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From the Editor's desk

Welcome to the second edition of the *Leasing Focus Journal*.

One of the persistent challenges facing the Nigerian leasing industry is the issue of defaults and the disputes that often follow. As the leasing landscape becomes increasingly complex, with diverse stakeholders and intricate agreements, the likelihood of conflicts arising continues to grow. In many cases, when negotiations break down, the default response is litigation. However, given the realities of the Nigerian judicial system, such cases can drag on for years, often with serious consequences for lessors.

There is, therefore, an increasing need for more efficient and effective alternatives to court proceedings. Traditional litigation, while sometimes unavoidable, is often costly, time-consuming, and potentially damaging to long-term business relationships. This underscores the rising importance of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms, such as negotiation, mediation, and arbitration, which offer flexible, faster, and less adversarial pathways for resolving leasing disputes.

The lead story for this edition, "***The Role of Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism in Leasing***", focuses on the pivotal role ADR

can play in transforming dispute resolution in the Nigerian leasing industry. We explore how these mechanisms are being adopted, their growing relevance, and how they contribute to more efficient conflict resolution, healthier business relationships, and more sustainable leasing practices.

In addition to this lead focus, we bring you a variety of insightful articles and features that round out the content for this edition. As always, we aim to make this journal a valuable resource for documentation, analysis, and research in the leasing sector.

We hope you find this edition both informative and thought-provoking.

Thank you.



Yemi Eniolawun



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND THE LEASING SECTOR

AI is a branch of computer science that enables machines to simulate human cognitive functions such as learning, reasoning, problem-solving, perception, creativity, and decision-making. It encompasses various techniques, including Machine Learning (ML), which allows systems to learn from data and improve over time without explicit programming.

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (ML) are transforming how today's businesses and industries operate. With their ability to analyse, process and transform huge amounts of data into knowledge and deliver real time insights, AI and ML are empowering decision-making process.

In essence, AI is technology that allows machines to perform human-like cognitive tasks, adapt to new information, and operate autonomously, transforming many industries and aspects of daily life. The benefits of AI cannot be overemphasised, including improved efficiency, improved accuracy and enhanced decision making.

Experts are projecting that the international financial sector may gain an extra US\$1 trillion each year by implementing and applying AI tools. According to a piece published by Millennium Consultants, the global financial services industry is projected to earn around US\$28.529 trillion from 2025 to 2030, at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 6 %. The primary cause of this is the significant use of AI in the restructuring banking operations, particularly after the COVID-19 recovery.

The potential of AI in the leasing industry cannot be overstated. Leasing is a process that relies on a wide range of data, such as credit histories, market trends, customer preferences, asset usage, leasing contracts, vendors, reports, debt collection, and shareholders. Traditionally, exploiting and managing this data required significant human effort and was subject to errors and time



delays. AI tools, however, have pioneered a new era of innovation by learning from the past to predict future trends and threats, due to their ability to process large-scale datasets with exceptional speed and accuracy.

From enhancing operational efficiency to improving customer experience and optimising risk management, AI is reshaping how leasing companies operate, make decisions, and interact with customers.

AI is influencing the leasing sector in the following ways:

1. Improved Customer Experience

Personalised Leasing Options: AI can analyse a customer's history, preferences, and financial behaviour to recommend tailored leasing options. This makes the leasing process more personalised and efficient, leading to higher customer satisfaction. For example, AI algorithms could analyse whether a customer is likely to prefer a short-term lease or a long-term contract, which can improve conversion rates.

Chatbots and Virtual Assistants: AI-driven chatbots are becoming standard practice in the

leasing sector, offering 24/7 support to customers. The chatbot tools can deliver efficient answers to frequently asked questions, guide clients through the application process, and provide instant feedback, making the leasing experience more transparent and efficient. AI can predict customer needs and behaviours, allowing leasing companies to proactively address issues and offer relevant solutions before customers even realise they need them, delivering personalised products that meet their preferences.

Document Processing: AI can automate document processing, such as lease agreements, applications, and other paperwork. Natural Language Processing (NLP) can help extract data from contracts, verify key terms, and even flag inconsistencies or errors that could delay a deal.

2. Risk Assessment and Credit Scoring

AI-Powered Credit Scoring: Traditional credit scoring models may not capture the full picture of a potential lessee's financial health. AI can incorporate alternative data sources (e.g., transaction history, social media activity, utility payments) to create a more holistic credit profile. This can help leasing companies better assess the creditworthiness of potential customers who might not have a traditional credit history, such as young individuals or people new to the country.

Predictive Analytics for Risk Management: AI can predict the likelihood of defaults or late payments by analysing patterns in financial behaviour. By leveraging machine learning models, leasing companies can anticipate and mitigate risks more effectively. This allows them to adjust leasing terms or pricing, reducing the risk of non-payment.

3. Operational Efficiency and Cost Reduction

Automated Lease Management: AI tools can automate lease portfolio management, monito-

ring key metrics like payment schedules, asset utilisation, and contract renewals. AI can track lease expiration dates, send reminders to customers for renewals, and alert managers about any overdue payments. This significantly reduces the manual effort involved in managing leases.

Predictive Maintenance: AI can use sensors and IoT (Internet of Things) data to predict when maintenance is needed, helping to reduce downtime and improve the lifespan of leased assets. By preventing breakdowns before they occur, leasing companies can reduce repair costs and improve the overall customer experience. It can also analyse how often and in what conditions the equipment is used, allowing the leasing company to adjust terms based on usage patterns.

Document Automation: Lease agreements and contracts often involve extensive paperwork. AI can automate the generation, review, and signing of these documents, reducing the time and cost associated with manual paperwork.

4. Dynamic Pricing and Lease Terms.

Dynamic Lease Pricing: AI can help leasing companies optimise pricing based on real-time market demand, asset availability, and competitor pricing. By analysing market trends and customer behaviour, AI can automatically adjust lease rates for different asset classes (e.g., cars, real estate, equipment), maximising revenue while remaining competitive.



Flexible Lease Terms: AI can also help businesses offer flexible lease terms by analysing customer preferences and behaviour. For example, AI can suggest personalised payment schedules or shorter lease durations based on the customer's financial situation.

5. Fraud Prevention and Security

Fraud Detection Algorithms: AI-driven systems can detect unusual patterns in leasing transactions that could indicate fraudulent activity. For example, AI can track abnormal payment patterns or unusual leasing behaviour (e.g., multiple applications from the same IP address) and flag them for further investigation.

Identity Verification: AI-powered biometric verification (e.g., facial recognition, voice authentication) can be used to confirm the identity of customers during the leasing process, reducing the risk of identity theft and ensuring that only legitimate individuals are entering into lease agreements.

6. Enhanced Lease Lifecycle Management

Lease Optimisation: AI can optimise the entire lease lifecycle by analysing data on usage patterns, payments, and customer feedback. For example, AI can recommend upgrades or modifications to existing leases, such as offering a more cost-effective lease option when an asset reaches a certain age or usage threshold.

