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Strong Turnout Expected at ELFA Funding Conference

Association recognizes National Funding Conference Planning Committee

Washington, D.C. – The [ELFA National Funding Conference](#) is returning in 2022 after a two-year hiatus, and interest in the event is running high, according to the Equipment Leasing and Finance Association. The conference, which connects funding sources with equipment finance organizations looking to establish relationships to fulfill their funding needs, was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID pandemic. The return of the event on April 12-14 at The Palmer House Hilton in Chicago will provide a welcome and convenient opportunity for industry leaders to meet face-to-face.

“The Funding Conference presents an outstanding opportunity to conduct business, get a pulse on the industry and connect with industry peers,” said Michael Ash, Chair of the 2022 National Funding Conference Planning Committee. “After not holding this event since 2019, there is a pent-up demand to get together in person. We look forward to welcoming new and returning attendees to the Funding Conference on April 12-14!”

The Funding Conference is the largest gathering of funding sources serving the equipment finance industry. As of March 17, more than 550 equipment finance leaders—including 60 funding sources—have registered for the Conference. Registration will remain open until April 1. The unique conference format allows attendees to schedule appointments with funding sources in advance and online. In addition to funding appointments, the conference agenda includes a hosted luncheon presenting the Equipment Leasing & Finance Foundation’s upcoming study, *“Best Practices in Equipment Finance Funding, Securitization, and Syndication for Today and Tomorrow.”*

Planning Committee

ELFA recognized the members of the 2022 National Funding Conference Planning Committee who are helping to plan the Funding Conference, including:

- **Michael Ash**, SVP - Managing Director, Capital Markets & Regional Originations, Signature Financial (*Committee Chair*)
- **Robert Blee**, Global Capital Markets Leader, Healthcare Financial Services, GE Healthcare
- **David Cardew**, Managing Director, Syndication, Element Fleet Management
- **Michael Clune**, SVP, Director of Capital Markets, First American Equipment Finance, an RBC / City National Company
- **Nicholas Colvin**, Vice President-Indirect Originations, Fifth Third Bank
- **Daniel Fluharty**, President, Capital Markets, Specialized and Structured Finance, Huntington Asset Finance

- **Lindsey McLorg**, Director, Capital Markets, Structured Finance, Mitsubishi HC Capital America, Inc.
- **Chris Meeks**, SVP, Capital Markets, OnPoint Capital, LLC
- **Sera Oliver**, Vice President - Capital Markets, Key Equipment Finance
- **Thomas Pagano**, Senior Vice President - Capital Markets Leader, Customers Commercial Finance, LLC
- **Eric Staczek**, SVP, Indirect Operations Manager, Fifth Third Bank
- **Jacob Uehlin**, Indirect Originations, U.S. Bank

More Information

The agenda and registration details for the ELFA Funding Conference are available at www.elfaonline.org/events/2022/NFC/.

About ELFA

The Equipment Leasing and Finance Association (ELFA) is the trade association that represents companies in the nearly \$1 trillion equipment finance sector, which includes financial services companies and manufacturers engaged in financing capital goods. ELFA members are the driving force behind the growth in the commercial equipment finance market and contribute to capital formation in the U.S. and abroad. Its 580 members include independent and captive leasing and finance companies, banks, financial services corporations, broker/packageers and investment banks, as well as manufacturers and service providers. ELFA has been equipping business for success for more than 60 years. For more information, please visit www.elfaonline.org.

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