

MAURITIUS

EXPANDING ITS HORIZONS WITH THE UAE

The UAE and Mauritius signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), in force since April 1, 2025, confirming a shared vision to strengthen bilateral cooperation.



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Mauritius Charts Vision 2050 to Drive Trade, Finance and Tourism Leadership

As the UAE's first African CEPA partner, the island state strengthens its role as a gateway between the Gulf, Africa and global markets.

Once known primarily for its pristine beaches and luxury resorts, Mauritius has, over the past three decades, steadily positioned itself as one of Africa's most dynamic hubs for investment, finance and high-value tourism, driven by long-term policy vision, strategic partnerships and a rapidly evolving financial services ecosystem. Today, the island state is consolidating its role as a leading international financial centre at the intersection of Africa, the Gulf and Asia.

At the centre of this development lies Vision 2050, a bold national roadmap unveiled by Dr Navinchandra Ramgoolam, Prime Minister of Mauritius. Framed as a living manifesto rather than a static plan, Vision 2050 responds to a global "polycrisis" marked by geopolitical tensions, technological disruption and climate change. Its ambition is to position Mauritius among advanced economies by mid-century through agile governance, innovation and inclusive growth.

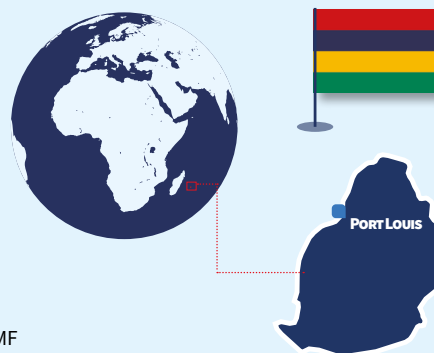
The strategy prioritises future-facing sectors such as artificial intelligence, digital services, fintech, medical science, renewable energy and the blue and green economies. High-value tourism, innovation-driven education and skills development are reinforced by commitments to social inclusion, climate resilience, food and health security, and fiscal sustainability. The underlying message is that economic progress must be competitive, resilient and widely shared.

Junior Minister of Finance Dhaneshwar Damry echoes this emphasis on inclusion and trust, describing jobs and inclusive growth as the government's two overriding objectives. "The foremost currency in any economy is trust," he notes, highlighting efforts to restore macro-fiscal stability, strengthen governance and pursue structural reforms focused on innovation, competitiveness and skills. He adds that Mauritius's investment-grade financial centre status is not only about serving as a gateway for capital, but about enabling job

Mauritius

MAIN DATA

- ★ **Capital:** Port Louis
- ★ **Population:** ~1.27 million (2025 est.) Worldometer
- ★ **Area:** ~2,030 km²
- ★ **Life expectancy:** ~75 years (World Bank)
- 🌐 **Currency:** Mauritian Rupee (MUR)
1 USD ≈ ~46 MUR
1 USD ≈ 3.67 AED
- 📈 **2025 GDP growth:** ~3.2% IMF
GDP (nominal): ~\$16.359 billion (2024e) IMF
GDP per capita: ~\$12,973 (2024e) IMF
- ✖ **Unemployment:** ~5.9% (2025e) IMF
- 🌐 **Foreign Direct Investment:**
Projected to exceed \$800 million in 2025, concentrated in real estate, which accounts for over 50% of all FDI inflows to Mauritius.
- 📦 **Exports:** ~\$2.76 billion (2024e) OEC World
Main products: Sugar, Processed Meat, Fish & Seafood, Precious Stones and Textiles



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DHANESHWAR DAMRY,
JUNIOR MINISTER OF FINANCE OF MAURITIUS

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1,44 million visitors, a 3.9% increase year on year. Tourism revenues reached \$2.16 billion, underscoring the sector's continued importance. Increasingly, the focus is on higher-value segments including luxury hospitality, wellness, eco-tourism and integrated resort developments aligned with sustainability goals.

Mauritius's long-term vision is reinforced by concrete international partnerships, most notably the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with the United Arab Emirates, which came into force on 1 April 2025. As the UAE's first CEPA with an African country, the agreement marks a strategic milestone in Gulf-Africa relations. It eliminates or reduces tariffs on more than 97% of traded goods, while opening services markets and strengthening cooperation in investment, digital trade, logistics, tourism and technology. The agreement is further supported by Mauritius's regional and continental ties. As a member of SADC, COMESA and the African Union, the country is well positioned to leverage regional markets and investment flows. Its alignment with the AfCFTA further expands opportunities, potentially allowing UAE-Mauritius trade to reach a pan-African market of over 1.3 billion people, subject to implementation schedules and sector rules.

For UAE and Gulf investors, the CEPA enhances Mauritius's role as a stable, well-regulated platform for accessing African markets. For Mauritius, it deepens engagement with one of the world's most dynamic commercial hubs.

Financial services further anchor Mauritius role as a regional and global connector. The country has evolved into one of Africa's most sophisticated international financial centres, underpinned by a robust legal framework, a transparent tax regime, and a strategic time zone bridging Asia, Africa and Europe. Ongoing reforms, digitalisation and a strong focus on compliance continue to safeguard investor confidence.

Together, Vision 2050, the UAE CEPA and sustained reforms across finance and tourism illustrate how Mauritius is redefining itself beyond its traditional identity. As this report will show, the island is not only an exceptional destination to visit, but an increasingly compelling place to invest, structure capital and build long-term partnerships linking the Gulf, Africa and global markets.

ADVANTAGES

- Strategic location connecting Africa, the Middle East and Asia.
- Diversified economy with strong services, finance and ICT sectors.
- Hybrid legal system combining Common Law and Civil Law, facilitating international business and cross-border collaboration.
- Multicultural and bilingual population, enhancing global connectivity.
- High GDP per capita relative to Africa, with upper-middle-income status.

CHALLENGES

- Current account and trade deficits due to high reliance on imported goods.
- Slowdown in growth drivers such as construction and exports in 2025.
- Climate-related risks (coastal vulnerability, cyclones, sea-level rise).
- Demographic pressure from an ageing population, driving demand for imported labour.
- Public debt & fiscal consolidation needs in the medium term.

creation and inclusive growth across Africa. "Our success is linked to Africa's success," he says.

Tourism remains central to this narrative, even as the country diversifies. In 2025, Mauritius welcomed

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UAE-MAURITIUS TRADE & INVESTMENT

The UAE and Mauritius signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), in force since April 1, 2025, creating preferential market access for goods and services and facilitating investment cooperation.

UNDER THE UAE-MAURITIUS CEPA:

- Mauritius will eliminate **99%** of tariffs on imports from the UAE, while the UAE will eliminate **97%** overall.

- The UAE-Mauritius CEPA is projected to boost the value of non-oil bilateral trade from **\$209.8 million to \$500 million** within five years.

- The UAE is currently the eighth-largest investor in Mauritius, with **\$13.2 billion** invested in the country, supporting tourism, real estate, renewable energy and technology projects.

Mauritius: A Strategic Island Economy Bridging Africa, the Middle East and Asia

Stable governance, diversified sectors and strategic geography position Mauritius as a trusted investment and trade hub.



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SECURITY, BLUE ECONOMY & FISHERIES OF MAURITIUS

Mauritius has evolved from a monocrop sugar economy into one of the Indian Ocean's most diversified and resilient nations, combining political stability, openness and economic sophistication. Today, the island's attractiveness lies in its ability to bridge Africa, Asia and the Middle East while offering investors a predictable and business-friendly environment.

According to Ritish Ramful, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Trade, geography remains a core strength. "Our strategic geographic location, at the crossroads of Africa, the Middle East and Asia, positions us as a gateway for investment into Africa." Membership in regional blocs such as SADC, the African Continental Free Trade Area, the Indian Ocean Commission and the Indian Ocean Rim Association reinforces Mauritius' diplomatic reach and trade integration. Trade agreements now cover around 70% of the world's population,

including key partnerships with India, China and the UAE.

This international openness supports a diversified economic base. Beyond tourism and financial services, Mauritius is expanding into the blue economy, renewable energy, artificial intelligence, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals. The country is also positioning itself as a regional education hub, supported by strong institutions and constitutional guarantees that enhance investor confidence. As Ramful notes, "Mauritius remains a trusted, stable, and open partner, ready to collaborate with the UAE and the wider Middle East."

Commerce and consumer protection policies further strengthen this attractiveness. Michaël Yeung Sik Yuen, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection, underlines the importance of stability and efficiency. "Security is vital, without it, there can be no business." Ranked among Africa's safest countries, Mauritius offers modern infrastructure, improving logistics and a responsi-

ve public administration. Close cooperation with the Economic Development Board helps local and foreign investors navigate regulations, while reforms such as a new Consumer Protection Bill aim to modernise e-commerce and ensure fair digital trade.

Agro-industry and the blue economy are equally central to long-term resilience. Arvin Boolell, Minister of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries, recalls how diversification became a national strategy. "We used the proceeds from sugar exports to diversify and create new pillars for our economy." Today, Mauritius is investing in smart agriculture, aquaculture and value-added agro-processing to strengthen food security and sustainability.

From democratic governance to sectoral diversity, Mauritius presents a compelling proposition. As Boolell concludes, "Mauritius is a country on the rise," offering Gulf and international partners a stable gateway into Africa and beyond. ●

EDB Mauritius: Building a Future-Ready Gateway for Investment into Africa

How Mauritius is leveraging stability, innovation and sustainability to attract global and Gulf investors.

As Mauritius positions itself for its next phase of economic development, the Economic Development Board (EDB Mauritius) sits at the centre of this evolution. As the country's national investment promotion and facilitation agency, the EDB is mandated to attract quality investment that drives innovation, high-value employment and sustainable growth.

"The EDB is responsible for positioning Mauritius as a competitive and trusted investment and business hub," says Mahen Abhimanu Kundasamy, Chief Executive Officer of EDB Mauritius. Acting as a single interface for investors, the organisation works closely with

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government bodies to ensure an agile, business-friendly environment aligned with global trends such as digitalisation and sustainability.

New growth sectors are a clear priority. Mauritius is actively supporting renewable energy, fintech and smart manufacturing, while helping existing exporters transition towards Industry 4.0 through productivity and efficiency gains. At the same time, the country is diversifying beyond traditional pillars by expanding into life sciences, advanced manufacturing and ocean-based industries.

Foreign direct investment remains robust, with inflows projected to exceed \$800 million in 2025. Strategic engagement with the Middle East is deepening, reinforced by the UAE-Mauritius CEPA.

"Our message is simple," Kundasamy notes. "Mauritius is ready to partner with investors seeking a reliable, future-oriented jurisdiction that enables opportunities to scale with confidence." ●

* Highlights

STRATEGIC LOCATION

- Island state at the crossroads of Africa and Asia
- Key position along major Indian Ocean shipping lanes

FINANCIAL SERVICES

- One of Africa's leading international financial centres
- Strong regulatory and legal framework aligned with global standards
- Platform for cross-border investment, fund management, fintech, and insurance

LEGAL & INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

- Unique hybrid legal system combining Civil Law and Common Law traditions
- Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAs) with 40+ countries
- Strong protection of property rights and contracts

CULTURAL DIVERSITY & LANGUAGES

- Multicultural society with Indian, African, Chinese, and European heritage
- Bilingual business environment: English and French as official languages

TOURISM

- Globally recognised as a high-value tourism destination
- Renowned for safety, modern infrastructure, and welcoming hospitality

TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY

- Modern international airport with regional and intercontinental links
- Efficient port infrastructure supporting transshipment and trade

SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

- SEZs and industrial parks for manufacturing and services
- Simplified administrative procedures and attractive tax incentives

LOGISTICS CORRIDORS

- Growing role as an Indian Ocean logistics and distribution hub
- Integrated port, freeport, and warehousing facilities

WORKFORCE

- Educated, multilingual, and adaptable population
- Strong talent pool in finance, ICT, tourism, and professional services

ENERGY

- Expanding renewable energy sources: solar, wind, biomass, waste-to-energy
- National commitment to energy transition and climate resilience

BLUE ECONOMY

- Significant potential in fisheries, aquaculture, and marine services

TECHNOLOGY

- Expanding ICT and digital services sector
- Growing fintech, BPO, and shared services ecosystem

Mauritius positions financial services as a trusted gateway between regions

Vision 2050 and the 2025-30 strategy aim to deepen trust, innovation and sustainable finance leadership.

Mauritius is sharpening its value proposition as an International Financial Centre (IFC) at a moment when global finance is being reshaped by technology, geopolitics and higher expectations on transparency. At the centre of this effort is a joined-up approach that links long-term economic planning with a modernised financial services agenda, positioning the island as a stable bridge between Africa, Asia and the Gulf.

Jyoti Jeetun, Minister of Financial Services & Economic Planning, says the ministry's remit is deliberately dual. "Our ministry brings together two important portfolios: financial services and economic planning." After nearly two decades, economic planning has been re-established with a mandate to develop Vision 2050, "a long-term strategy that sets out Mauritius' growth pillars for the next 25 years". The objective is not to discard traditional strengths, but to decide "what comes next" amid "technological disruption, shifting trade patterns, and geopolitical developments", alongside domestic pressures such as "an ageing population, a shrinking workforce, climate change, and sustainability concerns".

