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BLC Robert & Associates is the leading independent law firm in Mauritius.

Our specialist legal knowledge helps us unlock value for our clients investing in Africa and Asia using Mauritius as the International Financial Centre of choice. Our lawyers are multi-specialists equipped to manage a broad range of legal matters from diverse industries and deliver successful outcomes to clients.

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Our team of relationship-driven, seasoned lawyers are passionate about helping you solve your most complex transactions and other important business matters.

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For over 15 years, we have forged a reputation in helping entrepreneurs, corporates, state enterprises and investors to successfully navigate challenges in their business landscape.

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The Mauritius Advantage

At the crossroads of Africa & Asia, Mauritius possesses all the elements to make it an International Financial Centre of choice.

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Our Firm

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A full-service independent business law firm with global reach

BLC Robert & Associates Ltd is the leading independent business law firm in Mauritius serving a spectrum of corporate & institutional clients, multinational companies, financial institutions, funds and public sector bodies amongst others. With deep expertise, a client-centric approach and service excellence, we help clients investing or doing business in Africa and Asia via the Mauritius IFC achieve their objectives, close deals, protect and preserve their business interests.

Every situation and transaction are unique. Our lawyers are multi-specialists with in-depth expertise from diverse sectors, having strong capabilities to provide clients with tailored commercial, pragmatic solutions to complex legal matters.

Honoured as ‘Law Firm of the Year in Mauritius’ by both Chambers Global and IFLR, we are known for providing exceptional legal service founded on our ability to offer expert advice and innovative solutions that shape complexity to simplicity.

Our firm is a member of Africa Legal Network (ALN), an exclusive alliance of independent, highly ranked Member Firms in 13 countries across Africa, with over 600 lawyers on the ground in 15 major cities.

A partner-led approach

Our specialist lawyers provide expert, personalised service, whereby our partners are recognised as leaders in their fields. Our collaboration is founded on proximity with clients and their need for clarity, bespoke recommendations, which ultimately help us build and nurture relationships.

Why choose BLC Robert & Associates

- A people-centric and relationship-driven approach: We are multi-specialists in all aspects of corporate and commercial law with in-depth knowledge and exposure to diverse practice areas. Solid back-office teams delivering outcomes with agility.
- An independent, Mauritian law firm with a wide network of unique, market-leading experience and resources across Africa
- Part of Africa Legal Network (ALN), with a network of leading law firms across 15 major African cities to provide high-end, bespoke services.
- Close relationships with a number of international law firms, providing us with an unrivalled access to best practices, innovation, latest insights and training to our professionals.
- State-of-the-art knowledge management system to strengthen knowhow and latest developments, documentation

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When it comes to the work we do, the results we achieve and the people we hire, we only want the best. At BLC Robert & Associates, we offer exceptional career opportunities to our lawyers and aspiring graduates in a space that is challenging, rewarding and performance-driven.

We look for talented people who can exhibit an affinity with our values to help us fulfil our vision of becoming the leading independent business law firm in Mauritius. Our dynamic and diverse environment enables people to build a long and rewarding career with us.

Why work with Us



An internationally connected firm



Challenging opportunities



Performance-driven rewards



A transparent and structured career path



Learning and development opportunities through international law firms and ALN network

Our Culture

We believe culture is critical to success. It takes a committed, dynamic team to deliver service excellence and innovative thinking to our clients across jurisdictions. At BLC Robert & Associates, we nurture creativity to find the best solutions, all founded on mutual respect, collective support and creating a culture that transforms passion into action.

With a strong focus on a client-oriented approach, our team has an entrepreneurial spirit coupled with great energy to deliver outcomes with agility and expertise. We are committed to diversity, equity and inclusion and encourage an environment where our people are trusted and empowered to share their perspectives.

Professionals

We invite like-minded individuals with the same passion and quest for excellence, who are eager to be part of a collaborative and dynamic environment. All applications should be accompanied by your resume and a letter of motivation which must include your qualifications, relevant post-qualification experience, and area(s) of specialisation. We will contact shortlisted applicants for an interview.

Mentorship and Training

At BLC Robert & Associates, we want you to succeed and become an integral part of our collaborative team. In our journey towards excellence, we are committed to attract, invest in, and retain top quality talent. Throughout this journey, you will be exposed to a broad range of experiences and get the opportunity to work closely with senior lawyers and learn from them. Being part of the ALN network and globally connected to a number of international law firms, you will also be part of our constructive learning and development program including access to best practices, innovation, latest insights, secondments and training in diverse practice areas.

