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ALLY JAULIM

Head Business Development
Standard Bank International Fiduciary Services

Ally coordinates Standard Bank's International Fiduciary Services business development initiatives across the African continent and personally focuses on the East Africa region.

He is a seasoned banking and finance executive with exposure to a wide range of jurisdictions in the APAC and EMEA regions. His experience spans different areas of institutional, corporate and private client such as international tax, structuring, succession planning, fiduciary and banking. Ally previously worked for IFS (which has since then merged to form Apex Mauritius), IQ-EQ and later joined HSBC Mauritius as an Executive in the International Banking space with a business development role in the non-banking financial institutions, a position that also required him to sit on the Boards of the Mauritius subsidiaries of the HSBC Global Investment Funds (UCITS in Luxembourg).

He subsequently joined MITCO as their Head of Sales to consolidate and develop their Africa Corporate and Private Client businesses.

Ally is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and a full member of the Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners (STEP) – also a Registered Trust and Estate Practitioner.

Speakers



FRANCOIS GAMET

Chief Executive,
Standard Bank Mauritius

Francois has been appointed as Chief Executive of Standard Bank (Mauritius) Limited in September 2021. Francois has over 25 years working experience in the financial services sector, mainly in private equity and investment banking, in the US, UK, Russia, China and across Africa, always with a focus on emerging markets. During this time, Francois held several Board positions as Non-Executive Director and Chairman. He joined Standard Bank Group in 2004 and held various executive positions within the Group including Head of Asia for the Group and CEO of Standard Advisory (China) Ltd. In this role he was responsible for group strategy definition and implementation across Asia with a focus on SBG strategic relationship with the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC).

At Standard Bank Mauritius, under his leadership, the bank achieved unparalleled success with financial performance reaching new heights and substantiating the bank's strategic vision to becoming a global gateway to Africa.



**MR
MARDAYAH KONA
YERUKUNONDU**

First Deputy Governor,
Bank of Mauritius

Mr Mardayah Kona Yerukunondu was appointed, with effect from the 24th of February 2020, First Deputy Governor of the Bank of Mauritius (Bank). He also sits on the Monetary Policy Committee and was appointed, with effect from the 12th of May 2020, as Chairperson of the Board of the Financial Services Commission, Mauritius.

Prior to his appointment as First Deputy Governor, Mr Yerukunondu was, as from the 1st of March 2019, the country's first Ombudsperson for Financial Services. He joined the Bank in 1977 and acquired expertise in areas ranging from central bank administration, supervision, regulation, policy and compliance. Across his career at the Bank as a member of the Senior Management Committee, Mr Yerukunondu has filled several key positions including that of Assistant Director-Legal, Director of Change Management and Legal Section and Assistant Secretary of the Bank before his appointment as Ombudsperson for Financial Services.

Mr Yerukunondu has played a pivotal role in the modernization of the country's banking and financial services framework with key contributions in the drafting of the Bank of Mauritius Act 2004 and the Banking Act 2004.

As an ardent defender of the image and repute of the Mauritian jurisdiction, Mr Yerukunondu has played a key role as official delegate in several country missions focusing on anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism.

Mr Yerukunondu has participated in discussions in high-level fora including the International Monetary Fund, the Bank for International Settlements, the World Bank Treasury and Reserves Advisory & Management Partnership, the European Monetary Union and the Islamic Financial Services Board Summit.

Mr Yerukunondu is a sworn barrister. He holds a LLB (Honours) from the University of London as well as qualifications from the Institute of Statisticians. He has written academic papers on Islamic Finance published in March 2010 in the chronicle of the Bar Council and a manual on Banking for the Open University of Mauritius.



DANIEL ESSOO

Chief Executive Officer,
Mauritius Bankers
Association Limited

Daniel Essoo is currently the CEO at Mauritius Bankers Association Limited, bringing experience from previous roles at JTC Group, SGG S.A., TMF Group and Mauritius Bankers Association Limited. Daniel Essoo holds a 1998 - 2001 MA (Cantab) in Modern & Medieval Languages from the University of Cambridge. With a robust skill set that includes Private Equity, Investments, Financial Services, Corporate Finance, Banking and more, Daniel Essoo contributes valuable insights to the industry.



CHRIS CLARKSON

Head, CIB, Southern
and Central Africa,
Standard Bank Group

Chris currently is the Executive Head for Standard Bank's Corporate & Investment Banking activities across Africa's Core Markets Region. He leads Standard Bank's investment banking, transactional services, and global markets' activities across multinational and domestic corporate clients, focusing on opportunities of key growth areas and sectors across Sub-Saharan Africa.

Prior to this role Chris was Regional Managing Director of Indian Ocean Region and as Chief Executive of Standard Bank Mauritius, he was responsible for the establishment of the entity.

Chris has extensive experience in investment banking solutions, structured derivative product sales and capital markets and fixed income primary and secondary market distribution activities.

Chris' life purpose is to explore the unknown, making a positive impact by unlocking the true potential of others less fortunate across Africa.



JASON HAREL

Chairman and
Co-Founding Partner, BLC
Robert and Associates

Jason leads the Corporate and Commercial department of BLC Robert and Associates and is consistently identified as a 'leading practitioner' in his field by the main worldwide legal directories. He has a broad-based corporate advisory and transactional practice focused on real estate (including hospitality), corporate M&A and re-structuring, as well as projects. He also advises in respect of taxation (especially transactional taxes), projects and commercial disputes in conjunction with the dispute resolution team of BLC. He acts as an advisor to several leading companies in Mauritius and elsewhere guiding them in their strategic transactions. Jason spends considerable amount of his time advising clients in respect of their strategic investments in Africa.