Vision 2050 is being developed as an inclusive process involving collaboration across government and with stakeholders from the economic, social and environmental spheres. It will be supported by a 10-year National Development Framework designed to translate long-term vision into concrete, actionable priorities guiding investment decisions and skills development.

Financial services already sits at the heart of the Mauritian economy. Based on the Government's Strategy Report 2025-2030, the financial services sector contributed about 13.4% of GDP in 2024 and remains a key gateway connecting Africa and Asia. The document underlines the sector's scale, including direct employment of 19,745 professionals and Mauritius' 52nd position in the September 2025 Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI).

Against this backdrop, Jeetun says the new government has moved quickly. "One of our first actions was to develop a five-year



JYOTI JEETUN, MINISTER OF FINANCIAL SERVICES & ECONOMIC PLANNING OF MAURITIUS

financial services strategy covering 2025 to 2030." The strategy is built around five pillars: improving ease of doing business, reducing the cost of doing business, diversifying products and markets, strengthening promotion and international visibility, and addressing skills shortages, backed by "ambitious but achievable targets for 2030".

For Mauritius, credibility is non-negotiable. "Trust is the foundation of any international financial centre," Jeetun stresses, pointing to continual upgrades to anti-money laundering and counter-financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) legislation in line with evolving FATF recommendations, ahead of a 2027 mutual evaluation. She adds that Mauritius is "determined to avoid any risk of Mauritius being perceived as a tax haven or being placed on any monitoring lists." Reforms are also focused on making regulation more efficient through digitalisation, including e-KYC and streamlined licensing.

That balance, strict compliance combined with pro-growth regulation, is echoed by Désiré Vencatachellum, CEO of the Financial Services Commission (FSC). "We see ourselves as a compliant but enabling regulator. Compliance is non-negotiable, but at the same time, regulation must enable growth." He highlights tools such as the regulatory sandbox for fintech and green finance and is



DÉSIRÉ VENCATACHELLUM, CEO OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MAURITIUS (FSC)

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clear that "we never compromise on regulation, compliance, or AML/CFT standards."

Sustainability is also moving from aspiration to product. Jeetun says, "Sustainability is being embedded directly into our financial ecosystem," citing ESG guidelines and work on sustainable bonds, positioning Mauritius as a stable jurisdiction for structuring capital deployed into Africa.

Looking to Gulf readers, the message is direct. With strong air connectivity and growing high-level engagement, Jeetun frames the invitation simply: "Mauritius is open for business", as a platform built on political stability, strong institutions and a rules-based ecosystem designed to earn and keep investor trust, offering long-term certainty for international investors and institutions seeking access to emerging markets across Africa and the Indian Ocean region.

The strategy reinforces Mauritius' ambition to serve investors with clarity, predictability, regional connectivity, innovation, resilience, scale, and long-term confidence globally. ●

FINANCIAL SERVICES OUTLOOK

1st PILLAR OF ECONOMY

DIRECT EFFECT: **13.4%** | TOTAL EFFECT: **24.8%**

2024

8.2% | 
GDP CONTRIBUTION OF GBL SEGMENT

2024

GROWTH RATE
4.8% | 

2024

EMPLOYMENT (N°) 
19,745

2023

CONTRIBUTION TO CORPORATE TAX

\$331m

Represents **68.2%** of the total corporate tax collected

2022/2023

BENCHMARKING

Mauritius ranked **52nd** in the **38th** edition of the GFCI

2025

Source: Economic Impact Assessment, Financial Services Sector in Mauritius (2025), GFCI Report (38) - September 2025, FSC Website (2024).

FINANCIAL SERVICES PERFORMANCE (2025)

- Launched the **Financial Services Strategy 2025-30**, a forward-looking roadmap for a more competitive, innovative and diversified IFC.
- Mauritius was selected as host jurisdiction of the **1st Africa Credit Rating Agency (ACRA)**.
- Strengthened public-private dialogue through the reconstitution of the **Financial Services Consultative Council (FSCC)**.
- Improved its **GFCI ranking** to 52nd globally and 1st in Africa consolidating Mauritius' leadership in Africa.
- Advanced digitalisation through the operationalisation of the **National Insurance Claims Database**.
- Elevated **Mauritius' global voice and visibility** across Africa, India, and Europe.
- Implemented a whole-of-government approach on **AML/CFT** to safeguard the jurisdiction's reputation.



Mauritius Finance: Strengthening a Trusted Gateway Between Global Capital and Africa

How Mauritius Finance is shaping a future-ready international financial centre with strong links to the UAE.

Mauritius continues to consolidate its position as a trusted international financial centre, acting as a strategic bridge between global capital and Africa's fast-growing economies. At the heart of this ecosystem is Mauritius Finance, the apex body representing over 190 financial services stakeholders across the value chain.

According to its CEO, Faraz Rojid, the organisation's role is both strategic and collaborative. "Our vision is to foster a strong, competitive, and future-ready International Financial Centre through a close private-public partnership," he says. Advocacy, skills development, global visibility and industry innovation form the backbone



* SHAMIMA MALLAM HASSAM, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF TRIDENT TRUST LTD AND CHAIRPERSON OF MAURITIUS FINANCE



* FARAZ ROJID, CEO OF MAURITIUS FINANCE

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ne of this approach, ensuring Mauritius remains aligned with international best practices.

Regulatory credibility has been a defining strength. Significant reforms in AML/CFT, digital

finance and fintech, including the VAITOS Act, have reinforced investor confidence while supporting innovation. ESG and sustainable finance are also gaining traction, positioning Mauritius as a credible platform for responsible investment into Africa.

Shamima Mallam-Hassam, Chairperson of Mauritius Finance, highlights the jurisdiction's resilience: "If we maintain the balance between compliance, innovation, and commercial relevance, Mauritius will remain both competitive and indispensable globally."

With deepening economic ties to the UAE and growing interest from Gulf investors, Mauritius is well placed to serve as a secure, transparent and forward-looking hub connecting Middle Eastern capital with African opportunity. ■



* SHAHANNAH ABDOOLAKHAN, FOUNDER AND CEO OF ABLER GROUP

Abler Group: Redefining AML/CFT Compliance as a Strategic Advantage

Abler Group helps businesses turn regulatory complexity into confidence and sustainable growth.

Founded in Mauritius in 2017, Abler Group is a diversified compliance and governance partner operating across multiple jurisdictions. Under the leadership of CEO Shahannah Abdoolakhan, the group was built on a clear philosophy: compliance should enable business, not obstruct it.

"AML/CFT compliance was too often treated as a reactive obligation rather than a strategic function," Shahannah explains. Abler set out to change that perception by embedding practical, commercially intelligent compliance frameworks into daily operations.

Today, Abler supports banks, financial institutions and corporates through AML audits,

remediation projects, regulatory advisory services, training and technology-driven solutions. With a strong base in Mauritius and an expanding presence in the UAE and the DIFC, the firm works across complex cross-border regulatory environments.

As Shahannah notes, "Good compliance is an investment; poor compliance is an expense." This belief continues to guide Abler's growth, shaping an approach in which well-implemented AML/CFT compliance enables growth, builds trust and protects long-term value. ■



Intercontinental Trust: Cross-Border Investment in a Dynamic Global Landscape

Connecting global capital with opportunities across Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Over the past two decades, global investors have reshaped their approach to cross-border expansion. Traditional financial centres remain relevant, but are no longer sufficient on their own. Investors now prioritise platforms that offer regulatory certainty, geographic reach and seamless multi-jurisdictional operations.

Founded in 1999 and headquartered in Mauritius, Intercontinental Trust has evolved alongside these shifts. Licensed by the Financial Services Commission of Mauritius, the firm provides corporate, fiduciary, fund administration, tax and accounting services to institutions, investment banks, private equity firms and high-net-worth individuals, with a strong focus on structuring long-term cross-border investment vehicles.

While Asia was an early focus, Africa has emerged as a key destination for global capital. Mauritius' robust legal framework positions it as a trusted gateway to both regions, further strengthened by Intercontinental Trust's Dubai office, licensed by the Department of Economic Development. ■



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Dentons Mauritius: Facilitating Cross Border Transactions Across Africa, Asia and the Middle East

Combining deep local expertise with global reach, Dentons Mauritius supports cross-border investment, dispute resolution and growth.

Dentons Mauritius is an integral part of Dentons, the world's largest global law firm, blending international reach with strong local roots. Formed in 2018 through the merger of Mardemootoo Solicitors and Balgobin Chambers, the firm embodies the "local and global" model.

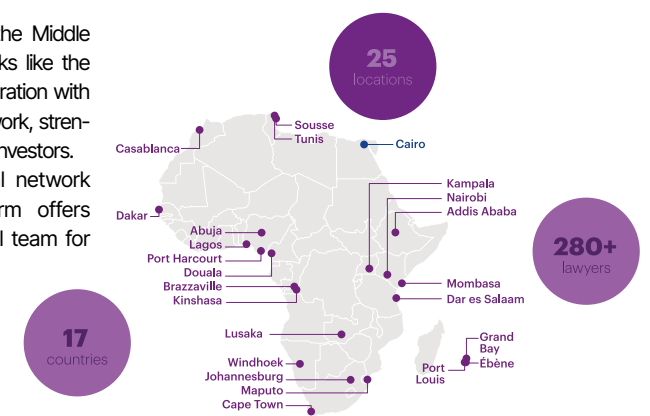
Firmly embedded in Mauritius and Africa, Dentons Mauritius provides full-service legal support, including cross-border corporate advisory, commercial litigation, international arbitration, employment, and dispute resolution. Mauritius' strategic location at the



* PRISCILLA BALGOBIN-BHOJRUL, SENIOR PARTNER OF DENTONS

crossroads of Africa, Asia and the Middle East, along with trade frameworks like the CECPA with India, growing cooperation with the UAE, and a broad treaty network, strengthens its appeal for international investors.

As part of Dentons' global network across 87+ locations, the firm offers clients a single, integrated legal team for multi-jurisdictional matters, ensuring consistency, efficiency, and effective risk management. Legal activity is driven by financial services, M&A, Africa-focused investments, and private wealth structuring. As Priscilla Balgobin-Bhojru notes, "Private wealth and family office advisory is a major area of growth. High-net-worth individuals and families are attracted by Mauritius' succession and asset-protection framework, the absence of inheritance tax, and the availability of sophisticated trust and foundation regimes."



With its hybrid legal system, independent judiciary, and forward-looking regulation, Mauritius remains a trusted financial centre and arbitration hub, making Dentons Mauritius a natural partner for Gulf investors seeking stability and strategic access to Africa. ■

Aurevya Wealth and Kundomal & Co Bridging Mauritius and the Gulf Region

Boutique wealth structuring, cross-border investments and shared values position Mauritius as a strategic partner for Gulf investors seeking sustainable growth.

Founded in 2012, Aurevya Wealth Ltd has steadily carved out a distinctive position within Mauritius's financial services landscape. Under the direction of entrepreneur and barrister Shaan Kundomal, the firm was created to move away from template-based financial solutions and toward a boutique, highly personalised approach. Its core mission is simple yet demanding: to understand each client deeply and design bespoke wealth, trust, and governance structures aligned with their long-term objectives.

Over time, Aurevya Wealth has evolved into more than an advisory firm. It functions as an ecosystem that connects like-minded clients, encouraging collaboration and shared opportunities. This philosophy of quality over quantity has allowed the firm to build durable relationships founded on trust, discretion, and strategic clarity, values that resonate strongly within Mauritius's reputation as a trusted international financial centre.

Kundomal & Co, the wider group, has extended this vision beyond Mauritius, particularly into the UAE. What began as jurisdictional due



“At Aurevya, we help clients understand and adopt sustainability principles in their financial planning.”

diligence led to strong institutional and personal ties with Ras Al Khaimah, Sharjah, and Dubai. These relationships paved the way for diverse ventures, including Gulf Management Services, the AFK Petroleum refinery in Sharjah's Al Hamriyah Free Zone, and health-focused investments such as Atelier Clinic, now operating two licensed clinics in Mauritius.

The group's cross-border strategy reflects a broader belief in synergy between Mauritius as a gateway to Africa and the UAE as a global commercial hub. Initiatives like Sanatan Dharma Private Wealth, based in the DIFC, further demonstrate how ethical finance, philanthropy, and world-class regulation can coexist.

For Gulf investors, Aurevya Wealth and Kundomal & Co present Mauritius not merely as a jurisdiction, but as a trusted partner, culturally aligned, strategically located, and uniquely positioned to bridge Africa, the Middle East, and beyond. ●



Intrasia Group: Building a Strategic Financial Bridge Between Mauritius, Dubai and Africa

From wealth management to corporate services, Intrasia leverages Mauritius to connect global capital with emerging opportunities.

With ownership rooted in Singapore and its operational headquarters in Mauritius, Intrasia Group has developed a distinctive platform linking Asia, the Middle East and Africa through financial services, wealth management and investment facilitation. Founded and chaired by Graeme Robertson, the group has expanded steadily since establishing its first Mauritian entity in 1997, positioning the island as its primary operational and regulatory base.

