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Event Highlights

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5,650+ *Onsite Delegates*	**1,280+** *Unique Companies*	**185+** *Important Sponsors*	**50+** *Countries Represented*

Event Summary:

Global ABS 2026 brought together thousands of structured finance professionals to explore the trends shaping global credit markets and the future of securitisation. Across three days, industry leaders examined the impact of macroeconomic conditions, regulation, investor sentiment, and technological innovation on the evolving structured finance landscape.

> “Global ABS is the single most efficient way to connect with everyone that matters in ABS in Europe, there is no alternative.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Global Geopolitical Outlook
Lord Mark Sedwill
Member of the House of Lords

Former Cabinet Secretary & UK National Security Adviser.

Global Economic Outlook
Dr. Mohamed El-Erian,
Chief Economic Advisor, Allianz

with Katie Martin, Markets columnist, Financial Times.

The Mosaic SRT
Burkhard Kübel-Sorger
Chief Financial Officer, EBRD.

with Shaun Baddeley, Managing Director, Securitisation, AFME.

Market Outlook

Structured finance is no longer simply adapting to changing markets; it is increasingly helping to shape them.

Higher interest rates, geopolitical fragmentation, elevated capital costs and accelerating technological change are no longer regarded as temporary disruptions, but as enduring features of the global financial landscape around which strategies must now be built. Even so, the prevailing tone remained cautiously optimistic.

Collateral performance has generally exceeded expectations, investor demand remains strong and funding markets continue to function effectively. Rather than broad-based deterioration, the market is seeing sharper differentiation across assets, placing greater emphasis on asset quality, manager capability and disciplined underwriting.

As issuers, investors and regulators recalibrate for this structurally different environment, the next phase will be defined less by financial engineering alone than by capital efficiency, governance, operational resilience and the ability to finance economic transformation.

Looking Ahead

The industry's expansion into infrastructure, digital assets and private markets is set to continue, while artificial intelligence and automation become embedded across transaction lifecycles. At the same time, more sophisticated funding structures and institutional capital are accelerating the integration of public and private markets.

The focus has moved beyond recovery towards scaling markets, improving efficiency and financing long-term economic transformation.

Structured finance is no longer simply a mechanism for connecting borrowers and investors, nor is it defined solely by the assets it finances. It is becoming essential financial infrastructure: efficiently mobilising capital wherever predictable cash flows exist and directing it towards the wider real economy.

1. Public and Private Markets Converge

Private credit emerged as a defining theme, however, discussions centred less on its continued growth and more on its increasing institutionalisation.

Private credit managers are adopting structured finance techniques across funding, portfolio management and capital formation, while securitisation is expanding beyond traditional public markets to finance private assets. Increasingly, the distinction between public and private markets is becoming less important than the quality of the underlying assets and the sophistication of the capital structures supporting them.

2. Expanding Our Horizons

Structured finance is no longer defined by a relatively small group of established asset classes. Alongside resilient consumer ABS, RMBS and CLOs, discussions focused on financing data centres, renewable energy, infrastructure, SME lending, trade receivables and other specialist cash flow-generating assets.

Discussions no longer centred around the assets themselves, but the quality and predictability of its cash flows, showing our markets evolution from a collection of products into a financing framework capable of supporting an increasingly diverse range of real-economy assets.

3. Capital Efficiency - The Strategic Priority

Across all major themes, efficient capital allocation was a consistent priority. Structured finance is increasingly viewed as enabling growth by recycling capital, expanding lending capacity and mobilising long-term institutional investment.

Discussions repeatedly framed securitisation as the financial infrastructure supporting broader economic activity, not simply as a funding product.

> *“It’s the go-to event for structured finance. Everyone is there, in one place - you just have to be there!*
>
> Karen Lomax, ***HSBC***

4. Raising the Bar and Reaping the Reward

Perhaps the clearest sign of the industry's evolution is that competitive advantage is shifting away from financial engineering and towards execution. Across almost every asset class, speakers highlighted governance, operational resilience, reporting quality, data and management expertise as increasingly important differentiators.

Institutional investors are no longer evaluating transactions alone - they are assessing the capabilities of the organisations behind them.

