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Forestry

Buying land with a bunch of trees planted firmly on it may not initially seem the obvious choice of investment, but current investors are seeing an average return of 8% on their forestry funds. Investors simply enter into a syndicate that buys up land with semi-mature forestry on it and sells it off after a period of 12 years or so. "It definitely is incredibly popular at the moment," said Trevor McHugh of Irish Forestry Services. "Our last fund was over-subscribed within three weeks and at the moment we have 15,000 individual investors."



Upsides: Unless an alternative to wood is found soon, you're likely to make money.

Downsides: You're dependant on the force of nature to keep your trees thriving.