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LEASING FOUNDATION WILL SUPPORT GIVING, RESEARCH AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

The Leasing Foundation has been established to support the development of the leasing and asset finance industry.

The Foundation, an initiative of **CHP Consulting's** Chief Operating Officer **Andrew Denton**, and **IAA Advisory's** Chairman **Derek Soper**, will be advised by a board of Governors from across the Industry, and will focus on activities that benefit the leasing and asset finance industry across Europe. Andrew Denton and Derek Soper will be joined as directors of the Foundation by **Professor Peter Thomas**, visiting Professor at Brunel University, Visiting Fellow at the University of Melbourne and Director of the Manifesto Group, and **Tarun Mistry**, Partner and Head of **Grant Thornton UK LLP's** Leasing & Consumer Finance advisory practice.

Derek Soper, Chairman of IAA Advisory, notes "We know that there is a tremendous amount of charitable and philanthropic activity from people in our industry, and we wanted to set up a vehicle to support that. The Foundation will help us to do that by connecting those people in leasing and asset finance to a range of great causes and bring some real recognition to the way the industry gives back - and will help us identify what else we can do to help".

CHP Consulting's **Andrew Denton** says "We are keen to use the Leasing Foundation to bring people together to create value for the whole industry, and that's why we are creating a range of activities including the **Leasing Foundation Annual Report** - a research-based publication that will take a serious look at the big issues we are faced with. One of the key roles of our Governors - the most influential voices in our industry - will be to advise us on the issues we should focus on, and make sure we understand and communicate them effectively".



The Leasing Foundation has also established **The Leasing Foundation Fellows**, an invitation-only group of exceptional leasing and asset finance professionals worldwide who will participate in the **Foundation Annual Conference**, and a **publishing programme** of ebooks and online content using modern web applications.

Notes

The mission of the **Leasing Foundation** is to support the leasing and asset finance industry by providing focus and organisation for charitable activities, by performing rigorous, challenging and relevant research in areas that impact the industry and its future, and by seeking opportunities to sustain the industry by developing people in the industry. The Foundation is not a lobbying body or a trade association.

Programmes include: **LFGiving**, events that donate to a range of charities; **LFResearch**, an annual independent research report shared across the industry; **LFWomen in Leasing**, to bring together and encourage the development of women in the industry; **LFFuture Leaders**, to develop the new entrants to the industry; and **The Leasing Fellows**, an invitation-only community of the leading thinkers in leasing and asset finance.

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