5. Moving through Innovation to implementation

Artificial intelligence, tokenisation and fintech are no longer viewed as emerging concepts but as operational infrastructure.

Across banking, investment management, ratings and servicing, firms are already deploying AI to automate routine processes, improve portfolio surveillance and enhance decision-making. Similarly, tokenisation discussions focused less on digital assets themselves and more on improving settlement, servicing and market infrastructure. The challenge has shifted from deciding whether these technologies matter to implementing them responsibly at institutional scale.

Asset-Backed Finance

Asset-backed finance is broadening both its collateral base and its role in funding the real economy. Core consumer assets remain resilient, while autos, trade receivables, SME lending, renewable energy and more esoteric cash flows are creating new opportunities for issuers and investors. Appetite, however, is not indiscriminate. Investors increasingly expect longer performance histories, credible residual-value assumptions, strong servicing and granular evidence of how cash flows behave under stress. The next phase will be defined less by novelty than by repeatability: originators able to standardise data, demonstrate robust controls and establish scalable funding channels will be best placed to move specialist assets into mainstream institutional portfolios.

Significant Risk Transfer (SRT)

Significant risk transfer has moved from a specialist capital-relief technique to a core balance-sheet management tool. Issuance is becoming more programmatic, institutional and diverse, spanning corporate, consumer, mortgage, infrastructure and project-finance portfolios, while reinsurance capital and new transaction formats are widening the investor base. The principal constraint is no longer whether investors understand the product, but whether banks can originate sufficient eligible assets and redeploy the capital released efficiently. Regulation will remain central to the market's economics, but the direction of travel is towards further expansion. Consistent issuance, transparent portfolio data and long-term partnerships between banks and investors will be critical to sustaining that growth.

Collateralised Loan Obligations (CLOs)

The most important shift emerging from Global ABS was that the European CLO market is no longer defined primarily by growth, but by sophistication. Investors are becoming more selective, managers more differentiated and technology more deeply embedded within portfolio management. At the same time, the rise of private credit CLOs illustrates how the boundaries between syndicated lending, private credit and structured finance are steadily disappearing. The result is a market that is evolving rather than reinventing itself — one where active management, institutional capital and operational excellence increasingly determine long-term success.

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Sector Snapshots - Part Two

Private Credit

Private credit is no longer developing in parallel with structured finance; it is increasingly becoming part of the same ecosystem. Direct lending, specialty finance, NAV facilities, back leverage, forward flows and private-credit CLOs are creating a continuum between bilateral lending and capital-markets distribution. Investor demand remains strong, supported by floating-rate income and low mark-to-market volatility, while underlying middle-market performance has generally remained resilient. Yet greater scale brings familiar capital-markets requirements: ratings, diversification, surveillance, transparency and effective risk transfer. The next phase will be defined by how successfully managers finance and distribute private assets without weakening the underwriting discipline, control and alignment that initially made the market attractive.

Regional Markets

Regional growth stories are becoming increasingly distinct from the broader global cycle. Australia demonstrates how an established securitisation market can diversify beyond residential mortgages into autos, non-bank lending and newer consumer products. In the Middle East, active local capital markets and ambitious financing programmes are creating opportunities, although attracting international capital will depend on legal clarity, structural protections and credible risk mitigation. Across Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, local and international investors continue to work alongside multilateral institutions to deepen market capacity. Despite their differences, each region faces the same test: converting economic growth and borrower demand into repeatable issuance supported by reliable data, regulatory confidence and structures tailored to local conditions.

Technology & Innovation

Technology is proving most persuasive when it addresses operational problems rather than promising wholesale disruption. Artificial intelligence and fintech are increasingly being applied to underwriting, document review, surveillance, anomaly detection and workflow automation, while tokenisation and blockchain are being explored as tools for improving data access, auditability and control over collateral and cash flows. The principal barriers are no longer a shortage of ideas, but institutional readiness: data quality, governance, regulation, infrastructure resilience and human oversight. The technologies most likely to scale will be those that reduce friction and improve verification throughout the transaction lifecycle. Innovation will become transformative only when it operates as dependable market infrastructure rather than as a parallel experimental layer.