Automated Renewals and Extensions: AI can track lease expiration dates and automatically trigger renewal or extension offers to customers. If a lessee's current contract is coming to an end, AI can prompt them with personalised options based on their previous lease and usage behaviour, enhancing customer retention and satisfaction.

7. Sustainability and Environmental Impact

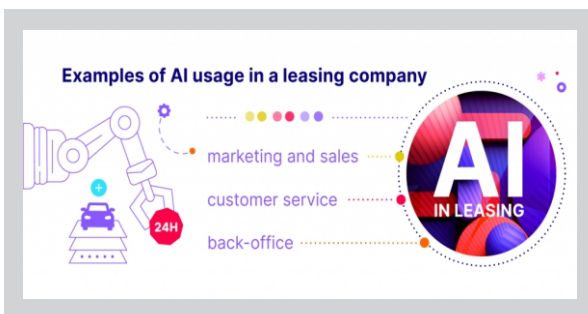
Sustainability in Asset Management: AI can help leasing companies track the carbon footprint and environmental impact of the assets in their portfolio. For example, AI can help optimise the use of electric vehicles (EVs) in a fleet, suggest greener alternatives to customers, or monitor energy-efficient buildings in real estate leasing.

Carbon Footprint Reduction: In vehicle leasing, AI can help reduce emissions by analysing driving patterns and recommending more fuel-efficient models or even switching to electric vehicles, helping companies meet their sustainability goals.

8. Marketing and Lead Generation

Targeted Marketing Campaigns: AI can help leasing companies better target potential customers by analysing data on customer preferences, behaviours, and demographics. For example, AI could identify businesses likely to need capital equipment leasing and target them with personalised offers. AI can also help automate marketing campaigns across different platforms, optimising for customer acquisition.

Lead Scoring: AI-powered algorithms can score leads based on how likely they are to convert into customers. By analysing past data, AI can predict which leads are most valuable, helping leasing companies focus their efforts on the most promising prospects.



9. Regulatory Compliance and Reporting

Regulatory Adherence: AI can ensure compliance with industry regulations by automatically analysing contracts and lease terms to ensure they align with changing laws and regulations. It can also monitor transactions for adherence to anti-money laundering (AML) and know your customer (KYC) policies.

Automated Reporting: AI can automate the generation of reports required for compliance purposes, such as financial reports or regulatory filings, saving time and reducing the likelihood of errors.

Challenges of Implementing AI in Leasing:

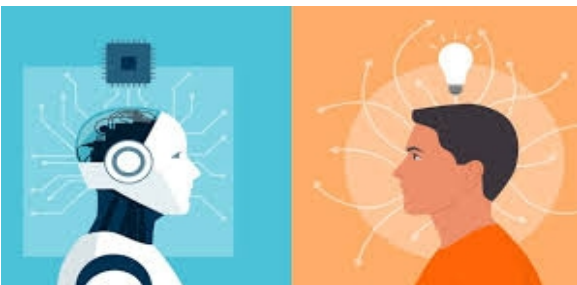
While AI offers numerous advantages, there are challenges to overcome:

Data Privacy: The collection of personal and financial data requires stringent data protection measures to prevent breaches and comply with regulations (e.g., GDPR).

Implementation Costs: Initial setup costs for AI infrastructure and training staff can be high, especially for smaller leasing companies.

Change Management: The transition to AI-driven systems requires adapting existing processes and systems, which may face resistance from employees or management.

Data Quality: AI relies heavily on high-quality data. If the data used to train AI models is incomplete, inaccurate, or biased, it can result in incorrect decisions or outcomes.



Conclusion

AI plays a crucial role in the evolution of the leasing industry. By integrating AI tools and applying ML algorithms, leasing companies can not only improve their operational efficiency but also improve the accuracy of their risk assessments, automate complex processes, and better manage fraud. These technologies enable leasing companies to optimise their decision-making processes while minimising losses and increasing customer satisfaction.

In an increasingly competitive market, AI offers an undeniable strategic advantage, making the leasing sector more innovative and forward-looking. Companies that embrace AI tools and ML strategies today will be better equipped to address the demands of tomorrow.

THE NIGERIAN LEASING INDUSTRY SUSTAINED RESILIENCE AMIDST CONTINUED CHALLENGES - RECORDS 23.2 % GROWTH IN 2024

The Nigerian leasing industry continues to thrive in the face of challenges, including a background of global economic uncertainties, geopolitical tensions, the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, and increasing domestic macroeconomic vulnerability. In 2024, the industry recorded a growth of 23.2 %, with outstanding leases of N5.16 trillion as against N4.19 trillion in 2023, while new leases peaked at N973.3 billion. Leasing volume contribution to the Nigerian economy over the last decade is estimated at N24.6 trillion.

The oil and gas sector represented 26 % of the outstanding leases with N1.3 trillion, followed by the Transportation & Logistics sector with N1.1 trillion, 21 %. Manufacturing had N734 billion, with 13 %; Telecoms – N462 billion, representing 9 %. Agriculture N378 billion with 8.5 %; Government N345 billion (7.5 %); while others (including Healthcare and Education) generated N686 billion, accounting for 15 % of the volume.

The growth in lease volume was driven by the astronomical rise in the cost of assets, occasioned by two of the cardinal reforms of government - the removal of petrol subsidies and the floating of the Naira, as more money was required to finance leases. Other factors include more new entrants and investment into the industry; increasing innovations and strong resilience by the industry's players; increasing level of awareness of the benefits of leasing, which continues to be more compelling given the increasing cost of assets.

Finance Lease maintained its lead position with 52% of the total transactions, with operating lease increasing its market share in recent times, due to its continued preference and patronage by corporate bodies. Operating



lease allows these companies to focus on their core activities, while outsourcing other operational functions such as transportation and other logistics services. Also, many lessors have been shifting to operating leases in recent years as a risk-mitigating product and to create a niche market for themselves. Essentially, some major lessors have stopped finance lease completely, focusing on operating lease to balance their risk appetite and meet the outsourcing needs of clients. In a bid to create a further niche, some of these lessors have set up workshops of their own, providing services to outside customers as well.

Vehicle leasing remained dominant as the largest leased asset segment, constituting about 53% of the leased assets. Vehicle leasing, including staff shuttles, commercial buses, trucks for haulage, and operational vehicles, continued to be a major attraction in recent times.

Indeed, the industry is expected to maintain its resilience, given the growth potential of the industry - the wide financing gap in various sectors of the economy and increasing demand for creative financing options to meet asset needs by the investing public, the

economic agenda of the Governments across all levels especially, increasing spending in critical infrastructure in key sectors such as transportation - the CNG initiatives for instance, power, health care, construction, agriculture, manufacturing, and technology present rich menu of leasing opportunities, notwithstanding the continued challenges posed by macroeconomic environment.

