Fact Sheet: Equipment Finance in the Office Equipment Industry

Equipment Finance Volume
According to the Equipment Leasing and Finance Association’s (ELFA) 2023 Survey of Equipment Finance Activity, in 2022:

- Office machines represented 4.1% of equipment financing new business volume reported by ELFA member companies, up from 3.7% in 2021.
- Office furniture and equipment represented 0.4% of equipment financing new business volume reported by ELFA member companies, down from 0.8% in 2021.
According to the Equipment Leasing & Finance Foundation’s 2022 Equipment Leasing & Finance Industry Horizon Report:
   o Nearly 8 in 10 businesses (79%) that acquired equipment and software used at least one form of financing to do so (i.e., lease, secured loan or line of credit).
   o Total public and private sector equipment and software investment expanded to $2.0 trillion in nominal terms. Approximately 57% of this investment was financed, yielding an industry size estimate of about $1.16 trillion.
   o Of private sector equipment and software investment, 61.8% was financed.
   o Leasing was the most common financing method (used by 26%), followed by secured loans (19%) and lines of credit (17%).

According to the Equipment Leasing & Finance Foundation’s report, Vertical Market Outlook Series: Office Imaging:
   o Enterprises spend 2%-3% of their yearly revenue on imaging and printing (globally).
   o In 2020, global revenue of the printer and copier market was over $10 billion.
   o Global revenue for the printer and copier market was estimated to increase slightly in 2021 before beginning to decrease to around $9.8 billion by 2025.
   o Managed print services (MPS) are forecast for 4.4% growth (CAGR) in revenues through 2025.

According to “What’s Hot, What’s Not: Equipment Market Forecast 2023,” based on a survey of ELFA members to measure industry perceptions of equipment types:
   o The copier segment is challenged and is expected to remain so.
   o In response to continued declines in new copier sales, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) first fought for market share and control of the secondary market, but have progressed to reductions and restructuring. The secondary market is expected to remain weak in 2023.
   o In 2022, global computer sales decreased 16.5% (preliminary) as more system refreshes were completed.
   o Used prices for newer PCs increased by around 10% in 2021, but by 2022 returned to trendline.

Investment
According to the Equipment Leasing & Finance Foundation’s Q4 update to the 2023 Equipment Leasing & Finance U.S. Economic Outlook:
   o Investment in equipment and software is forecast to grow at an annualized rate of 3% in 2023.

Office Machines Industry
According to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, in 2022:
   o Photocopy and related equipment investment was $9.3 billion.
   o Office and accounting equipment investment was $5.5 billion.

According to Dun & Bradstreet First Research:
   o The U.S. computer and office equipment distribution industry includes about 17,000 companies with combined annual revenue of about $300 billion.
The U.S. industry is concentrated with the top 50 companies accounting for about 80% of revenue.

Major products include computers and peripheral equipment (about 55% of industry revenue), new computers, such as personal computers (about 35%), and computer peripheral equipment (about 10%).

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