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Dear Client,

Please find attached a copy of our current newsletter for your records.

We apologise for the delay, this had been out of our control.

For future convenience we will be placing our newsletter on our website which will be able to be read and/or downloaded at anytime.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Kind regards

Joanne White



Global Plantations  
**NEWSLETTER**  
SPRING ISSUE 2016

## Welcome to the Spring 2016 issue of Global Plantations' newsletter.

This publication is our opportunity to share any news relating to the development and progress of our plantations and projects around the globe.



# Puttalam – Sri Lanka 2016

## Five Years on.....

Our 75 acre Barrington Plantation is now 5 years old and thriving. The teak trees have reached an average height of 8.5 meters some even to 10 meters depending on their location within the plantation.

Any disease or infection in teak trees is only apparent within the first 18 months to 3 years hence your five-year tree replacement guarantee. We replaced 6% of the saplings overall – a very successful beginning for the plantation.

With the trees now established, the next step is to individually GPS each tree against the plantation block map. This is the task for 2016. Once this exercise has been completed each investor and/or SIPP provider will receive these additional documents to add to your for safekeeping. (for SIPP investors we shall send a copy to both your SIPP provider and yourself).

When completed this is when your management company will take control of managing your trees on your behalf and correspond with updates, reports or photo's etc.

We now have a further 117 acres to clear and plant and it is our aim to complete this exercise in 2016 through to 2017. This will allow us to create more assets and also keep some buffer stock.

We are currently working with locals to create a coconut plantation with a focus on employment for women.

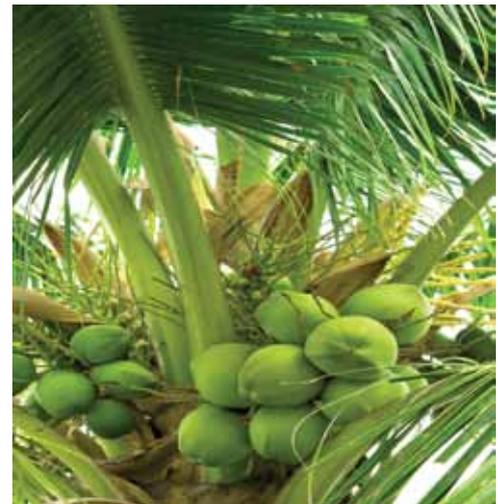
## Financial Conduct Authority

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After an exhausting 22 months we are pleased to announce that we have satisfied the FCA with any concerns they may have had and are able to move forward with our business plan – which is and has always been to get regulated.

We would like to thank our team our regulatory lawyers, Needles Partners for all of their hardwork and support over this time.



Global Plantations donated a total of £23,100 in support of the Elephant Transit Home in Sri Lanka

# Sabah - Malaysia 2014-2016



## Yes we now have FSC Certification for our Malaysia Plantation

In 2014 we announced that we engaged with the Rainforest Alliance to inspect and certify our plantation with a Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) certificate.

We are pleased to announce as a direct result of the ongoing faith and trust that has been placed in us, we did indeed achieve this objective.

The benefits of having FSC certified plantations are tremendous. This will endorse both the ethical and responsible management of the plantation as a whole.

Certification also means that the trees become compliant with EU timber regulations which would allow the timber from the trees to be accepted in the EU.

This certification has been both a lengthy and expensive process, as the FSC requires in-depth implementation from the management of the plantation.

We are pleased to have the correct people working alongside us which was a major factor in ensuring all expectations from the FSC were met.

Thank you to everyone including the Rainforest Alliance team for your hard work.

**LAND PLANTED:**  
1,566 acres  
(626 hectares) of  
17 year standing teak  
in Northern Borneo,  
Sabah, Malaysia

## Clients, SIPP Providers and Directors visit our Plantations

We are pleased to inform you that as a part of their own due diligence and for audit purposes, CEO's and some directors of SIPP providers have visited our plantations.

On their visit they check not only on the plantations and management teams chosen, they check the facts on selected clients plots.

This includes lease details, tree count, unique ID and GPS numbers.

We are pleased to say we have fantastic feedback from the visits and welcome further visits in the future.