Also, it is expected that with the kickoff of operations of the Equipment Leasing Registration Authority (ELRA), the industry is set to witness enhanced growth, as the Authority is expected to provide the integral booster for the faster development of the leasing industry as it gives effects to the full implementation of the Equipment Leasing Act 2015.

Table 1: Equipment Leasing Table by Sector (2020 – 2024) (N' 000)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Manufacturing	734,283,063.35	607,750,636.51	476,771,571.40	375,965,188	279,725,073
Transport/Logistics	1,181,474,427.67	977,075,892	761,895,999.32	614,046,637	490,720,981
Agriculture	378,616,640.76	300,750,531.93	216,549,704.36	176,227,151	148,565,322
Oil/Gas	1,380,802,431.27	1,127,737,577.58	893,846,389.89	739,276,602	602,120,031
Government	345,266,843.31	267,400,734.48	201,911,201.92	154,868,223	127,206,394
Telecoms	462,249,362.09	374,649,989.66	299,804,809.60	232,600,554	177,853,183
Others	686,005,834.68	540,006,880.63	409,027,815.52	294,780,581	185,285,839
Total	5,168,698,603.13	4,195,372,242.79	3,259,807,494.01	2,587,764,938	2,011,476,831

NB: Others include Education, Healthcare, Construction, and Consumer sectors

Fig. 1: Distribution of Lease Volume by Sector (2024)

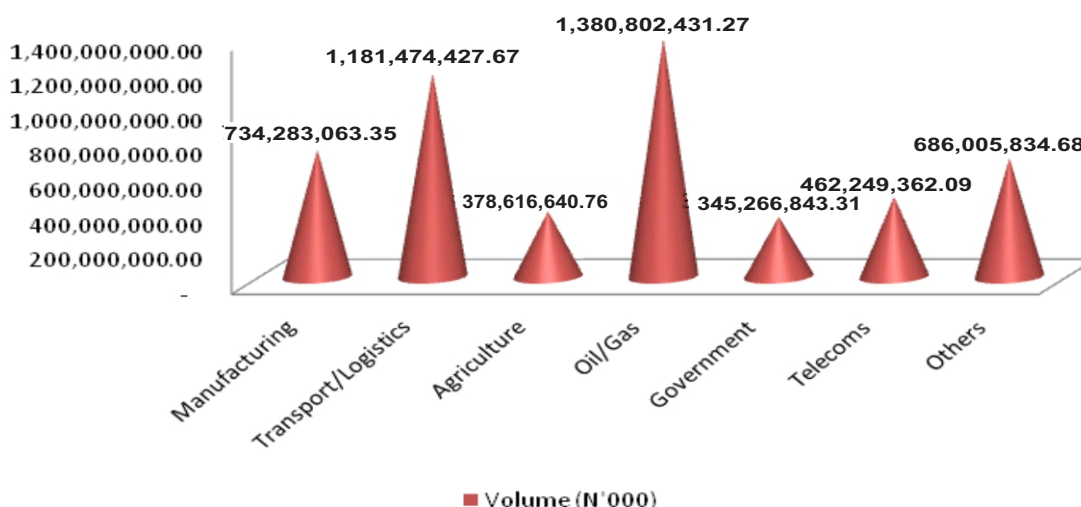


Table 2: Trends in Nigerian Leasing Market (2010 – 2024) (N'000)

Year	Leasing Volume ('000)	Growth (%)
2010	537,907,637.75	21
2011	622,907,637.75	16
2012	671,494,433.53	8
2013	780,661,932.99	16
2014	869,017,875.10	11
2015	1,107,041,794.67	27
2016	1,262,027,642.73	14
2017	1,445,021,651.11	14.5
2018	1,680,560,180.25	16.3
2019	1,927,712,680.21	14.5
2020	2,011,476,831.90	4.3
2021	2,587,764,938.20	28.6
2022	3,259,807,494.01	25.97
2023	4,195,372,242.79	28.7
2024	5,168,698,603.13	23.2

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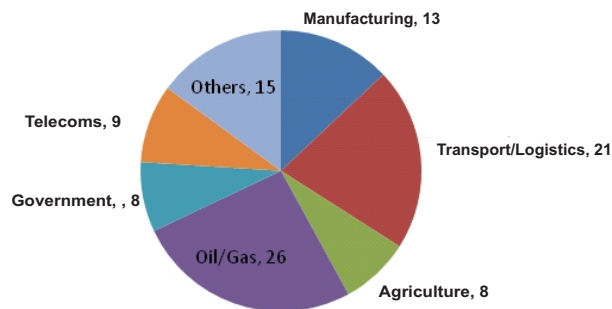
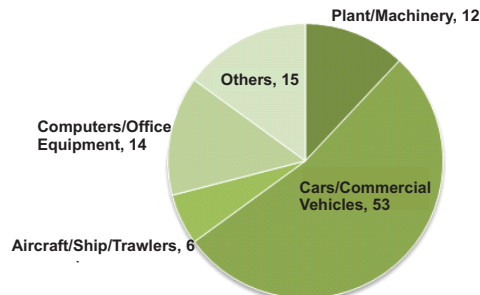


Fig. 3: Analysis by types of Asset (2024)



Role of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Mechanisms in Leasing

Background

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) provides options for resolving disputes as opposed to the traditional routine of going to Court for the sole purpose of settling disputes. ADR refers to methods to resolve legal disputes outside of traditional court proceedings. It includes techniques like Negotiation, Mediation, Arbitration, and Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE), which aim to settle conflicts efficiently, cost-effectively, and with less formality than litigation.

Disputes are inevitable in every relationship; they may be civil, commercial or domestic. In a bid to settle this conflict, the affected parties usually go to court to seek redress or have the issue(s) resolved. However, over time, the litigation process has become more time-consuming, expensive and cumbersome, and an increase in the number of cases in courts has led to congestion and delay in their resolution. Also, some disputes are sensitive and confidential, and disputants may prefer settlement in private to one in the public glare of the court. In addition, the complexity of court litigation often tends towards an increase in costs, which disputants are naturally anxious to reduce. On the other hand, there may be claims involving small sums, which may not be worth the cost of litigation. All these have led to the development of alternative methods of resolving disputes.

Apart from the fact that businessmen and women now prefer private resolution of their disputes to exposure to the machinery available in the glare of the regular courts, there is the advantage that settlement through ADR avoids what can be best described as brinkmanship and acrimony, which often arise in litigation. It reduces hostility and antagonism, but most importantly, ADR saves business relationships and encourages a continued

cordiality between the parties. These are made largely possible because the procedure provides greater room for compromise than litigation.

In modern times, litigation, which has hitherto been the principal method of resolving commercial disputes, is now being complemented by other dispute resolution methods. Owing to the exigencies of commercial transactions, many countries in the world now apply alternative methods of dispute resolution.

