

Why create your company in Mauritius?



Mauritius is the undisputed benchmark for economic development in Africa. It has reached the status of upper middle-income country with a GDP per capita of USD 9200.

Mauritius has built its reputation as a reliable International Financial Centre (IFC) and is recognized as such by all international institutions. Financial services remain a major contributor to the Mauritian economy, accounting for 10% of GDP and directly employing more than 15,000 highly skilled professionals.

Mauritius, also known as "the star and key of the Indian Ocean", has been acting for three centuries as a link between different continents. Its financial centre is based on this link. Mauritius is a platform for investing and doing business in Africa, the Middle East and Asia. It is also internationally recognized for its governance, business and investor-friendly environment.

This island is an exceptional investment conduit. In 2010, 65% of all foreign direct investment to India came from Mauritius. It is also the privileged gateway to the African continent thanks to its proactive African policy based on the free movement of people, goods and capital.

Considerable non-tax benefits:

- Political, social and economic stability
- Legal regime favourable to investment
- Financial sector well-regulated and on the OECD White List
- Internationally recognized rules and regulations
- Presence of renowned international banks and law firms
- Perfect time zone (GMT +4)
- Confidentiality: no offshore company registry is open for public inspection
- Large network of highly skilled and bilingual professionals at unrivalled costs
- The ease of doing business and the unparalleled welcome to investors
- Ideal platform for dispute arbitration
- Full protection of foreign investment in major African countries through its network of 44 investment promotion and protection agreements, guaranteeing the investment against expropriation and social unrest in the co-contracting states. The agreements also provide for the settlement of disputes between investors and co-contracting states
- Member of the regional trade blocs (SADC, COMESA, IOC, IOR) and benefiting from the AGOA and EPA for the US and EU markets respectively.

Attractive tax policies:

- Low corporate tax (0% - 3% - 15%)
- No tax withheld at source for interest, royalties, dividends or distributions of profits to a branch
- No value added tax (VAT) for global business transactions
- No capital gains tax (CGT)
- No stamp duty, registration fees or special taxes
- No tax on inheritance or on wealth
- No limitation on tax loss carryforwards
- No hereditary reserve
- No exchange control
- Foreign exchange fully open to foreign investors
- A network of 43 agreements avoiding double taxation with major developed and emerging economies around the world, offering a wide range of tax benefits and enabling effective tax planning.

Mauritius promotes the peaceful settlement of international disputes by establishing itself as an arbitration centre, through the local presence of a Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), and the joint venture between the International Court of Arbitration in London and the International Centre of Arbitration of Mauritius (LCIA-MIAC). Mauritius is a signatory to some major multilateral conventions and agreements, namely the International Court of Justice, the 1958 New York Convention on International Arbitration, and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes.