

Press release

Triodos Investment Management appoints Riëlla Hollander as Director Food & Agriculture

Jurriën Appers to take on fund management Triodos Organic Growth Fund

Zeist, 23 January 2018 – Triodos Investment Management has appointed Riëlla Hollander as Director Food & Agriculture as per 1 January 2018. The appointment follows the strategic decision to create a business line within Triodos IM focusing fully on sustainable food and agriculture. It reiterates the importance which Triodos attaches to safe and fair food value chains in which the boundaries of the earth are respected and transparency results in fair pay and animal welfare.

Riëlla Hollander: “The food and agriculture sector finds itself at crossroads and faces huge challenges. It has to supply for a rapidly growing world population while at the same time it is more and more recognised that the current food production system does not respect our earth’s limits. Soil fertility, fair trade practices, transparent value chains and health are all connected to this dynamic sector and need to be taken into account. With establishing a Food & Agriculture business line, we reinforce our commitment to this sector and the transition it needs. I am very much looking forward to put this commitment into action in the years to come.”

In her new position Riëlla will be responsible for all activities of Triodos IM within Food & Agriculture, including overseeing Triodos Organic Growth Fund and Triodos Sustainable Trade Fund. Following her promotion, she has stepped down as Fund Manager of Triodos Organic Growth Fund. She will continue her role as board member at Aarstiderne in Denmark and Naty in Sweden and will continue to support the fund team in their activities.

Jurriën Appers has taken on the role as fund manager of Triodos Organic Growth Fund as per 1 January 2018. Jurriën has been a Senior Investment Manager for Triodos Organic Growth Fund since 2012 and fulfils an active board position at three of the fund’s portfolio companies: Naturfrisk in Denmark and Marqt and DO-IT in The Netherlands. Jurriën joined Triodos Bank in 2004 as a Senior Relationship Manager at the business banking department where he developed, amongst others, Triodos Bank’s sustainable real estate proposition.

“Since inception in 2014, Triodos Organic Growth Fund has reached many milestones, including building a diverse portfolio of European sustainable consumer businesses. I look forward to further increase our impact in my new role as Fund Manager, together with the fund team, our investors and portfolio companies”, says Jurriën Appers in light of his appointment.

About Triodos Organic Growth Fund

Triodos Organic Growth Fund provides long-term mission-aligned capital to leading, non-listed companies in the organic food and sustainable consumer market in Europe, with a focus on organic food, sustainable clothing and textiles, and personal care. Triodos Organic Growth Fund takes significant minority or majority equity stakes in mature, privately owned sustainable consumer businesses and delivers positive social and environmental impact by contributing to the long-term development of these values-driven companies. Triodos Organic Growth Fund has equity stakes in Aarstiderne and Naturfrisk in Denmark, Naty in Sweden and DO-IT and Marqt in the Netherlands.

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About Triodos Investment Management

Triodos Investment Management connects a broad range of investors who want to make their money work for lasting, positive change with innovative entrepreneurs and sustainable businesses doing just that. In doing so, we serve as a catalyst in sectors that are key in the transition to a world that is fairer, more sustainable and humane.

With our highly professional investment teams, we have built up in-depth knowledge throughout our 25 years of impact investing in sectors such as Energy & Climate, Inclusive Finance, Sustainable Food & Agriculture, Arts & Culture, and Sustainable Real Estate. Besides the direct impact investments in these sectors, we also invest in listed companies with an above-average environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance. Assets under management as per end of June 2017: EUR 3.3 billion.

Triodos Investment Management is a globally active impact investor and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Triodos Bank NV.