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# agenda

09:15 – 09:45	REGISTRATION / NETWORKING
09:45 – 10:15	OPENING CEREMONY
	<p><b>Welcome Remarks:</b> Master of Ceremony, Khemila Narraidoo, Juristconsult Chambers</p> <p><b>Welcome Address:</b> Marc Hein SC, Chairman, Juristconsult Chambers</p> <p><b>Ministerial Address:</b> <b>Chief Guest:</b> The Honourable Renganaden Padayachy, Minister of Finance &amp; Economic Development of Mauritius</p> <p><b>Tea / Coffee</b></p>
10:15 – 11:00	PANEL DISCUSSION 1: Wealth Management - Why is Mauritius attractive for wealth management?
	<b>Moderator:</b> Afsar Ebrahim, Executive Director, Kick Advisory
11:00 – 11:45	PANEL DISCUSSION 2: Investment Funds + ESG
	<b>Moderator:</b> Abdool Rahim Salehmohamed, Partner, Juristconsult Chambers
11:45 – 12:30	PANEL DISCUSSION 3: Protection of Investment – Litigation & Arbitration
	<b>Moderator:</b> Burty Francois, Partner, Juristconsult Chambers
12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH TIME
	Lunch; Walk around Andrea Lodges



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14:00 – 14:45	PANEL DISCUSSION 4: Data Protection: Its importance in Investments  <b>Moderator:</b> Shalinee Deepaul Halkhoree, Partner, Juristconsult Chambers
14:45 – 15:30	PANEL DISCUSSION 5: FinTech - The Impact of Fintech on Trade and Investment  <b>Moderator:</b> Arvin Halkhoree, Chief Legal and Compliance Executive, Rogers Group
15:30 – 16:15	PANEL DISCUSSION 6: Real Estate Investment & Sustainable Financing  <b>Moderator:</b> Nicolas Richard, Managing Partner, Juristconsult Chambers
16:15 – 16:30	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
16:30 – 17:15	PANEL DISCUSSION 7: The future of the Mauritius IFC  <b>Moderator:</b> Marc Hein SC, Chairman, Juristconsult Chambers
17:15 – 17:25	CLOSING SPEECH  <b>Ministerial Address:</b> The Honourable Mahen Kumar Seeruttun, Minister of Financial Services & Good Governance
17:25 – 17:30	CLOSING REMARKS
17:30 – 18:30	SUNDOWNER COCKTAIL Snacks, music & networking
Onwards	Optional Dinner @ Andrea Lodges

# welcome message

## The Juristconsult Investment Summit 2022

Our law firm Juristconsult (affiliated to DLA Piper Africa) has always been at the forefront of business law innovation in Mauritius. Now that in person, open and live conferences are back on the scene we thought it was our duty to help in rebuilding firstly, confidence in our economy and secondly, trust in the mind of business entrepreneurs. Juristconsult therefore launched this Investment Summit where personalities, young and less young can meet, discuss, brainstorm and attend training. It is set up in Andrea Lodges on the cliffs overlooking the Indian Ocean on one side and the mouth of Riviere des Anguilles on the other side.

Andrea is the perfect place to discuss of new innovative topics such as the environment, social and governance (ESG) impact on the economy of our island. ESG in more than all acronym which is 'en vogue' as it determines much of what our country needs to adapt itself to, in the modern post covid era where furthermore climate change and good governance are issues of major importance. Andrea Lodges is a fine place to discuss such matters closer to nature, under the palm trees and the sound of waves.

The topics have been carefully chosen to respect our core values in applying law to business. We have also chosen issues which are constantly evolving and where innovation and knowledge transmission are essential. We have opted for interactive panel discussions whereby ideas are pursued and shared by members of the various panels together with the audience. The members and chairs of panels are quality persons who will help motivate, train and innovate. We have very important personalities opening and closing the conference. We welcome them to the event and thank them.

We also thank all those involved in the preparation of the event and our sponsors. This Juristconsult Summit will hopefully become an Annual Feature and see you all in 2023.

**Marc Hein SC, G.O.S.K  
Chairman  
Juristconsult Chambers**



# welcome message

## A warm welcome to the Juristconsult Investment Summit!

As you would have noted from the agenda, the topics that we are going to discuss are critical for national or international investors before considering any investment.

Being ranked first in Africa in the ease of doing business report, Mauritius has established itself as a destination of choice for wealth management and this will be discussed by our expert panelists.

Mauritius also has a good track record for the setting up of investment funds targeting the African continent and we will see how ESG is impacting the fund promoters and the target companies.

Moreover, when choosing a destination to invest or structure their investments, international investors will want to ensure that the rule of law is respected and that the judicial system is independent. Having

reliable courts and arbitration centers in addition to having the Privy Council in the UK as the highest court of appeal makes of Mauritius a very well positioned jurisdiction to attract disputes from the African continent.

With the coming into force of various legislations regarding Data Protection, Mauritius had to upgrade its laws in that area specifically to address the concerns of European clients which are subject to the EU General Data Protection Regulation as otherwise it would have had a detrimental effect notably on our BPO sector.



