

LONDON: THE HOME FOR LEADERS OF THE GREEN ECONOMY





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This year, we celebrate the Green Economy Mark cohort of 2025, comprising 101 companies and funds. Their combined market capitalisation of over £195bn is a record high for any annual Green Economy Mark cohort. This is testament to the scale and significance of their contribution to the green economy.

The range and diversity of the activities covered by the cohort is remarkably broad: from clean transport and generating renewable energy, to those building greener homes and pioneering circular economy technologies. The impact these green leaders have is equally diverse, shaping a sustainable and resilient economy of the future, and their contributions deserve to be celebrated. Our analysis shows that if classified as a sector, the 2025 cohort would rank fifth in terms of capital raised over the past two years, only behind healthcare, financials, utilities and consumer discretionary.

According to London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG)'s research, *Investing in the Green Economy* 2025¹, the global green economy was valued at US\$7.9 trillion at the start of 2025. Over the past decade, it has grown at a compound annual rate of 15%, second only to the technology sector. This growth reflects the scale of the opportunity presented by the transition to a resilient, low-carbon economy.

London and the green transition

Since launching the Green Economy Mark in 2019 - the first green equity offering to be introduced by a global exchange - the London Stock Exchange has played an important role in facilitating capital flows to enable sustainable growth. The Green Economy Mark highlights companies and investment funds whose products and services are making meaningful contributions to the global green economy, as they are required to be generating 50% or more of their total annual revenues from products and services that contribute to the global green economy to

receive it. The class of 2025 contains many familiar names, with 39 of the cohort having held the Green Economy Mark since its inception in 2019.

By identifying an investable universe of green economy equities, the Green Economy Mark helps connect investors with companies that have a measurable commitment to the green economy. I am delighted that London continues to retain its position as the world's leading city for green finance² and that the London Stock Exchange continues to play its role in supporting this activity. We are also immensely proud to have been recognised in 2025 as the Sustainable Stock Exchange of the Year once again.³

Supporting the green transition through industry leadership

LSEG remains at the forefront of efforts to advance consistent sustainability disclosures including through our support of initiatives like the International





Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) IFRS S1 and S2 Standards. We have supported the development of the UK's Transition Plan Taskforce (TPT) Disclosure Framework and welcomed the ISSB's decision to create its own transition plan disclosure guidance based on this framework. In 2025, during London Climate Action Week, we partnered with the United Nations Sustainable Stock Exchanges (UN SSE) to launch the UN SSE Model Guidance on Climate Transition Plans, an initiative to which we were proud to contribute and to co-chair. This guidance offers a practical, globally applicable framework designed to support exchanges in helping issuers develop and disclose credible, science-based transition strategies.

LSEG research shows that meeting stated global climate goals while generating long-term financial returns will require investment of between US\$109 trillion and US\$275 trillion by 2050. 4 Capital markets are a key mechanism through which finance can be raised at the scale that is required, meaning that they play now, and will continue to play in the future, a key role in the transition to a greener, more sustainable economy, for decades to come.

Addressing climate change from a capital markets perspective means more than acknowledging the challenge. It involves actively channelling investment into solutions that both mitigate emissions and build resilience to climate impacts while delivering financial returns. Capital markets are uniquely positioned to mobilise the trillions needed for this transition, not only to meet global climate goals, but also to unlock significant long-term value. As the world shifts towards a low-carbon economy, investors who align capital with climate-positive outcomes stand to benefit from innovation, financial growth, and resilience across sectors.

To ensure the London Stock Exchange continues to be Europe's primary exchange, recent reforms across the UK capital markets ecosystem represent one of the most ambitious reform agendas in a generation. UK listing rules are now more flexible and welcoming to the next generation of businesses than ever before, some of which will be the future leaders in green technologies that will power the transition to a cleaner economy.

The regulatory changes from streamlined prospectus requirements to modernised corporate governance standards – are being adjusted to improve the efficiency of companies' strategic and capital raising activities, whilst reducing the complexity that can distract business leaders from delivering on their business objectives. Whether that is rolling out the next generation of green energy infrastructure, developing the sustainable products of the future, or transitioning their existing business models, London remains a competitive place to raise capital.

Over the past six years, we have been proud to celebrate the achievements of the Green Economy Mark cohort. The class of 2025 covers the spectrum of the green economy, from green innovators in their pre-commercialisation phase to long-established companies that are making long-term strategic transitions. They show how innovation and growth go hand in hand with environmental leadership - and we should applaud their huge contribution to the green economy.

Access more insight

- 1 <u>Investing in the green economy 2025: Navigating volatility and disruptions | LSEG</u>, June 2025
- 2 <u>The Global Green Finance Index 15 Supplement "Momentum Builds on Sovereign Sustainability Linked Bonds"</u> |Long Finance & Financial Centre Futures, April 2025
- 3 Environmental Finance, Sustainable Investment Awards 2025
- 4 Green Equity: Climate Investment | LSEG, September 2022

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