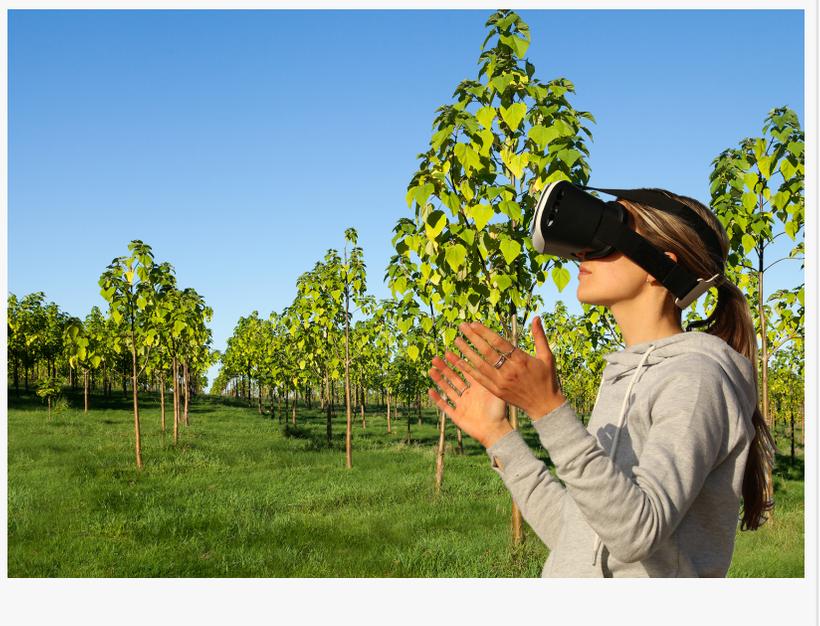


Vanderbilt Does it Again: The First VR Experience for Raising Capital

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In another first for the financial services industry, [Vanderbilt Financial Group](#) has implemented an innovative VR experience through YouTube to assist in the capital raise for World Tree, LLC. Viewers can have an immersive experience in VR or with their phone or tablet, viewing in 360 mode. In less than five minutes, investors can understand the company's mission.



“The future is here, and financial advisors should be using not some, but all of the technological tools available to them,” said Stephen Distanto, Vanderbilt Founder and Chairman. “There is no better tool than film, and no better way to experience film than with VR.”

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VR, or Virtual Reality, is a computer-generated immersive experience often using electronic devices such as VR goggles or a smartphone. VR is often used for watching movies or for playing video games, so it may be strange to hear it being used in the finance industry, especially for a capital raise.

In actuality, VR is a perfect instrument for demonstrating the importance of World Tree. World Tree, LLC, based in Mesa, Ariz., is a for-profit, for-good company that unites investors and farmers in creating environmental, social and economic impacts using the Empress (Paulownia) tree.

For every acre invested, farmers receive the trees to plant and care for on their land. Those investors are then entitled to a portion of sales from the first harvest.

Vanderbilt Financial Group, who has worked with World Tree's Eco-Tree Program in the past, has launched this VR project as a way to give investors a visceral connection to the work that World Tree does from afar. The trees are farmed in various countries including in Mexico, Costa Rica, and the United States.

“With World Tree being an actual tangible investment, investors want to visit the farms to see their money in action,” Stephen Distanto continued. “Of course, that’s not always reasonable due to the locations of the farms, especially with COVID-19 travel restrictions. This VR project allows investors to visit a World Tree farm, and thereby seeing the impact their investment has made, without ever leaving their house.”

You can view one of Vanderbilt’s VR World Tree videos, as well as learn more about the Eco-Tree Program and join our investor waiting list at <https://vanderbiltfinancialgroup.com/worldtree/>

About World Tree: World Tree USA, LLC (“World Tree”) is an agroforestry company focused on promoting the environmental and economic benefits of the Empress (Paulownia) tree. Founded in 2015 by Wendy Burton, the World Tree management team includes foresters, agronomists and scientists with extensive experience with agroforestry and, over 30 years of experience working with the Empress (Paulownia) tree. World Tree grows 18 exclusive non-invasive varieties. World Tree is the largest grower of Empress (Paulownia) trees in North America, with 2,000 acres under management across Canada, Costa Rica, Guatemala, USA and Mexico.

For more information on World Tree, visit www.worldtree.eco.

About Vanderbilt Financial Group: Vanderbilt Financial Group is an investment firm disrupting



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traditional finance by focusing on socially and environmentally responsible, ethical, and impactful investments. Vanderbilt is known as “The Sustainable Wealth Management Firm” for their commitment to providing Financial Advisors and their clients with access to values-aligned investments. Headquartered in a LEED-certified Platinum building, Vanderbilt’s commitment to changing the world begins at home in our office and within our culture. Vanderbilt’s culture has garnered awards such as being named one of the Long Island Business News Best Places to Work on Long Island for three consecutive years, and the Future50 and Corporate Culture Awards from SmartCEO.

For more information on Vanderbilt Financial Group and the Eco-Tree Program, please visit www.vanderbilt.eco.

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