



Diffractive Managers Group Partner Firm Conservation Resources Wins Global Impact Fund Manager of the Year From Agri Investor Awards

Firm also wins Global Farmland Deal of the Year and Americas Farmland Deal of the Year for 2022 Global Awards

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BOSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Diffractive Managers Group, a private asset management multi-affiliate holding company, is pleased to announce its partner Conservation Resource Partners, LLC (Conservation Resources), a leading impact investment manager focused on real assets, has won three awards from Agri Investor's Global Awards competition. Conservation Resources was awarded Global Impact Fund Manager of the Year, Global Farmland Deal of the Year, and Americas Farmland Deal of the Year for its efforts in 2022.

"We want to congratulate our newest affiliate Conservation Resources for their work in achieving these awards," said Mike Wilson, CEO of Diffractive Managers Group. "We're excited to have partnered with them and we're looking forward to see what lies ahead."

Conservation Resources has been investing in real assets utilizing its unique impact strategies in an effort to optimize environmental and financial impact since its founding in 2004.

Conservation Resources has closed numerous deals geared toward impact investing in natural capital assets over its nearly 20 years in business, including several of note this past year. As an example, out of the 437,000 timberland acres the firm has purchased in Maine, over 300,000 have been permanently protected, including most recently a 35,000-acre block sold to the Trust for Public Land (TPL) in 2022. TPL intends to transfer the property to the newly created Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument to improve habitat connectivity and the outdoor recreation economy.

Also in 2022, Conservation Resources purchased a 700-acre certified organic permanent crop property in central Washington, for which it won the Farmland Deal of the Year awards. This acquisition is establishing over 60 acres of native pollinator habitat in partnership with Xerces Society, the leading invertebrate conservation nonprofit, along with the North Yakima Conservation District and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. As the largest pollinator block of its kind in the region, it will support native bees and other threatened beneficial insects.

"We created Diffractive to make a meaningful difference in investors' lives," said John Hailer, Chairman of Diffractive Managers Group. "Conservation Resources' pioneering approach to impact investing is aligned with our goal of positively impacting our clients' portfolios, and we believe Conservation Resources' mission will positively impact our environment, investors, and communities for years to come."

Diffraction and Conservation Resources officially partnered in January 2023, with Conservation Resources retaining independence and full control of the investment process and function, consistent with Diffraction's policy of empowering management teams to build enduring businesses.

About Diffraction Managers Group

Diffraction is a multi-boutique asset management company and a platform company of 1251 Capital Group. Our expertise lies in identifying unique and innovative investment strategies and uncovering partnership opportunities where centralized distribution can drive significant growth. 1251 Capital Group was established with permanent capital from a select group of high-net-worth investors. Prior to launching 1251 Capital, its senior executives spent a combined 55 years investing capital in the asset management industry on behalf of TA Associates and Natix Global Asset Management. In Diffraction, we set out to operate actively different from other capital partners in the asset management sector. For more information, visit www.diffractionmanagers.com.

About Conservation Resources

Conservation Resources is an impact investment organization founded in 2004. The firm is focused on offering portfolios of natural resources with investments in complementary opportunities along the value chain of the assets we manage. We do so in a manner that seeks to provide above-market rates of return for our investors while optimizing environmental impact values. For more information, visit <https://www.conservationresources.net/>.

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