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## FORBES AFRICA SPECIAL MAURITIUS REPORT 2025

# Key business leaders collaborate to produce a global investor-focused report, positioning Mauritius as an IFC of substance

Stewards Investment Capital shared a meaningful collaboration with Forbes Africa through a Special Mauritius Report produced alongside leading strategic partners – the Ministry of Financial Services and Economic Planning, MCB, CIEL Group, Dentons, 2Futures and the Economic Development Board Mauritius. The publication positions the island as a resilient, forward-looking economy and a strategic gateway for investors pursuing unparalleled opportunities, using the Mauritius International Financial Centre as the investment conduit for trading flows between Africa and the rest of the world.

Featuring valuable insights from government leaders and private sector executives framing a vision of a “*Meaningful Mauritius*,” the report highlights the country’s strategic advantages: favourable investment climate, regulatory excellence, fast-growing financial services sector and highly sought-after lifestyle.

Positioned as a gateway to Africa, Mauritius thrives on its strategic geographic location, talented workforce, investor-friendly policies, and a strong regulatory environment - all within a setting renowned for its exceptional quality of life, from pristine beaches to world-class leisure, culture, and gastronomy. As of July 2024, Mauritius recorded a real GDP growth rate of 5.1% and had a population of 1,259,509. The country benefits from a robust framework of 53 Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAAs) and 44 Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements (IPPAs), reinforcing its appeal to global investors. Located in the GMT+4 time zone, Mauritius also boasts a highly favourable tax regime, free from capital gains tax, estate duty, and inheritance tax. Mauritius is also consistently ranked first in Africa on global indices such as the Good Government Index, Global Innovation Index, and Global Peace Index. This

reflects the island’s commitment to transparency, governance, and innovation – qualities that resonate strongly with the international investment community.

“*This report comes at an ideal time where Mauritius is preparing for its next growth stage. With a new government at the helm of our country, the synergy between public and private sector is poised to accelerate the diversification of economic pillars, fuelling the next wave of growth and transformation for a sustainable Mauritius. I extend my gratitude to government leaders, private sector executives, and all collaborators for their support and contributions to this unique report, serving as an essential guide to investors globally,*” stated Suneeta Motala, Forbes Communication Council Member and CMO of Stewards Investment Capital.

The report also features valuable perspectives of key contributors – the including Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Tourism, Accenture, African Leadership University, MITCO, Oak Group, Peach Payments, Standard Chartered Bank (Mauritius), Trade and Development Bank Group (TDB Group) and Trident Trust – while drawing on the expertise of specialist collaborators – Contentify, GDC Photos and Think Interactive to support the project’s development.



### Championing a ‘Meaningful Mauritius’ – In the Words of Key Leaders

“*Our financial sector’s capacity to adapt and innovate is central to Mauritius’ success as an International Financial Centre. By embracing digitalization and sustainability, we continue to be a beacon of resilience and opportunity for investors.*”  
– DR JYOTI JEETUN, MINISTER OF FINANCIAL SERVICES AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

“*As Mauritius continues to strengthen its position as a key business enabler between Africa and the world, its evolution as an IFC will be focused on facilitating higher capital flows into Africa, the expansion into specialized financial services like fintech, digital assets and sustainable finance, and the adoption of advanced technologies alongside reinforcing cybersecurity.*”  
– THIERRY HEBRAUD, CEO, MAURITIUS COMMERCIAL BANK

“*Mauritius stands as a beacon of stability, transparency, and opportunity in an ever-changing global investment landscape. For investors looking to harness the growth potential of Africa, Mauritius has a unique proposition—being both a springboard to the African continent and a final destination.*”  
– PRISCILLA BALGOBIN-BHOYRUL, SENIOR PARTNER & CHAIRPERSON, DENTONS MAURITIUS

“*Mauritius provides a robust regulatory framework, a prime strategic location, and a highly attractive investment climate, all of which are instrumental in driving growth and attracting global partners.*”  
– GUILLAUME DALAIS, GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE, CIEL

“*Mauritius is drawing increasing interest from African investors, particularly those*

*looking to secure permanent residency through real estate. With a minimum property purchase of USD 375,000, investors and their families can obtain residency, making it an attractive option for those seeking stability and long-term opportunities.*”  
– JUNAID SALEHMOHAMED, CEO, 2FUTURES

“*The Mauritius International Financial Centre remains instrumental in bridging global markets, offering a stable, well-regulated, and business-friendly environment for international investors. Leveraging the advantages of the Mauritius IFC, we work toward shaping a ‘Meaningful Mauritius’—one that nurtures financial excellence, innovation, and lasting impact.*”  
– BILAL ADAM, CEO, STEWARDS INVESTMENT CAPITAL