

# CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Olam opened its first business in Côte d'Ivoire in 1994. Today, some 2 million people across the country earn part, or all, of their livelihoods with Olam as farmers, staff, service providers and their dependents.

We operate throughout the country, sourcing cocoa, coffee, cotton, cashew, and rubber directly from over 125,000 partner farm families, and via a vast network of local traders. Olam operates 30 offices, runs 8 large processing facilities and several primary processing operations and manages 175,000 square meters of committed warehousing spaces across the country.

Major investments include:

- State-of-the-art cocoa processing factories in Abidjan and San Pedro turning cocoa beans into cocoa liquor, butter, and cake
- Cashew processing plants in Bouaké, Dimbokro and Djekanou, providing jobs to more than 3,000 workers of whom more than 80% are women
- Rubber factory in Aniassué, in the east of Côte d'Ivoire, ushering in new development and generating valuable employment in the region
- Cotton ginning facilities in Ouangolodougou and Ferkessédougou in the north of the country

Olam is one of the largest employers in the country, with over 5,000 employees, including sub-contracted workers. More than 90% are lvorian and 48% are women. We partner with top schools and universities and professional associations to attract the best talent and integrate them into meaningful career paths. Through our Leadership Development Programme, high-potential employees receive tailored training and coaching, both in Côte d'Ivoire and abroad, to help them to maximise their potential and enter management roles.

We work closely with government bodies and industry associations such as the Conseil Café Cacao (CCC), Conseil Coton Anacarde (CCA), Confederation Générale des Entreprises de Côte d'Ivoire (CGECI), African Cashew Alliance (ACA), APROCOT-CI (cotton ginners association). We are trusted partners of development agencies, NGOs and programmes, including the ComCashew (formerly African Cashew Initiative) and Competitive African Cotton initiative (COMPACI). This enables us to provide full assurance to our customers of our products' quality and traceability. Map data ©2018

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