

What Smarter Automation Financing Looks Like in 2026



Automation in 2026 is not just evolving; it is accelerating at a pace that challenges most businesses to keep up with traditional capital budgets. At MODEX this year, you will witness firsthand how AI-native automation, robotics, and warehouse orchestration tools are transforming operations. Innovations like generative AI co-pilots and predictive analytics are becoming central to automation strategies, but the real story lies in the data.

Automation Is Scaling Faster Than Ever

- Nearly 4.7 million warehouse robots are installed in over 50,000 warehouses globally as of 2026.
- Warehouse automation achieves a 25–30% reduction in labor costs, 300% faster order fulfillment, and approximately 99% accuracy.
- The global warehouse automation market has reached \$30 billion and is projected to nearly double by 2030. A
- Almost two-thirds of companies planned to increase their automation spending as 2026 approached, indicating strong long-term confidence.

In this environment of rapid innovation, rising expectations, and intensifying competitive pressure, more companies are opting for leasing.

Why Leasing Is the Smartest Way to Finance Automation in 2026

Stay Ahead of Rapid Innovation: With AI-driven systems evolving monthly, rather than yearly, leasing allows you to stay ahead of technology without locking yourself into quickly outdated systems.

Preserve Cash While Automating Aggressively: Automation requires significant capital investment. Leasing enables you to smooth your cash flow, allowing reinvestment in hiring, inventory, expansion, or logistics resilience, key focus areas at MODEX 2026.

Bundle Everything into One Payment: Today's automation encompasses:

- Robotics
- AI and analytics
- WMS/WES/TMS orchestration
- Software updates
- Integration and support

Leasing allows you to finance hardware, software, and services as a single, unified operational expense.

Support Phased Automation Strategies: Currently, only 10% of warehouses employ advanced automation, but 31% plan to be fully automated by 2028. Leasing enables phased expansion without financial friction.

Accelerate Deployment: MODEX will feature over 1,000 technology providers and demonstrations that illustrate the rapid advancement of automation. Flexible financing helps you move from “demo to done” more quickly.

Bottom Line: Automation is becoming smarter, faster, and increasingly essential for competitiveness. Financing needs to keep pace with these advancements.

Leasing offers companies the agility to adopt cutting-edge automation, frequently upgrade their systems, preserve cash, and scale on demand, all while staying ahead of accelerating technology cycles.

If you are planning automation investments in 2026, leasing may be the most strategic move you can make. Contact us today to discuss a customized financing plan that will advance your automation roadmap for 2026 and beyond.

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