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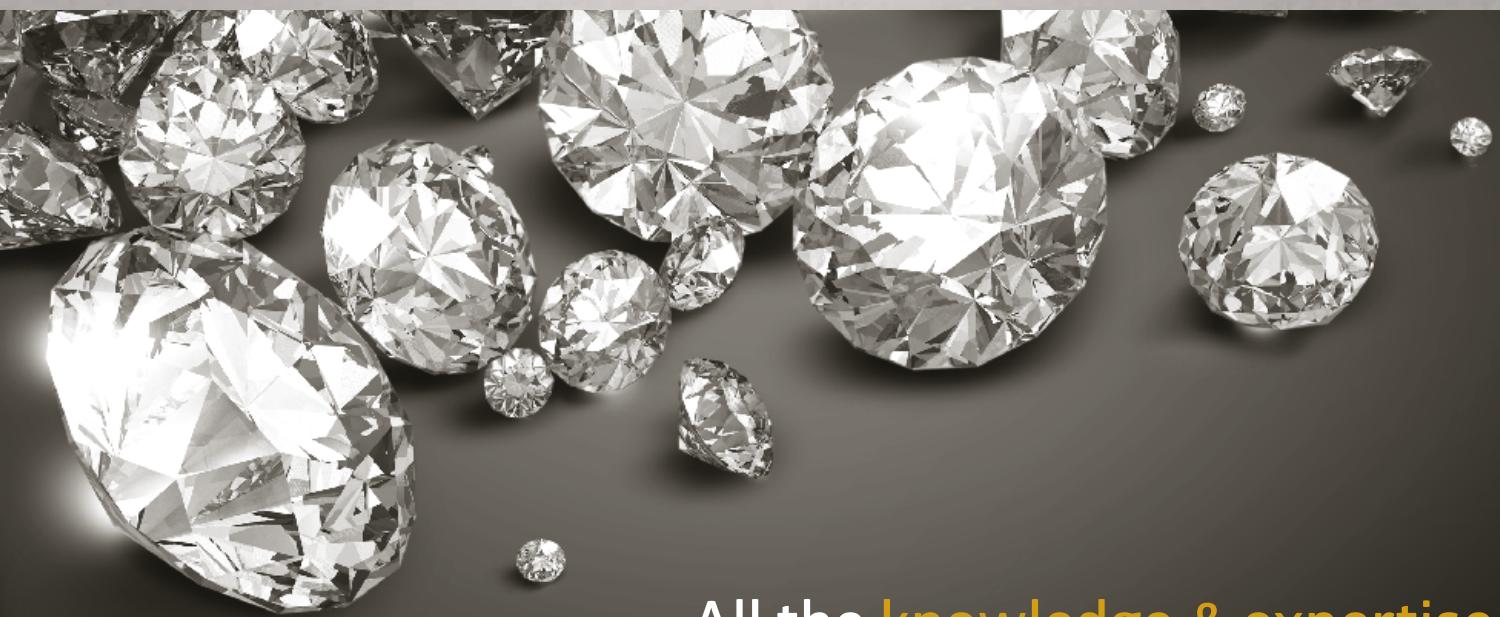
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### Protecting and growing your wealth

The launch of this new identity marks, indeed, a strategic milestone for SWAN. Thanks to this restructuring, SWAN Capital Solutions became the leading financial institution in Mauritius to regroup a comprehensive range of expertise, encompassing investment, financing, and corporate advisory services under the same roof.

*"Whether corporate or individual, each client is unique, having specific needs, risk appetite and ecosystem. Our multidisciplinary team of seasoned professionals is dedicated to listening to each client with a view to identifying their ideal profile. This is an essential step prior to designing any tailored financing or investment solution. In light of the current complex economic and financial context, our aim is, more than ever, to protect clients' assets and ensure the long-term and steady growth of their wealth,"* says Alvin Jeeawock, Senior Manager of SWAN Capital Solutions.

### USD 1.7 billion assets under management

Over the years, the capital markets cluster of SWAN group has diversified its activities to a significant extent, hence becoming a major player in the financial sector. To-date, SWAN Capital Solutions has assets under management worth more than USD 1.7 billion. Schroders, BlackRock and Euroclear are the three key partners with which the company has established solid and long-term relationships. These partnerships add value to the services being provided.

As of now, SWAN Capital Solutions proposes, via Swan Wealth Managers Ltd, five Collective Investment Schemes (CIS), one of which is the Dollar Liquidity Fund, launched in August 2022. By smartly investing in short-term fixed-income securities, the two main objectives of this fund are to maintain liquidity and low volatility, while giving attractive returns for investors who have the possibility to withdraw their investment on a daily basis.

The clients of SWAN Capital Solutions include pension funds, insurance companies, investment funds, corporates, high-net-worth individuals and the general retail investors, based in Mauritius and abroad.

### **Creating sustainable value**

The cluster also envisions to further expand its activities and broaden its array of products and services through strategic partnerships and acquisitions. In this context, Cim Forex was acquired in June 2022 and subsequently renamed into Swan Forex Ltd. By engaging in foreign exchange activities, SWAN Capital Solutions is now able to meet the needs of its clients, regardless of their complexity, while supporting the cross-border transactions of its investment cluster.

Moreover, this strategy allows the cluster to better explore new opportunities, capitalising on the numerous possibilities offered by the Mauritius International Financial Centre (MIFC), thanks to a liberalized financial market and free capital flows. The ongoing expansion will strengthen the cluster's positioning as an important contributor to local and regional development, and build its capacity to create sustainable and meaningful value for all stakeholders.