In the United States, for example, Professor Frank Sander, a Professor of Law at Harvard University, developed the concept of multi-door Courthouses - a bundle of alternative systems of resolution of disputes which parties can avail themselves of. This has been replicated in Nigeria by the establishment of Multi-door Court Houses across the various states of the Federation.

Similarly, in the United Kingdom, a major change has come about as a consequence of Lord Woolf's reforms. Since April 26 1999, a common procedure exists in the English High Courts and the County Courts wherein cases are divided into three tracks, each with its own procedural and cost characteristics. The reform fully embraces the doctrine of case management now adopted in many Common Law Jurisdictions as the core measure of the reform.

Lord Woolf has encouraged the use of ADR as part of his reforms. Judges now have the power



to enquire what steps the parties have taken or intend to take towards negotiating a settlement, and judges can make orders of various kinds, including adjournment to enable negotiations to take place, either directly or by involving a third party.

Best Practices for Effective ADR

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) methods such as Mediation and Arbitration processes are increasingly utilised to resolve commercial disputes. These must be agreed upon by the parties either in a separate arbitration agreement or a clause contained in the contract.

Dispute Resolution clauses in contracts specify how conflicts will be handled. They provide clarity and efficiency in resolving disputes without litigation; provides clarity on the Dispute Resolution process; Saves time and resources; and encourages Negotiation and Settlement. The following must be considered in ensuring effective ADR:

Customised clauses for each Contract – No one-size-fits-all approach.

Ensure compliance with local laws – Align with applicable legal frameworks such as the Arbitration and Mediation Act 2023, etc.

Clearly define processes & timelines – Avoid Ambiguity.

Include a Multi-tiered approach – Escalate from Negotiation to Arbitration if needed.

Regularly review & update clauses – Adapt to changing legal environment.

Specify what is covered. To ensure that the arbitration agreement governs all disputes arising between the contracting parties, state that intention clearly in the contract. Also, the arbitrator decides whether the arbitration

agreement is valid and enforceable. Agreements stating that all disputes will be decided by arbitration, including the validity of the arbitration provision itself, provide maximum authority for the arbitrator to decide all the issues of the case.

Specify which law applies. Laws vary across jurisdictions, so be sure to clearly state which law governs the contract and which law governs the arbitration agreement, which may be different from the law that applies to other aspects of the commercial arrangement. To ensure a legal professional will decide your case based on the applicable law, choose an arbitration administrator who can guarantee this for you.

Select a particular arbitration law. Different countries and states have different arbitration laws. If the parties do not select a particular arbitration law, significant time and expense may be expended by the arbitrator (or a court) in determining which law governs the agreement. An effective ADR administrator will be capable of administering different rules under different legal regimes.

Consider the other party's costs. In drafting a contract affecting small businesses, do not be surprised if an applicable rule of law specifies that the financially stronger party cover some or all of the cost of the arbitration.

Allow the legal remedies. In most jurisdictions, legal remedies otherwise available in court must also be available through arbitration. This is especially true where contracting parties do not possess equal bargaining power.

Types of Alternative Dispute Resolution(ADR)



Trying to limit punitive damages can backfire. Drafting parties are often tempted to limit an arbitrator's ability to award punitive damages. However, in a recent case, the U.S. Supreme Court cast doubt on setting such limits where the claim arises under statutory authority expressly permitting it.

Specify terms for attorneys' fees. Attorney fee awards are generally permissible only when enabled by statute or agreement.

Select a reputable ADR administrator. The best way to ensure that an ADR agreement will be enforced is to choose a reputable ADR administrator with court-tested rules and fees. This eliminates the need for lengthy drafting to address discovery, neutral selection, and other procedural issues.

Specify the award review process. International treaties and national and state laws govern court review of arbitration awards, and they typically restrict review to significant errors. Parties desiring a greater right of appeal can do so through explicit contractual language or by simply incorporating by reference procedural rules that enable judicial review to determine whether the arbitrator properly applied the law.

Role of Alternative Dispute Resolution in Nigeria.

Nigeria has a plethora of dispute resolution mechanisms (formal and informal), and often the disputants may shop around for a favourable option, sometimes adopting a hybrid process of a combination of mechanisms to resolve their disputes. Some of the dispute resolution mechanisms adopted in Nigeria, with varying degrees of success for the user, include:

- Litigation
- Arbitration
- Mediation
- Conciliation
- Neutral Evaluation

- Hybrid processes
- Negotiation
- Customary/Sharia Courts
- Traditional and community Leaders
- Police and
- Family heads

In Nigeria, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is given constitutional backing as a means of settling disputes. Specifically, Section 19(d) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (CFRN) 1999 provides for the settlement of disputes by Arbitration, Mediation, Conciliation, Negotiation and Adjudication. This is in recognition of the crucial role ADR plays in the resolution of various types of disputes. The constitutional status accorded to ADR for the settlement of disputes is a complementary role to the judicial powers conferred on the Courts by the Constitution.

The ADR process is further strengthened by the enactment of the Arbitration and Mediation Act 2023, while various courts have also, through their Rules, given recognition to the importance of ADR. For instance, Order 19 of the Federal High Court (Civil Procedure) Rules of Nigeria provides for supportive court interventions in arbitral proceedings. High Court Civil Procedure Rules of various States also provide for reference of cases to ADR, for example, Order 19 and 28 of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory and Lagos State Civil Procedure Rules, respectively. Equally, Rule 15 (3) (d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct for Legal Practitioners mandates Lawyers to attempt an alternative dispute resolution before bringing any matter before the Court for hearing.

Essentially, ADR mechanisms are built to reduce the judicial workload, improve the legal process and help the parties in a dispute settle their case in the best possible, convenient and customised way for themselves. Essentially, to resolve disputes arising from all walks of life - labour, employment, industrial relations, workplace, etc., between parties using the process of ADR.

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Methods

Some of the popular ADR methods include:

Negotiation: Negotiation is a process in which two or more parties hold discussions in an attempt to develop an agreement on matters of mutual concern. This communication process involving the give and take of ideas and mulling over options to find common ground forms the basis of every non-adjudicative dispute resolution procedure. Negotiation is an indispensable step in any ADR process, as it is consensual to all ADR activities. It is believed to be the most satisfactory method of dispute settlement. It involves the discussions or dealings in a matter to reconcile differences and establish areas of agreement, settlement or compromise that would be mutually beneficial to the parties. Usually, negotiation consists of a “quid pro quo” of sorts, which is the giving up of something to get something else in return.

Facilitation: When a neutral party enters discussions to help the parties work towards consensus, the process is described as “facilitated negotiation” or “facilitation”. The “facilitator” does not concentrate on the substance of the issues for discussion. Rather, he or she assists the parties to focus on the salient issues to improve their chances of reaching an agreement.

Conciliation: Conciliation is a non-binding ADR process where a neutral third party, the conciliator, assists disputing parties in reaching a mutually acceptable settlement. The conciliator facilitates communication, clarifies misunderstandings, identifies issues, explores possible solutions, and may even suggest terms of settlement.