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Emmanuel Gerard, ***BNP Paribas***

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- Creativity and innovation
- Interactive activations and experiences
- Delegate engagement
- Overall experience - giveaways, hospitality, etc.

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- Recognition onsite at Global ABS 2027 as the reigning Exhibition Excellence Award winner
- Featured in the post-event attendee email, distributed to the Global ABS community
- A dedicated feature on the Global ABS website, including a digital winner's badge

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Content hub: Onsite interviews

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John Hogan, Co-head of Europe of KBRA

Adam Farkas, CEO of AFME

Alexander Batchvarov, Head of International Structured Product Research, BofA Global Research

David Nochimowski, Global Head of CLO & ABS Strategy, BNP Paribas

Anirban Ghosh, Managing Director, KKR

Jordan Batchelor, Global Head of Asset Securitisation, ING

Debashis Dey, Partner, White & Case

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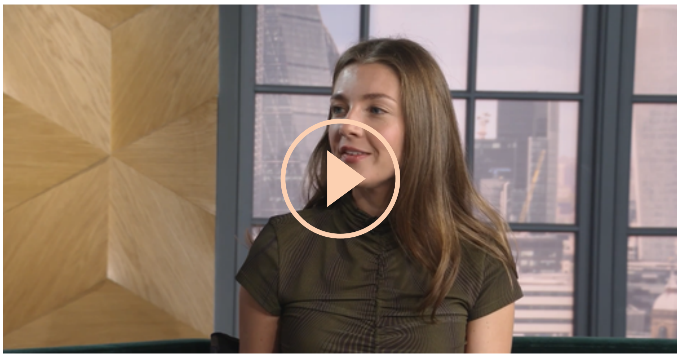

In discussion: Infrastructure Lending Survey Report 2026

In discussion: The Agent's Market Outlook June 2026

In discussion: SRT & Insurance Capital June 2026

Exclusive interview: Janet Oram, Head of ABS, USS

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>
> John Kearns, ***Addleshaw Goddard LLP***

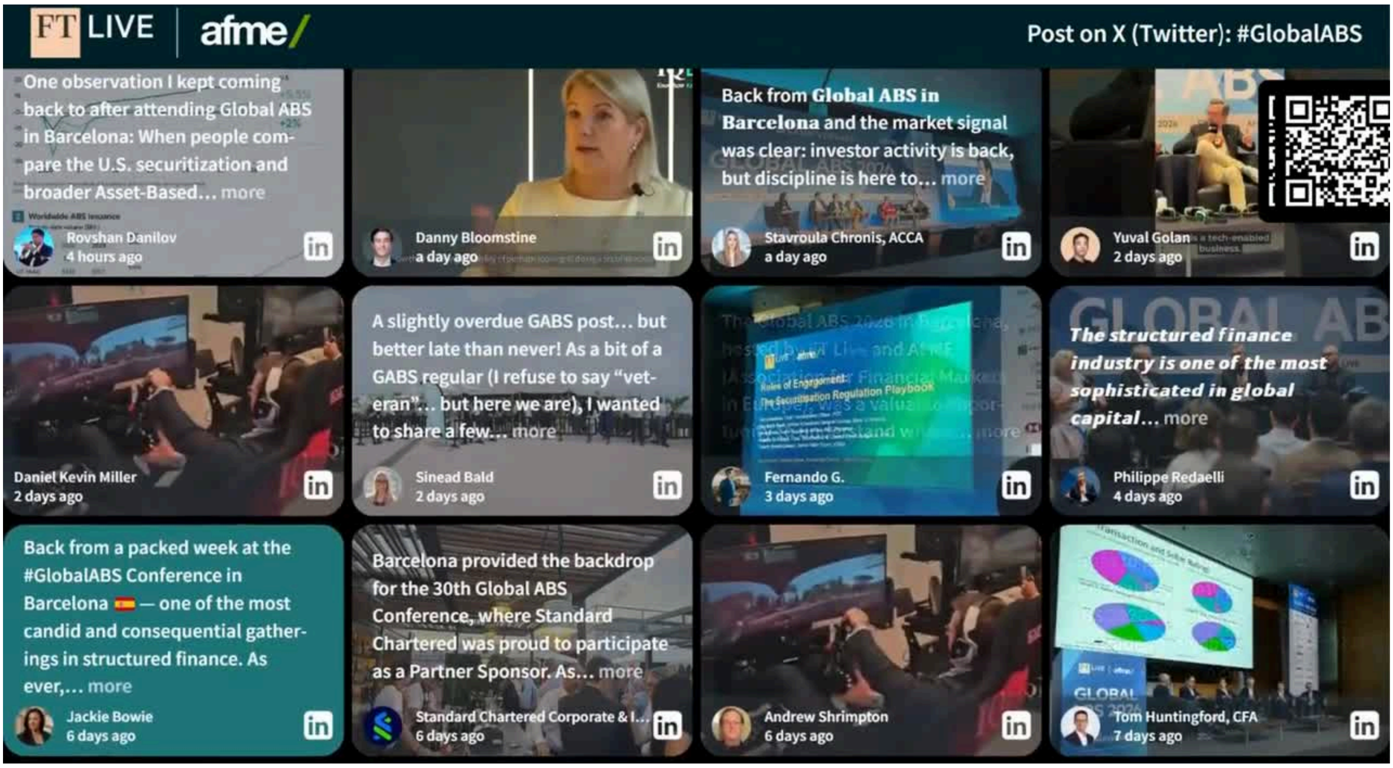
> “Everyone is there at the same time, a great opportunity to meet and catch up in person.
>
> Carlo Ciabuschi, ***Interfund Management***