Mauritius lies at the heart of Intrasia's structure. Through Intrasia Management, the group provides corporate and fiduciary services, financial licensing, back-office support, global citizenship programmes and comprehensive KYC and due diligence screening. A substantial share of this activity originates from Dubai, particularly from Indian-linked businesses operating there, making Intrasia one of the largest providers of Mauritian financial licensing for Dubai-based companies.

The group's wealth management arm, Intrasia Wealth, is led by CEO Neil Kleinsmith and focuses on a segment often overlooked by traditional private banks: the professionally affluent. Rather than targeting only ultra-high-net-worth individuals, Intrasia Wealth delivers institutional-quality service to corporate executives,



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*** Mauritius is the trusted bridge through which Intrasia connects global capital from Asia and the Gulf with emerging opportunities across Africa.**

doctors and entrepreneurs, with minimum investments starting at \$50,000. Clients are managed globally from Mauritius, with offices also established in

Environmental, social and governance principles are integral to Intrasia's strategy. Through Intrasia initiatives the Group is preparing programmes to empower female entrepreneurs in Africa by providing innovative access to hard-currency funding as well as internationally providing Millennials and Gen Z access to the benefits of wealth management to support their lifestyle choices.

Intrasia has also embraced technology, co-developing an AI-driven risk management platform that simplifies compliance and due diligence for banks, corporates and professional firms, reinforcing Mauritius's standing as a transparent and well-regulated financial centre.

Looking ahead, Intrasia sees significant opportunities with Gulf investors seeking secure and structured access to African markets. By combining governance, expertise and cross-regional reach, the group continues to position Mauritius as a trusted bridge for global capital flows. ●

Dubai and South Africa, and benefit from close relationships with leading Mauritian banks, including Afrasia Bank and Mauritius Commercial Bank.

Beyond financial services, Intrasia operates two complementary divisions. Intrasia Properties develops commercial and mixed-use projects across Mauritius and Madagascar, while the group also maintains mining investments within its own entities, spanning copper, gold and phosphate fertiliser production in Africa. Mauritius functions as a facilitation hub for these ventures, offering strong treaty protection, fiscal efficiency and legal certainty.



Axis Fiduciary: Trusted First Partner Powering Mauritius' Global Financial Ambitions

From integrated legal-fiduciary expertise to multi-jurisdictional innovation, Axis reinforces Mauritius as a credible global investment hub.

Established in 2008, Axis Fiduciary has steadily built a reputation as one of Mauritius' leading independent corporate and fiduciary services providers. Founded by the founder partners of BLC Robert & Associates, the country's foremost independent business law firm, together with CEO Assad Abdullatiff, Axis was conceived with a clear and differentiated vision: to provide foreign investors using Mauritius as an international financial centre with a fully integrated, one-stop solution combining legal advisory, structuring, and post-establishment services.

From its earliest days, Axis sought to leverage the strengths of Mauritius as a bridge between Asia and Africa. By combining the legal depth of BLC Robert & Associates with in-house corporate and fiduciary capabilities, the firm was able to deliver a model that was both sophisticated and practical, appealing to international investors seeking certainty, efficiency, and regulatory robustness. "From the outset, our intention was to offer clients a genuine one-stop solution, bringing legal expertise and fiduciary services together under one roof."

Seventeen years later, that founding idea has translated into significant scale and credibility. Axis today employs just under 250 professionals and administers more than 1,500 legal structures for clients around the world. Its activities are firmly anchored in three core areas: fund formation and administration, corporate establishment and ongoing services, and private client solutions, including trusts, foundations, and family offices focused on asset protection and estate planning. A strong emphasis on Africa runs across all three pillars, reflecting both Mauritius' positioning and Axis' long-term strategic focus.

Mauritius' rise as a transparent, substance-driven international financial centre has

gone hand in hand with Axis' own growth. The jurisdiction offers a compelling combination of political and economic stability, a robust and credible regulatory framework, ease of doing business, tax efficiency, and a deep pool of skilled, multilingual professionals. Axis has played an active role in reinforcing this reputation internationally, particularly through its close engagement with global law firms, banks, and asset managers. Over nearly two decades, this sustained outreach has helped position Mauritius as a trusted platform for cross-border investment, particularly into Africa and India.

In an increasingly demanding global regulatory environment, Axis has remained firmly guided by a simple but uncompromising philosophy: compliance comes first. The firm's strong legal DNA has ensured that regulatory change is not viewed as a constraint, but as a core component of trust and long-term value creation. Axis operates within a governance framework aligned with international best practice, supported by robust internal controls, risk management systems, and regular independent assurance. Continuous professional development is embedded across the organisation through the Axis Academy, recognising that effective compliance ultimately depends on knowledgeable, well-trained people.

Client onboarding is equally disciplined. Axis works exclusively with vetted intermediaries and does not accept walk-in clients, ensuring that it engages only with reputable counterparties. This careful approach protects not only the firm, but also the integrity of the jurisdiction as a whole "Our guiding principle has always been 'comply first'. Transparency and regulatory discipline are non-negotiable for us."

Axis serves a diverse international client base, ranging from multinational corporations



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CEO OF AXIS
FIDUCIARY

"From the outset, our intention was to offer clients a genuine one-stop solution, bringing legal expertise and fiduciary services together under one roof."

and private equity and venture capital funds to development finance institutions, family offices, and high-net-worth individuals. To meet the very different expectations of these client groups, the firm is fully segmented across funds, corporates, and private clients, with dedicated teams trained and experienced in each discipline. This structure allows Axis to deliver solutions that are genuinely tailored, rather than standardised.

As an owner-managed firm, Axis' leadership remains closely involved in day-to-day operations. Clients benefit from direct access to senior decision-makers who understand both the technical detail and the commercial context of their structures. This hands-on approach has become

a key differentiator, particularly for clients navigating complex, multi-jurisdictional arrangements.

Technology has also become central to Axis' operating model. From its early investment in document management systems and client relationship platforms, the firm has consistently embraced digital tools to enhance efficiency and accuracy. Recognising that digital transformation is now essential to regulatory integrity and service quality, Axis appointed a dedicated Head of Digital Transformation and developed its proprietary client management system, Cypress. The platform centralises all client data, integrates artificial intelligence, and deploys automation to manage routine and repetitive tasks. The result is greater speed, consistency, and control, alongside enhanced data security and an improved client experience.

Sustainability and responsible investment are increasingly shaping global capital flows, particularly into Africa, and Axis has responded by embedding ESG and equality, diversity, and inclusion principles within its own operations before advising clients externally. An active internal ESG and EDI working group drives practical initiatives, while the firm has received international recognition for its ethical conduct, diversity, and community engagement. Many Axis clients are impact-driven investors, and the firm supports them by designing ESG frameworks, assisting with reporting requirements, and helping to measure and communicate impact. Axis also administers a number of charitable foundations focused on development initiatives across Africa.

Looking ahead, Axis sees strong and growing synergies between Mauritius and the Gulf. The firm views Mauritius and the UAE as complementary jurisdictions, particularly for clients investing into Africa or expanding internationally. Axis has established a presence in Mauritius, Seychelles, the UAE, and India, with representatives in Kenya and Luxembourg, and partnerships across key global financial centres. This multi-jurisdictional footprint reflects the reality that modern cross-border structuring rarely involves a single location.

As Mauritius continues to evolve as one of the region's most trusted and sophisticated international financial centres, Axis Fiduciary's future vision remains firmly anchored in its founding values: trusted first, Africa-focused, technologically enabled, and committed to delivering bespoke solutions grounded in regulatory strength, legal certainty, and long-term partnership. ●

Why Axis

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Affiliated with BLC Robert & Associates, Mauritius' leading independent business law firm, bringing legal certainty into every structure.

- **ONE PARTNER. END-TO-END**
From setup to exit, we manage your entire business lifecycle under one roof.
- **STRATEGICALLY PRESENT. INTERNATIONALLY CONNECTED**
Established in Mauritius, Seychelles, the UAE and India, with representatives in Kenya and Luxembourg, supporting international structures with real on-the-ground presence.

- **INSTITUTIONAL-GRADE ASSURANCE**
ISAE 3402 Type II certified, trusted systems, controls, and governance.
- **INDEPENDENT & CONFLICT-TRUSTED**
Owner-managed, objective, and relied upon in complex or sensitive situations.

- **BESPOKE BY DESIGN**
Senior experts, bilingual teams, and solutions tailored to your exact needs.





PRISCILLA MUTHOORA THAKOOR,
GOVERNOR OF THE
BANK OF MAURITIUS

Mauritius' Banking Sector: Stability, Innovation and Global Confidence Under Renewed Leadership

How the Bank of Mauritius is reinforcing credibility, embracing innovation and navigating global uncertainty.

vements, exchange rate fluctuations and external shocks. Since January 2023, the Bank has operated under a revamped, flexible inflation-targeting framework, aiming to keep inflation between 2 and 5%, with a medium-term target of 3.5%. Enhanced economic modelling tools now support policy decisions, allowing the bank to better assess shocks and calibrate responses that protect purchasing power without undermining growth.

This cautious, data-driven approach is evident in monetary policy decisions. The Monetary Policy Committee recently kept the key rate unchanged at 4.50%, reflecting what Dr Thakoor describes as "a cautious approach against the backdrop of exceptionally high uncertainty". Avoiding abrupt policy shifts, she notes, helps preserve mar-

Mauritius' banking sector has long been regarded as one of the island's strongest economic pillars, combining resilience with an outward-looking financial architecture. At a time of heightened geopolitical uncertainty, technological disruption and climate-related risks, the role of the central bank has become more critical than ever. Under the leadership of its newly appointed Governor, Dr Priscilla Muthoora Thakoor, the Bank of Mauritius is seeking to consolidate stability while accelerating transformation.

Dr Thakoor's vision is unambiguous. "My vision is to cement the reputation of the Bank of Mauritius as an independent and credible central bank capable of delivering on its mandate for the benefit of the economy and the population," she says. Beyond safeguarding price and financial stability, she wants the institution to be "modern, agile, and globally respected", capable of responding to rapidly evolving risks.

Inflation management remains a central priority. Like many small open economies, Mauritius is highly exposed to global price mo-

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ket confidence and anchor medium-term inflation expectations.

Financial stability, however, extends well beyond interest rates. As Mauritius deepens its role as an international financial centre, the robustness of its banking system is non-negotiable. The

Bank of Mauritius aligns its regulatory standards with global norms, including Basel principles and FATF recommendations, while maintaining strong supervisory oversight. A comprehensive financial surveillance framework, supported by stress testing and transparent communication, underpins confidence in the sector.

Innovation is another defining theme. Digital payments, fintech regulation and experimentation through an innovation hub are reshaping how financial services are delivered. The bank is also carefully assessing the potential of a digital rupee, weighing benefits such as faster, cheaper transactions and greater inclusion against risks linked to cybersecurity and monetary transmission.

Sustainability has moved firmly into the mainstream of central banking. Through its Climate Change Centre and participation in the Network for Greening the Financial System, the bank is integrating climate-related risks into policy frameworks and encouraging sustainable finance. As Dr Thakoor puts it, "This is not just about compliance though, it's about building resilience."

For international investors and partners, particularly in the Gulf, Mauritius presents growing opportunities in fintech, capital markets and cross-border banking. The message to *Khaleej Times* readers is clear: Mauritius' banking sector is stable, innovative and globally connected, with a central bank committed to inspiring confidence while preparing the system for the future. ●



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HSBC Mauritius: Bridging Global Markets from the Indian Ocean

A strategic banking hub connecting Africa, Asia and the Gulf through trade, finance and sustainability.

HSBC Mauritius plays a pivotal role within HSBC's international network, leveraging the island's strategic location between Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and global markets. From Mauritius, the bank supports more than 40 key trade and investment corridors, facilitating the smooth flow of capital, goods, and expertise. With around 90% of its activity being inbound, HSBC Mauritius is a trusted partner for Corporate and Institutional Banking clients with cross-border ambitions.



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CEO & HEAD OF
BANKING AT HSBC
MAURITIUS



For over a century, HSBC has contributed to Mauritius's evolution into a reputable international financial centre. A pioneer in the Global Business sector, the bank established one of the country's first Offshore Banking Units in 1991. Today, it supports multinationals, investment funds, and local conglomerates through tailored solutions spanning trade finance, treasury, multi-currency lending, payments, and global custody. Its expertise is evident in complex mandates, including large-scale tax remittances and sophisticated escrow and lending transactions.

"Our strength lies in combining global reach with deep local expertise to connect clients across regions," says Hajrah Sakaloo, CEO and Head of Banking at HSBC Mauritius. Growth is driven by sectors such as investment funds, renewable energy, telecommunications, automotive, textiles, and business process outsourcing, with increasing focus on infrastructure and green mobility.

Digital innovation underpins the bank's client-centric approach. Platforms like HSBC-

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net, real-time payments, and advanced liquidity management tools deliver transparency, speed, and control for international operations.

