RMS Named Boutique Investment Manager of the Year – Americas in Environmental Finance's 2026 Sustainable Investment Awards

Recognition reflects the firm's work to quantify biodiversity, conserve landscape-scale forestland and reintroduce a federally endangered species on private working forests

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (July 14, 2026) — Resource Management Service, LLC (RMS), one of the world's largest and most experienced timberland investment managers, has been named Boutique Investment Manager of the Year – Americas in Environmental Finance's 2026 Sustainable Investment Awards.

The Sustainable Investment Awards recognize firms advancing the integration of sustainability into investment decisions across global markets, with winners chosen by an independent panel of judges. The recognition reflects a year in which RMS turned its stewardship ethic into measurable outcomes — building new tools to quantify biodiversity, closing one of South Carolina's largest conservation transactions and helping return a federally endangered species to private working forestland.

"We've always believed that responsibly managed forests are among the most powerful tools we have for delivering lasting environmental and financial value. This recognition reflects our team's dedication and the integrity of our approach," said Alex Hinson, RMS President and Chief Executive Officer. "For more than 75 years, RMS has stewarded working forests as productive, sustainably managed assets. We strive to deliver competitive returns consistent with each strategy's objectives, while conserving land, enhancing biodiversity and strengthening the communities where we operate."

Conservation capital at landscape scale

In October 2025, RMS closed a conservation easement agreement spanning 62,000 acres in South Carolina's Pee Dee Basin — the largest conservation land protection project ever undertaken by a South Carolina state agency. Backed by a $50 million federal grant from the U.S. Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program, the seven-partner transaction keeps the land in productive timber operations while protecting more than 20,000 acres of bottomland hardwood forest, securing drinking water protections for over 65,000 residents and opening 7,500 acres to public recreation. RMS dedicated 18 months to working with public and private partners, including the South Carolina Forestry Commission (SCFC), Open Space Institute (OSI), South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), South Carolina Office of Resilience (SCOR), Atlantic Packaging and South Carolina Conservation Bank to enable this complex, precedent-setting easement transaction to come to fruition.

Measuring biodiversity across a portfolio

In 2026, RMS introduced the Ecosystem Integrity Index, developed with Nature Positive and RSK Wilding, to track and quantify biodiversity changes across its timberland portfolio. The index gives investors a documented, repeatable score for reporting ecosystem outcomes and draws on a survey that has documented more than 550 species across eight southeastern states. RMS is piloting it across more than 440,000 acres of managed U.S. South forestland.

"Investors need quantifiable impact measurements, not just anecdotal conservation stories," Hinson said. "The Ecosystem Integrity Index provides hard data to show that capital deployed into working forests is having a direct positive impact on nature."

About Resource Management Service, LLC

RMS is one of the world's largest and most experienced timberland investment and forestry management services providers. RMS is committed to being a leader in environmentally and socially responsible investing and practicing sustainable forest management on its clients' timberlands. As a company founded, owned and managed by professional foresters, RMS has long been guided by a strong stewardship ethic, recognizing that responsibly managing all forest resources meets the needs of its clients, customers, employees, society and future generations. RMS seeks to generate competitive, risk-adjusted near-term cash yield and long-term asset appreciation by employing state-of-the-art systems and advanced sustainable forest management practices. As an independently owned and operated company, RMS has established a legacy by striving to optimize the biological, financial and societal values of every asset its team manages. Based in Birmingham, Alabama, RMS is a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission-registered Investment Adviser with $5.8 billion of timberland assets under management in the United States and Brazil. Registration as an investment adviser does not imply a certain level of skill or training. It is not an endorsement of the adviser by the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities regulator. For more information, please visit resourcemgt.com.

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