issuers and investors operating across multiple jurisdictions and undermines their ability to manage compliance obligations efficiently. These costs impact businesses' bottom lines, investors' returns and what customers pay for goods and services.

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WFE Publishes Focus Article "Climate Risk Premium in Commodity Derivatives Markets"

Our paper studies whether climate-related risks are priced in commodity derivatives markets, using a novel setting based on iron ore options traded on the Singapore Exchange (SGX). We focus on whether otherwise similar "brown" and "green" commodity option contracts embed different climate risk premiums because of their different climate exposures. We employ a dual-differencing approach that enable us to cleanly identify climate risk premiums. Another advantage of using options is that they contain market expectations about future volatility and tail risk, allowing us to study climate risk pricing in a forward-looking manner.

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SUSTAINABLE STOCK EXCHANGES INITIATIVES (UN SSE)

Stock Exchanges Worldwide Unite for the Second Annual Ring the Bell for LGBTIQ+ Equality Initiative

On 17 May 2026, the SSE Initiative launched the second annual global "Ring the Bell for LGBTIQ+ Equality" campaign. The initiative brought together stock exchanges, listed companies, investors and civil society organizations to promote equality, inclusion and equal economic opportunities for LGBTIQ+ individuals within capital markets and workplaces.

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UN SSE Launches New Training Program to Help SMEs Get Started with Sustainability

An Introduction for SMEs and Beginners – is designed to help small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and capital market participants with limited sustainability experience, begin integrating sustainability into their governance, strategy, operations, and disclosures.

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S&P Global Energy and UNSSE Collaborate to Advance Energy Transition in Capital Markets

S&P Global Energy and the United Nations Sustainable Stock Exchanges (UN SSE) today announced a knowledge partnership agreement aimed at advancing energy transition in capital markets by better equipping exchanges and the marketplace with the data, insights, and capacity building solutions needed to confidently engage with the growing range of energy transition products being traded on global markets.

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AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE (ASE)

ASE Holds Seminar Entitled “Sustainability: From Commitment to Real Impact”

The seminar was opened with remarks by the CEO of the ASE, Mazen Wathaifi, who emphasized the importance of educational events organized as part of a series of specialized seminars aimed at enhancing awareness and developing knowledge and skills related to the securities industry among various segments of society, particularly regarding contemporary issues associated with sustainability, governance, and corporate responsibility.

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BRASIL BOLSA BALCAO (B3)

B3 Releases New Portfolio for Corporate Sustainability Index (ISE B3) for 2026

B3, the Brazilian Stock Exchange, announces the new portfolio of the Corporate Sustainability Index (ISE B3) for 2026, composed of 69 companies. In total, 89 companies participated in the selection process for this edition.

Approximately 90% of the companies in the new portfolio improved their ISE score compared to the previous year, demonstrating progress in the adoption of best practices and reinforcing the index's role in improving company performance. Reflecting this evolution, this year's cutoff score reached 65.66 points, exceeding the average of the last three cycles by 5.26 points.

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B3 Becomes Part of the Dow Jones Best in Class Index Global Portfolio

B3, the Brazilian stock exchange, will now be included in the global portfolio of the Dow Jones Best in Class Index, one of the leading corporate sustainability indices in the market. The 2026 edition of the index includes 321 companies globally, selected from more than 3,600 companies assessed through the Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA), conducted by S&P Global.

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BURSA MALAYSIA

From Compliance to Commitment: How Bursa Malaysia is Shaping the ESG Future

Bursa Malaysia continues to strengthen ESG practices across its markets through sustainability reporting requirements, disclosure frameworks and ESG assessment tools. These efforts aim to improve the quality, consistency and comparability of listed company disclosures, while supporting investor confidence and long-term value creation. The exchange's approach reflects a broader shift from ESG as a compliance requirement toward ESG as a core part of corporate strategy and market development.

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EURONEXT

Students Showcase Sustainable Innovation at Euronext Blue Challenge 2026

The sixth edition of the Euronext Blue Challenge once again demonstrated the creativity and determination of young entrepreneurs developing solutions for some of today's most critical environmental challenges. Bringing together students from across Europe and beyond, the 2026 global final highlighted how innovation, sustainability and entrepreneurship can work together to support the future of the Blue Economy.

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Euronext Joins Global Exchanges to Ring the Bell for LGBTIQ+ Equality for the Second Consecutive Year

For the second consecutive year, Euronext participated in the initiative to reaffirm its commitment to fostering a workplace culture grounded in inclusion, respect and equal opportunity for all.

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Powering Europe's Energy Markets: Strategic Impact of Euronext Nord Pool Power Futures

The successful launch of Euronext Nord Pool Power Futures in March marks a significant milestone, signalling a structural shift in how Europe's energy markets are organised, accessed and sustained. Amid current market and geopolitical conditions, the initiative reflects a broader ambition to strengthen Europe's market infrastructure, reinforce energy autonomy and rebuild liquidity in a market that is critical for industrial and economic stability.

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HONG KONG EXCHANGES AND CLEARING (HKEX)

Risk Management and Internal Controls: From Awareness to Action

on April, 17, 2026 HKEX hosted the HKEX ESG Academy seminar – Risk Management and Internal Controls: From Awareness to Action

The session brought together representatives from regulatory and enforcement authorities, listed issuers and market practitioners to share their insights on implementing robust internal control systems and discuss how to unlock the strategic value of risk governance.

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HKEX Enhances Central Asia Market Connectivity with AIFC, Astana International Exchange MOUs

Under the MOU with the AIFC Authority, HKEX will pursue co-operation in climate transition, decarbonisation efforts and green finance, including the development, financing and implementation of sustainable aviation projects, as well as collaboration in commodities markets, including trading and ecosystem development, and financing of early-stage mining projects.