Sustainability is central to HSBC Mauritius's strategy, with leadership in sustainability-linked finance and green funding programmes aligned with national and global climate goals. As the bank approaches its 110th anniversary in 2026, it remains firmly committed to innovation, connectivity, and reinforcing Mauritius's role as a global financial hub. ●



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MCB Group: Anchoring Mauritius as a Financial Gateway Between Africa and the World

From historic roots to regional influence, MCB is shaping sustainable finance across Africa's emerging economic corridors.

For nearly two centuries, MCB Group has been inseparable from the economic development of Mauritius. Founded 187 years ago, it is the country's oldest bank and one of the longest-operating banks in continuous activity in the southern hemisphere. While its longevity is remarkable, what truly defines MCB today is its ability to reinvent itself in line with shifting global financial dynamics while remaining firmly anchored in its home market.


Over the past three decades, MCB has undergone a profound transformation. Once primarily a domestic commercial bank, it has evolved into a diversified financial group with growing regional and international reach. Domestically, it is the largest bank in Mauritius. Internationally, it has expanded steadily across the Indian Ocean and Africa, positioning itself as a key facilitator of trade, investment, and capital flows between Africa and the rest of the world.

This evolution has been supported by strong financial fundamentals. MCB today ranks among Africa's top-tier banks, with a balance sheet of approximately \$20 billion, equity of \$2.3 billion, and profits of around \$450 million in the most recent financial year. Its activities span wholesale banking, corporate and investment banking, and private banking, underpinned by disciplined risk management and a long-term strategic outlook.

MCB's international footprint reflects a carefully sequenced expansion strategy. Subsidiaries in the Maldives, Seychelles, and Madagascar, along with joint ventures with Société Générale in Réunion and Mayotte, strengthened its regional presence in the Indian Ocean. More recently, the group has accelerated its engagement with mainland Africa, focusing on commercial and financial corridors linking Africa with Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas. These corridors are increasingly important for sectors such as energy, infrastructure, logistics, and private equity, where cross-border financing expertise is critical.

Unlike institutions that approach Africa primarily through a risk lens, MCB positions itself as an African bank with an intimate understanding of the continent's realities. Africa accounts for less than four per cent of global carbon emissions, yet approximately 600 million people still lack access to electricity. For MCB, this underscores the need for what




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it describes as responsible carbonisation: supporting economic development and energy access while gradually transitioning towards renewable sources.

As Thierry Hebraud, Chief Executive Officer of MCB Bank, explains: "Deeply rooted in Mauritius, our long-term commitment is to Africa and its transformation, supporting sustainable growth while connecting the continent to global financial flows."

In practical terms, this means financing solar, geothermal, and hydroelectric projects, alongside investments that strengthen energy security and economic resilience. In Mauritius, the focus is firmly on decarbonisation, renewable energy, and climate resilience, aligning financial activity with national sustainability priorities. These initiatives are transparently reported through detailed sustainability disclosures, reinforcing accountability to stakeholders.

Mauritius' emergence as a trusted international financial centre has been central to MCB's regional ambitions. The country combines political stability, a strong legal and regulatory framework, and an investment-grade sovereign rating. Its extensive network of double taxation avoidance treaties, including agreements with India, China, and numerous African countries, has made it an attractive jurisdiction for structuring cross-border investments. Membership in the African Continental

to improve efficiency and client experience. However, the most significant focus is on payments. Efficient payment systems are essential for enabling intra-African trade and reducing transaction costs. MCB is therefore closely following initiatives such as Afreximbank's Pan-African Payment and Settlement System, which aims to simplify and accelerate cross-border payments within Africa.

By matching payment flows across currencies and countries, such systems can reduce reliance on the US dollar, enhancing financial independence for African businesses. MCB is also exploring emerging technologies such as virtual assets, tokenisation, and stablecoins, with Mauritius serving as a regulated and credible platform for innovation. Throughout this digital journey, cybersecurity and operational resilience remain non-negotiable priorities.

As the largest bank in Mauritius, MCB continues to play a central role in supporting the domestic economy. It finances key sectors such as tourism, real estate, manufacturing, agro-industry, and education, while supporting small and medium-sized enterprises through dedicated platforms such as Punch. Historically, long-term financing to industries like textiles helped build Mauritius' middle class. Today, MCB is extending this developmental role to fintech, innovation, and emerging industries.

Three years ago, the group launched a MUR 10 billion ESG financing envelope to support sustainable projects. The facility has since been fully utilised, and MCB is considering a substantial increase, reflecting strong demand for sustainable finance solutions. The underlying philosophy is clear: the bank's success is inseparable from the success of Mauritius and the broader region.

Economic and financial ties between Mauritius and the UAE are also deepening. Dubai's growing focus on sub-Saharan Africa aligns closely with MCB's strategy. The group is expanding its presence at the Dubai International Financial Centre to scale operations and staffing, creating opportunities for collaboration with UAE-based investors, banks, fintech firms, and sovereign institutions.

Rooted in Mauritius yet outward-looking, MCB's long-term commitment is firmly anchored in Africa's transformation. By combining financial strength, digital innovation, and responsible banking, the group aims to support sustainable growth across the continent while reinforcing Mauritius' position as a connected and credible international financial hub. ■

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Free Trade Agreement further enhances its role as a gateway to the continent.

MCB leverages these advantages to facilitate commercial, investment, and payment flows across Africa. Rather than competing with global financial hubs, it positions Mauritius as a complementary centre. This is particularly evident in its relationship with Dubai. While Dubai offers scale, liquidity, and global connectivity, MCB provides deep expertise in sub-Saharan Africa, supported by offices in Nairobi, Johannesburg, Lagos, Dubai, and Paris. Together, these hubs allow the group to support clients across time zones and markets, reinforcing Mauritius' relevance in global finance.

Digital transformation is another pillar of MCB's strategy. The bank has prioritised the digitalisation of customer onboarding, including know-your-customer processes,





Standard Chartered Bank Mauritius: A Super-Connector Linking Africa, the Gulf and Asia

Leveraging global reach, digital innovation and sustainable finance to position Mauritius at the heart of cross-border growth.

Bank Mauritius, the bank's network is its defining strength. "We are a super-connector bank, helping multinational companies access growth opportunities across emerging and frontier markets," he says. Mauritius, he adds, is recognised by the Group as both a gateway to the African continent and a critical anchor market for Sub-Saharan Africa, aligned with its ambition to be the 'Gateway to Africa and Asia'.

The Mauritius franchise benefits from a unique footprint. Standard Chartered Bank is the only global bank in Mauritius with a presence in nine other African countries, enabling clients to tap into regional opportunities with confidence. Its world-class offering spans cash management, custody, trade finance, financial markets and transactional banking, underpinned by advanced digital solutions and fast, reliable cross-border payments.

Mauritius's rise as an International Financial Centre (IFC) further reinforces the bank's role. The jurisdiction today hosts more than 20,000 global

business companies and around 1,000 funds, collectively managing assets exceeding \$1 trillion. While capital flows historically originated from Europe and the US, post-pandemic dynamics have seen growing Asia-to-Africa investment, particularly in infrastructure, mining and energy. Standard Chartered Bank Mauritius plays a central role in facilitating these flows through tailored treasury, forex and structuring solutions.

Digitisation remains a cornerstone of the bank's strategy. Over the past five years, Standard Chartered Bank has invested around \$300 million in technology across Sub-Saharan Africa. Its Straight-to-Bank platform and regional liquidity management solutions continue to enhance efficiency for regional treasury centres, with Mauritius having pioneered such capabilities on the continent.

Sustainability is equally embedded in the bank's approach. Standard Chartered Bank supported the government of Mauritius in launching its inaugural Sustainable Finance Fra-

"We are a super connector bank, helping multinational companies access growth opportunities across emerging and frontier markets."

mework in 2023 and later acted as Sustainability Coordinator for a landmark \$400 million sustainability-linked loan. "There is no one-size-fits-all solution for sustainable finance, especially for small island economies," Anwar notes, highlighting the need for customised transition financing.

Through strong governance, secure-by-design platforms and close collaboration with regulators, Standard Chartered Bank Mauritius remains a trusted partner, connecting global capital to local ambition and supporting the country's long-term economic aspirations. ●

Standard Chartered Bank Mauritius occupies a distinctive position within the Group's global network, acting as a strategic bridge between Africa, the Middle East and Asia. With operations spanning some of the world's fastest-growing trade and investment corridors, the bank leverages deep local insight alongside international capabilities to support corporates, financial institutions and investors navigating increasingly complex cross-border environments.

According to Abrar A. Anwar, CEO and Head of Coverage of Standard Chartered



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Banque Patronus: Redefining Private and Commercial Banking in Mauritius

Blending Swiss private banking heritage, Dubai dynamism and Mauritian sophistication to serve globally mobile wealth.

Mauritius continues to strengthen its reputation as a trusted international financial centre, attracting high-net-worth individuals, family offices and cross-border businesses seeking stability, transparency and efficiency. Within this evolving environment, Banque Patronus enters the market with a clear ambition: to redefine private and commercial banking through global standards, simplicity of execution and a human-centric philosophy.

Banque Patronus is the banking arm of Dubai-based Patronus Wealth Holdings Ltd, founded in 2017 by Rom Atapattu and Nikhilesh Pawar. Together, the co-founders bring more than 55 years of combined experience across Swiss private banking and senior roles at major global financial institutions. Patronus Wealth has operated a mirror entity in Mauritius for nearly nine years, delivering wealth management, broker-dealer services and custody to international clients.

From the outset, the founders identified a gap in the market for genuinely bespoke financial solutions. As the needs of internationally mobile families became more complex, it became clear that wealth management alone was insufficient. A fully licensed bank was essential to deliver seamless, end-to-end solutions under one platform.


Dubai's rapid rise as a global hub for family offices, particularly within the DIFC, provided further momentum. At the same time, Mauritius was maturing into a credible alternative to traditional booking centres such as Switzerland, London and Singapore. When an existing bank exited the Mauritian market, Patronus seized the opportunity. Following a rigorous three-year regulatory process, Banque Patronus officially took over operations from Habib Bank under the supervision of the Bank of Mauritius.


The objective was never to compete for domestic mass-market share. Mauritius already boasts a sophisticated and well-regulated banking sector. Banque Patronus instead focuses on an international clientele, Europeans, UK nationals and globally mobile families responding to evolving tax regimes. Much of this wealth has historically been managed in Switzerland, Singapore or, more recently, Dubai.

By partnering with global institutions such as Bank of New York Mellon and Euroclear, Banque Patronus delivers institutional-grade custody, with assets held off-balance-sheet. According to Rom Atapattu, this structure ensures clients benefit from transparency, asset protection and operational standards aligned with leading international financial centres.

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FOUNDER AND CEO OF
PATRONUS GROUP


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FOUNDER AND MD OF
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Beyond infrastructure, Banque Patronus differentiates itself through a philosophy centred on simplicity and respect for the client's time. The founders are candid about the frustrations many clients experience with traditional banking models, where processes have become increasingly rigid and impersonal.

As Nikhilesh Pawar explains: "Modern banking has become unnecessarily complex; our mission is to simplify the experience and put genuine client relationships back at the centre."

In practical terms, this translates into streamlined onboarding, clear documenta-

tion, direct access to decision-makers and dedicated relationship managers. "Clients value clarity and efficiency," Pawar adds. "They want to feel understood, not processed."

Banque Patronus offers cash management, credit facilities, securities execution and integrated wealth management, but with a deliberately selective focus. The bank does not serve retail customers, nor does it offer personal loans, mortgages or vehicle financing. Its core segments are high-net-worth individuals, family offices, affluent and mass-affluent clients with complex, often multi-jurisdictional needs.

"Transactional banking is available, but only within the context of a meaningful custody or asset-management relationship," says Rom Atapattu. "Our clients are focused on structuring, preserving and deploying wealth efficiently across borders."

This model is reinforced by the long-standing presence of Patronus Wealth Privé in Mauritius. Over the past eight years, the team has developed deep expertise in priva-

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te-client services, including discretionary management, advisory mandates and bespoke structuring. Offerings are organised across three tiers, Patronus Prime, Patronus Prestige and Patronus Privé, ensuring alignment with each client's sophistication and objectives.

Global experience also informs the bank's governance and risk-management framework. Rather than relying on rigid, box-ticking compliance, Banque Patronus applies a genuinely risk-based approach grounded in understanding clients holistically. "When risk assessment is built on real understanding rather than silos, outcomes improve for both the client and the institution," notes Nikhilesh Pawar.

As Mauritius advances its ambitions as an international financial hub, Banque Patronus sees itself as an active contributor. The island's extensive double-taxation treaty network, political stability and strategic location make it increasingly attractive to global wealth, particularly from Africa. Many affluent Africans already regard Mauritius as their financial base, while Dubai's rise as a family-office hub creates natural synergies between the two jurisdictions.

The bank also benefits from the backing of the LOLC Group, whose regulatory footprint across Africa, Asia and Latin America provides valuable market insight. According to Rom Atapattu, this ecosystem strengthens long-term strategic thinking without altering the bank's focused private-banking model.

