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AgIS Expands with 15 New Hires

Both Investment and Asset Management Teams Grow

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As our business continues to expand with new clients and new investment platforms, AgIS is focused on attracting experienced and creative professionals who share our commitment to meeting our investors' performance and client servicing expectations. As a result, we have recently added 15 new people to our investment and asset management teams.

Nellie Andrade comes to AgIS from Trinity Financial, where she managed the firm's administrative platform and worked closely with its president while also overseeing a variety of marketing, communications and client relations functions. She serves as Executive Assistant and Office Manager in our national office in Boston. Nellie earned her B.S. in Communications and an M.S. in Integrated Marketing at Lasell University.

Finley Merrill joins us in Boston as an Investment Analyst. He has been involved in food and agriculture since 2014, when he founded Mulanje Tea Imports, a trading business focused on southern Africa. Prior to joining AgIS, Finley was a valuation consultant with AgVisory, where he worked with agribusinesses and their financial partners. Earlier in his career, he also worked as a speechwriter and analyst for Alcoa's CEO. Finley is a graduate of Bates College where he earned a B.A. in Economics. He also holds an MBA from Babson College.

Jessica Mullen comes to us from Commonwealth Financial Network, where she served in the Chairman's Office overseeing accounting and administrative operations. She will report to Dan Eccles, Vice President of Finance as a Senior Accountant. Jessica began her career at Ernst & Young as an auditor where she worked primarily in the retail and life sciences sectors and supported financial reporting for a major Fortune 500 client. Jessica holds a B.B.A in Accounting from the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where she also minored in Psychology.



Sarah Baskins, who serves as an Operations Analyst in our Turlock, California office, joins our affiliate, AgIS Property Management, after working as Chief Financial Officer at Select Harvest U.S.A, one of the largest handlers and marketers of almonds. She previously was Communications Coordinator with Stanislaus Farm Supply. As an undergraduate at California State University, Stanislaus, where she earned a B.S. in Agricultural Studies, Sarah also worked in Washington D.C. at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Service. She recently completed her MBA at California Baptist University.

John Lundeen spent time as a youth working on a dairy farm in western Connecticut and like Sarah Baskins has joined us as an Operations Analyst with AgIS Property Management. He is based in Boston. John previously worked as a valuation specialist with the Hancock Agricultural Investment Group. He also interned as a graduate student with UBS Farmland Investors and Blackdirt Capital. John holds a B.S. in Animal Science with a minor in Agricultural Economics, as well as an MBA in Finance with a concentration in Real Estate and Portfolio Management, from the University of Connecticut.

Bryan Filippi has assumed the role of Controller at AgIS Property Management in our Turlock office. He previously served in a similar capacity with Hancock Farmland Services where his primary responsibilities also included property-level financial and client reporting. Earlier in his career, Bryan held accounting positions of increasing responsibility with Farmland Management Services. He holds a B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from California State University, Chico.

Rozet Eisavitazekandi is a member of the AgIS Property Management team and works as Staff Accountant in Turlock. She previously was a Senior Accountant at AG Spanos, a family-owned builder of multi-family housing and master planned communities. In that capacity, she oversaw property management accounting for the company's assets in California and Oregon. Rozet holds both a B.S. in Accounting, with a minor in Political Science, and an MBA from California State University, Stanislaus.

In addition to these seven individuals, AgIS Property Management also has added eight new farm asset management professionals in California. They include Jeff Crank, General Manager, Central Coast; Ramon Dominguez, Head Vineyard Manager; Jeremy Olday, Head Nut Crops Manager; Eugenio Figueroa-Arsiniega, Ranch Manager; Jesus Manuel Mendoza Campos, Ranch Supervisor; Laticia Mendez, Ranch Administrator; Casimiro Sanchez, Ranch Administrator; and, Alfredo Moreno, Vineyard Manager.

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AgIS Capital is a Boston-based private equity firm that invests in farmland and agricultural operating companies. The principals of the firm have decades of experience in the farmland investment sector and have completed billions of dollars of transactions during the last 20-plus years. The firm focuses on \$10 to \$100 million transactions in the United States and other mature markets. For further information, please visit the firm's web site at www.agiscapital.com.