



Golden Agri-Resources move to Europe for integrated agribusiness

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Golden Agri-Resources (GAR), one of the world's largest seed-to-shelf agribusinesses, has completed its relocation to new premises in Utrecht, the Netherlands, to support growing headcount and commercial aspirations for its European operations. Europe is the world's primary consumer of sustainable palm oil, accounting for 45 per cent of the total global use of certified sustainable palm oil.

GAR's new office location, Central Park Utrecht, has been selected with sustainability in mind, in line with the agribusiness' commitment to advancing sustainability in the palm oil sector. Central Park Utrecht has been awarded a BREEAM Excellent certificate for sustainable design, with positive assessments for nine categories including energy, transport, water, management, materials and health. BREEAM is regarded as the world's leading science-based suite of validation and certification systems for sustainability in the built environment.

Maarten van der Hoeven, Head of Europe & LatAm at GAR said: "Our European business is built on long-term relationships that prioritise understanding and addressing our customer's needs to offer consistent, reliable and sustainable offerings across a range of sectors. Our dedicated team have built a structural supply chain for our key customers, always working to add value where possible. This move gives us greater scope to build capacity and continue pushing for quality and sustainability above all else for our customers and partners."

GAR has entities in the Netherlands, Spain, Colombia and Brazil, and representative offices in Bulgaria and Romania, supported by an extensive distribution and logistics network encompassing shipping, freight, and warehousing facilities. The company manages dedicated storage terminals and warehouses in Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Bulgaria, Romania and Colombia, with plans for further expansion.

GAR also operates a sugar distribution and trading business with a global reach, including the origination of sugar from LatAm through the company's Brazil office. Elsewhere in the Americas, GAR established operations in Colombia and focused on sourcing palm oil in 2021, followed by the formation of storage and distribution channels for its oleochemicals business in the United States in 2022.