Mediation: Mediation is a method of settling disputes by consensus rather than by adjudication. Mediation is 'the process where parties seek the assistance of a neutral third party or parties to help them in reaching a



mutually agreeable resolution for their dispute arising from a contractual or legal relationship'. This definition gives an encompassing and wider application to mediation, conciliation, and other analogous mechanisms. Unlike litigation, which tends to be adversarial and rights-focused, mediation encourages cooperation, communication, and compromise, thereby preserving relationships and promoting long-term solutions. While mediation and conciliation are both methods of ADR that involve a neutral third party to assist the parties in resolving disputes, the difference lies in the level of involvement of the third party. Mediators only guide the parties to reaching an agreement, while the conciliators can take a more active role, offering expertise and suggesting potential solutions.

The Arbitration and Mediation Act 2023 dedicates **Part II (Sections 67 to 87)** entirely to mediation. These provisions establish a comprehensive legal framework for mediation in Nigeria. The Scope of Application (Section 67): Defines the types of mediation Part II applies to, including international commercial mediation, domestic commercial mediation, domestic civil mediation, and settlement agreements resulting from such mediations. The parties are allowed to agree in writing that Part II of the Act will apply to their dispute.

Mini-Trial: The mini-trial is a form of evaluative mediation, which is a non-binding ADR process; it assists the parties to a dispute to gain a better understanding of the issues in dispute, and so enables them to enter into settlement negotiations on a more informal basis.

The mini-trial procedure was recently developed. It is intended to facilitate the exchange of information among parties and provide the necessary basis for the parties to fashion a settlement. It resembles a trial, in that a Lawyer for each party presents the party's case. The presentations are short, typically for about four hours duration and are heard not by a judge but by representatives of each of the parties who have the authority to enter into a settlement. In many cases, a neutral third party is engaged to preside and assist the parties in reaching an agreement. Following the presentations, the party representatives meet (with or without the neutral) to negotiate a settlement. At the discretion of the parties, the neutral can offer an advisory opinion to facilitate discussions.

There are no rules governing the conduct of mini-trials. Typically, procedures are agreed upon by the parties in writing before the initiation of the process. A mini-trial provides a means for exchanging information necessary for the development of a settlement. It allows opportunity for advocacy while keeping the dispute narrow and eliminating many of the legislative and collateral issues that arise in litigation. It is the responsibility of the representatives designated by the parties to resolve the dispute. Even where no settlement is reached, the information and perspective gained through the procedure, typically, are beneficial and result in expediting resolutions of the matter at trials or other more formal proceedings.

A mini-trial is often meaningfully employed after negotiation has broken down, mediation has been tried or rejected, and the parties already have a considerable investment in pending litigation, but are willing to try a structured but non-binding way to expedite a settlement. If the case is already in litigation when they decide to attempt a mini-trial, they may consider seeking a stay of the action; then, they must draw up a mini-trial agreement. The agreement should be dispute-specific.

Arbitration: Arbitration involves the submission of a dispute by an agreement of the parties to an impartial arbitrator or panel of arbitrators, whose decision is binding on the parties. While akin to litigation in some respects, arbitration offers greater flexibility, confidentiality, and efficiency, making it an attractive option for resolving disputes. The Arbitration and Mediation Act 2023 specifically deals with arbitration and is primarily covered in Part I of the Act, spanning Sections 1 to 66, covering both domestic and international commercial arbitration, subject to any other applicable law.

Where two or more persons agree that a dispute or potential dispute between them shall be decided in a legally binding way by one or more impartial persons of their choice, in a judicial manner, the agreement is called an arbitration agreement or a submission to arbitration and when after a dispute has arisen, it is put before such person or persons for decision, the procedure is called an arbitration and the decision made is an award.

Mediation-Arbitration: Mediation-arbitration is a two-step dispute resolution process involving both mediation and arbitration. In Mediation-Arbitration, parties try to resolve their differences through mediation, where mediation fails to resolve some or all the areas of dispute, the remaining issues are automatically submitted to binding arbitration. In its traditional form, mediation-arbitration uses a neutral who must be skilled in both procedures to guide parties through the mediation phase and to preside over the arbitration and render a final, binding decision.



The final result of a mediation-arbitration combines any agreement reached in the mediation phase with the award in the arbitral phase. Under this process, the parties commit themselves in advance to go to arbitration if mediation is unsuccessful, before the process commences.

From all indications, it would seem that the two most favoured and regulated ADR techniques and mechanisms in Nigeria are Arbitration and mediation.

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) plays a critical role in Nigeria's economy by fostering a conducive environment for business growth, investment, and economic stability. Below are the key contributions of ADR to Nigeria's economy:

Promoting ease of doing business - ADR mechanisms such as arbitration and mediation provide quicker and less costly means of resolving commercial disputes, enhancing Nigeria's business climate. This efficiency builds investor confidence and attracts both domestic and foreign investments. The National Policy on Arbitration and ADR (2024) emphasises aligning Nigeria's legal framework with international best practices, further boosting investor trust and economic activity.

Reducing economic losses from litigation – prolonged litigation often locks up significant financial resources. ADR resolves disputes more efficiently, unlocking funds for productive use in the economy. For example, the Lagos Multi-Door Courthouse (LMDC) reported recoveries of over N55 billion and \$56 million as of August 2024, directly benefiting the commercial sector in the State.

Supporting Small and Medium Enterprises (SMES) – ADR is cost-effective compared to traditional litigation, making it accessible for SMES. This affordability allows smaller businesses to resolve disputes without financial strain, enabling them to focus on growth and innovation.

Preserving Business Relationships – ADR methods like mediation encourage collaboration and dialogue, preserving relationships between business partners. This is crucial in maintaining long-term economic partnerships and fostering a cooperative business environment.

Reducing Court Backlogs – By diverting commercial disputes from overburdened courts, ADR improves the efficiency of the judicial system. This allows courts to focus on complex cases, indirectly supporting economic stability by ensuring timely legal resolutions.

Fostering international trade – Nigeria's adherence to international treaties like the New York Convention ensures that arbitral awards are enforceable globally. This makes the nation a favourable destination for international trade and investment, building confidence among local and international investors, enhancing the ease of doing business, attracting foreign direct investment, and driving economic prosperity.

Promoting Good Governance – ADR contributes to good governance by providing fair and transparent dispute resolution mechanisms. This fosters trust in public institutions and promotes socio-economic development at both local and national levels.

In summary, ADR is integral to Nigeria's economic development by reducing litigation costs, unlocking financial resources, attracting investments, and fostering a stable business environment.

Benefits of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Mechanism:

Cost-Effectiveness: One of the primary advantages of ADR is that it is generally more cost-effective than traditional litigation. Court proceedings can be expensive, with costs including attorney fees, court fees and other related expenses. ADR, on the other hand,

often involves fewer formalities and can be completed in a shorter timeframe, resulting in lower costs.