Looking ahead, Banque Patronus sees strong potential for deeper collaboration between Mauritius and the Gulf, particularly as African wealth continues to consolidate on the island. Demand is growing for private banking services that match the standards of Switzerland or Singapore, delivered with agility and personal attention.

By combining modern infrastructure with enduring relationship-driven values, Banque Patronus is positioning itself not merely as a new entrant, but as a meaningful evolution of private and commercial banking in Mauritius. 



Absa Mauritius: A pan-African banking powerhouse driving Innovation and Investment

Award-winning bank positions Mauritius as a gateway for global capital into Africa's fastest-growing markets.

Absa Bank (Mauritius) Limited occupies a unique position at the crossroads of local financial leadership and pan-African connectivity. In 2025, this role was formally recognised when The Banker named Absa Mauritius Bank of the Year, citing the bank's sustained focus on innovation, transformation and excellence within one of Africa's most sophisticated and competitive financial centres.

The recognition reflects Absa Mauritius's integral role within Absa Group, one of Africa's largest financial services institutions. The group operates full banking franchises in 12 African countries, with international offices in London, New York and Beijing. With more than 37,000 employees serving over 12 million customers, Absa Group provides the scale, connectivity and balance-sheet strength that enable Absa Mauritius to play a meaningful role in cross-border banking and pan-African investment flows.

From its base in Mauritius, Africa's only investment-grade jurisdiction and one of its most sophisticated international financial centres, Absa Mauritius acts as a critical gateway for international capital into Africa. The bank operates a comprehensive universal banking model encompassing Corporate and Investment Banking, Retail and Business Banking, International



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MAURITIUS

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Banking, Custody Services and Wealth and Investment Management across both domestic and offshore markets. This breadth allows Absa Mauritius to

“Excellence today means combining innovation, resilience and responsibility.”

support cross-border trade, structured finance, capital markets transactions and advisory services, connecting global investors with African growth opportunities.

Within the group, Absa Mauritius is a leading contributor to Corporate and Investment Banking earnings outside South Africa, reflecting the scale and sophistication of its international and capital markets franchise. Domestically, the bank plays a significant role in Mauritius's financial stability and market development, reflecting the scale, resilience and depth of its local franchise. The 2024 acquisition of HSBC's retail, wealth and business banking operations further strengthened its franchise, bringing approximately 38,000 additional customers and reinforcing its universal banking model.

Absa Mauritius has also played a defining role in developing the country's capital markets. The bank raised more than MUR 3 billion in local currency for the real estate sector, one of the largest such transactions in Mauritius, and led a landmark IPO in the technology, media and telecommunications sector on

the Stock Exchange of Mauritius. These transactions demonstrate the bank's ability to structure complex deals, mobilise capital at scale and support strategic sectors of the Mauritian economy.

Beyond financial performance, Absa Mauritius has embedded sustainability and responsible finance into its long-term strategy. The bank has been active in financing renewable energy projects, green infrastructure and ESG-linked transactions that support Mauritius's transition to a low-carbon economy and long-term economic resilience. Alongside this, initiatives such as the Stories of Hope programme reflect a broader commitment to social impact, including cancer screening awareness and support for healthcare infrastructure, reinforcing a purpose-led approach to development.

As the bank notes, “Excellence today means combining innovation, resilience and responsibility.” With its bank of the Year 2025 recognition, Absa Mauritius continues to strengthen Mauritius's position as a trusted gateway for global investment into Africa's long-term, sustainable growth. ●



TDB Group: Supporting Africa's Trade, Integration and Sustainable Development

A multilateral African development bank connecting regional ambition, global capital and long-term impact across the continent.

Established in 1985, the Trade and Development Bank Group (TDB Group) was created to address persistent financing gaps constraining African trade and development. It has since evolved into one of Africa's leading regional multilateral development finance groups, financing trade, infrastructure and sustainable growth across the continent.

With over \$10 billion in assets, shareholder capital of approximately \$2.3 billion and more than 80 sovereign and institutional shareholders across its different subsidiaries, TDB Group has delivered a cumulative \$58 billion in financing and guarantees over the past four decades, now



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supporting more than 1.3 million jobs and directly benefiting an estimated 16 million people.

Under the leadership of Group President and Managing Director Admassu Tadesse, the institution has undergone far-reaching governance, capital and organisational reforms. These culminated in TDB achieving its first investment-grade ratings in 2017, enabling it to channel global capital into Africa on better terms than what client can often independently secure. As Tadesse notes, TDB Group remains “fast on our feet, purpose-driven, and eager to innovate” in response to Africa's development priorities.

TDB Group plays a pivotal role in financing intra-African trade, industrial value

chains and cross-border infrastructure, from fertiliser trade between Morocco and Ethiopia to manufacturing, rail, energy and digital connectivity projects. “Sustainable development in Africa centres on economic integration,” Tadesse emphasises, underscoring the bank's alignment with African Continental Free Trade Area ambitions.

Mauritius, where one of the group's principal offices is located, has emerged as a strategic hub for TDB Group's asset management and captive insurance platforms, in addition to its regular development banking, and concessional and impact funding operations across the continent. From its Mauritius base, the group crowds-in regional and global capital, including from Gulf partners, while advancing Africa's long-term, sustainable development agenda. ●



A Well-Established Banking Nexus for Global Business and Finance

Mauritius' banking sector is a mature and diversified ecosystem supporting the country's role as an international financial centre. The industry includes 19 banks, five local, 12 foreign, one joint venture and one private bank, all licensed by the Bank of Mauritius to operate locally and internationally.

- **CORE OF THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM:** Banks hold ~90% of financial sector assets.
- **VERY LARGE RELATIVE TO THE ECONOMY:** Total banking assets ≈ 350–380% of GDP.
- **NUMBER OF BANKS:** 19 licensed banks, including domestic banks and foreign subsidiaries/branches.
- **REGULATOR:** Bank of Mauritius (BoM) under the Banking Act 2004.

- **MARKET STRUCTURE:** Moderately concentrated, dominated by major players such as MCB and SBM.
- **ACTIVITIES:** Retail and corporate banking, trade finance, treasury, private banking, and cross-border/international banking.
- **STABILITY:** Generally well-capitalised and liquid, with ratios above regulatory minimums.

The sector offers a wide range of services beyond traditional lending and deposits, including digital banking, trade finance, fund administration, custodial services, treasury, investment banking and private wealth management. International banks based in Mauritius actively support cross-border transactions.

Industry leaders emphasise that credibility rests on a strong regulatory framework, skilled talent and close collaboration between banks and regulators to sustain trust and competitiveness. ●

Mauritius' ICT Landscape: Building a Trusted Digital Gateway Between Africa and the World

How strategy, regulation and talent are positioning Mauritius as a resilient, innovation-driven digital hub.

Mauritius has long been recognised as a regional pioneer in information and communication technologies, but its current digital transformation marks a decisive shift from adoption to leadership. Through coordinated policy, modern regulation and sustained investment in people and infrastructure, the country is positioning its IT sector as a strategic engine for economic growth and international connectivity.

At the core of this ambition is the government's Digital Transformation Blueprint 2025–29, which sets out a comprehensive roadmap to modernise public services, strengthen trust in digital systems and foster innovation across the economy. The blueprint frames technology not as an end in itself, but as a tool to improve quality of life, competitiveness and inclusion, while preparing Mauritius for an AI-driven global economy.

Avinash Ramtohul, Minister of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation, underlines that progress in this field is evolutionary rather than instantaneous. "Digital transformation is more of a journey than a destination," he says, reflecting Mauritius' steady path from its first government data-processing initiatives in the late 1970s to today's sophisticated digital ecosystem. ICT, he adds, is viewed as a key enabler of both economic progress and social well-being, with a clear ambition to export Mauritian digital services across Africa and into European and American markets.

The foundations for this ambition are already in place. Mauritius benefits from advanced digital infrastructure, including multiple submarine cables, near-universal fibre-to-the-home coverage and mobile penetration rates exceeding those of many developed economies. The country was also among the earliest in Africa to roll out 5G, thanks to a pragmatic spectrum policy that prioritises rapid deployment over costly auctions. This approach has allowed operators to focus investment on network quality, coverage and innovation.

Building on this connectivity, the government is now establishing a robust Digital Public Infrastructure that will underpin all future digital services. Unified digital identity, secure data-sharing platforms and interoperable government systems are designed to simplify interactions for citizens and businesses, reduce duplication and enable mobile-first access. A single government portal and planned "super app" will bring services together under one digital roof, reinforcing efficiency while improving user experience.



* AVINASH RAMTOHUL, MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, COMMUNICATION AND INNOVATION OF MAURITIUS

"ICT is a key enabler of both economic progress and social well-being."

Strong governance and regulation are central to the credibility of Mauritius' IT sector. The Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA), established in 2001, has evolved into a proactive regulator overseeing telecoms, digital services, cybersecurity and emerging technologies. Its light-touch yet forward-looking regulatory stance has enabled innovation while maintaining high standards for service quality, competition and consumer protection. Legislative reforms are now aligning data protection with EU GDPR principles, updating electronic transactions laws to support blockchain-based trade, and modernising licensing frameworks to reflect converged digital services.



* JEROME LOUIS, OFFICER IN CHARGE & DIRECTOR OF THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AT ICTA

Cybersecurity and trust feature prominently in this strategy. Mauritius consistently ranks among Africa's top countries for cybersecurity readiness, and new institutional reforms are strengthening resilience further. The establishment of a National Cyber Resilience and Cyber Security Agency, backed by mandatory audits and sector-specific standards, aims to protect critical infrastructure and sensitive data. At the same time, nationwide awareness campaigns recognise that cyber resilience depends as much on informed users as on secure systems.

Human capital development remains the sector's most strategic investment. The government is prioritising digital literacy, AI awareness and advanced technical skills across all age groups, while addressing gender imbalances in STEM education. Initiatives such as gamified learning, AI integration in curricula and partnerships with international institutions are designed to ensure that Mauritians are not only users

* **The Digital Transformation Blueprint frames technology as a tool to improve quality of life, competitiveness and inclusion.**

of technology, but creators and innovators within the digital economy.

The growing start-up ecosystem reflects this focus. Plans to consolidate incubators, investors and mentors within dedicated technology parks, alongside virtual laboratories and innovation sandboxes, are helping entrepreneurs test and scale ideas with global relevance. Public-private partnerships, described by the minister as "public-private-people partnerships", are central to this approach, ensuring that innovation remains inclusive and locally anchored.

Strategically located between Africa and Asia, with political stability and ease of doing business, Mauritius is increasingly attractive to global technology firms seeking a secure regional base. Existing presences from major international players, combined with growing engagement with Gulf partners such as the UAE, point to expanding collaboration in areas ranging from smart governance to fintech and artificial intelligence.

As Mauritius accelerates its digital journey, its message to investors and partners is clear: the country offers not only advanced infrastructure and strong regulation, but a coherent, people-centred vision for technology-led growth. In doing so, it is redefining its IT sector as a trusted digital gateway between Africa and the wider world. ●

FOUR PILLARS OF THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION BLUEPRINT (2025–29)

- **DIGITAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE:** modernising public service delivery through unified data centers powered by technologies such as Mobile ID and digital documents.
- **ECONOMY- INNOVATION AND PRIVATE SECTOR GROWTH:** supports entrepreneurship, startup ecosystems and Public-Private-People partnerships to unlock innovation.
- **HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT:** equipping all citizens with the tools and training to participate meaningfully in the digital economy.
- **PLANET - A SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT DIGITAL FUTURE:** promotes climate-conscious technologies and eco-friendly digital practices.



Mauritius Ports: Building a Smart, Sustainable Gateway for the Indian Ocean

Port Louis is expanding capacity and digital systems as private operators and regional trade partners push Mauritius into hub status.

Mauritius is steadily asserting itself as a logistics and transshipment hub in the Indian Ocean, driven by strategic port upgrades and an expanding private sector ecosystem. At the heart of this transformation is the Mauritius Ports Authority (MPA), which regulates and controls Port Louis Harbour, handling around 99% of the country's external trade and supporting imports such as fuel, food, machinery, medical supplies and consumer goods, while enabling exports including sugar, tuna and textiles. As MPA Chairman Maurice Allet notes, Port Louis "has emerged as a highly competitive port in the region," reflecting its strategic location on major shipping routes.

The port authority is pursuing a bold master plan, with new projects that include an Island Container Terminal, a breakwater to create a calmer basin, and a 1.2km quay capable of handling up to 1.8 million TEUs, ensuring Port Louis remains a major transshipment hub. "Port Louis can capitalise on increasing trade between Africa, India, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East," Allet says, outlining the port's evolving role amid shifting trade routes and larger vessels. These developments are complemented by digital mo-



Port Louis Harbour.



Port Louis Harbour.

dernisation, such as the Maritime Single Window and a Vessel Clearance System, which have helped reduce delays and improve cargo flow.