Jason is qualified as a Chartered Accountant and a Barrister in England and Wales as well as in Mauritius.



NICOLAS VAN DAMME

General Manager,
Services Machinery
Trucks

Nicolas Van Damme is acting as General Manager of SMT Maurice, part of SMT Group, international dealer of Volvo Construction Equipment and some other brands from Volvo Group in different regions including Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Great Britain, Texas & New Mexico (US) as well as North Africa, West Africa & Central Africa.

Nicolas holds a Master in Business Engineering delivered by Louvain School of Management – Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium. He started his career in the banking sector occupying various positions in different countries within BNP Paribas Group, including Belgium, Turkey and in the US. In 2013, Nicolas moved to the Equipment distribution industry as Customer Finance Manager for a Komatsu dealer with presence in Europe and Africa.

In 2015, Nicolas joined SMT and its HQ located in Brussels leading the Trade & Customer Finance department which main mission is to build partnerships enabling to structure Trade & Export Finance solutions for the African customers. Since 2019, he has been appointed General Manager of the Group entity located in Mauritius, whose core business is dedicated to the Procurement, OEM Management, Supply Chain and Sales Support for several brands among SMT product portfolio



RENTIA VAN TONDER

Head: Power Client Coverage,
Standard Bank Group

Rentia joined Standard Bank in 2014, with a focus on developing and implementing opportunities for Standard Bank to be the leading funder of renewable and power projects in SA and the rest of Africa.

Rentia's experience range across various sectors where she previously worked in the Economic Research department and Mining Business Unit at the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) and was seconded to the office of the minister of Minerals and Energy as advisor. Also has extensive experience in the Wood & Paper sector and Green Industries, where she led a team focused on renewable energy, energy efficiency, fuel-based energy, and other green related initiatives. She has been focusing on the power sector since 2010, driving towards funding and growing the sector across the continent.



ANNEKE LUND

Executive Sustainable Finance,
Standard Bank Group

Anneke has led several instrumental sustainable finance deals across Sub-Saharan Africa which has positively contributed towards the development of the sustainable finance market. In her role she is responsible for driving positive social and environmental impact across both client portfolios and within the teams at Standard Bank and mobilising sustainable finance in the process of doing so. She has been intricately involved in sustainable framework developments for Standard Bank and Standard Bank clients.



ASHIS LUCHOWA

Director - Projects,
Trident Trust

Ashis has worked in the Mauritius financial services industry since 2005, developing significant experience in tax, administration, company secretarial and investment fund related matters. He started his career at Trident Trust leading a team administering private equity funds, along with investment holding companies and other structures, before taking on leadership of strategic projects for the firm. Prior to joining Trident Trust, Ashis headed the Structuring, On-Boarding and Tax Compliance teams at an international provider of corporate fund administration services.

Ashis holds a degree in Economics & Finance and a Masters in Business Administration. He speaks French and English.



MR KUI ZHENG

Chief Executive Officer,
Huawei Technologies
(Mauritius) Co Ltd

In 2012, Mr. Zheng completed his study at the Xi'an University in Telecommunication Engineering. After graduation, he was employed in Huawei Operator's Wireless Network Sales & Solution department in Sichuan and Lasa office.

Mr. Zheng has previously worked as a Technician, an Engineer, a Senior Sales Manager in Huawei South Africa Office, supporting world large operators i.e. China Mobile, Vodafone. In 2018 Mr. Zheng was promoted as the Country Manager at Huawei Lesotho Office, where he implemented the E-learning platform during pandemic time and supported laying the foundation of government digital transformation in Lesotho.

Appointed as CEO of Huawei Mauritius in 2021, Mr. ZHENG has introduced 5G technology to operators' network; implemented Digital Power business line in Mauritius as well as in Eastern Africa region.



FIONA THOMAS

Head Client Coverage,
Standard Bank Mauritius

Fiona Thomas joined Standard Bank (Mauritius) Limited in July 2021 as Head: Client Coverage. She has been with Standard Bank for 28 years and has held various positions within the Group including her more recent role as Executive: Client Coverage, Consumer Sector. Fiona has spent the last 15 years in the Coverage team, primarily responsible for Global Multinational Corporates, including selected key Group strategic clients. She has played a key part in building the Consumer Sector strategy and has been part of the team driving the client centricity model for CIB.



MEENAKSHI SANDRASAGREN

Head Global Markets,
Standard Bank Mauritius

Meenakshi Sandrasagren joined Standard Bank (Mauritius) Ltd in 2011 as Head: Global Markets. She has more than 25 years' experience in treasury and financial markets. In her current role, she is responsible for the overall management of sales, trading and investment activities of the dealing room. Prior to joining the banking industry, she worked across many industries in different capacities. She qualified as an accountant in the UK and is a holder of an MBA and a Master's degree in International Economics and Finance.



HELMUT ENGELBRECHT

Regional Chief Executive
Africa Regions,
Standard Bank Group

Helmut is an experienced banker on the African Continent. Currently he holds the title of Regional Chief Executive Africa Regions of the Standard Bank Group. He held various key positions within Standard Bank Group in product teams (mostly Investment Banking). Since 2008 he has managed people across Sub-Saharan Africa in product as well as client orientated teams, including serving as Head of Client Coverage Africa Regions and Head of Investment Banking Africa Regions.