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TAHITO welcomes international philanthropic investor

He kotuku rerenga tahi

A white heron flies once

We welcome GEM and their client The Christensen Fund to our TAHITO whānau.

The Christensen Fund works to support Indigenous Peoples in advancing their inherent rights, dignity, and self-determination. Christensen has collaborated with GEM as their Outsourced Chief Investment Office to identify and partner with fund managers with investment values and processes that align with their Indigenous goals and aspirations. GEM, based in Charlotte, North Carolina (USA) managed to locate and contact us at TAHITO in Aotearoa.

GEM (<https://www.globalendowment.com/>) is a leading, US-based Outsourced Chief Investment Office founded in 2007 by the investment leadership of the Duke University Management Company and The Duke Endowment. GEM delivers a sophisticated, endowment-style investment program to institutions with a multigenerational horizon. They combine disciplined portfolio management, a global reach, and a boutique partnership focus to deliver multi-asset investing capabilities and impact-focused strategies tailored for their clients.

The Christensen Fund (<https://www.christensenfund.org/>) is a private foundation founded in 1957 in San Francisco. As the family's connections to Indigenous Peoples grew, so did their concern for the Earth's biodiversity around the world and Indigenous Peoples' fundamental role in protecting it. Between 1981-2002, the foundation supported several fellowships and scholarships to support biodiversity work. With the values of; self-determination, solidarity, reciprocity, resilience, accountability, trust and diversity, The Christensen Fund, works to support Indigenous Peoples in advancing their inherent rights, dignity, and self-determination. The Christensen Fund is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization, led by an independent Board of Trustees. Their team of global experts centre Indigenous voices, leadership, and perspectives in their philanthropy and advocacy.

Putting Environment and People before profit: The TAHITO Te Tai o Rehua is a values led ethical and sustainable Australasian equities fund for investors who want competitive market returns but equally would like to see their capital applied to a high ethical standard and in investments that are making a positive social and environmental impact. TAHITO Te Tai o Rehua provides a holistic accountability on wellbeing using ethical and sustainable screens derived from Māori Indigenous values.

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