> “Global ABS is the place to be to meet, within just a few days, the whole spectrum of the securitisation market.
>
> Edouard Granboulan, ***CIC***

> “At a time when so much is virtual, the Barcelona conference brings people together in person, where connections can last a lifetime.
>
> Mark Pain, ***Santander Consumer (UK) plc***

> “Global ABS is among the most efficient events for the right mix of scheduled meetings & valuable bump-ins.
>
> Clifford Tjiok, ***LOANCOS GmbH***

> “Catching up with industry peers, learning about market trends and identifying opportunities.
>
> Paul Noble, ***Chetwood Bank***



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With thousands of interactions around #GlobalABS, participation creates a lasting digital footprint, keeping sponsors' brands, people and perspectives visible, as a permanent part of the market conversation.

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Press Coverage & Market Commentary

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AMPLIFIED ACROSS THE INUSTRY

Global ABS 2026 generated coverage across the specialist structured finance press, ratings research and investor commentary. Reporting consistently portrayed a market supported by resilient demand and issuance, but becoming more selective as public and private credit converge and scrutiny of transparency, governance and operational execution intensifies.

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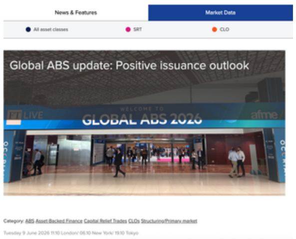

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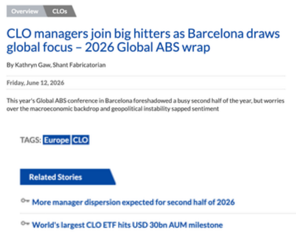

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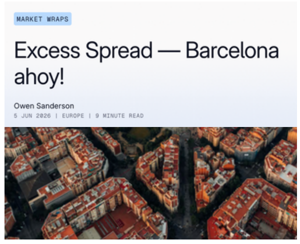

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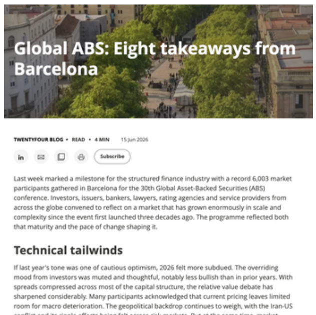

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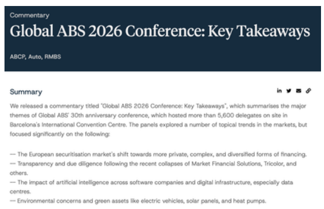

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