On the private sector side, Velogic Holding Company has emerged as the island's largest

logistics operator, offering end-to-end services from freight forwarding to warehousing and road haulage. CEO Vishal Nunkoo explains: "Our main advantage is that we provide the full range of logistics services under one roof," enabling clients to outsource logistics while focusing on core business. Velogic also leverages Mauritius' Freeport status to support regional trade, adding that the country's port infrastructure must expand "to attract major shipping lines and enable more transshipment opportunities."

Meanwhile, Groupe Roland Maurel is strengthening Mauritius' maritime supply

*** Port Louis Harbour handles around 99% of Mauritius's external trade, making it the critical backbone of the country's logistics system and central to its ambition to become a regional transshipment and logistics hub in the Indian Ocean.**

chain through its bunkering venture, which introduces "mass flow meter technology, the same used in Singapore," to improve transparency and safety. The group's broader vision is to make Mauritius a logistics and duty-free hub for global brands entering Africa, and to position the island as a future maritime refuelling centre.

Together, these public and private actors are driving Mauritius toward a resilient, digital and green logistics future, one designed to connect Africa, Asia and the Middle East with greater efficiency and reliability. ●

Mauritius Freeport Development Powers the Island's Rise as a Regional Logistics Gateway

Integrated infrastructure, digital logistics and regional reach position Mauritius as a strategic hub for Africa and the Indian Ocean.

Since its establishment in 1998, Mauritius Freeport Development (MFD) has played a central role in shaping the island's logistics and distribution landscape. Conceived as part of the government's ambition to create a new economic pillar through the Freeport model, MFD was entrusted with the largest share of Freeport land. From its original 25-hectare site, the group has expanded to five locations, now offering approximately 140,000 square metres of modern warehouse space.

MFD operates on two complementary pillars. As a Freeport developer, it delivers fully built, ready-to-use facilities that significantly reduce capital expenditure for clients. As a 3PL and supply chain specialist, through MFD Logistics, it provides end-to-end services including freight forwarding, customs clearance, transport, warehousing, order preparation and re-export solutions. "Everything is plug-and-work, allowing our customers to focus solely on sourcing and selling their products," says Hans Herchenroder, Group Chief Commercial Officer of MFD Group.



*** GUILLAUME ADAM, GENERAL MANAGER OF MFD LOGISTICS**

This integrated model supports Mauritius' ambition to act as a gateway between Africa, the Indian Ocean and Asia. Strategically lo-



"Everything is plug-and-work, allowing our customers to focus solely on sourcing and selling their products."

cated along major shipping lanes, the island benefits from deep-water port infrastructure complemented by private-sector investment.

MFD's operations enable companies to use Mauritius as a springboard into regional markets while benefiting from trade agreements and a stable business environment.

MFD Logistics acts as the operational engine behind this vision, with a strong emphasis on digitalisation, transparency and innovation. Advanced warehouse management systems ensure full traceability and real-time visibility across supply chains. "Our focus is on innovation, efficiency and clear communication, giving customers confidence and control over their logistics," notes Guillaume Adam, General Manager of MFD Logistics.

Sustainability and resilience are also core priorities. From ammonia-based refrigeration and solar energy to flexible storage solutions and multimodal transport options, MFD is building a future-ready logistics platform. With growing networks in Eastern Africa and strong ties with Gulf partners, MFD is positioning Mauritius as a competitive, reliable and forward-looking regional logistics hub. ●





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NAWAZ
KHAN CHADY,
FOUNDER OF
HYVEC GROUP

Hyvec Group: Building Mauritius's Future Through Vision, Innovation and Resilience

From construction roots to a diversified powerhouse, Hyvec Group shapes Mauritius's growth while expanding regionally and fostering sustainable, inclusive economic development.

For more than thirty years, Hyvec Group has stood at the forefront of Mauritius's economic transformation. Founded in 1993 by Nawaz Khan Chady as a construction company, the group has evolved into one of the country's most dynamic and diversified business conglomerates. Today, Hyvec actively operates across Construction & Property Development, Retail & Distribution, Finance & Investment, Leisure & Hospitality, and the Food sector, employing over 2,000 people locally and maintaining a growing presence across the Indian Ocean and the Middle East.

According to Nawaz Khan Chady, Hyvec's journey has been guided by "hard work, integrity, and innovation", values that have allowed the group to anticipate market needs, adapt to changing economic realities, and seize opportunities for sustainable expansion. This combination of agility and foundational strength has enabled Hyvec to emerge as a pivotal player in multiple sectors critical to Mauritius's development.

A defining aspect of Hyvec's evolution has been its deliberate and strategic diversification. Rather than diversify merely for growth, the group's approach has been to build long-term resilience and operational synergies. "Each cluster complements the other," explains Nawaz Khan Chady. Whether in retail, hospitality, or infrastructure, the group's overarching vision is to deliver quality, innovation, and exceptional value.

Retail & Distribution has become one of Hyvec's fastest-growing pillars, powered by a portfolio of globally recognised brands. Hyvec represents leading luxury and lifestyle names such as Ralph Lauren, Montblanc, Armani, Calvin Klein, Tommy Hilfiger, Hackett London, and GANT, while also serving the home and design sector through its partnership with Kohler. The group has also strengthened its presence in the food and beverage space through Burger King, one of the world's most iconic quick-service restaurant brands.

Yet construction remains central to Hyvec's identity. Through Hyvec Construction and Hyvec Properties, the group has shaped Mauritius's urban, industrial, and hospitality landscapes. Its projects span public infrastructure, social housing, luxury residences, commercial high-rises, and major tourism developments. Partnerships with international leaders such as Stefanutti Stocks have strengthened Hyvec's technical capabilities and improved its capacity to execute large, complex projects.

Hyvec is currently building four hotels simultaneously, including a landmark project with Ritz-Carlton under the Marriott group, and the soon-to-open Courtyard by Marriott Ebène. The completion of these developments will position Hyvec among Mauritius's largest hotel groups,



"Our strategy is to bring Mauritian know-how and our unique blend of innovation and reliability to new markets, while forming strong local partnerships."

blending global standards with authentic Mauritian craftsmanship. Additional flagship projects include the One&Only Le St Géran villas, major developments in Ebène and Port Louis, and the upcoming Rose Belle Mall by Wess, a retail destination set to redefine shopping and entertainment in the region.

Innovation is deeply embedded in Hyvec's operations. The company integrates advanced technologies such as Building Information Modelling (BIM), modern project management systems, and sustainable engineering practices. Nawaz Khan Chady emphasises the group's commitment to energy efficiency, responsible sourcing, and long-term durability, supported by international best practices in environmental performance.

Hyvec's contribution extends beyond business growth to national development goals. The group has delivered major public infrastructure projects, including 750 social housing

units and the Melrose Prison complex, projects that demonstrate technical expertise and the ability to meet high-security and large-scale requirements. For Nawaz Khan Chady, collaboration between the public and private sectors is essential to Mauritius's future: "We bring efficiency, expertise, and innovation to complement the government's infrastructure vision."

Social responsibility is also central to Hyvec's mission. The group invests in youth training, career development, and support for vulnerable communities, reinforcing the belief that "true success must be shared."

Looking ahead, Hyvec sees strong opportunities for expansion into Africa and the Middle East, particularly in construction, property investment, and hospitality. The group also anticipates deeper collaboration with UAE partners, leveraging Mauritius's stability and strategic location alongside Gulf innovation and capital.

Nawaz Khan Chady's message to Khaleej Times readers is clear: Mauritius is a resilient, innovative, and future-ready business destination, and Hyvec is committed to helping shape that future.



Hyvec Group at a glance

FOUNDED:
1993

NO OF EMPLOYEES:
+2000

CORE SECTORS:
-Construction and Property Development
-Retail and Distribution
-Finance and Investment
-Leisure and Hospitality
-Food

INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE:
Indian ocean and Middle East

TURNOVER 2024:
\$100,675,528.437 (MUR
4,620,000,000 @ \$45.89)



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KASSOO
PILLAY (COLEN)
RAMASAWMY,
FOUNDER OF RRCL

Ramasawmy & Ramasawmy Co Ltd (RRCL): Building Mauritius with Quality, Integrity and Long-Term Vision

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Fairways Villa.



Esplanade.

Founded in 1995, Ramasawmy & Ramasawmy Co Ltd, AKA as RRCL has evolved from a small family business into one of Mauritius' most respected construction firms. Established by the late Sanmoorgum Poullay Ramasawmy and his son, Kassoo Pillay Ramasawmy best known as Colen Ramasawmy in the construction industry, the company began with modest projects for Mauritius Telecom before steadily expanding into public infrastructure and private developments.

Following his father's passing in 2001, Colen Ramasawmy assumed full responsibility for the company, overseeing everything from contract management to on-site execution. "From the day we sign a contract, we are fully committed & invested, and there is no compromise on quality of deliverables and/or integrity," he says. By the mid-2000s, the company entered large-scale residential projects and hotel renovations, com-

pleting major works for leading hospitality groups such as Sun Resorts, Nāiade (now LUX), Attitude, Verandah Group Resorts, Cenizaro resorts, Sofitel Accor group among others, cementing its reputation for excellence.

Over nearly three decades, RRCL has delivered more than 175, including luxury villas, commercial buildings, clinics, and national housing developments. Today, the company is active across most of Mauritius' major smart city pro-

jects, including Anahita, Valriche, Azuri, Moka Smart City, ENL Properties, and Mont Choisy smart city. Its strongest reputation lies in high-end villa construction, where clients value precision, durability, and long-term performance.

Operations Director Pazani Moothoo Curpen and Director Ritesh Appadoo have played key roles in strengthening systems and innovation. The company is the only contractor in Mauritius using Procore, a leading global

"From the day we sign a contract, we are fully committed & invested, and there is no compromise on quality of deliverables and/or integrity."

project management platform, providing real-time oversight on quality, safety, and cost control. Sustainability is central to its strategy, with the use of eco-blocks, reusable formwork, reflective coatings, and waste-reduction protocols.

"Our projects are built to last, and so are our relationships," notes Ritesh Appadoo. With a growing focus on climate resilience, digital tools, and collaboration with international investors, particularly from the UAE, RRCL continues to help shape Mauritius into a modern, resilient, and future-ready economy. ●

Mirasi Group Drives Mauritius' Urban Transformation Through Visionary Real Estate Investments

A dynamic regional developer reshaping Mauritius and Madagascar with integrated urban ecosystems, lifestyle destinations, and long-term partnerships across real estate, retail, and hospitality.

Mirasi Group is emerging as one of the Indian Ocean region's most dynamic real estate and investment platforms, leveraging a 40-year entrepreneurial legacy to shape the future of Mauritius and Madagascar. Guided by Deputy CEO Yohan Ismael, the Group focuses on mixed-use development, retail management, and long-term investment strategies that create modern, future-ready urban environments.

Rooted in strong governance and family values, Mirasi Group blends local expertise with international partnerships to deliver projects that enhance community life and accelerate national development. "Our vision is to build destinations where people can live, work, unwind, and connect," says Yohan. "Every development must create value not just for investors, but for the communities around it."

The group's flagship property, La City Trianon, is undergoing a major transformation into a next-generation lifestyle hub combining retail, entertainment, wellness,



dining, workspaces, and hospitality. A new Marriott-affiliated business hotel will further strengthen Trianon's position as a central business district, attracting regional travellers and boosting weekday and weekend activity.

In residential development, Mirasi Group is setting new benchmarks through projects

such as OryView Residence, a premium VEFA apartment development reflecting the island's rising demand for modern, secure, and amenity-rich living. Additional villas and residential communities are in the pipeline, alongside long-term plans for a collection of eco-luxury resorts designed to elevate Mauritius' tourism offering.

Mirasi Group is also strengthening its presence in Madagascar through landmark projects such as a planned commercial initiative, while preparing a structured expansion into East Africa via Mauritius as a strategic hub.

For Gulf-based investors, Mauritius presents strong potential through its stability, connectivity, and role as a gateway to Africa. "We welcome partnerships with investors who share our belief in the region's long-term growth," adds Yohan. "Together, we can build sustainable, high-impact destinations that define the next chapter of development across the Indian Ocean." ●

● **Mirasi Group is transforming La City Trianon into a next-generation lifestyle hub that will include retail, entertainment, wellness, dining, workspaces, and a new Marriott-affiliated business hotel.**

Mauritius' Most Exclusive Hotel-Serviced Penthouses for Global Investors

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HASSLE-FREE RETURNS WITH THE RENTAL POOL

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PENTHOUSE IN PARADISE

MJ Développement: Crafting Sustainable Luxury Living and Investment Opportunities in Mauritius

A French developer redefining premium real estate, hospitality excellence, and eco-conscious living on Mauritius' west coast.



Club House by night.



Gate entrée.

Founded in 2007 by childhood friends Michaël Ruel and Jean Etchepareborde, MJ Développement has grown from a boutique French developer into one of the most influential players in Mauritius' premium real estate and hospitality sector. Established on the island in 2014, the group was drawn by Mauritius' strong cultural ties with France, its bilingual environment, and a secure framework that allows foreign buyers to acquire property with full ownership.