In 2016 we have 6 investors who will be visiting their trees. Some investors will be on holiday and taking a day out to see their trees and meet their management team/s.

Due to the monsoon seasons, not all dates will be ideal for everyone and you will need to take into account the humidity and any other requirements you may personally have. Best times to visit are January to April, however visits can be arranged throughout the year.

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## Ecuador Project

### Bananas, Cocoa, Teak and Rubber

On completion of our due diligence in Ecuador and consulting with lawyers both in the UK and Ecuador, Global Plantations has decided that due to the large scale of this project and funding, we will not be bringing this to market until 2017.

This is such a complex project and it is our preference to wait until we either become regulated or decide on another financial vehicle of which we are currently looking at options.

Thank you to everyone, including our team, lawyers and plantation staff. We look forward to delivering our goals on this amazing project.



## India Project

### Rubber Trees, Pineapples and Spices

We are delighted to inform you that our joint venture with World View Impact has been very successful.

Phase 1 - In 2013 we created a co-operative with 405 farmers and planted 50 hectares of rubber trees. These trees take 6/7 years to mature. We have agreed for the Indian Rubber Board to purchase all of the rubber. We intercropped the rubber trees with pineapples which are now return 3 yields per year, creating enough income for the farmers whilst we build together our platform to create permanent employment opportunities and encourage sustainable livelihoods within the region.

Phase 2 - To build a process & canning plant which will allow us to produce our own produce including pineapples and spices - This will retail under the Fertile Planet brand.



## Bali Project

### Vanilla & Spices

After 2 years of visits, meetings, soil testing and due diligence, Global Plantations are aiming to create our second co-operative to produce vanilla and spices from this beautiful country. Our reasoning behind the co-operative is due to the lack of financial transparency within this market. From the farmer to the retailer there can be up to 7 'agents' - this in our opinion drives up the prices but does not give any sustainability or future for the products and people.

Our aim is to empower the team, get the team educated and trained towards the SAN Certification, and in turn they would grow high quality organic vanilla and spices and receive a superior price from the West for their product.

The vanilla pod would be sold directly from the source to the client via an up and coming organic earth food website, FertilePlanet.com.



## Regulation

### At Global Plantations we recognise that making an investment is often a big decision for our clients.

As such, we are keen to ensure that we are always transparent about the risks involved in investing in our projects. We also work very hard to try to reduce or mitigate the risks in our investments and are therefore excited to announce that we are in the process of exploring how we can provide additional protections for our clients by becoming a business that is regulated. We are in the very early stages of this process and are not regulated yet...but watch this space.

## Managing and Cultivating Your Trees

Through your investment you have bought a growing asset.

This asset has a value even if you have decided to let it grow naturally. However, the asset value may be enhanced if you are willing to pay for the trees to be managed and cultivated properly.

In Malaysia, Global Plantations has negotiated special rates with two companies in Sabah, Kebun Rimau and Tropical Fruits & Beverages. These two companies are completely independent and are not associated with Global Plantations. They do however have the necessary knowledge, skills and resources to take good care of your trees if that is something you want to do.

If you would like us to send you the contact details for Kebun Rimau and/or Tropical Fruit and Beverages then please contact us on: 02392 222 120 or email us at: [info@globalplantations.com](mailto:info@globalplantations.com).

In Sri Lanka we have managed to negotiate reduced management fees with Agroforestry Services PVT Ltd. Agroforestry Services are a dedicated team of professionals who have had over 94 years of plantation and forestry experience between themselves. This company is completely independent and is not associated with Global Plantations.

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**Insurance** – You should consider taking out appropriate insurance against these risks. You should consult with your financial advisor regarding this.

## Exit

**You have bought your trees. They are an investment for a number of years.**

There are a number of different options available for exiting your investment and realising your returns:

**Harvest the trees\*** – you can arrange for your trees to be harvested at any time. The longer the trees stay in the ground, the higher your expected returns will be. Once harvested, you can sell the timber as logs or as kiln dried sawn wood.

\*If you have invested in our teak investments through your SIPP, please read the section below on Taxation.

