



# Creating the future, today

Ashton Financial Partners Ltd ("Ashton") is licensed by the Financial Services Commission to provide a full range of corporate, fund administration, trust & fiduciary services. To enable our clients to focus on their core businesses, we provide all the essential administrative, accounting, taxation & company secretarial services that their companies might require.

Positioned as a strong support to its clients, Ashton offers specialised services in the areas of, inter alia, company structuring and formation, investment funds (Closed and Open Ended Funds), tax and estate planning, asset protection, intellectual property registration, Fintech projects, Digital Asset Custody, Multi Family Office, Asset Management and Investment Banking.

Since our establishment, we have been providing services to a diverse global clientele including Africa, Asia, Europe and America while we connect you with the growing opportunities.

We have set up over hundred structures, including investment holding companies and companies with activity licences falling under the Securities Act and CIS regulations.

We strive to deliver world class services to our clients and believe in building long lasting relationships with them. We observe high standards with regards to confidentiality and data protection.

Our main objective is to provide our clients with the most appropriate solutions by adopting industry best practices. In our journey to provide our clients with full business and operational support, we have built a network comprising of leading local and international partners, including but not limited to banks, law firms, tax experts and other professional intermediaries.



# **Our Credentials**





A combined expertise of over 70 years serving African, Asian, European and American businesses and HNW families



Comprehensive understanding of European, Asian, American and African markets and the functioning of Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements



Expertise in managing listed funds of AUM exceeding USD200 Million



AUA of circa USD30 Million



Licensed Corporate and Trustee regulated by the Mauritius Financial Services Commission



Independent and expert opinions and advices are provided upon request



A respected Trust & Corporate Service Provider cum Fund Administrator offering Fiduciary, Wealth and Fund Administration services with eminent professionals as the backbone of Ashton

# **Our Services**





#### **Corporate, Fund Administration & Fiduciary Services**

International Company Structuring & Formation | Structuring of Corporate & Estate Planning Vehicles | Corporate Services | Fund Services



#### Wealth & Future

Asset & Wealth Management Services | Work, Live, Retire in Mauritius | Investment Banking | Family Office



#### **Fintech Services**

Digital Asset Custody | Peer to Peer | Blockchain



#### **Compliance Services**

Compliance & Risk Management on client onboarding | On-going Compliance monitoring | Infrastructure Support



#### **Financial Crime Services**

Financial Crime Screening | Money Laundering Assessments | Information Security



# Why Mauritius?



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International business persons select Mauritius as the centre of excellence for the administration of both local and global offices because of the:

- ✓ Stable political and economic environment Globally recognised as the leader in Africa and have constantly maintained a high ranking position in Africa for ease of doing business by the World Bank
- ✓ Competitive pricing—same corporate structure for lower entry and maintenance cost than other IFC
- ✓ Favourable Tax Environment harmonized at the rate of 15%, tax is paid by qualified residents. A resident GBC pays corporate tax at a maximum of 15% of profits with possibility of accessing partial exemption regime bringing the effective tax rate to 3%, no capital gains tax, no withholding or estate taxes
- ✓ Convenience Strategically located in the middle of the Indian Ocean with a time zone at GMT+4 which allows an almost round the clock service to major markets from Hong Kong to United States through Europe
- ✓ Broad and increasing DTAA and IPPA networks strategic ties to ensure that we has the network that will enable business to maximise from a Mauritius base
- ✓ Straightforward residency schemes Obtaining residency and running your business from Mauritius, where the personal tax rate is only 15%, is possible through the purchase of real estate as well as through business ownership and investment options
- ✓ Retirement scheme
- ✓ Ultimate Court of Appeal Judicial Committee of the Private Council in the UK







"putting together the right structures for your cross border activities..."





#### Saleem Beebeejaun | Chairman & Executive Director

Saleem is the Executive Chairman of Ashton. He is also the Chairman of Rio Zim Limited, a listed mining company operating in Zimbabwe. He is the immediate past and first chairman of Warwyck Private Bank, established in Mauritius and licensed by the Bank of Mauritius which he has setup in Mauritius in 2014. He is also the Chief Strategy Officer of TWZ Law, a South African law firm based in Mauritius and is the Honorary Consul of Malaysia to Mauritius since 2008. He is very well respected in all spheres of the Mauritius civil and business societies and cuts across the different communities to emerge as an experienced and balanced business leader.



