

Australia's Centuria Agriculture Fund acquires tomato grower Sundrop Farms

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Australia's Sundrop Farms has been acquired by Centuria Agriculture Fund (CAF). The property assets have been acquired for \$70 million from the Morrison & Co Growth Infrastructure Fund.

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David McKinnon, Investment Director at Morrison & Co, said, "We acquired the business in 2019 recognising its potential to deliver a step-change in the way food is produced."

The business will be sold on behalf of the Morrison & Co Growth Infrastructure Fund (MGIF), which targets gross returns of 13-15 per cent per annum through investing in 'ideas that matter' backed by long-term secular trends such as water scarcity and decarbonisation. The investment has delivered excellent returns that comfortably exceeded these targets.

Andrew Tout, Centuria's Head of Agriculture, said, "This high-quality glasshouse facility was constructed in 2016, incorporating modern renewable energy, heating and irrigation sources, which creates highly sustainable, premium fresh produce. These are strong fundamentals that underpin a well performing agriculture real estate investment."