



Manager Operations/Investment Analytics, New Zealand (2 roles)

Location: Mt Maunganui, New Zealand

Reporting to: Portfolio Managers, ANZ (Matrix reporting)

New Forests (www.newforests.com.au) seeks a qualified candidate for the newly created position of Manager Operations/Analytics. This is a hands-on role, ideal for a professional looking for an exciting challenge.

New Forests is an investment management business offering leading edge strategies in forestry, land management, and conservation. We seek to manage sustainable landscapes for production and conservation and to generate shared value for our clients and the communities where we operate. Founded in 2005, we offer institutional investors dedicated investment strategies in Australia-New Zealand, the United States, and Southeast Asia and have more than AUD 6 billion in assets under management. We manage sustainable forestry assets, forest carbon projects, rural land, and timber processing infrastructure. New Forests is headquartered in Sydney with offices in San Francisco, Singapore, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

In this role you will be responsible for:

Asset Management

- Responsible for the overall performance of the Assets, including financial, environment, social and governance outcomes.
- Responsible for the coordination, management and reporting of all Asset operations to optimise the performance of the Fund.
- Manage Asset financial operations including review of actual expenses against budget and manage Asset budgets for approval.
- Manage oversight of Asset property managers including performance management and reporting.

Asset Governance

- Ensure Asset level compliance with Fund constituent documents, internal policies and legal obligations in collaboration with internal and external company staff.
- Management of Fund subsidiary company operations and governance, including fulfilling designated fund operating company Directorships in fund owned assets and operating companies.

Fund Operations

- Procurement and supervision of third-party providers, including third party valuations and Asset insurance coverage.
- Manage Asset strategic plans and financial model updates consistent including preparation and review of all tree crop, carbon, land, infrastructure and agricultural financial models.
- Manage the acquisition process for incremental Asset acquisitions including analytics bid models.
- Support acquisition and disposition of Fund assets in collaboration with the Investments team.

Corporate Engagement

- Responsible for liaising with other New Forests functions which support the Assets to ensure effective collaboration and task completion including; finance, legal risk and compliance, investor services, investment analytics and investments.
- Liaise internally with New Forests ANZ and corporate teams to share operational information and intelligence and contribute to information needs and projects across the business.
- Contribute to corporate projects, corporate strategy, governance, sustainability and responsible investment activities across New Forests business.

We are seeking candidates with the following qualifications, experience and strengths:

- Experience and understanding of plantation forestry commercial operations, science and estate modelling (Tigermoth and/or Woodstock).
- In-depth understanding of forest valuation methodologies, including demonstrated experience in valuation of timberland assets.
- Interest in/knowledge of sustainability and impact investing, well regarded
- Minimum of 5 years professional experience in production forestry, preferable industrial plantations.
- Bachelor of Forest Science or equivalent qualifications and relevant experience.
- Qualifications or knowledge of corporate governance and responsibilities of Company Directors.
- Strong commercial skills including negotiation, financial analysis and formation and interpretation of legal agreements.
- Ability to build strong relationships and work within a cohesive team environment.
- Ability to adapt to change quickly and effectively. Comfortable working, and maintaining effective communications, in a variety of environments and with different levels of people.
- A positive attitude.
- Punctual, professional and outgoing personality that likes to assist people.
- A keen attention to detail.
- An ability to work independently as required, and take ownership of the role
- Multi-task focus, with a capability to ensure the completion of a number of competing tasks and objectives.
- Good Microsoft Office skills including Outlook, Word, Excel.
- Excellent time management and organisational skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication and stakeholder liaison skills.

What can we offer?

Our environment is busy and supportive, and the team is professional but relaxed. If you join us, you would be joining a growing, fast paced business which is an environmental and sustainable leader in forestry investment. You will also be working with professionals who are passionate about their work!

To apply, please provide your resume and cover letter, explaining your interest and qualifications for the position, in PDF format, to careers@newforests.com.au by close of business 19 November 2021.

Phone calls will not be accepted.

New Forests is an Equal Opportunity Employer that values diversity and inclusion. We offer flexible working arrangements to all employees to support their work/life balance. We are also a Certified B Corp.