In a separate MOU with AIX, the two exchanges will co-operate on broadening cross-border listing opportunities and growing dual listings in equities, including primary and secondary listings, as well as cross-border listings of debt securities on their respective exchanges. The two exchanges will also establish regular communication channels to deepen their understanding of market developments and to evaluate further business opportunities.

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INTERCONTINENTAL EXCHANGE (ICE)

ICE Launches ICE GreenTrace™ Its New Environmental Registry Technology Service

Intercontinental Exchange announced the launch of ICE GreenTrace, an environmental registry technology service to bring cutting edge financial market infrastructure and technology to carbon credit registries for the first time. ICE GreenTrace supports the life cycle of environmental instruments, including carbon credits, emission allowances and energy attribute certificates.

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ICE and Climate Bonds Initiative Announce Strategic Sustainable Bonds Data Collaboration

Intercontinental Exchange announced a strategic collaboration to enhance transparency and consistency in the global sustainable bonds market with the Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI), a leading international organization providing the global standard for certification in the sustainable bonds market.

As part of the collaboration, ICE's Sustainable Bonds Classification data will support CBI's sustainable bond universe and its research and alignment assessments. ICE also plans to integrate CBI alignment indicators into its sustainable bond solutions, strengthening the insights available to market participants.

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JAPAN EXCHANGE GROUP (JPX)

PRI Marks 20th Anniversary with Bell-Ringing Ceremony at JPX

Japan Exchange Group, Inc. (JPX) and the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) held a bell-ringing ceremony to mark 20 years since the PRI's founding. This forms part of a series of anniversary events that the PRI is holding in major stock exchanges around the world. At the Tokyo ceremony, 29 PRI signatories – 21 asset owners and 8 asset managers – gathered to take part alongside key PRI figures from past and present.

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JPX Publishes Environmental Data for FY2025

Following on from FY2024, JPX achieved carbon neutrality again in FY2025, covering direct and indirect emissions in its own operations (Scopes 1 and 2). Having switched 100% of electricity consumed by the group, the main source of its emissions, to renewable energy through a combination of various procurement methods (switching electricity contracts, PPAs, etc.) depending on the electricity demand at each site, we have then offset GHG emissions which cannot be reduced through renewable energy usage (Scope 1 and non-electricity-based Scope 2) through carbon credits.

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LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP (LSEG)

LSEG Published Report " Investing in Green Economy 2026: Resilience and Reacceleration"

According to the report, the global green economy has exceeded USD 10 trillion for the first time. The report notes the growth in revenues of companies in the green sector, the high returns on environmental assets, and the increasing role of green bonds and mergers and acquisitions in financing the climate transition.

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London Climate Action Week: Finance Live

During London Climate Action Week 2026, Finance Live hosted a series of expert-led discussions focused on the key factors shaping the sustainability transition. The sessions explored geopolitical risks, emerging technologies, resilience, infrastructure investment, and the ways in which companies were translating uncertainty into action and competitive advantage.

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Capturing Emerging Trends in Green Economy with LSEG's Green Revenues Classification System

As the green economy expands into areas such as climate adaptation and biodiversity, investors increasingly require more precise ways to identify, measure and access emerging opportunities. This research shows how LSEG's Green Revenues data model and Green Revenues Classification System (GRCS) provide a robust foundation for systematically defining and capturing evolving themes.

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LUXEMBOURG STOCK EXCHANGE (LUXSE)

From Reporting to Verification: Understanding Post-Issuance Trends in Sustainable Bonds

Drawing on insights from the LGX DataHub – which includes over 200 data points on more than 25,000 sustainable bonds from over 4,200 issuers worldwide – this article explores key trends in reporting coverage and external verification observed from 2019 to January 2026.

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MTR Corporation Green Bond Displayed on LGX

The bonds, which are listed on Euro MTF and valued at EUR 1 billion each, were successfully listed through FastLane – simplified and expedited listing process available to eligible issuers whose shares are listed on a number of recognised stock exchanges, including the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX).

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The Board Readiness & Inclusive Development for Gender Equality in Europe (BRIDGE) Summit 2026

Paula Redondo Pereira LuxSE, Head of Government Relations & Regulatory Strategy, spoke at the BRIDGE Summit 2026, which focused on gender equality and preparing women for leadership roles. The discussion centered on integrating sustainable development into corporate governance and the work of boards of directors.

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SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE (SSE)

Serving the Real Economy, Delivering Corporate Value | SSE Main Board Performance Briefings "Eco-Efficiency Enhancement" Theme Week Officially Kicks Off

On June 1, 2026, the "Eco-Efficiency Enhancement" Performance Briefings Theme Week officially commenced on the SSE Main Board. As the green and low-carbon transition continues to advance and the construction of a new energy system accelerates, improving development quality and operational efficiency has become a key direction for listed companies to promote high-quality development. SSE Main Board companies are actively practicing the concept of green development, focusing on industrial structure transformation and upgrading, and comprehensively enhancing their operational quality and investor returns, thereby empowering and boosting the efficiency of the green economic transformation.

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China's First Green Railway Bond Issued on SSE, Raising RMB 10 Billion

On May 20, China State Railway Group Co., Ltd. (China Railway) successfully completed the competitive bidding issuance of the first tranche of the 2026 China Railway Construction Bond (Green Bond) on the SSE with a total issuance size of RMB 10 billion, comprising a 10-year tranche of RMB 5 billion and a 30-year tranche of RMB 5 billion, with coupon rates of 1.83% and 2.43%, respectively. This is China's first green bond issuance in the railway sector, aimed at raising funds for the sustainable development of railway infrastructure and the implementation of projects that contribute to reducing carbon emissions and promoting environmentally friendly transportation.

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