Investment Objective

The Global Forestry Investments (GFI) Belem Sky Plantation aims to provide long-term growth through investing in Brazilian sustainable forestry. Investors have an opportunity to participate in an ethical and financially rewarding investment.

Appreciating the high demand for timber, GFI sources land with sustainable Teak Timber plantations. Supported by the local government, we also deliver socio-economic initiatives through employment and the planning of education facilities in the local area.

This is not just a business venture. We have the opportunity to make a real difference to the local people of Belem and the Brazilian rainforest.
**Investment Proposition**

**The Investment**
Investors simply lease a plot on the timber plantation. The value of the investment and the return it will derive is based on the Teak trees growing on it. Specialist timber management companies lease the plots from the investors and manage the land.

**The Return**
Rental fees are approximately £500 per 0.1 hectare plot per annum (dependant upon the timber management company chosen by the Investor). This is equivalent to a 10% return. Additionally, the investor will receive an extra percentage* in the thinning years, which occur every 3 to 5 years.

* As trees mature, the value of thinned trees increases. The return rate will be proportionate to the value of the trees.

**Title Trustees International**
The land will be held in beneficial ownership for the investor by TTI throughout the life of the investment. Safeguarding client assets is of paramount importance to GFI. Working alongside TTI, the client’s land is protected within a UK Trust, ensuring stability and peace of mind for the investor.

**Investment Horizon**
The investment horizon is targeted for the mid- to long-term investor, typically 18 to 25 years. However, understanding changing investor circumstances, flexible exit strategies are available. After 3 years once the investor has decided to exit, GFI offers an additional 5% return on the initial plot purchase price by offering a put option.

**Location**
The Belem Sky Plantation is strategically located in the Pará region, which is closest to Europe and North America. With excellent weather conditions to grow Teak effectively, Pará is the #1 location in Brazil to produce and export Teak Timber.

Brazil is among the world’s ten largest economies and accounts for over 40% of the continent’s total GDP.

The economy made a quick recovery from the global recession, with interest rates at an all-time low and stable inflation. The private sector has also witnessed considerable international investment.
Teak

**Robust and Weather Resistant**
Teak trees can withstand even the most challenging weather conditions due to their natural oil content.

**Fast growing**
At just six months Teak trees are already approximately 3 metres tall. By year 2, they are well established durable trees and will grow up to 40 metres in height. GFI trees are already 8 to 9 years old.

**Increasing Demand**
Supply chain has been restricted with international boycotts on harvesting natural Teak through illegal forestry, increasing demand for cultivated plantations. With global populations booming in the next 40 years, demand will naturally increase.

**Price**
Open market value of Teak has steadily increased over the past 20 years. According to the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), Teak price has grown 8.58% per annum between 1997 and 2007.

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**Investment Characteristics**

- Local government supported investment.
- Minimum 10% investment return per annum with up to an additional 5% from net thinning proceeds in harvest/thinning years.
- Minimum investment £5,000 per plot. No maximum limit.
- Approximately 100 trees per 0.1 hectare plot.
- Risk mitigated, uncorrelated investment.
- Land protected by Title Trustees International.
- Initial 2.5% charge on investment. No other fee/charge throughout investment life.
- Buy back option after 3 years with 5% return - on top of plot purchase price - on initial investment.
- SIPP compatible.
Key Benefits for Investors

Along with diversifying their portfolio with a commodity that has demonstrated low volatility and low correlation to traditional markets, investors can also look forward to long-term income returns. This translates to a 10% per annum return on a minimum investment of £5,000 per plot and an additional inflation resistant return of between 1 to 5% in thinning years.

Assets are safeguarded through the appointment of Title Trustees International who also receive and distribute investors purchase funds and returns. Additionally, investors have flexible exit options, including a put option after 3 years given by GFI as well as the freedom to sell the lease to their plot at anytime to any entity they source*.

The benefits of investing with GFI also extend to a much wider cause, such as preserving the natural rainforest and making a real difference to the local community through socio-economic initiatives.

*Subject to it being legal for that entity to invest

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