

MAURITIUS: THE KEY JURISDICTION TO CATER FOR AFRICA INVESTMENT NEEDS

For 30 years, this small island in the Indian Ocean has been able to attract investors and help them structure their vehicles to invest abroad thanks to its numerous assets: incentive tax regimes, ease of doing business and sound expertise. Thanks to its network of double taxation avoidance treaties, its strong and independent legal framework and sophisticated banking system, the Mauritian jurisdiction is key for investors, multinationals, wealth managers and bankers, who want to utilize the platform this country provides for investment mainly in Africa.

Today this International Financial Centre (IFC) is proving to be an essential destination for financial flows intended for Africa. In 2021, more than \$80 billion in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) passed through Mauritius into Africa and more than 25% of private equity funds investing in Africa are domiciled in Mauritius.

“Good governance will be crucial for the future of sustainable investment in Africa”

After two eventful years due to COVID-19 pandemic and the European Union Blacklist episode, Mauritius aspires to reinvent itself to play a pivotal role in the development of the continent through the significant contribution of FDIs and also in terms of the creation of jobs.

There is no doubt that one of the main challenges for the future development of the continent will lie in the ability to couple economic growth with sustainability. The role of Sustainable Funds and Impact Funds will increase, and Mauritius will play a leading part in this transition.

Back on the EU and OECD whitelisted jurisdictions, the island has established itself as a mature IFC with a strong regulatory framework which has contributed to attracting Fund Managers for the setting up of different Fund structures in the country over the years and the recent frameworks like the SPFs, Virtual Assets and VCC are promising to be fruitful.

With the emergence of a young and dynamic middle class in Africa, Mauritius can play an important role in supporting entrepreneurship, particularly for start-ups in sub-Saharan regions. As a leading Mauritian Corporate service provider, DTOS actively participates in the establishment of good corporate governance for its clients by creating sustainable enterprises and value for shareholders’.

Thanks to our regional footprint, we can also easily look at clients' businesses or hand-hold investors as they expand through our offices in Kenya, Uganda and looking at other places such as Rwanda and South Africa.

In addition to our global business offer, we provide horizontal integration of services such as financial and accounting outsourcing, share registry services and we are moving towards an all-inclusive model as we realise that this is what our clients are looking for.

Our strategy lies also in finding growth opportunities and with this in mind, we intend to go the extra mile on the African soil as much as we did for the past three decades which made us build inroads in several prominent jurisdictions around the world, such as Dubai.

It is now time to build further around these pathways. We have laid the foundations for significant growth in the southern hemisphere, and we share this vision that Mauritius can and will reinforce its partnership for economic growth in the African continent.

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We have been helping enterprises and entrepreneurs develop their business operations across East Africa, the Middle East and Mauritius for three decades. We capitalise on our strategic location in Mauritius and take pride in our heritage.

Our 250+ staff can provide objective, unbiased advice – we don't make special arrangements with free zones or institutions, so we can remain impartial. With fixed fees and no hidden costs, our team of qualified accountants and company secretaries provide reliable service for hundreds of clients.