**"In the light of a challenging economic climate, we have no choice but to innovate so as to optimise financing cost and maximise returns on investment. Clients are looking out for such solutions. At SWAN Capital Solutions, our main strength lies in the synergy we have created among our business units which allows us to provide our clients with customised support and guidance through a holistic approach. We are resolutely committed to crafting investment or financing solutions that meet their needs and help them prosper,"**

highlights Alvin Jeeawock, in a concluding note.



Alvin Jeeawock  
Senior Manager  
Swan Capital Solutions



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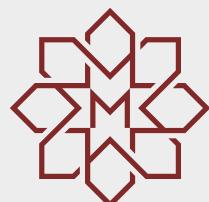
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## Dr. the Honourable Renganaden Padayachy - Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development



Dr. the Honourable Renganaden Padayachy assumed office as Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development on the 12th of November 2019.

Dr. Padayachy was First Deputy Governor of the Bank of Mauritius from December 2017 to October 2019 and Chairman of the Financial Services Commission from January 2018 to October 2019.

In his capacity as First Deputy Governor of the Bank of Mauritius, Dr. Padayachy was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank as well as a member of the Monetary Policy Committee. Prior to his appointment as First Deputy Governor, Dr. Padayachy was already, since March 2015, a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Mauritius. He was also a member of the Monetary Policy Committee since 5 September 2017. Before being appointed First Deputy Governor Designate, Dr. Padayachy was the Chief Economist of the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) and headed the Economic Analysis

and Industry Division of the MCCI.

Dr. Padayachy holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, France. His thesis entitled: « Mesures de la Pauvreté à l'île Maurice » is a comprehensive study on poverty in Mauritius. It starts with a full explanation on poverty and dwells on the monetary dynamics and also defines the different characteristics of the poor and the vulnerable.

With the help of econometric models, the author analyses the determinants of poverty and also explains poverty with regard to the labour market, education, age, gender and geographical location. Based on a multiple-indicator approach, Dr Padayachy shows the complementary and appropriateness of an analysis of human poverty underlining the serious shortages in terms of capacity of choice — compared to illiteracy and the living conditions. The last part of the research focus on the evolution of poverty using two methods. First: using the concept of Vulnerability to Poverty to measure the ex-ante risk that a household is poor ex-post, if it is not poor, or that he remains poor, if it is already poor. Second, using the concept of Poverty Dynamics to distinguish chronic poverty from transient poverty. Dr. Padayachy also holds two Masters, the first one in Public Economics from the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, France, and the other one in Industrial Economics from the University of Franche-Comté, France.

## The Honourable Mahen Kumar Seeruttun - Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance



Mr. Seeruttun is an active politician in Mauritius. He is member of the polit-bureau of the Mouvement Socialiste Militant (MSM). He was first elected as Member of National Assembly in May 2010 for Constituency No 11 (Old Grand-Port/Rose-Belle). He was reelected in December 2014 and November 2019 in the same constituency.

He served as Member of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) between July 2010 and October 2014. After the December 2014 general elections, he was appointed Minister of Agro Industry and Food Security. And since November 2019, he is serving as Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance.

He is a professional Accountant with a Master's Degree in Business Administration with specialization in Finance from the University of Mauritius.

In 1992, Mr Seeruttun joined the Mauritius Sugar Industry Research Institute. He was the Secretary Accountant of the research institute, heading the Finance and Administration Department. After 13 years, he resigned to join the CIEL Group of companies as Finance Manager. And in 2014, he had to resign from CIEL Group to serve the country as Minister.

## Marc Hein SC, G.O.S.K – Chairman at Juristconsult Chambers



Marc - Marc Hein SC, G.O.S.K. is the founder and Chairperson of Juristconsult Chambers. He has chaired various Mauritian legal and financial bodies such as the Mauritian Bar Council, the National Economic and Social Council and the Financial Services Commission. He was also the first Enforcer of Global Finance Mauritius (GFM). Marc Hein has been awarded the title of Grand Officer of the Order of the Star & Key of the Indian Ocean (G.O.S.K.) for his national contribution to the legal and financial sectors and is a senior counsel appointed by the President of the Republic.

Marc is a well-known negotiator and counsel advising parties in multi-jurisdictional transactions involving a number of different contractual governing laws. He is a fine advisor in strategy concerning litigation, arbitration, mediation or negotiation. He is the legal adviser of several well-known local and multinational corporations, trusts, banks, financial institutions, high net worth individuals and fund managers. Marc has acquired substantial expertise and experience in all aspects of the practice of law while specializing in business law, including corporate, commercial, tax, energy & mining, insolvency, and employment law. He regularly participates in local and international conferences and is perceived as an innovator in the development of laws in Mauritius. Marc is consistently rated as a highly regarded "leading lawyer" in IFLR1000 & ranked as the only "eminent practitioner" for Mauritius in Chambers & Partners Global.

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## Nicolas Richard – Managing Partner at Juristconsult Chambers



Nicolas Richard is the Managing Partner at Juristconsult Chambers. Prior to joining Juristconsult Chambers, Nicolas was an associate/director of the local office of an international law firm for 4 years. He also worked as Legal Affairs Manager at IBL Ltd, the largest conglomerate in Mauritius where he was involved in a number of important projects including the financing and construction of the island's largest dockyard, the launch of the first private airline of the country (including financing and leasing of related aircrafts) and several cross-border financing transactions using Mauritius special purposes vehicles. Nicolas' practice covers all aspects of corporate and commercial law with particular focus on banking and finance, aircraft and shipping financing. Nicolas advises leading international banks and multinational companies on financing / investment structures and collaterals involving Mauritius vehicles.