The group's first Mauritian development, Marguery Villas in Rivière Noire, set the tone: 41 luxury pool villas sold entirely to international buyers. Yet MJ Développement's ambition extended beyond traditional residential schemes. Inspired by the French "tourism residence" model, the founders envisioned a holistic approach combining ownership, rental management, and hotel-grade services. This vision led to the creation of MJ Holidays, the group's hospitality arm, which today operates with a workforce that is 98% Mauritian, an illustration of its commitment to local expertise and employment.

One of the group's flagship achievements is Legend Hill, perched on La Tourelle mountain above Rivière Noire. Completed after five years of construction, the development blends refined architecture with boutique-hotel services, operated through a dedicated structure in partnership with leading hospitality professionals. "Legend Hill embodies the full vision imagined by our founders: exceptional real estate combined with true hospitality," explains Gaëlle Le Gousse, Chief Operating Officer. The project also stands out for its culinary ambition, with a restaurant concept developed alongside a three-Michelin-starred chef.

Looking ahead, sustainability and innovation are at the heart of MJ Développement's



GAELLE LE
GOUSSE,
COO AT MJ
DÉVELOPPEMENT



"Our objective is not just to build homes, but to create genuine living environments where residents feel connected, to nature and to the local community."

strategy, most notably through the Ekô Savannah project in Tamarin. Set within a preserved natural landscape at the foot of La Tourelle, Ekô Savannah is conceived as a private residential resort that reflects the



Villa Clusia.

group's fully integrated model, combining construction, promotion, and long-term operational management. Contemporary villas are designed to blend seamlessly into their environment, with natural ventilation, solar energy solutions, and recycled water irrigation aiming to make the development almost energy independent, supported by partnerships with local photovoltaic providers.

Beyond architecture, Ekô Savannah introduces a complete lifestyle ecosystem curated by MJ Holidays, the group's hospitality subsidiary. By managing rentals and services in-house, MJ Développement ensures consistent quality, optimised performance, and a refined resident experience. Concierge services, wellness facilities, dining venues, and work-friendly spaces cater equally to holidaymakers, digital nomads, and long-term residents. "Our objective is not just to build homes, but to create genuine living environments where residents feel connected, to nature and to the local community," says Gaëlle Le Gousse.

Mauritius' stable political climate, favourable tax regime, and high quality of life continue to attract investors from Europe, Africa, and increasingly the Gulf. According to Sacha Descroizilles, Head of Sales, buyer profiles have evolved: "We now see more families and entrepreneurs relocating permanently,



SACHA
DESCROIZILLES,
HEAD OF SALES AT
MJ DÉVELOPPEMENT



"We now see more families and entrepreneurs relocating permanently, using real estate as their gateway to life and business in Mauritius."

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MINISTER OF
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Mauritius 2026: A Premium Island Reinvented for Year-Round, Sustainable, and Diverse Tourism

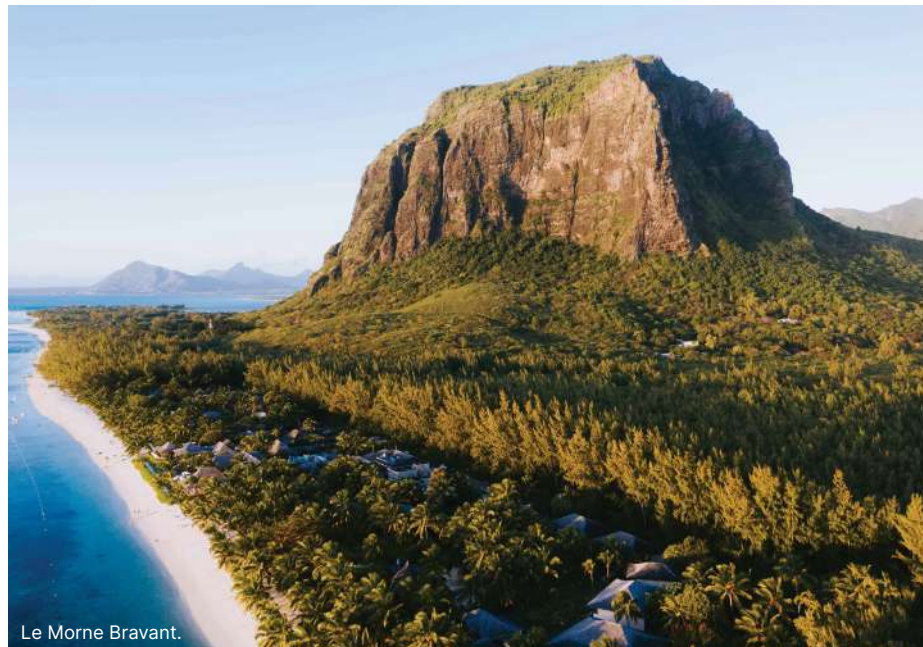
Minister Richard Duval outlines a strategic overhaul to position Mauritius beyond beaches, with culture, wellness, and eco-adventure at its core.

Mauritius has long been synonymous with pristine beaches and luxury resorts, but the island's tourism strategy is now undergoing a deliberate transformation. In an exclusive interview, Richard Duval, Minister of Tourism, explains how Mauritius is repositioning itself for the future by broadening its appeal beyond the classic sun-and-sand model.

"Our strategic vision is to revitalise the Mauritius brand by aligning it with emerging global travel trends while preserving its core identity," the minister says. "We want Mauritius to be recognised as more than a beach destination, offering meaningful and diverse experiences for eco-tourists, adventure seekers, cultural enthusiasts, digital nomads, and wellness travellers."

Since taking office, the ministry has prioritised diversification through inland tourism, with particular emphasis on cultural and patrimonial tourism, nature-based activities, medical and wellness offerings, and the MICE segment. These priorities reflect a broader shift towards sustainable, inclusive development that showcases Mauritius' rich heritage and natural landscapes. "Greening the destination is our guiding principle," the minister notes, underlining the government's commitment to eco-friendly practices across the sector.

The results for 2025 suggest that this strategic shift is already bearing fruit. Mauritius welcomed 1.44 million visitors, a 3.9% increase compared with 2024, generating tourism revenues of \$2.16 billion. This performance comes amid a complex global context, yet it demonstrates the island's resilience and enduring appeal.



Le Morne Brabant.

* In 2025, Mauritius recorded **1.44 million visitor arrivals**, a **3.9% increase** compared with 2024, generating tourism revenues of **\$2.16 billion**.

Europe remains the core market, accounting for around 65% of arrivals in 2024, but Mauritius is actively seeking growth from new regions. "We're now actively looking eastward, to India and China, but also towards Africa's emerging middle class," Duval says. The Indian market has shown particularly strong momentum, with a 33.5%

increase in arrivals in 2025. Eastern Europe has also emerged as a high-performing market, with arrivals rising by 45.2% between 2019 and 2024.

To maintain this momentum, the ministry is adopting a data-driven approach and tailoring experiences to regional preferences. A new campaign will position Mauritius as an "alternative cool" destination for travellers escaping extreme summer heat in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, particularly during the May to September period.

Air connectivity remains crucial to Mauritius' growth ambitions. The island has strengthened ties with major carriers, including Emirates and Saudia, and is expanding capacity from the Gulf. "Emirates has been a key strategic partner," the minister says,

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noting the introduction of a third daily A380 flight from December 2025, will increase capacity by over 30%.

Beyond market diversification, Mauritius is also investing in niche segments such as wellness, adventure travel, golf and cultural tourism. Wellness, in particular, is highlighted as a major growth opportunity, as travellers increasingly seek rejuvenation and holistic experiences. The island's 11 championship golf courses and international events like the AfrAsia Bank Mauritius Open further enhance its global visibility.

With the sector's resilience now supported by strategic branding, stronger connectivity, and sustainable practices, Mauritius is clearly preparing for a new era of tourism. "We warmly invite our friends to discover not only the charm of our island, but also the strength of our shared values and ambitions for a sustainable and prosperous future," Minister Duval concludes, an invitation that promises more than a holiday, but a richer, year-round destination experience. ●



Bain-Boeuf Public Beach.



Chamarel Waterfall.



Flic en Flac Beach.



Notre-Dame Auxiliatrice.

Mauritius Reimagined: A Premium Island Destination Embracing Experience, Sustainability and Connectivity

How the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority is redefining the island’s global appeal beyond beaches and resorts.

The Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority (MTPA) plays a central role in positioning Mauritius as a leading global tourism destination. Operating under the Ministry of Tourism, the Authority’s mandate includes promoting the island internationally, providing visitor information, conducting market research and advising government on tourism strategy.

Recently appointed Chairman, Dinesh Burrenchobay, leads the organisation alongside Director Benoit Harter, as MTPA sharpens its focus on a more diversified and future-oriented tourism offering. “The MTPA is effectively our national tourism promotion agency, overseeing how Mauritius is presented to the world,” Burrenchobay explains.

While Mauritius is globally renowned for its beaches, MTPA is increasingly highlighting the island’s cultural richness, gastronomy, wellness, sports and eco-tourism. These elements reflect evolving traveller expectations, particularly post-pandemic, where experiences and sustain-



Tamarin River.



Bois Cheri.

“On one island, we combine the experience of several continents.”

nability matter more than ever. Burrenchobay wishes to move “from sustainable tourism to regenerative tourism”, ensuring tourism contributes positively to local communities.

The Middle East, especially the UAE, remains a strategic market. With direct flights of just six

hours, a temperate climate during Gulf summers and world-class luxury resorts, Mauritius is well positioned to attract high-value travellers. MTPA maintains a strong presence at regional platforms such as the Arabian Travel Market.

Digital storytelling has also become central to destination branding. Campaigns such as Mauritius Now use digital platforms, which will be upgraded to showcase authentic experiences, while a broader brand positioning review is underway to ensure global perceptions align with reality.



DINESH BURRENCHOBAY,
CHAIRMAN
OF MTPA



BENOÎT HARTER,
DIRECTOR
OF MTPA



With strong air connectivity, upcoming international events and a reputation for warmth and diversity, Mauritius continues to stand out. As Burrenchobay puts it, “On one island, we can combine the experience of several continents.”

CCEOI Elevates Aesthetic And Reconstructive Surgery Standards In Mauritius

Mauritius-based centre blends advanced medical expertise, cutting-edge technology and hospitality to attract international patients seeking holistic aesthetic care worldwide excellence.

The Centre de Chirurgie Esthétique de l’Océan Indien (CCEOI) has spent 25 years establishing itself as a reference institution for aesthetic and reconstructive care in Mauritius and the wider region. Under the direction of Raphael Bax, the centre delivers full-spectrum, head-to-toe treatments across hair restoration, dentistry, aesthetic surgery and non-surgical aesthetic medicine, guided by a holistic philosophy focused on global patient wellbeing.

As Mauritius positions itself as a rising hub for medical tourism, CCEOI plays a strategic role by combining international medical standards with the island’s renowned hospitality. Visitors increasingly seek experiences that unite wellness, confidence and recovery within inspiring environments, and aesthetic medicine integrates naturally into this evolving tourism offering.

Historically recognised for hair transplantation, CCEOI has treated nearly 7,000 patients and transplanted more than 30 million hairs. The centre later expanded into advanced dentistry, offering implants, veneers, smile design and full dental rehabi-



- **Hair treatments, including advanced hair transplants**

- **Dentistry, from minor treatments to major implants and full smile aesthetics**

- **Aesthetic surgery, covering face and body procedures, both augmentation and reduction**

- **Aesthetic medicine, offering non-surgical treatments**

litation, often completed within remarkably short timeframes. The integration of aesthetic surgery and medicine enables comprehensive care delivered by a multidisciplinary team of specialised doctors.

Clinical excellence remains central to operations. Procedures are conducted under strict regulatory oversight, with hospital partnerships for major surgeries and structured post-opera-



RAPHAEL BAX,
DIRECTOR OF
CCEOI



tive follow-up for every patient. Continuous training, international exposure and investment in technologies such as AI-guided dental navigation, sapphire FUE techniques, lasers and regenerative therapies further enhance outcomes.

For international patients, CCEOI provides teleconsultations, dedicated patient ambassadors, tailored treatment packages and nearby luxury accommodation. Looking ahead, the centre sees strong collaboration potential with partners in the UAE.






