‘AgriCapital’—Farmland in Africa

Direct ownership of land
Low cost/high potential farmland
Valuable high yield crop
Annual income
Strong capital growth potential
Working with the local community

Where?
GreenWorld (BVI) have a partnership with one of the leading alternative investment houses in the UK, who have negotiated the purchase of prime farming land in Sierra Leone. With civil strife behind her and boasting two democratic elections since, Sierra Leone was ranked first on starting a business in West Africa according to the Doing Business Index (2009) published by the International Finance Corporation.

How?
Investors will own the leasehold title to the land. Each acre sold will be cultivated (doubling the value of the land), planted with high yielding rice and farmed. As the owner of the lease the investor will be entitled to a 40% share of the net profit from the rice crop harvest (estimated 15% pa yield to investor). GreenWorld (BVI) and our partners are aiming to generate a return of at least 175% including annual income over five years.

For the few private equity firms offering funds for investing into the African agricultural growth story, the minimum investments are quite steep, generally starting at around £5,000,000. Our project, however, starts at only £1,950 per hectare, allowing you to invest like a major institutional investor but at a fraction of the initial cost!

Community Support
Whilst investors enjoy both the income and increase in land values, the local community will benefit from an annual donation of 60 metric tonnes of the harvest each year as well as improvements to local education and health provision.

Why?

- High returns – both capital gains and income.
- Sierra Leone demonstrates political stability and a desire for foreign investment.
- Local government and land owner support.
- Sierra Leone produces only enough rice to feed less than 64% of its population.
- Av. annual rainfall 118 inches – river systems scarcely tapped for irrigation.
- Increasing world population increasing demand for Rice.
- Increased use of agricultural lands for non-food production.
- Low cost of entry - cost per acre just £1,9500 – minimum purchase 1 acre
- Rice harvest cycle takes 90 - 120 days
- 260+ growing days in the year

This opportunity combines the compelling themes of agricultural commodities investment, Africa, socially responsible investing and economic sustainability.

With sub-Saharan Africa estimated to hold up to 60% of the world’s remaining uncultivated land suitable for farming, the region’s agriculture sector is starting to look like an extremely interesting investment. Indeed, investors are already waking up to Africa's potential. Forty-five private equity firms plan to invest $2 billion in the region’s agriculture in the next three to five years, according to figures from Informa Agra, and consultancy McKinsey estimates the continent's agricultural output could treble from $280 billion a year today to $880 billion by 2030.

With investors searching for less cyclical assets to boost their portfolios GreenWorld’s African farmland project is a perfect addition to a well-diversified portfolio.
There are a limited number of available acres for this project, and will be handled on a first-come first-served basis.

“Direct agricultural investment is going to become the next major ‘must have’ asset class in world investment.”

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