Nicolas advises leading international banks and multinational companies on financing/investment structures and collaterals involving Mauritius vehicles. He also regularly advises local conglomerates on corporate, mergers and acquisitions and regulatory (including listing on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius) issues. This includes advising IBL Ltd on two biggest take overs in recent years (Lux Island Resorts and Blue Life). He has acted for Fortis Healthcare International in respect of the sale of its shares on the stock exchange of Mauritius to Ciel Healthcare Limited and for Essilor Group on the acquisition of the shares in R.Mathieu (Opticians) Limited and more recently for Proparco in connection with its acquisition of shares in MUA Ltd. Nicolas is ranked as a "Highly regarded leading lawyer" in the latest IFLR 1000 2022.

## Alvin Jeeawock - Senior Manager at Swan Capital Solutions



With more than 13 years of experience in the financial industry, Alvin's expertise encompasses asset management, investment advisory, and stockbroking, mutual funds, ETFs, and structured products. He previously worked at Capital Markets Brokers Ltd where he set up and subsequently led the research department. During his tenure he worked closely with New York based partner Auerbach Grayson Co Ltd to step up the level of sales from foreign institutional investors. He also worked with Grayson's sister companies in the corporate sector.

Joined SWAN in January 2009

Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Charterholder

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## Nawaz Oozeer - Senior Corporate Advisor at Swan Capital Solutions



With more than seven years of experience in the financial sector, Nawaz is a seasoned investment professional focused on specialties such as asset management, investment advisory, mutual funds, and structured instruments. He started his career at African Alliance Group, a South African based investment bank, as credit analyst and later thrived into investment management with key expertise including portfolio management, fund modelling, investment analysis and strategic business development. Prior to joining SWAN, Nawaz worked in a management company where he gained valuable competencies in different fund architectures and trust structures both on the local and international markets.

Joined SWAN in December 2021

Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Charter holder

Bachelor Business and Commerce (Monash University)

## Avnish Rogbeer - Senior Fund Manager at Swan Capital Solutions



Avnish has over a decade of experience in investment advisory, actuarial, consulting, and fund management. In his previous role as an Actuarial Consultant, he devised the strategic asset allocation for both defined benefit and defined contribution Pension schemes. Within his role as Senior Fund Manager, he leads the team who sets the asset allocation for life, non-life insurers and pension funds. His experience is focused on assessing and investing in international and local equity, corporate bonds, sovereign bonds, treasury bonds, private equity, infrastructure funds and real estate.

Joined SWAN in August 2018

Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries (FIA) BSc (Hons) Statistics (University College London, UK)

CFA Charterholder

### Anouchka Appanah - Corporate Manager – Legal at Rogers and Company Ltd



A barrister-at-law, Anouchka Appanah, is a Corporate Manager – Legal at Rogers and Company Ltd. She holds a Bachelor of Law degree from the University College of London, where she received the Herbert Smith Prize for Excellence for top grades across all subjects. Anouchka is a member of the Mauritius Bar Association, the Bar of England and Wales at Middle Temple Inn, and the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple.

Her fields of expertise include Global business, contract law, corporate law, and mergers and acquisitions (including conducting due diligence exercises and drafting documentation).

### Arvin Halkhoree - Chief Legal & Compliance Executive of Rogers and Company Ltd.



Arvin Halkhoree is the Chief Legal and Compliance Executive of Rogers and Company Ltd. He holds a Master's degree in Law with a specialisation in Computer and Communications Law from the Queen Mary University of London and a Bachelor of Law from the University of Mauritius. He also holds a Master in Business Administration (MBA) with a specialisation in Financial Services from the University of Mauritius. His areas of expertise include Corporate, Commercial, Aviation, Technology, Telecommunications and Financial Services law, Compliance and AML/CFT, with considerable experience, both locally and internationally. Drawing on his deep knowledge of emerging technologies – including FinTech, Blockchain, cryptocurrencies, and NFTs – he has advised several clients on the legal and regulatory aspects. Arvin was a member of the Bar Council of Mauritius in 2017 and 2018.

A registered trainer with the Mauritius Qualifications Authority, he regularly lectures for Continuous Professional Development courses to law practitioners at the Institute of Judicial and Legal Studies. Besides Law, Arvin has a keen interest in business strategy and technology-driven innovations. His prior experiences include a Partner position (as of 2022) and Senior Associate position (as of 2018) at Jurisconsult Chambers.

### Mehul Bhatt - Chief Strategy and Sustainable Development Executive, Rogers and Company Ltd



Mehul currently heads strategy, sustainability, and international growth for Rogers Group. Born in June 1980, Mehul started his studies and career in Merchant Marine at 18 with Chevron, an oil major based out of San Ramon, USA. Following six years of sailing and a Bachelor's Degree, he worked with international groups like A. P. Moller-Maersk in various strategy, finance, general management, performance management, operations and commercial roles. Mehul worked across the US, Denmark, East Africa, the UK, and India before moving to Mauritius in 2019. Mehul has a long history with the Rogers group since 2015 when he helped expand Velogic into East Africa, initially as the corporate development head and then as the Director of the acquired businesses.

Mehul holds a B.S. in Nautical Sciences from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, and an MBA from the London Business School.

