

AIFM Goes for Baltic Forestry



Stockholm (HedgeNordic) – Swedish fund management company AIFM Capital has been appointed as the authorized AIF manager for Skogsfond Baltikum, an alternative investment fund focusing on Baltic forestry. The fund aims to deliver an average annual return of 7-9 percent by acquiring, developing and eventually selling a consolidated forest portfolio in the Baltics.

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Skogsfond Baltikum’s A share class has been listed on Nordic Growth Market’s Nordic AIF market since June 2019. The fund’s management fee of 0.65 percent per year remains unchanged following the appointment of AIFM Capital as the new AIF manager. Skogsfond Baltikum creates value through acquisitions of many forest properties into its consolidated forest portfolio and through growth-enhancing measures such as planting and pre-commercial thinning.

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“Forest is an asset class that grows naturally and sucks CO2 from the air producing sustainable materials for the future. Forest investments has historically shown good and stable value growth independently of the economy,” said Carl Olén, the founder and CEO of Skogsfond Baltikum. “Forest investments can in many cases reduce the portfolio risk and at the same time contribute to increasing the expected return over time,” he added. “We have an experienced local team with long experience of acquisitions and forestry in the Baltics,” said Olén. “We acquire carefully-selected forest properties. Asset prices are significantly lower in the Baltics than in Sweden, which means that we can get up to five times more area and growth for the money.”