Rajeev Sookur, LLB (Hons), LLM, FCCA, CFE, TEP, MCSI, ACIArb Founder, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

Rajeev is the promoter, CEO as well as an Executive director of Ashton. He is a Fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountant with 22 years of combined exposure in the field of finance, auditing, fund accounting, anti-money laundering, capital markets, forensic investigation, financial regulations, law, tax, trust and global business. He has worked for various investigatory and regulatory bodies in Mauritius namely the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Financial Services Commission and the Judicial Department. He also worked as Risk and Compliance Manager for a corporate service provider in Mauritius prior to joining Imara Group - a leading financial conglomerate in Africa where he was the Chief Operating Officer for 10 years. Rajeev holds a LLB (Hons) from the Northumbria University and LLM from the Sorbonne Assas International Law School. He is also a Certified Fraud Examiner and a Forensic Accountant.





#### Dharmendra Persad | Non-Executive Director

Dharmendra, a non-executive director, is a Fellow Chartered Certified Accountant with 20 years of experience in the financial services sector. He started his career as a finance executive in the hospitality industry. He is a licensed auditor duly authorized by the Financial Reporting Council.



## Vichal Pattoo | Chief Business Development Officer

Vichal is an innovative consultant in business establishments whose well-established repertoire of abilities is complemented by excellent interpersonal skills, leadership and strong customer orientation. Having spent over 15 years in the financial services industry, he occupied various senior positions in the accounting, fund administration and business development field, Vichal has served as director on various Collective Investment Schemes as well as investment advisors and dealers. Prior to joining Ashton, Vichal was the Chief Executive Officer at JurisTax International Ltd, a company focusing on market penetration, deal and lead sourcing and arranging for incorporation and licensing of companies in Mauritius. During his career, he has also been involved on an advisory basis to CFD brokers which is among the UK top 100 companies. Admitted as a member of the Mauritius Institute of Directors (MIoD) since 2011, he has been complying with the Code of Ethics thereafter and have since then maintained a clean record.





#### Rajiv Nagaisar | Chief Operating Officer

Rajiv has over 12 years of experience in global business sector. He has exposure in various functions for example Fund administration, NAV computation, Transfer Agency, Compliance, Accounting, Company Secretarial and has also been involved in company structuring and FATCA/CRS reporting initiatives. He has acquired experience in managing portfolio of Companies and Funds — Close & Open End domiciled in Mauritius, Cayman, BVI, Singapore and Bermuda, having investments in African and Indian markets (listed and private equity), including Funds listed on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius and Irish Stock Exchange.



## Noushreen Muhobuth-Allawoodeen | Manager - Accounting & Fund Administration

Noushreen has worked with a few well-known corporate service providers in Mauritius and has over thirteen years of combined exposure in global business, corporate services, compliance, anti-money laundering, fund administration and fund accounting. Prior to joining Ashton, she worked for nearly seven years at Imara Asset Management Limited, which is part of the Imara Group – a leading investment banking group in Africa. She has dealt with mutual and expert funds (listed and non-listed on domestic and European securities exchanges) and segregated mandates based in US, the British Virgin Islands, Ireland, Denmark and Mauritius. She is well acquainted with financial laws and regulations such as the AIFM Directives, FATCA, Dodd Frank Act etc.





#### Rendhee Veeren | Manager - Legal & Compliance

Rendhee is a graduate in law and management from the University of Mauritius with over 13 years of professional experience in the areas of corporate secretarial practice and administration, governance, data protection, legal, compliance and AML/CFT. He has a solid knowledge and understanding of Company, Trust & Financial Services Laws, Corporate Governance, Compliance and AML-CFT regulatory framework.

Rendhee is a collaborator of the Financial Services Institute (Mauritius), of which he is also a graduate of the Financial Crime Competency Programme on Governance, Compliance and AML/CFT matters. He also served as a member in the Group Corporate Secretarial team of the Currimjee Group, one of the leading local and regional conglomerates.

He acquired firsthand experience in the field of money laundering and corruption investigation as Investigator at the Independent Commission Against Corruption. In 2017, Rendhee was an adviser on Information Matters to the Prime Minister at the Prime Minister's Office in Mauritius.



"the right expertise brings in the desired results..."



At Ashton Financial Partners Ltd, we have designed appropriate solutions for organisations with a view to facilitate the compliance and legal team to be more effective.

Our services are extended to organizations ranging from local to international financial institutions.

Our team acknowledges the challenging business and regulatory environment in Mauritius and is well trained to be able to address client's requirements as they grow in their business.

Our team is made up of respected and proven talented members including compliance specialists who served relevant positions providing them with an ability to provide expert views and provide immediate and sustainable solutions.



# **Our Plethora of Services**







Accounting & Taxation



Administrative & Secretarial



Registrar & Transfer Agent



Investor Relationship Management



Fund Administration



Trust & Asset Protection



Advisory Insolvency



Intellectual Property



Compliance



Wealth Management



Value Added Services



Aircraft & Vessel Registration



Payroll & HR



We utilise full

solutions for

clients.



Payment Intermediary Services



FinTech Services



Family Offices



Digital Assets Custody



Risk Mitigation



Pension Fund Administration



Tax Efficiency





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