### Ameenah IBRAHIM - Managing Director - MCB Investment Management Co. Ltd



Ameenah Ibrahim is the Managing Director of MCB Investment Management Co. Ltd. (MCBIM), the asset management arm of MCB Capital Markets. MCBIM is one of the leading asset managers in Mauritius with nearly USD1bn assets under management across various asset classes and investment strategies including niche strategies such as Africa Fixed Income. Throughout her career, she has acquired extensive experience in providing actively managed portfolios, bespoke investment solutions and advisory services to institutions, individual clients and professional advisers besides running MCB suite of investment funds under its collective investment schemes. She joined MCB Group after graduating from the University of Montpellier with a "Maîtrise-es-Sciences Économiques – Mention Monnaie et Finance"

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## Burty Francois - Partner at Juristconsult Chambers



With over 16 years of post-qualification experience, Burty François, Partner, heads the Litigation and Regulatory practice at the firm. He is a seasoned advocate and regularly appears in a wide scope of civil and commercial matters before the Supreme Court of Mauritius. He also appears before the Intermediate and Industrial Courts in relation to commercial matters, insurance disputes and tort-based matters. Burty has appeared regularly in cases dealing with ship arrests and sale by licitation of seized vessels. Burty provides practical advice and strategic insight into litigious or potentially litigious matters, with a view to effective management and resolution, or avoidance, of disputes. He is also an experienced corporate lawyer who has advised a number of domestic and foreign companies operating in Mauritius on employment, regulatory and company law matters. Burty was also a director on the Board of a bunkering company. Over the years, Burty has regularly represented major companies and conglomerates such as IBL, Accenture (Mauritius) and Beachcomber from a commercial and employment law perspective. Burty is also involved in the welfare of the society and is the firm representative for pro bono work. Burty is ranked as a "Notable Practitioner" in the latest IFLR 1000 2021 – 2022.

## Abdool Rahim Salehmohamed - Partner at Juristconsult Chambers



Abdool Rahim is particularly experienced in investment, banking, financing and corporate transactions. He has advised on various high value transactions and projects. He regularly advises fund managers and investors on their investments in Funds. Abdool Rahim is ranked as a "Highly Regarded leading lawyer" in the latest IFLR 1000 2022 and as a Next Generation Partner in Legal 500 2022.

## Shalinee Deepaul Halkhoree - Partner at Juristconsult Chambers



Shalinee Deepaul Halkhoree is a Partner at Juristconsult Chambers. She was admitted to the Mauritian Bar in January 2009 and holds a Masters of Law (LLM) in International Commercial Law from the University of Kent, UK. Her main areas of practice include corporate & commercial, banking & finance, data protection and intellectual property . Shalinee regularly advises leading international banks and multinational companies on financing & investment structures and collaterals involving Mauritius vehicles. Shalinee heads the Data Privacy practice at Juristconsult. Her data privacy work involves conducting gap analysis exercises, drafting of policies, procedures and processes for businesses, reviewing contracts from a data privacy perspective and delivering bespoke, sector specific trainings on data privacy. Her clients include the biggest conglomerates of Mauritius as well as hotels, insurance companies, management companies, banks and parastatal bodies. Shalinee has been ranked from 2017-2022 as a Leading Lawyer: Rising Star in the IFLR (Financial & Corporate) Guide which is a guide to the world's leading financial law firms.

## Khemila Narraidoor - Senior Associate-Barrister at Juristconsult Chambers



Prior to joining Juristconsult Chambers, Khemila has worked in several law firms in England. She has acquired extensive expertise in the drafting and vetting of legal corporate documents and is well experienced in litigation cases. She has an in-depth knowledge of the legislative, regulatory and commercial environments which are essential tools required for a practitioner so as to formulate the best practical strategies. Her areas of expertise include corporate, commercial, insurance, banking & finance, insolvency as well as employment law among other general business law. Khemila is also a fine litigator. She regularly appears before various court levels in Mauritius in labour, civil, commercial litigation and debt recovery cases. She has in-depth experience in dispute resolution as well as arbitration and mediation matters. Khemila is an accredited trainer who delivers regular trainings in employment law.

### Afsar A. A. Ebrahim, FCA CF - Executive Director, KICK Advisory



Afsar is the founding partner of KICK Advisory Services. He has over a quarter century of experience in Corporate Restructuring, Litigation Support, Mergers & Acquisitions, Strategy and Financial Consulting and Fund Raising to clients across a wide spectrum of industries both locally and internationally. Afsar previously served as Deputy Group Managing Partner of the largest professional services firm in Sub Saharan Africa- BDO in Mauritius, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Madagascar and Seychelles. Having been part of the network, he completed the BDO Global Partners Leadership Programme in 2016. Prior to his tenure at BDO, he served as Manager Corporate & Investment Banking at HSBC Mauritius during which period he was trained in Hong Kong and Singapore by HSBC in Corporate Lending Analysis and Applied Credit lending. He also occupied the post of Group Finance Manager at British American Investment Group (BAI). Afsar is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, prize winner in professional exam (PE 1) and was granted the Corporate Finance qualification from ICAEW in December 2006. Obtained training in Operational & Financial Consulting with Arthur Andersen at St Charles, USA, and in London and has attended the Harvard Business School program on Managing Professional Services Firm in 2012. In addition to his professional qualifications, he was a Founding Member of Mauritius Africa Business Club