**Transfer** – you can sell your trees before maturity to someone else at any time. We can act as your agent if you want to sell your trees to another investor.

**Sell your trees to us one year before maturity** – we may be able to offer to buy back your trees one year before the expiry date of your lease. This will be subject to funds being available and should not be considered to be a guaranteed buy back offer.

## Risks

**Shown here is a brief overview of the risks associated with your investments. Please refer to your Key Features Document for a full description of these risks.**

**Price Risk** – When investing in timber, there are numerous macroeconomic factors such as volatile markets that can be influenced by government policies, changing factors in supply and demand and new regulations.

**Political Risk** – Government influence or changes in governing bodies may affect teak values.

**Liquidity Risk** – In order to make a return on your investment, you will need to sell your teak.

**Currency Risk** – An investment in teak may be denominated in another currency other than that to where you are domiciled and would be subject to some currency risk.

**Management Risk** – All teak investors should consider the following points:

- Teak trees will have a value when sold
- This value will be improved through proper maintenance and management
- As an investor, it is your responsibility to maintain your trees – this can be done through your chosen Management Company
- You should look for an experienced manager with a good track record

**Weather Risk** – Risks associated with weather may affect commercial teak operations, in any given year or growing season.

**Pests/Disease Risk** – Teak has few natural pests and diseases, defoliators being the greatest problem, a good Management Company would help minimise these risks.

**Fire Risk** – The majority of forest fires occur in natural unmanaged forested areas and are in some cases an essential part of the ecosystem.

## Taxation

**Your tax situation will depend upon your personal circumstances.**

Global Plantations is **unable** to advise you about the impact that taxation in the UK, Malaysia or Sri Lanka will have on the value of your investment. Depending on how you manage your trees and what you decide to do with them to generate returns from them, taxation in Malaysia or Sri Lanka for commercial activities or income tax could apply. Therefore we urge you to seek independent tax advice before making a decision on your exit.

If you have invested with us through your Self Invested Personal Pension (SIPP), the way that you decide to exit from the investment and generate returns from it may have an impact on the tax charges and/or penalties that apply to you.

It is likely that by harvesting trees that are owned through a SIPP and seeking returns from them in the form of profits from the sale of logs or timber would result in the timber becoming tangible moveable property and resulting in adverse tax consequences. However, any standing trees sold would not be considered tangible moveable property and would not result in the same tax consequences.



## Impact investment is not just a statement, it takes a lot to deliver the continuous commitment with a crystal clear vision.

To foresee the same vision that we set out in 2010, Global Plantations associates with like-minded institutions, who believe in being responsible, committed and fair in their approach to deliver our goal.

### We are working towards Regulation

#### Getting Regulated

In our last newsletter we had informed you that we were in the process of exploring how we can get regulated.

The application and process is longwinded, very time consuming and very expensive, with timeframes estimated between 9-12 months.

Global Plantations are pleased to now be in the position we can start the process with our lawyers and other specialists in order fulfil the requirementst to allow us to become regulated.



#### Forestry Stewardship Council Certification

We are proud to announce that the Boonrich Planation has been successful in fulfilling all the requirments and now has FSC certification. This process was conducted by the Rainforest Alliance, a FSC accredited Certifier.

##### Certificate Scope:

1. Certifie Type - Single Forest Management
2. Standard - Rainforest Alliance Interim Standard for Assessing Forest Management in Sabah - version April 2014
3. Vaild Dates - August 27th 2014 to August 26th 2019
4. Certificate Registration Code - RA-FM-007006
5. FSC License Code - FSC-C122303
6. Certificate Issue Number - IN-2014-1

The validity of this certificate can be verified via [www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org).



#### Global Plantations are proud to be represented by Needle Law Firm

Needle is a young, dynamic and ambitious law firm based in Leeds. Born into the new economy, Needle dared to challenge the stiffness of traditional law firms by establishing a modern approach to legal work. An international law firm, Needle represents clients of various sizes from across the globe. Needle provides excellent services in a range of specialisations.

Needle are excited to work alongside Global Plantations to help them realise their vision of effective altruism through ethical investments.