

Strategic Investments: Mauritius As The Gateway Between Africa And The World

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Stewards Group of Financial Companies has spent over 25 years successfully navigating the complexities of global financial markets. Recognizing Mauritius as a strategic financial hub connecting Africa with the rest of the world, we expanded our footprint to the island to capitalize on its unique positioning.

Our journey in Mauritius has been both challenging and rewarding. Yet, given the choice, we would embark on it again without hesitation. Through perseverance and a commitment to excellence, we have established ourselves as a boutique advisory firm and a leader in providing niche investment solutions.

Bridging Africa and developed markets

A core driver of our strategy and growth has been our ability to form a bridge between Africa and other markets. While this concept is often referenced in financial circles, our distinct execution has set us apart.

To be more specific, we realize that a lot of institutional and high net worth investors seek exposure to assets that they do not have access to through their respective traditional markets.

African investors look for exposure to high performing foreign assets to hedge against local political and currency

risks, and developed market investors seek exposure to impact investing that would be uncorrelated to their traditional portfolios that were heavily focused on listed stocks and bonds.

The opportunities that we see

The above mismatch in supply and demand remains an arbitrage opportunity for investment professionals deeply connected to both African and developed markets.

Through our South African presence and connections, we seek out local deals in forex, real estate and infrastructure that appeal to the developed markets investors and introduce them to our developed market clients.

At the same time, by mirroring the same strategy and leveraging our global networks and newly established presence in the U.S., we source private equity and private credit deals, introducing them to our African clients. Mauritius plays a crucial role in enabling this strategy, serving as an efficient financial gateway between these markets.

A vision for the future

The current economic landscape presents both challenges and opportunities. The global economy is navigating through inflationary pressures, geopolitical tensions, and evolving regulatory frameworks, creating a dynamic environment that requires stewardship, foresight and a high-alpha approach.

We view these trends through a long-term lens of strategic adaptability, focusing on identifying resilient investment opportunities that can withstand market volatility and deliver sustainable returns.

Looking ahead, Stewards Investment Capital remains committed to expanding investment horizons, embracing innovation, and leveraging deep market expertise. Our goal is to remain at the forefront of the investment industry, delivering exceptional value to our clients and contributing to the broader financial ecosystem.

In this pursuit, the Mauritius International Financial Centre remains instrumental in bridging global markets, offering a stable, well-regulated, and business-friendly environment for international investors. It is within this vision that we work toward shaping a Meaningful Mauritius - one that nurtures financial excellence, innovation, and lasting impact.