### Sebastien Le Blanc - Founder of MIPS



Sébastien Le Blanc is an inventor who defines himself as a global darwinist. His motto is "*They didn't know it was impossible, so they did it*" (Mark Twain). Founder of MIPS, he created an ecosystem oriented to the bare digital payment action. This ecosystem has been designed and built to be strongly inclusive, open to all operators, professional and financial as well

### Ishant Ayadassen - CEO & Founder, Aya Group



Ishant Ayadassen is the CEO and founder of Aya Group, a company that deals with fintech and the metaverse. After completing a Bachelor of Arts in Economics with minors in Finance, Psychology, and Management, he became a licensed stock broker and financial advisor in the US. He then came back to Mauritius to kickstart his businesses. These are Afreeca Invest and MetaMoris. Afreeca Invest is a user-friendly trading platform that will allow Mauritians to trade stocks and crypto easily, instantly, and affordably, and MetaMoris will be the metaverse of Mauritius. It will be an exact replica of Mauritius in 3D, AR, and VR.

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### Roovisha Seetohul - Head of Legal, Alteo Group



Roovisha graduated from Université Robert Schuman in Strasbourg, France with a Maîtrise en droit et études européennes. She obtained a Graduate Diploma in Law from BPP Law School, London, before completing her Bar Professional Training Course at the College of Law – Bloomsbury, London. She also holds an LL.M. International Business Law from the International Law School of Panthéon-Assas University. Roovisha worked for two years as a consultant for Juristconsult Chambers before she was called to the Bar of England & Wales in 2013. She was admitted to the Mauritian Bar in 2014, following which she was in private practice for five years. During that time, she acted as Legal Resource Person for the Ministry of Gender Equality and was also a member of the Environment and Land Use Appeal Tribunal. She joined the Alteo Group in September 2019 as Head of Legal and Corporate Affairs and was soon after appointed as the Group Data Protection Officer and the MLRO and Compliance Officer of Alteo's property cluster.

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## Sayyad Boodhun - Director of Legal Services - Accenture



Sayyad was sworn in as a Barrister at the Mauritius Bar in January 2009 after having completed his LLB at the University of Mauritius and the Bar Vocational Course of the Council of Legal Education of Mauritius. In April 2012, he joined Accenture which is a global professional services company having a global workforce of more than 721,000 people and with revenues of USD 61.6 billion for last fiscal year that ended 31 August 2022.

For more than a decade now, Sayyad has been leading the geographic legal function of Accenture across various jurisdictions including Mauritius, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Egypt. He is also an affiliate member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

## Annabelle Ribet - Associate-Barrister at Juristconsult Chambers



Annabelle Ribet's practice covers all aspects of civil, corporate and commercial law. She provides legal advice and assistance throughout all the stages of the corporate life, including corporate formation, corporate governance matters, carrying out due diligence exercises in cases of M&A as well as compliance-related issues. She has acquired experience in drafting and advising on a wide range of domestic and foreign law governed commercial agreements, including loan and finance agreements, service and outsourcing agreements (warehousing, supply and logistics, agency and distribution, manufacturing), as well as software/website development contracts and confidentiality agreements. In addition to being involved in the drafting and negotiation of commercial and residential lease agreements, she has also been advising promoters, investors and other key players with respect to real estate transactions and developments.

## Emmanuel Travailleur - Associate at Juristconsult Chambers



Emmanuel joined Juristconsult Chambers in 2022 as an Associate Barrister-at-law. He has previously practised as a barrister-at-law for a Mauritius based chambers and as an associate for a Mauritius based law firm. Emmanuel has assisted and advised a wide range of local and international clients in the corporate and financial services sector. His practice primarily covers aspects of corporate and commercial law with a particular focus on financial services and banking and finance. He has acquired experience in the drafting of and advising on various domestic and foreign law governed commercial agreements as well as security agreements. It included service agreements, loan and finance agreements, licensing agreements, employment agreements and lease agreements.

Emmanuel has a keen interest in the fintech and emerging technologies sector.

