

Fund Lead Global Special Managed Account

Location: Singapore

Reporting to: Director, Asset Management Asia and Fund Lead for TAFF and TAFF2

New Forests seeks a qualified candidate for the position of Fund Lead for a new USD 300M Global Special Managed Account (SMA). This role will support the deployment, management and growth of the SMA and New Forests' strategy. In this role you will be responsible for managing an intercontinental portfolio of plantation forestry assets that are designed to deliver climate sequestration, timber production and financial returns.

This role will be tasked with management of the SMA, including building out the portfolio and ongoing oversight of the strategic and operational activities within investee companies to optimise financial, operational, environmental, social and governance outcomes consistent with the SMA objectives and New Forests operating policies and procedures.

New Forests is a global investment manager of nature-based real assets and natural capital strategies, with AUD 11.7 billion (USD 8 billion) in assets under management including over 4.3 million hectares (10.6 million acres) of land across the regions in which we operate. We manage a diversified portfolio of sustainable timber plantations and conservation areas, carbon and conservation finance projects, agriculture, timber processing and infrastructure. We aim to generate shared prosperity for our clients and the communities in which we operate and accelerate the transition to a sustainable future. Headquartered in Sydney, New Forests is a Certified B Corp and operates in Australia, New Zealand, Southeast Asia, Africa and the United States.

Key responsibilities:

- **Investment Management** – Management of the SMA and oversight of its individual investments to optimise financial, operational, environmental, social and governance outcomes. These outcomes must be consistent with the account objectives and New Forests operating policies and procedures including incorporating commercial and ESG objectives, environmental and social programs, ensuring SMA Governance compliance and managing implementation of independent valuation, assurance and audit of fund operations.
- **Capital Deployment** – Support capital deployment through deal sourcing, due diligence, legal review, financial modelling and ownership transition.
- **Team Leadership** – Take a leadership role with a global cross-functional team to meet the objectives of the account and of New Forests and ensure high levels of well-being, morale, motivation and performance. This will include direct people leadership as the account is deployed.
- **Reporting**
 - **Information Integration** – Manage integration of company investee company reporting to meet New Forests information requirements (financial, operational, environmental, social, governance);
 - **Reporting** – Prepare timely and high quality quarterly, annual and adhoc reports to investors and stakeholders;
 - **Presentations and Field Tours** – Prepare and lead remote and in-person presentations and field tours for Investors and stakeholders as required. Managing operational communication and crisis management response to protect and optimise New Forests investments.
- **Advocacy** – Contribute to global advocacy of New Forests brand and investment strategy. Influence key stakeholders in the pursuit of New Forests corporate objectives and those of its fund investments. Develop a strong network across industry, community and government which is complementary to delivery of New Forests objectives. Contribute to corporate communications and media liaison, in collaboration with New Forests corporate communication function.

Required qualifications, experience, and strengths:

- Experience in managing large institutional investment funds of real assets (i.e. real estate, infrastructure or natural resources) for a range of financial, governance, social and environmental outcomes
- Experience in forestry sector well regarded
- Strong commercial skills including asset valuation, contract management, negotiations and financial analysis
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent stakeholder management skills including strong communication skills across a broad range of stakeholders (i.e. valuers, lawyers, advisors, administrators)
- Experience as a company director and knowledge of company governance principles

Required leadership and personal skills:

- Capacity to influence and build effective networks and relationships
- Excellent time management and organisational skills
- Ability to be part of building a motivated and effective mission aligned team embrace diversity and build a collaborative team culture across different geographies
- The ability to manage, coach and guide junior staff effectively and positively, including the ability to give and receive constructive feedback in a respectful and effective manner
- Ability to adapt your leadership style to situation and context, in order to work effectively in a variety of environments and with different levels of people
- A demonstrated personal commitment to sustainable and responsible investing
- Capable of maintaining positive, calm demeanour during stressful periods
- Willingness and ability to routinely undertake travel, mainly throughout Asia but also across other global regions that New Forest operate in, including in remote areas