

Why Mauritius was relevant to set up an office



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Mauritius has long been recognized as an important gateway to Africa, offering an enabling legal and regulatory framework, a robust financial services sector, and a growing reputation as an investment hub. As a member state of the Trade and Development Bank Group (TDB), Mauritius plays a crucial role in supporting sustainable economic growth and facilitating trade and investment flows across the continent.

TDB Group, a multilateral development finance institution, has established a significant presence in Mauritius, leveraging its dynamic financial ecosystem to drive economic development and regional integration. With 26 member states, we finance high-impact projects across key sectors such as healthcare, ICT, infrastructure, energy, and agribusiness, aligning its strategy with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the African Union's Agenda 2063.

Mauritius was chosen as the site of one of our principal offices due to its investment grade credit ratings and its status as an internationally recognized financial hub. Its sophisticated banking sector, well-developed capital markets, and extensive network of investment promotion and protection treaties create an attractive environment for financial institutions and investors. The island's special positioning facilitates intra-African trade while serving as a vital link between Africa and global markets.

TDB has significantly contributed to the growth of Mauritius' financial sector by mobilizing capital from local institutional investors such as the National Pension Fund and Eagle Insurance Ltd. These investors have benefited from strong returns and capital appreciation through TDB's equity,

demonstrating the bank's ability to channel investments into impactful trade and projects across Africa.

Beyond banking and financial services, Mauritius is also home to the ESATAL fund management company, a TDB Group subsidiary which manages Eastern and Southern African Trade Fund (ESATF), a trade-focused investment vehicle that has expanded over 4.5 times since its launch in 2019. The fund has successfully mobilized capital from over 40 investors to finance trade-enabled development across the continent. In addition, the TDB Group subsidiary, Captive Insurance Company (TCI) was one of the first captive insurers established in Mauritius, reinforcing the island's prominence as an attractive choice for risk management solutions.

Our role in supporting cross-border trade and investment extends beyond Mauritius, providing tailored financing solutions that enable businesses to scale operations across Africa. The bank has been instrumental in financing supply chains and infrastructure projects that facilitate intra-African trade, leveraging Mauritius' strategic advantages to enhance economic collaboration. Different types of African and non-African financial services firms choose to operate from the island also because they benefit from the flexibility in legal structures available to businesses.

By choosing Mauritius as one of our strategic bases, we have contributed to the island's role as a premier financial and investment hub for Africa. Through our ongoing initiatives we remain committed to driving regional economic growth, strengthening financial markets, and fostering sustainable investment across the continent.