## Other Speakers:

**Alain Boudry, Director, Pleion Consulting**

**Loïc Bax de Keating, Head of Wealth Management, Domestic Market, Ekada Capital**

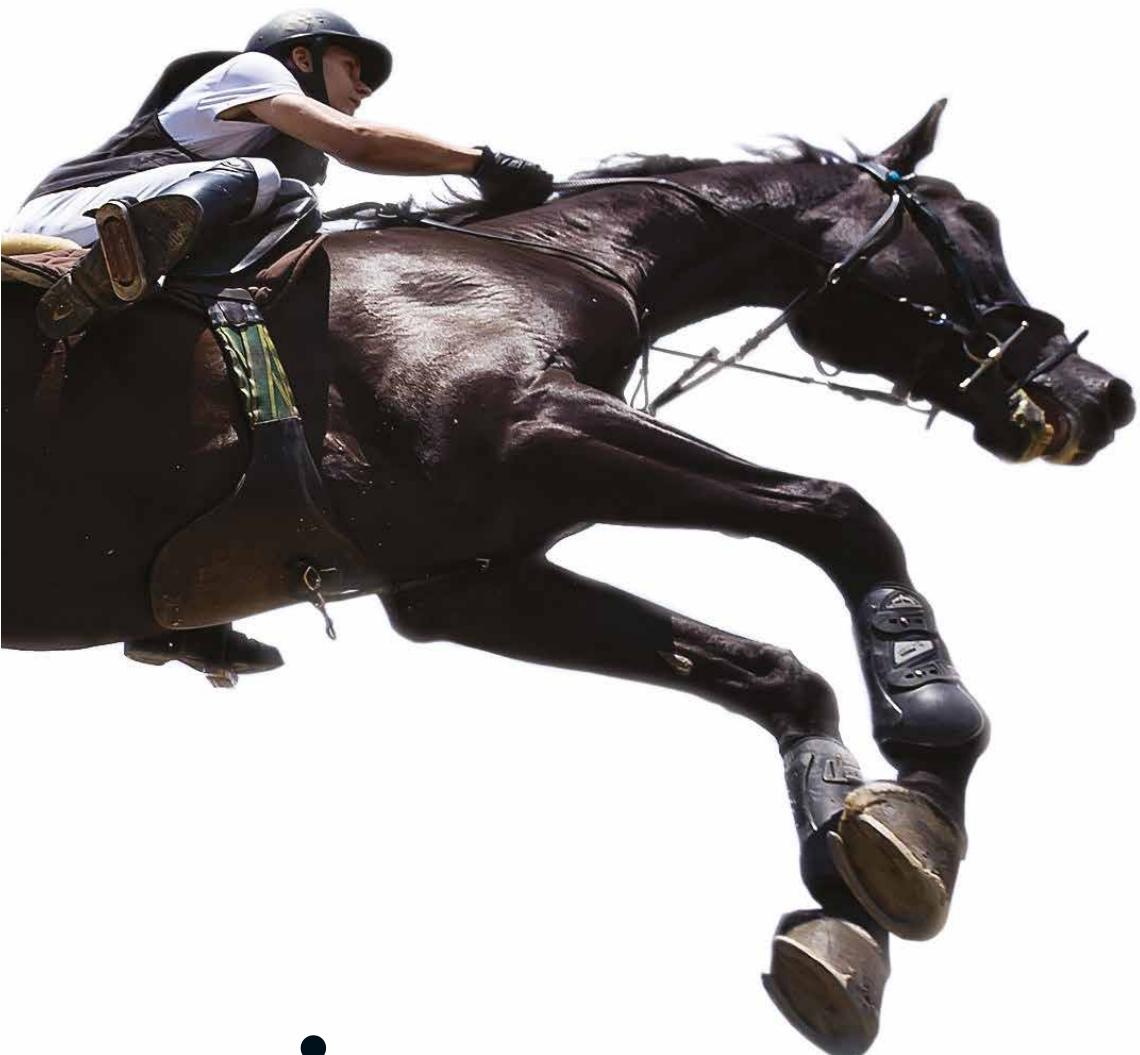
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## Andrea Lodges

Nestled on the South Coast of Mauritius Island, Andrea Lodges is a unique jewel which flows out seamlessly to sensational vistas of the Indian Ocean on one side and to the luxuriant vegetation and sugar cane fields on the other.

The landscape weaves down the Rivière des Anguilles until it merges into the black-stoned cliffs where the roaring waves crash. The cool sea breeze relaxes the mind and the soul, leaving our guests feeling invigorated and energized. In the surroundings, the small villages of Souillac and Riambel let themselves be discovered along the beautiful coastal road and the wild vegetation of the South Coast of Mauritius.

### **The Lodges:**

In the middle of Nature, Andrea Lodges consists of comfortable Lodges with bathroom & air conditioning, making your stay a unique experience.

### **Various Activities:**

Indulge yourself and enjoy the variety of sports and leisure proposed by Andrea Lodges. Make the most of this easy and leisurely walk through the protected Deer Park situated on the spectacular black cliffs of the South Coast or enjoy a rejuvenating swim in the pool or sunbathe poolside. You can also swim in the natural pool along gris-gris coast or even Cascade Mamzel & Cascade Cécile. There are other activities like bocci ball, hiking to Gris-Gris, archery and quad biking. Andrea Lodges is also appropriate for Corporate Team Building exercises and Family Outings.

### **Quality food at the Bar & Restaurants:**

Ideally located in proximity of the cliffs, the restaurant & bar is a magical place, offering a panoramic view where our guests can spend unforgettable moments and discover the best Mauritian cuisines proposed.

The restaurant & bar are open for breakfast, lunch & dinner. It can also accommodate events such as Weddings, Business Functions, Celebrations, End of Year Parties and many more.

## Buffet Menu :

- Starters:**
- Selection of greens (tomato/cabbage/cucumber/ carrot/lettuce)
  - Potato salad
  - Grilled vegetables with feta cheese
  - Pasta Salad with black olives
  - Dressings & Condiments
- Main-Course:**
- Roasted chicken with mushroom sauce
  - Andrea Lamb civet with baby vegetables
  - Fish curry
  - Vegetable makani
  - Safranese eggplant
  - Onion rice
  - Lentils soup
  - Home-made chutneys(coconut/coriander)
  - Home-made pickles
  - Dholl puri
- Dessert:**
- Fruit Brochette
  - Mini Eclairs
  - Verrine of sagou with milk

## Afternoon tea-break

- Tea
- Coffee
- Juice
- Water still & sparkling
- Home-made Cakes
- Vienoisseries (chocolate buns & croissant)
- Cookies
- Salted biscuits
- Mini Pastries

## Apero & Sundowner :

- Snacks:**
- Crispy Calamari tartare sauce
  - Chicken satay brochette peanut sauce
  - Chilli bites
  - Vegetable samosas
  - Crouton prawns cocktail
  - Mini quiche
  - Mini vol au vent mushroom bechamel
- Beverages:**
- Soft drinks
  - Juices
  - Water still & sparkling
  - Beers
  - Wines (Rose/White/Red)
  - Spirits (Whisky/Gin/Vodka/Rum)



Juristconsult Chambers is an innovative and leading business law firm in Mauritius which also services the neighbouring islands of Reunion, Madagascar and Seychelles. Mauritius, considered as the star and key of the Indian Ocean, is ideally located at the crossroads of Africa, Australia and Asia, offering a convenient platform for holding and structuring investments in fast growing economies.

