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PRACTICAL DEVELOPMENTS • POLICY CHANGES • MARKET TRENDS

This week's trend: Sustainable building performance is increasingly connected to property operating costs, financing, and investment decisions.



Türkiye Launches Global Framework for Energy-Efficient Buildings

The Antalya Compact sets 2035 goals to cut building energy intensity by 25% and accelerate electrification, with six implementation priorities. **Implication:** May influence future building standards, incentives, and financing. **SLN Discussion:** What energy-efficiency improvements are property owners already willing to finance?



Global Sustainability Data Gains Investment Influence

GRESB's 2026 results show higher energy-data coverage (87%), increased independent verification (72%), and 29% of assets using renewable energy. **Implication:** Building performance and energy use are becoming standard due-diligence factors for institutional investors. **SLN Discussion:** Should energy performance be a standard part of commercial property evaluation?



Hong Kong Retail Centers Cut Energy Use by 42%

Henderson Land reported a 42% drop in energy use and ~20% lower water consumption at MCP CENTRAL, with ~$10M in annual operating savings across two properties. **Implication:** Existing buildings can achieve significant cost savings through targeted upgrades. **SLN Discussion:** Could strategic HVAC upgrades deliver a stronger return than cosmetic improvements?



South Africa Expands Industrial Solar & Battery Storage

Highveld Industrial Park added a 6.35 MW solar system and 4.48 MWh battery storage, generating ~9.98 GWh annually and avoiding ~13,000 tonnes of CO_2. **Implication:** On-site energy can reduce operating costs and improve energy reliability for industrial users. **SLN Discussion:** Should energy reliability be a standard site-selection criterion for industrial clients?



U.S. Greenbuild Highlights Practical Resilience Strategies

The U.S. Green Building Council's 2026 Greenbuild emphasized building performance standards, electrification, and resilience with a focus on measurable outcomes and economic value. **Implication:** Clearer strategies are emerging to improve performance, manage risk, and reduce operating costs. **SLN Discussion:** How can we introduce sustainability to clients in a way that strengthens, rather than burdens, their bottom line?

SLN TAKEAWAY

Sustainability is becoming a measurable business advantage across markets, with clear opportunities for cost savings, stronger asset performance, and long-term value creation.

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