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## SanLucar scoops sustainability award

Company honoured for its commitment to social and economic development in Tunisia



**S**anLucar has received Tunisia's Hannon Award for the promotion of co-development through responsible investment in a ceremony that took place in Bercy-Paris last week.

The Spanish company beat 19 other companies to scoop the prize in the category of significant regional investment in Tunisia, in the second edition of these awards.

The prize recognises the company's contribution to the social and economic development in the region El Hamma-Gabès with its farm "La Cinquième Saison". SanLucar has been operating in the area since 2008 and has become one of the leading employers there.

The company also contributes significantly to a social and cultural progress in the region through different actions.

As well as participating in the ministerial

programme Companies as Partners of School and finances projects with the aim to improve educational institutions, SanLucar cooperates with various regional organisations such as AGIM (general association of motor deficit), ATAS (Tunisian association for assistance for the deaf) or UTAIM (Tunisian union for assistance for the mentally disabled).

Moreover, SanLucar was the first company in Tunisia to receive the Grasp certificate which values special social management in the agricultural sector.

The company currently employs about 1,500 people in Northern and Southern Tunisia, mainly in the field of tomato and berry cultivation.

In 2018, it was awarded the National Prize for Social Progress by the former president of the Tunisian Republic, Béji Caïd Essebsi.

SanLucar has been operating in Tunisia since 2008. Its tomato farm, La

Cinquième Saison, is located in the region of El Hamma-Gabès in the south of the country, where the soils benefit from a geothermal water source which gives the tomatoes a unique flavour, thanks to the combination of natural minerals. In addition, the use of this hot water source contributes to saving energy.

Its berry farm, Flor'Alia, is located in the north of the country, where it works in collaboration with renowned international institutions. It has a third farm, Les Perles du Désert, dedicated to growing grapes.

Since July, SanLucar has had a new partner, HBG Holding, with a stake in the capital of La Cinquième Saison, thereby strengthening the company's commitment in Tunisia.

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