

STEWARDS INVESTMENT CAPITAL: A CATALYST OF GROWTH FOR INVESTORS

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Stewards Investment Capital is a leading boutique investment management firm, with a 25-year legacy within the Stewards affiliation, having a strategic presence in Mauritius, South Africa and the USA. The Firm specialises in providing pension funds, institutional investors and high-net-worth individuals with customised investment solutions that optimise desired risk-adjusted returns. These tailored services effectively meet the needs of clients through unique financial portfolio construction, which is aligned with the needs of investors.

Importantly, by deploying innovative and unorthodox investment strategies, Stewards Investment Capital is enabling wealth preservation and growth for clients. Its flagship investment solutions offer attractive fixed income yield opportunities, capture of equity market upside returns through strategic themes accompanied by downside protection. In addition, the Firm has facilitated clients through access and exposure to new markets and asset classes such as digital assets and private credit.

A key standout has been the APEX Structured Liquidity Solution that offers investors with a competitive alternative to traditional bank fixed deposits, providing predictable fixed income returns of up to 12% annually. The solution caters to investors seeking portfolio diversification and stable income streams, with rigorous risk management ensuring capital protection and reduced volatility.

Deep deal structuring expertise that unlocks value for clients

Furthermore, Stewards Investment Capital has also established extensive industry-wide connections to facilitate structured deal-making that may otherwise not be considered feasible. By incorporating in-depth analysis, strategic guidance and identifying the right partners to grow with, the Firm empowers clients in making more informed decisions that support their long-term financial plans.

By leveraging its wide-ranging professional network to execute the best financial transactions for clients, Stewards Investment Capital has proven to be instrumental to making the right introductions to select parties and counterparties. Moreover, the Firm excels in facilitating transactions that include but are not limited to mezzanine financing and digital asset investments, while also pioneering various types of financial structuring across the entire spectrum ranging from vanilla structured products, through private equity placement to exotic investment undertakings.

Orchestrating the ground-breaking acquisition of publicly-listed FAVO Capital

Stewards Investment Capital has played a pivotal role in facilitating the restructuring of FAVO Capital

business operations, strategically transitioning it from a realty-focused company with a microfinance subsidiary to one that is a private credit-centric firm with real estate holding as a subsidiary.

This strategic shift positioned FAVO to capitalise on the rapid growth of the private credit industry resulting in the June, 2023 landmark acquisition of FAVO Group of Companies by FAVO Capital valued at USD \$37 million.



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Notably, the acquisition empowered FAVO Capital to expand its operations, introduce innovative products and solidify its market position, with Stewards Investment Capital becoming its second largest shareholder post-restructuring.

Capitalising on its network in South Africa, Stewards Investment Capital has helped an instrumental role in securing substantial investments from notable institutional investors, including one of South Africa's

largest pension funds, underscoring the confidence in the businesses' long-term growth prospects.

In addition, FAVO Capital has continued its expansion plan with three new acquisitions as Stewards Investment Capital maintains its role as a strategic advisor and shareholder. As another strategic move, FAVO recently announced the engagement of EF Hutton to act as lead underwriter, deal manager and investment banker in preparation for the Company's proposed firm commitment public offering and application to the NASDAQ.

Strategic foresight and Innovation

Stewards Investment Capital integral role in facilitating the FAVO Capital acquisition is a testament towards its commitment to innovation, strategic foresight and delivering tangible value to clients. Moreover, Stewards Investment Capital has differentiated itself from traditional investment managers through its active involvement into the businesses it invests in effectively aligning its interests with those of its clients thereby fostering a partnership for mutual growth and success. Affirming its institutional achievements, Global Private Banker has duly recognised Stewards Investment Capital for the "Structured Finance Deal of the Year" distinction at the recently concluded Global Private Banking Innovation Awards 2024.