Time Efficiency: ADR processes are typically faster than court litigation. Traditional legal proceedings can take months or even years to resolve, whereas ADR methods like mediation or arbitration can often be completed in a matter of days or weeks. This can be particularly beneficial in business disputes where a speedy resolution is desired.

Flexibility: ADR offers more flexibility compared to the rigid structure of court proceedings. Parties have the freedom to choose the ADR method that best suits their needs and can tailor the process to their specific dispute. This flexibility extends to scheduling, location and even the choice of the neutral third party (mediator or arbitrator) who will oversee the process.

Confidentiality: Unlike court cases, which are typically public, ADR proceedings are private and confidential. This is particularly advantageous in disputes where the parties wish to keep sensitive information out of the public domain. Confidentiality can also help preserve business relationships and reputations.

Control over the Outcome: In ADR, the parties have more control over the outcome of the dispute. For example, in mediation, the parties work together to reach a mutually acceptable agreement, rather than having a decision imposed upon them by a judge. This can lead to more satisfactory and sustainable resolutions.

Preservation of Relationships: ADR methods like mediation focus on collaboration and communication, which can help preserve and even improve relationships between the disputing parties. This is especially important in disputes involving ongoing business relationships or family matters.

Success Stories of ADR in Nigeria

The field of arbitration and mediation has witnessed significant developments over the years, with legislative changes often reflecting evolving global practices. The Arbitration and Mediation Act of 2023 and the Lagos State Multi-Door Courthouse Law of 2007 are notable examples of legislative initiatives aimed at promoting ADR in Nigeria. The Arbitration and Mediation Act of 2023 has established a legal framework that enhances the transparency, speed, autonomy, and enforceability of arbitral awards and mediation settlement agreements. These critical elements are vital for a robust and efficient arbitration system that solves the evolving needs of businesses and individuals seeking fair and effective dispute resolution by impartial tribunals, free from unnecessary delays or costs.

The Lagos Multi-Door Courthouse (LMDC).

Established in 2002 as Africa's first court-connected ADR centre, the LMDC has become a model for other states. As of August 2024, the LMDC successfully handled 25,481 cases, achieving a 56 per cent success rate. The total recoveries from these cases amount to over N55bn and \$56m, significantly decongesting courts and improving access to justice.

The LMDC has recovered substantial monetary claims that would otherwise be tied up in litigation, making these funds available for commercial investments, thus enhancing economic growth by fostering a more investor-friendly environment. A 2015 survey revealed a 69% satisfaction rate among users, with 86% recommending the process.

Lagos State ADR Week

Lagos State organises an ADR Week to promote awareness of ADR benefits. During these sessions, extraordinary numbers of disputes are resolved within hours, highlighting the efficiency of ADR mechanisms. ADR

centres like the LMDC have created an enabling environment for business by offering investor-friendly dispute resolution mechanisms. This has encouraged foreign direct investment and supported Lagos State's economic growth.

The Plateau Multi-Door Courthouse (PMDC)

The PMDC has successfully mediated disputes such as longstanding property conflicts between neighbours. Its focus on mediation and conciliation fosters under-

standing and cooperation, providing quicker and cost-effective resolutions compared to litigation, alleviating the burden on traditional courts and promoting ADR as a viable alternative.

Through the Multi-Door Court House system, mediation terms of settlement (decisions) are taken before an ADR judge and they become the judgment of the court, enforceable like any other regular judgments.

The Nigerian Leasing Industry and ADR Disputes

As the leasing industry is becoming more sophisticated, over the years, the need for clarity, certainty and sanity in the practice of leasing and ensuring protective mechanisms for both the lessor and lessee becomes apparent. This formed the need for the enactment of the Equipment Leasing Act (2015). The Act is the main law that guides the practice of leasing in Nigeria. Generally, the Act is intended to regulate the business of leasing and related matters, ensuring clarity and certainty in the legal framework for leasing, ushering sanity in the practice of leasing and promoting investment in the industry. The Act established the Equipment Leasing Registration Authority (ELRA), under the Ministry of Finance, and makes regulations under the Act to give effect to the intent and purport of the Act. The functions of the Authority include:

1. Register lease agreements & lessors.
2. Determine eligibility of persons & requirements.
3. Register and investigate the incidence of default.
4. Establish & maintain a register of persons entitled to carry on the business of leasing
5. Undertake other activities to give effect to the Act and other functions conferred by the Act.

The essence of the Act is to promote the business of leasing in Nigeria, ensuring that the rights of both the lessor and lessee are

protected. For instance, the Act forbids the lessor from unilaterally terminating the lease agreement, where the lessee is not in breach of any terms of the lease agreement and for a breach, appropriate notice must be given to the lessee. If the breach is in default in payments of rental, the lessor can make an ex parte application to the Federal High Court for repossession for non-payment of rental. However, repossession shall not prejudice the right of the lessor to other remedies, and for breach other than non-payment, the lessor can commence legal proceedings in court.

No doubt, the alternative dispute resolution mechanisms will further strengthen and complement the intent of the Equipment Leasing Act towards promoting the development of the leasing industry, through expeditious, efficient and cost-saving resolution of leasing disputes.



	Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)	Litigation
Process and Formality	ADR is generally informal, with the structure being more flexible. In methods like mediation or conciliation, the parties actively engage in discussions to find a mutually acceptable solution. Even in arbitration, although more formal than mediation, the process is still less rigid than in court proceedings. There are no complex rules of evidence or lengthy procedures.	Litigations are formal, governed by strict rules of procedure and evidence. The process involves filing legal documents (pleadings), hearings, and possibly trials, with a judge or jury making the final decision. The court system is structured to handle different types of cases based on legal principles and precedents.
Cost	ADR is generally cheaper than litigation. While there may be some costs involved (e.g., paying for an arbitrator or mediator), these costs are typically much lower than the legal fees, filing fees, and other expenses that arise from court proceedings. Additionally, ADR can resolve disputes faster, reducing costs associated with long, drawn-out cases.	Litigation can be expensive. Costs can include court fees, attorney's fees, expert witness fees, and administrative costs. Additionally, the longer the case drags on, the more the costs mount, especially if the case requires numerous hearings, depositions, and an eventual trial.
Time	ADR is generally faster. Processes like mediation or arbitration can often be completed in a few weeks or months, depending on the complexity of the dispute. Mediation, for instance, can sometimes resolve a case in a single day, and arbitration can take a few months.	Litigation can take years, particularly if the case is complex or if there is a backlog in the court system. Even if the case is resolved at trial, the appeal process can further extend the timeline.
Control over the process	In ADR, especially in mediation and negotiation, the parties have much more control over the process. They choose the mediator or arbitrator, and in mediation, they directly engage in crafting the solution. This allows for a more tailored and flexible outcome. The parties can also agree to informal procedures and timelines.	In litigation, the parties have little control over the process. A judge or jury makes decisions based on the law and facts presented in court. The parties must follow court rules and timelines, which can make the process feel rigid and inflexible.
Outcome (Binding vs. Non-Binding)	<p>The outcome of ADR depends on the type of process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mediation: The mediator helps the parties reach an agreement, but the agreement is only binding if both parties agree to it. - Arbitration: The arbitrator makes a binding decision, which is enforceable like a court judgment. - Conciliation: The conciliator assists in finding a resolution, and the outcome may be non-binding unless agreed upon by the parties. 	The outcome of a litigation is binding and enforceable by law. Once a court judgment is made, it is legally enforceable. If one party refuses to comply, the other party can seek enforcement through legal channels.

