

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position Title	Asset Manager - Forestry
Position reports to	Managing Director, Forestry
Salary	Competitive salary, plus car, fuel and pension
Location	Perth/Dumfries, Scotland
Position type	Permanent

Business Overview

Gresham House is a specialist alternative asset manager providing funds, direct investments and tailored investment solutions, including co-investment across a range of highly differentiated alternative investment strategies. Our expertise includes strategic public, private equity (private assets), timber, renewable energy, housing and infrastructure. We aim to deliver sustainable financial returns and we are committed to building long-term partnerships with our clients to help them achieve their financial goals.

From a standing start in December 2014, through a combination of acquisitions and organic growth, the Gresham House business has grown exponentially, with assets under management now at c.£3.3 billion, (30 June 2020), providing a strong and scalable platform from which to continue to grow. The team is delivering on its objectives and now has c.120 employees working in London, Oxford and Perth in Scotland.

The business divides into two divisions - Strategic Equity and Real Assets:



1. AUM as at 30 June 2020, unaudited data
 2. Launching Q4 2020

Gresham manage over 500 forests, covering an area in excess of 136 thousand hectares across the UK and Ireland on behalf of institutions, endowments, family offices and private investors. We harvest c.1m tonnes of timber per annum from our client's forests.

Role Objective

We are recruiting for an Asset Manager, responsible for ensuring that operational programs are delivered across two portfolios totaling c.30k hectares, and across 69 forests in the UK. The successful individual will be responsible to fund managers for ensuring that agreed income and expenditure programs are delivered timeously at the forest levels, and that the forest assets are being managed to the highest standard by third party service providers.

Being the key point of contact with the forest managers, the asset manager will audit the management work undertaken, intervene on exception, and ensure operations comply with best forestry practice while delivering the needs of the funds.

Key Responsibilities / Accountabilities

- Ensuring the forests owned by funds that you are responsible for are run effectively and efficiently whilst ensuring best practice is followed at all times.
- Look for higher business use where relevant in the funds - including renewables development opportunities.

- Work alongside the wider Forestry Asset Management team to support the team and group across the entire portfolio when necessary.
- Work alongside the Timber Harvesting team to deliver optimal cash returns from the portfolio.
- Think outside of the normal processes to look for better optimisation of value and process across asset management and acquisition activities.
- Develop a mentality of operational investment management to deliver the highest quality service to Gresham House clients and ensure value of all assets is optimised.

Key relationships

- Gresham House Forest Fund 1
- The Forestry Partnership 2008 LLP

Skills & Experience

- Forestry qualified to degree level or above
- Minimum of 3 years' experience of forest management, including. contractor management
- Experience of timber marketing desirable.
- ICF desirable but not essential. Will be expected to become a member within 2 years
- GIS capable
- Good presentational skills
- Willingness to travel / stay away from home on occasions
- Driver's Licence

Personal Attributes

- Be efficient, reliable and thorough
- Drive and initiative - the desire to add value, proactive approach
- Fast paced - ability to work on a variety of tasks with tight deadlines
- Commitment to the business and the team
- Strong intellect - the ability to analyse and distil information quickly and effectively
- Able to communicate effectively and adapt to anyone within the broader team

Gresham House is an equal opportunities employer and encourages all qualified candidates to apply regardless of their racial, ethnic, religious and cultural background, gender, sexual orientation or disabilities. Gresham House is dedicated to encouraging a supportive and inclusive culture amongst all our employees.

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