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Maradiva: Redefining Mauritian Luxury Through Space, Privacy and Human Connection

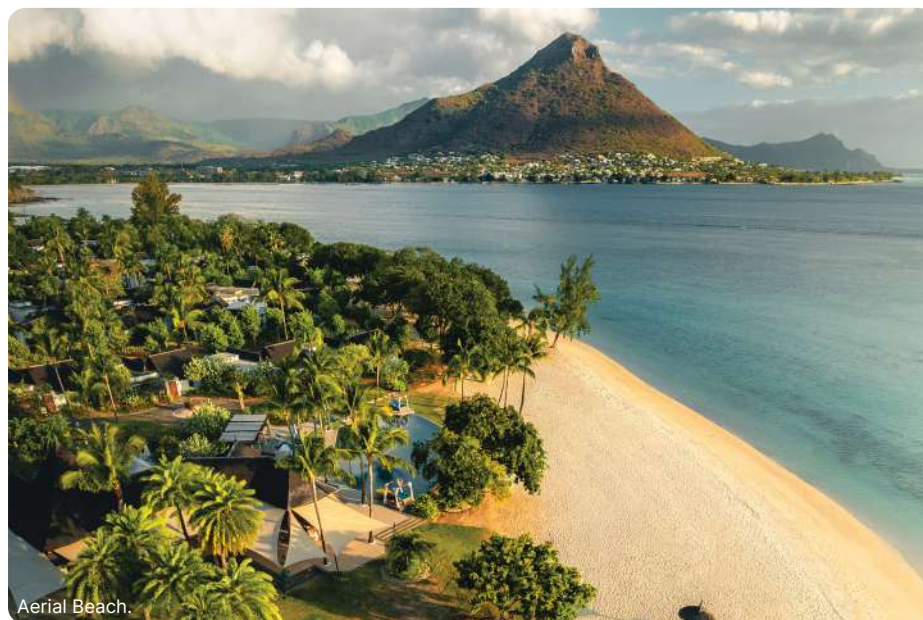
How a family-owned luxury resort elevates Mauritius through authenticity, wellness, personalised service and quiet exclusivity.

On the sun-drenched west coast of Mauritius, where Tamarin Bay meets dramatic mountain backdrops and endless sunsets, Maradiva Villas Resort & Spa stands as one of the island's most refined expressions of luxury. Alongside its sister property, Sands Suites Resort & Spa, it represents not only five-star hospitality, but a deeply personal vision shaped by legacy, independence and human connection.

Both resorts were founded by the late Sir Kailash Ramdane, whose ambition, according to his son Sanjiv Kailash Ramdane, CEO of Maradiva and Sands, was unequivocal. "Many advised him to start with a four-star property and gradually move upward, but his vision was always clear," Ramdane recalls. That vision materialised first with Sands Suites in 2001, an all-suite, sea-facing resort overlooking the crescent-shaped Tamarin Bay. With its dramatic sunsets, mountain backdrop and intimate scale, Sands Suites quickly established itself as a benchmark for service excellence, today enjoying an average annual occupancy of around 90%.

Maradiva followed in 2004 and took luxury a step further. Rebranded under independent management in 2009, the name Maradiva combines Latin and Greek, meaning "divine sea." The resort is an all-villa sanctuary, offering just 64 expansive private pool villas set along a pristine one-kilometre natural beach. "Space is a fundamental element of luxury," says Ramdane. "Our entry-level villa is 165 square metres, the largest in its category in Mauritius, and every villa has its own heated pool." With approximately 16 metres of beachfront per villa, privacy is absolute, making Maradiva particularly appealing to high-end travellers from the Gulf.

Positioning Mauritius as a premium Indian Ocean destination has been a strategic priority for the group. Maradiva is regularly showcased at prestigious global events, from the Golden Globes in Hollywood and Royal Ascot in the UK to the Cannes Film Festival, Dubai Beach Polo and Snow Polo in St Moritz. The-



Aerial Beach.



Lantana Bar.



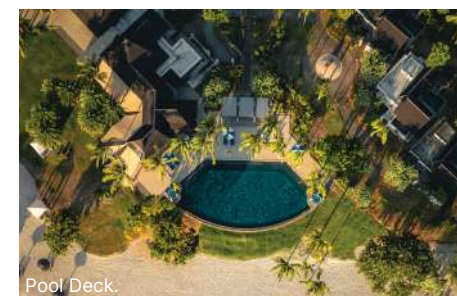
Infinity Pool.



Master Bedroom.



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Pool Deck.

se platforms reinforce Mauritius' image as a discreet yet world-class luxury destination. Locally, the resorts support cultural initiatives such as the Mauritius Classic Car Tour and host an Artist-in-Residence programme, inviting international artists to create work inspired by the island.

Personalisation sits at the heart of the guest experience. Both resorts are home to Clefs d'Or concierges, a rare distinction in Mauritius, enabling bespoke itineraries shaped entirely around individual preferences. As a Mauritian family-owned group, free from rigid international brand structures, the resorts celebrate the island's multicultural identity in an unusually intimate way. Festivals such as *Holi*, *Diwali*, *Eid* and Chinese New Year are shared with guests "just as we would celebrate with friends at home," Ramdane explains.

Wellness is approached with the same philosophy. At Maradiva, guests benefit from an on-site Ayurvedic doctor who offers

tailored guidance without imposing restrictive programmes. The 1,250-square-metre spa, combined with the resort's sense of space and calm, creates an environment where wellbeing unfolds naturally. "Ultimately, we focus on the human touch," says Ramdane, recalling a guest who arrived unable to walk after a serious accident and left walking independently following personalised natural treatments.

Service excellence is driven from within. Ramdane's office is intentionally located near staff areas, reinforcing a family ethos. Team members receive continuous international training and are even taken abroad to experience world-class service first-hand. "They return inspired," he notes, "and that inspiration spreads across the team."

Sustainability is treated with equal seriousness. Only one-third of Maradiva's 27-acre estate is developed, with lush gardens dominated by endemic plants supporting

biodiversity. The resort avoids single-use plastics, operates its own sewage treatment plant and prioritises long-term, research-backed environmental solutions suited to a small island ecosystem.

With Sands Suites set for a full renovation next year and new branded residences on the horizon, the future is one of thoughtful evolution. Yet the essence remains unchanged. "Luxury is not only about space and privacy," Ramdane reflects, "but about meaningful, human experiences that stay with you long after you leave." At Maradiva, Mauritius reveals itself at its most authentic and refined, where discretion, warmth and individuality define true five-star hospitality. ●



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Le Jadis Beach Resort & Wellness: Mauritius' Intimate Sanctuary of Secluded Luxury and Wellness

A serene boutique hideaway on Mauritius' northwest coast, where privacy, wellness and mindful luxury blend seamlessly for UAE travellers seeking true escape.



Lagoon Pool Deck 5.

Mauritius has long attracted travellers from the UAE with its calm lagoons, warm hospitality and relaxed island rhythm. Yet even on an island known for tranquillity, some places manage to offer something more private, more personal and more attuned to travellers seeking a deeper kind of escape. Le Jadis Resort, on the sheltered northwest coast, is one of those rare finds. Managed by Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts, the boutique property feels like a retreat designed around privacy, wellbeing and quiet luxury.

Arriving at Le Jadis is like stepping into a softer world. The atmosphere is calm from the

moment you enter. Staff welcome you with the warmth Mauritius is famous for, but here it feels even more personal. There is no rush, no formality and no noise, just a gentle stillness that settles the mind. The resort's name, meaning "in days gone by," reflects its blend of heritage and modern comfort. It feels intimate in scale, with pathways winding through tropical gardens, shaded corners for resting and spaces that feel naturally private.

Suites and villas are crafted as private sanctuaries rather than simply accommodation. Starting from 72sqm they are spacious and thoughtfully designed, with warm natural materials that reflect the island's character, and elegant living areas that blur the line between indoor and out-

door. Most suites include private heated pools, a detail UAE travellers appreciate whether for morning dips or peaceful swims after sunset. Some suites also feature hammams, jet pools, handcrafted stone tubs with ocean view, and even direct beach access, enhancing the sense of exclusivity and indulgence. Frangipani trees, coconut palms and endemic plants create natural screens, giving each terrace and pool a sense of blissful seclusion. For extended stays or multi-generational holidays, the Imperial Beach Villa offers the resort's highest level of privacy. It features expansive living areas, sweeping ocean views and its own large temperature-controlled swimming pool, making it ideal for families who want to reconnect without



At Le Jadis, you do not just stay — you retreat, you recharge and you rediscover a quieter version of yourself.

distractions. Even the spa suites follow this philosophy of privacy, with en-suite facilities that allow guests to enjoy treatments without leaving their tranquil space. Private dining options amplify the sense of personalisation, whether delivered to



QUIET BOUTIQUE LUXURY

Intimate resort managed by Banyan Tree, known for warm, personalised Mauritian service.

HOLISTIC WELLBEING

Award-winning spa, Ayurveda, hydro/thermo therapies, yoga, meditation, and complimentary lagoon activities.

CULINARY & ROMANCE

4 diverse restaurants, private dining, floating breakfasts, sunset catamaran cruises, ideal for couples and celebrations.

ECO-LUXURY & LOCATION

Conscious, low-impact operations on the sheltered north-west coast with calm lagoon, sunsets, and easy access to the capital.

Ultimate privacy & space: Large suites/villas (from 72sqm), many with heated private pools, hammams, jet pools, and indoor-outdoor living.

colours that shift from deep orange to soft pink, offering a picture-perfect ending to the day. This combination of accessibility and privacy makes Le Jadis a strong choice for travellers who want serenity without compromising convenience.

Hospitality plays a key role in the experience. Staff pay attention to personal preferences, remembering routines and small details that make a stay feel effortless. The atmosphere is warm rather than formal, which creates the feeling of being hosted by people who genuinely want you to feel at home. The resort's intimate scale helps maintain a calm ambience throughout, whether you are relaxing by the pool, reading under the palm trees or strolling along the garden paths.

Wellbeing is at the heart of Le Jadis. The award-winning Spa and Wellness Centre integrates therapeutic traditions in a way that feels both restorative and contemporary. Guests can follow hydrotherapy circuits that calm the nervous system, experience thermotherapy with hammams, saunas and cold plunges or choose Ayurvedic treatments guided by skilled practitioners. Rainmist therapy simulates warm tropical rain, offering deep relaxation. Wellness activities such as sunrise yoga, meditation sessions and sound healing are led by experts, and daily group classes are complimentary so that guests can naturally incorporate wellbeing into their stay. The resort also offers non-motorised water sports at no extra cost, allowing guests to explore the lagoon at their own pace. Paddleboarding, kayaking, snorkeling and glass-bottom boat rides become peaceful encounters with marine life and the quiet beauty of Turtle Bay.

Dining at Le Jadis reflects the island's cultural diversity. The resort's four restaurants offer Mauritian specialities, Asian fusion dishes, European classics and fresh seafood. It is also hi-

ghly attentive to dietary needs, providing halal, vegan, gluten-free, keto and other options to meet the growing needs of today's discerning travelers. A popular experience is the floating breakfast, served in the privacy of your pool with homemade pastries, tropical fruits, dim sum and freshly-squeezed juices arranged on a tray. For lunch, Passion Creole offers a unique setting with tables placed in shallow water, keeping your feet cool as you enjoy local dishes. Evenings are particularly memorable at the beachfront seafood restaurant, where candlelit tables are set against the sound of the waves.

The resort's commitment to sustainability is another defining feature. Le Jadis incorporates eco-friendly systems including solar water heating, a desalination plant, greywater irrigation and its own water bottling facility to minimise plastic use. Gardens are landscaped with endemic flora to support the local ecosystem. These practices reflect the resort's approach to conscious luxury, which increasingly aligns with the expectations of travellers from the UAE who seek responsible travel choices.

Le Jadis is also one of the island's most romantic retreats. Couples visit for honeymoons, anniversaries, proposals or simply to spend meaningful time together. Experiences such as floating breakfasts in the intimacy of your private pool, private sunset catamaran cruises, luxurious couple spa rituals, and candlelit dinners barefoot on the secluded shore add to the sense of intimacy. For vow renewals, the resort's team creates personalised ceremonies infused with Mauritian warmth and attention to detail. Many couples return year after year because the resort offers a rare combination of privacy, elegance and emotional connection.

While the atmosphere encourages complete relaxation, guests looking for more activity can choose from a range of experiences. Yoga sessions on the beach, aqua yoga, paddle yoga, sound healing and wellness workshops are available for those seeking balance and mindfulness. Water lovers can enjoy kayaking, paddleboarding or taking a glass-bottom boat across the lagoon to discover its marine life. Private catamaran excursions allow guests to explore the coastline or enjoy sunset views. Cycling trips to nearby fishing



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your terrace, arranged as a floating breakfast or set up in a beach cabana at sunset. Those who want to explore beyond the shore can book a private catamaran cruise across the calm waters of Turtle Bay, a particularly memorable experience as the sky turns gold in the evening.

Although the resort feels secluded, it is conveniently located just 20 minutes from the capital, Port Louis. Guests can visit the markets, cultural sites and attractions of the city, then return quickly to a peaceful retreat. Turtle Bay is also known for its natural marine park and year-round sunshine, making it one of the best spots for swimming and snorkelling. Sunsets here are vivid, with

villages offer a glimpse of local life. At the spa, signature treatments include Ayurveda, hydrotherapy and restorative rainmist therapy, ensuring a well-rounded wellness journey.

For travellers searching for a sanctuary that blends privacy, luxury and holistic wellbeing, Le Jadis Resort offers an experience that feels both personal and rejuvenating. It is a place where life slows, sunsets feel longer and the world seems gentler. Whether you visit to unwind, to reconnect or simply to pause, the resort has a way of restoring what daily life often takes. At Le Jadis, you do not just stay, you retreat, you recharge and you rediscover a quieter version of yourself along Mauritius' most magical coastline. ●

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