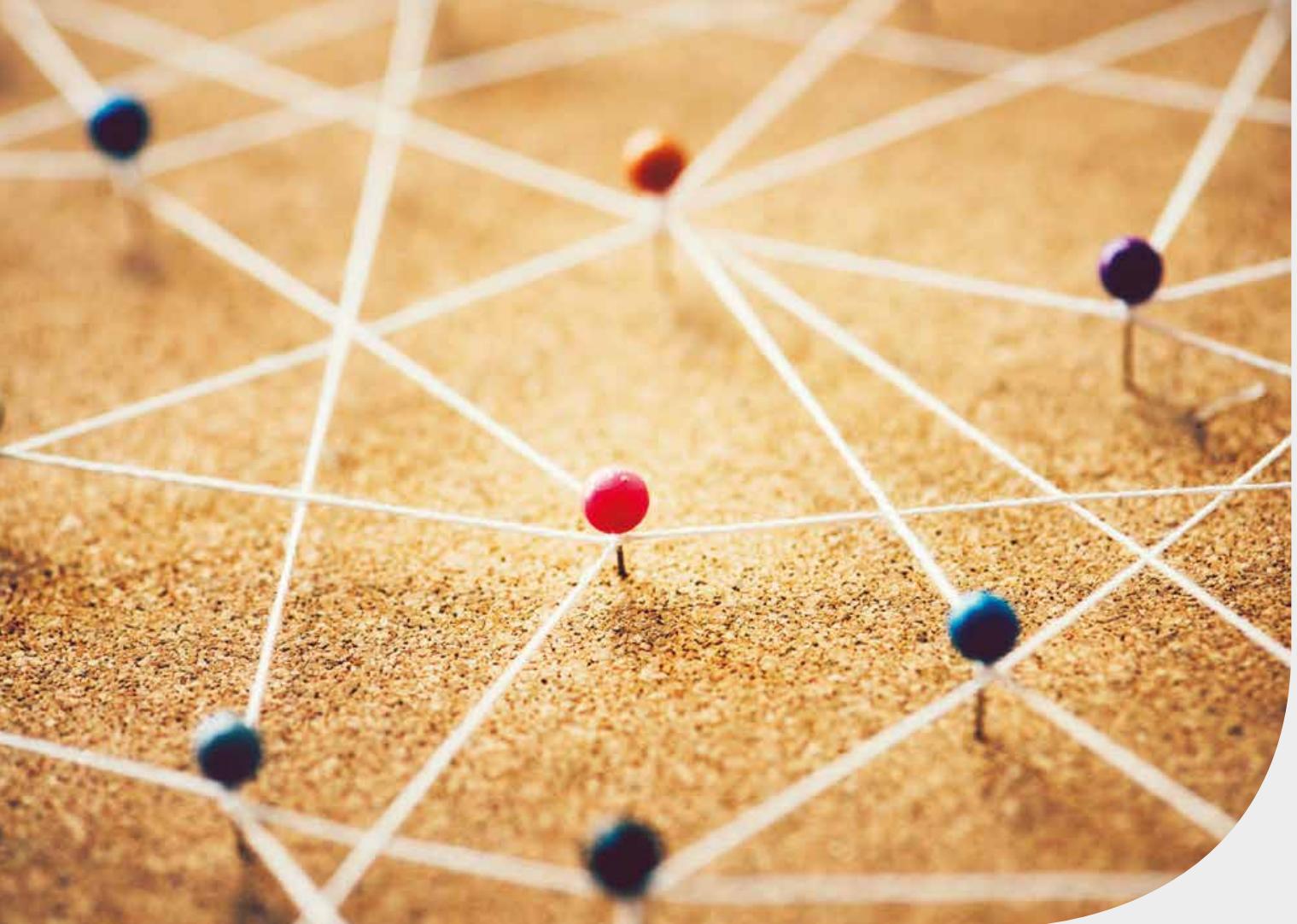
With African economies growing rapidly, Mauritius has become one of the continent's most important business hubs. Since 1989, clients have entrusted us with meeting their legal challenges. Our multidisciplinary team has in-depth knowledge of the Mauritian market.

The financial services sector in Mauritius is vibrant and the jurisdiction is recognised for its rigor in this area, having the highest level of international compliance standards: Mauritius holds 49 Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAs) and 28 Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements (IPPPAs). Our team helps in structuring

investments and also guides and assists investors to benefit from these agreements.

Juristconsult Chambers joined DLA Piper Africa in 2012 and has access to support from DLA Piper's sectors and service areas, as well as practice groups. It is consistently ranked in the highest tiers of IFLR1000, Chambers & Partners, The Legal 500 and other respected legal directories.

Our pragmatic approach allows us to serve a number of Mauritian and international clients. We go the extra mile for the interest of our clients by offering top-notch legal solutions with an aim to exceed their expectations.



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