Confidentiality	ADR processes are typically private and confidential. This is one of the biggest benefits, particularly in cases involving businesses, family matters, or any disputes where public exposure is undesirable. The details of the dispute and its resolution are not made public.	Litigations are usually open to the public, and court records are generally accessible. For businesses and individuals who value privacy, this is one of the major drawbacks of litigation.
Preservation of Relationships	ADR, especially mediation, tends to be more collaborative, making it easier to preserve relationships. Because the focus is on finding a mutually agreeable solution, it is better suited for cases where the parties need to maintain a working relationship, such as in business disputes, family law, or employment conflicts.	Litigations are adversarial by nature. While some cases might settle before trial, litigation generally involves a “winner” and a “loser,” which can damage relationships. This is particularly problematic in disputes where the parties must continue to interact (e.g., business partners, family members, or co-workers).
Enforcement	<p>Enforcement of ADR outcomes depends on the type of ADR used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arbitration: Awards are enforceable like court judgments, especially if both parties have agreed to arbitration in advance. - Mediation: Agreements reached through mediation are only enforceable if both parties voluntarily agree to them and then formalise the agreement in writing (which can later be filed with a court to make it legally binding). 	Litigations are directly enforceable by law, which means that if one party refuses to comply with the ruling, the other party can seek enforcement through the court (e.g., garnishment of wages, property seizure, etc.).
Flexibility of Solutions	ADR allows for more creative and flexible solutions. In mediation, for example, the parties can craft a settlement that meets their specific needs (such as a payment plan, an apology, or non-monetary resolutions). The parties can also agree to informal arrangements that the court system may not allow.	Litigations typically offer more limited remedies. In most cases, the court can only issue a monetary judgment, order the performance of specific actions, or impose penalties (such as injunctions or restraining orders). The solutions are typically based on legal principles and precedents.
Likelihood of Settlement	ADR processes, particularly mediation and conciliation, have a higher likelihood of settlement. Since both parties are actively involved in negotiating the terms of the resolution, they are often more satisfied with the outcome. The collaborative nature of ADR fosters agreement.	While settlements can occur at any stage of a lawsuit, the adversarial nature of litigation makes settlement less likely. If a case goes to trial, the result is generally a win-lose situation, which can reduce the incentive for compromise.
Public Exposure	ADR provides greater privacy and prevents public exposure of the dispute. This is beneficial for parties who wish to avoid media attention or the public scrutiny that often accompanies court cases.	Court cases are public by default. If a case goes to trial, all proceedings are generally open to the public, and the judgment is a matter of public record.
Complexity of the Dispute	ADR is especially effective for less complex or smaller disputes, or in situations where the parties are looking to maintain flexibility and control. However, for complex legal matters (such as constitutional issues or criminal cases), ADR may not be suitable.	Courts are ideal for handling complex legal matters or cases where legal principles need to be established, such as criminal cases, large-scale commercial disputes, or issues involving constitutional rights. Courts have the authority to create binding precedents and enforce laws.

Conclusion:

When to Choose ADR vs. Litigation

Choose ADR if:

- You want to resolve the dispute quickly and cost-effectively.
- Maintaining a relationship with the other party is important.
- You need a flexible, confidential, and less formal process.

- You are looking for creative solutions that may not be available in court.

Choose Litigations if:

- The dispute is complex and requires the application of legal principles.
- You need public accountability or transparency.
- One party is unwilling to cooperate or settle through ADR.

ADR as an Effective Dispute Resolution Mechanism for the Nigerian Leasing Industry

“From a practical standpoint, ADR's potential for saving businesses time and money in resolving disputes may make it expedient in a contemporary business environment”.

Equipment lessors and lessees familiar with court litigation know that costs and delays make contested equipment leasing proceedings extremely risky and undesirable. The technical and legal complexity of equipment leasing disputes can produce lengthy and uncertain trials, and even seemingly straightforward lease term enforcement can go awry in court. Parties to equipment leases need speed and certainty of remedies, including replevin, recovery, and damages, and this is where ADR comes in handy.

Legal disputes can arise from various stages of the leasing transaction and can take the form of a default in payment of rentals, failure to deliver or maintain equipment, or failure to comply with lease requirements. Disputes may arise between a lessor and its third-party financing source due to a failure to repay or to meet covenant requirements. The physical distance over which lessors extend equipment finance has important implications for recovery. Although communication technologies have increased lessors' ability to reach distant lessees, litigating disputes over great

distances and under a multiplicity of laws increases risks and transaction costs. Indeed, all parties in a lease transaction benefit from quick, efficient, and cost-effective resolution when a dispute arises.

Leasing dispute resolution, however, need not be uncertain, costly, or rancorous. Effective alternative dispute resolution (ADR) speeds up claim resolution in equipment recovery, workouts, and restructurings. A typical lessor remedy, for example, is the prompt recovery of the equipment in addition to the contractual deficiency, and this can be easily accomplished with an appropriate arbitral order.

Adopting mediation and arbitration, which are popular ADR methods, they must be agreed upon by the parties either in a separate arbitration agreement or a clause contained in the contract. The following multitier-level sample clauses can be a guide for leasing contracts.



Negotiation:

In the event of any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or relating to this agreement, or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof (a "Dispute"), the parties shall first attempt in good faith to resolve the Dispute through negotiation. Such negotiation shall commence upon one party delivering to the other party written notice of the Dispute (a "Dispute Notice"). The parties shall meet (either in person or virtually) within ten (10) business days following receipt of the Dispute Notice to discuss and attempt to resolve the Dispute.

Mediation:

If the Dispute has not been resolved by negotiation within thirty (30) days following the date of the Dispute Notice, or such longer period as the parties may agree, the parties agree to submit the Dispute to mediation at the Lagos Multi-Door Courthouse under the LMDC Practice Direction on Mediation Procedure or any recognised mediation institution or body. Each party shall bear its costs in the mediation, and the parties shall share equally the mediator's fees and any other mediation costs.

Arbitration:

If the Dispute has not been resolved by mediation within sixty (60) days from the commencement of mediation, or such longer period as the parties may agree, the Dispute shall finally be resolved by arbitration. The Lagos Multi-Door Courthouse (LMDC) shall administer the arbitration in accordance with the procedure for instituting Arbitration at the LMDC; the Rules of Arbitration under the Arbitration and Mediation Act or any other law in force. The seat of the arbitration shall be in Lagos, and the language of the arbitration shall be English.

The arbitration shall be conducted by a sole Arbitrator to be appointed by the LMDC, OR the

arbitration shall be conducted by a panel of three arbitrators from the LMDC Panel of Neutrals, one appointed by each party and the third appointed by the two party-appointed arbitrators. The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding on the parties, and judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrators may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Each party shall bear its costs and expenses of the arbitration, and the costs and expenses of the arbitrators and the arbitration proceedings shall be shared equally by the parties unless the arbitrator(s) decide otherwise.

It is important to note that several ADR institutions exist in various states, and it is up to the parties to decide which one to choose. Lessors must also consider the provisions of the Equipment Leasing Act (sections 37.38, 39) dealing with rental payment defaults. These provisions seem to have similar effects to ADR in terms of faster default handling processes.

Conclusion

Alternative dispute resolution (ADR) is increasingly used in resolving domestic and international commercial disputes due to its effectiveness in achieving desired results by reducing the reliance on costly and time-consuming legal proceedings. As the leasing industry continues to evolve, embracing ADR can lead to better outcomes for both lessors and lessees, fostering healthier business relationships and more sustainable leasing practices.



The Effect of Equity Contribution in Leasing Transactions

Equity contribution implies ownership. If I hold even a single share in a company, I am legally a part-owner. This concept fundamentally contradicts the essence of leasing, which is based on the lessor's full ownership of the leased asset.

A more appropriate and effective alternative to equity contribution in leasing is the use of advance rentals. Advance rentals serve two key purposes: they reduce risk and increase yield. For example, in a 12-month lease agreement where the lessee pays two months' rent in advance, the lease effectively concludes by the 10th month. This arrangement shortens the lessor's exposure by two months compared to a scenario involving an equity contribution, which commits the lessor to the full 12-month term.

It is important to understand that only the advance rentals collected at the beginning of the lease are free from interest elements. The remaining payments made over the lease term inherently include interest, thereby contributing to the lessor's yield. Therefore, precise calculation of advance rentals is crucial.



A common mistake is to compute all rentals in arrears and simply designate two of them as advance payments. In this case, the lessor effectively includes an interest component in



what should be pure advance rentals, leading to an unfair charge to the lessee. Advance rentals should exclude interest, as they are collected at the start of the lease.

Another misstep occurs when the lessee is asked to make an upfront payment, which is then deducted from the total lease amount, and rentals are calculated based on the remaining balance over 12 months. This practice does not qualify as advance rental; it is, in effect, an equity contribution, reintroducing equity contribution and ownership implications.

Ultimately, the goal should be to structure leasing transactions properly: protect your portfolio, reduce risk, and increase yield, all without undermining the foundational principle of leasing.

CULTIVATING A SELFLESS MINDSET AND BEHAVIOUR IN A WORKPLACE

While individual achievement is often lauded in the corporate world, true leadership lies in fostering a selfless mindset and behaviour. By prioritising the collective good and demonstrating genuine humility, individuals can create a positive, supportive environment that benefits everyone.

Selflessness is prioritising others' needs and well-being above your own. This quality might seem counterintuitive in a world that often values ruthlessness and individuality. However, they are invaluable for those seeking both corporate success and meaningful connections.

Setting the Tone from the Top

Leaders play a crucial role in shaping the organisational culture. By modelling a selfless mindset and behaviour, it sets the tone for the entire organisation. When these values are not just preached but actively practised by leadership, it inspires and empowers team members to do the same in their interactions with each other. This creates a ripple effect, fostering a culture of kindness, respect, and collaboration that permeates all levels of the organisation.

Prioritising a selfless mindset may seem unconventional in the corporate world, but it is powerful to create success, both individually and organisationally, which cannot be underestimated. By prioritising others' needs and embracing a continuous learning mindset, individuals can achieve remarkable things in their careers while also making a positive impact on the world around them.

Here are some key strategies to cultivate a selfless mindset and behaviour

- **Team Focus**

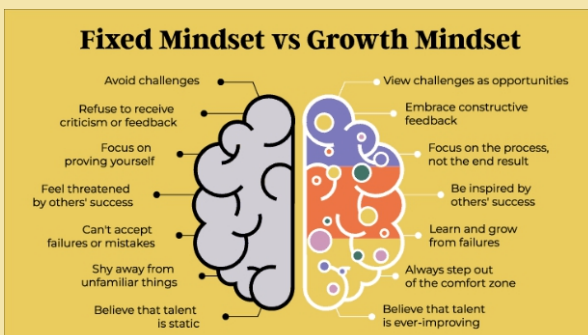
Shift your focus from individual achievements to the success of your team. Think critically about how your actions impact others and actively work towards shared goals. Consider how your contributions can benefit your colleagues and how you can collaborate effectively.

- **Develop Empathy**

Empathy is the cornerstone of selflessness. Strive to understand the perspectives and needs of others. Actively listen to their concerns and consider their feelings when making decisions. By putting yourself in their shoes, you can foster trust and build stronger relationships.

- **Practice Active Listening**

True listening goes beyond simply hearing someone speak. It requires being fully present, paying close attention to their words and emotions, and responding in a way that demonstrates understanding. Active listening fosters meaningful communication and strengthens bonds with colleagues.



- **Show Appreciation**

Taking the time to acknowledge and appreciate the contributions of others, big and small, goes a long way in building positive relationships. Express gratitude for their efforts and let them know their value within the team. This fosters a sense of belonging and motivates individuals to contribute their best.

- **Lead by Example**

Selfless behaviour should be modelled from the top down. Leaders who demonstrate genuine humility and prioritise the needs of others set the tone for the entire organisation. By consistently practising these values, they inspire team members to do the same.

- **Embrace Feedback**

Being open to feedback and constructive criticism is crucial for personal and professional growth. Actively listen to feedback and use it as an opportunity to learn and improve. Demonstrating this willingness fosters a culture of continuous learning and development.

- **Foster a Collaborative Culture**

A selfless mindset thrives in an environment that encourages teamwork and open communication. Break down silos between



departments, promote knowledge sharing, and create opportunities for collaboration across different levels of the organisation. This fosters innovation, problem-solving, and ultimately, collective success. The benefits of selflessness extend beyond individual well-being. When colleagues feel comfortable sharing ideas and perspectives without fear of judgment or criticism, it fosters an environment of collaboration and innovation. This, in turn, leads to the development of more creative solutions to complex problems, ultimately contributing to the company's success and growth.

By implementing these strategies, individuals can cultivate a selfless mindset and behaviour that benefits not only themselves but also their colleagues, teams, and organisations as a whole. Remember, true leadership in a workplace extends beyond individual achievements. It lies in empowering others, fostering collaboration, and creating a positive work environment where everyone feels valued and motivated to contribute their best.



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