

Ag-focused investment firm plans to move headquarters to Davis

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Investment firm AGR Partners is moving its headquarters to Davis to be closer to the food and agriculture hub around the [University of California Davis](#).

The company is now based in Visalia and has an office in Chicago.

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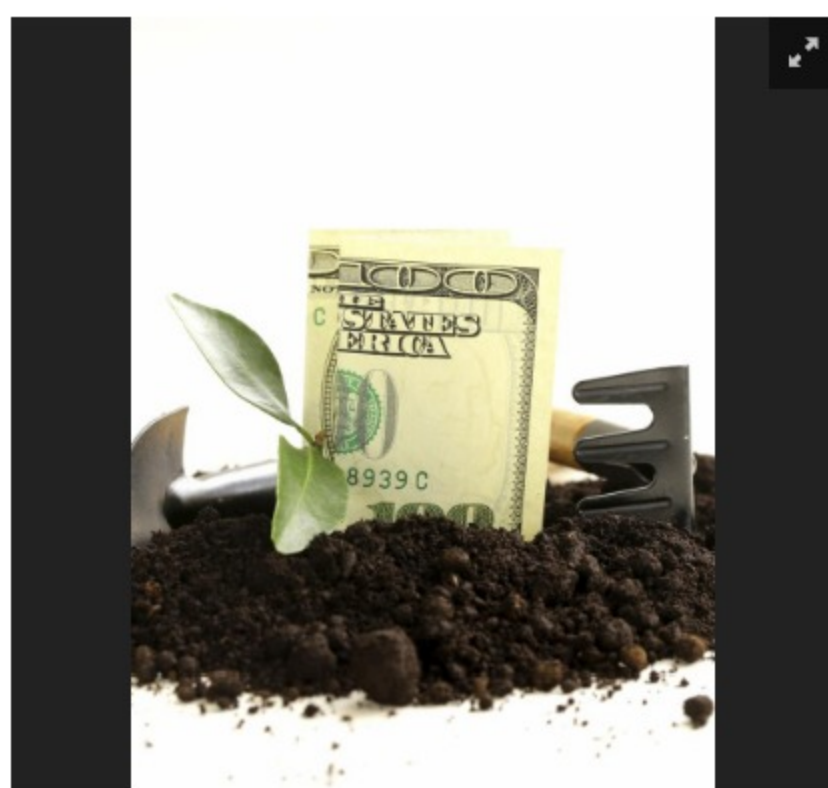
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AGR invests internationally in food and agriculture companies. Since launching two years ago, AGR has made \$150 million in investments, and it has access to \$650 million in deployable funds, said managing partner [Ejnar Knudsen](#). It invests on behalf of insurance companies and institutional investors.

AGR's investments are structured as non-controlling equity or subordinated debt, allowing its clients to ramp up growth, buy other companies or buy out partners. The firm invests in late-stage growth companies and finances buyouts.

Its new location may give AGR better access to research being done on the University of California Davis campus and the companies around it. Davis also offers meeting and conference spaces at and near the university, nearby hotels and amenities such as the UC Davis Arboretum, Public Garden and Mondavi Center, Knudsen said. He also said that Davis has an "amazing transportation advantage" with its Amtrak station offering easy access to Sacramento or the Bay Area.

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