Pupillage

From barristers and attorneys who complete their pupillage period with us will be guided and assessed by their pupil supervisor, but also gain hands-on experience with our lawyers in our various practice areas so that they benefit from the complete BLC Robert & Associates experience. We strive to ensure that our pupils are provided with all the merits of a 'traditional' pupillage coupled with an insight into the workings of a law firm's practice, that in turn represent an excellent grounding for any aspiring lawyer for admission at barrister or attorney at laws in Mauritius.

Our objective is to retain the best candidates after the pupillage period. We believe the future of the firm depends on the quality of the trainees we embark on this journey and pave the way to a career path for them. As of today, we have a number of our younger talents who have started their careers with us and are partners at BLC Robert.

Traineeships

We offer traineeship opportunities to law students who are pursuing a career in law. During the internship, you will assist us in ongoing cases of diverse practice areas, draft legal documents and attend court proceedings with our lawyers. Throughout this journey, your research, analysis and commercial awareness skills among others, will be tested. This is an excellent opportunity for you to experience life at BLC Robert & Associates and find out what it takes to be a lawyer at our firm.

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Team Members

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Our team is made up of talented, relationship-driven and motivated lawyers – many are leaders in their fields. Through our wealth of expertise and experience, we offer an unmatched high standard service. We navigate clients through their greatest challenges and help them shape complexity to simplicity.

Our Partners



Iqbal Rajahbalee SC



Jason Harel



André Robert SA



Jean-Eric Sauzier



Valerie Bisasur



Mushtaq Namdarkhan



Fayaz Hajee Abdoula



Bhavna Ramsurun

Senior Associates



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Ammar Oozeer

Associates



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Iqbal Rajahbalee SC

Managing Partner

Joined Firm : 2005



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Iqbal is the co-founder and Managing Partner of BLC Robert & Associates. He is known to be the founder of the offshore industry in Mauritius. He has over 30 years of practice at the Bar of Mauritius advising on diverse cross-border finance transactions, including asset financing and investment funds both for the public and private sector.

With his deep knowledge and experience on complex corporate structuring and corporate governance advisory, Iqbal sits on the board of several substantial public and private Mauritian companies.

Prior to joining BLC Robert & Associates, he served as the first Executive Director of the Mauritius Offshore Business Activities Authority (MOBAA) and was also the first Chief Executive of the Financial Services Commission of Mauritius. During his career, he also acted as Mauritius counsel in setting up a number of global investment funds and provided expert advice to a spectrum of multinationals. His well-honed legal expertise enabled him to serve at the Attorney General's Office, Ministry of Justice, for more than ten years, reaching the position of Assistant Solicitor General. He often advises the government on financial law matters and has drafted numerous pieces of legislation in Mauritius including the Securities Act, the Financial Services Development Act and the Insurance Act.

Iqbal holds an LL.B and LL.M from the London School of Economics (UK).

Memberships

- The Honourable Society of Middle Temple
- Honorary Member, Asian Offshore Association
- The Mauritius Bar Association

Accolades

- Ranked as a 'leading lawyer' by Chambers Global since 2011
- Ranked as a 'top tier lawyer' by PLC Which Lawyer? 2011
- Ranked as a 'leading lawyer' by IFLR 1000, since 2011
- Described by Chambers Global 2017 as 'extremely competent, offering practical solutions with a high-quality output'
- Recognized as 'leading individual' by Legal 500 EMEA 2021

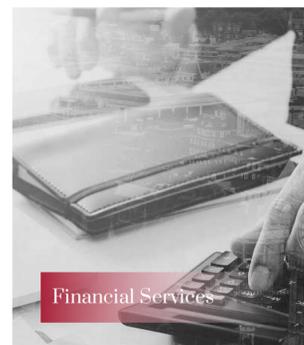
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Jason Harel

Co-Founding Partner

Joined Firm : 2005

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Jason Harel is the co-founding Partner of BLC Robert & Associates.

He leads the Corporate and Commercial department of the firm. He possesses substantial experience in Real Estate, Banking, Corporate Finance, Corporate Transactions, Mergers & Acquisitions, and Taxation.

He acts for both public and private companies and sits on a number of boards. He acts as an adviser to a number of leading companies in Mauritius guiding them in their strategic transactions.

Prior to joining BLC Robert and after completing his pupillage with Gray’s Inn Tax Chambers, the leading tax chambers in the UK, Jason was a senior associate within the Trade Finance and Project Finance Group of Denton Wilde Sapte LLP in London from 2000 to 2005. Jason also worked for Kingston Smith in their corporate insolvency and restructuring divisions.

Jason is consistently identified as a ‘leading practitioner’ in his field by the main worldwide legal directories, such as IFLR1000, Chambers & Partners, and Legal 500. He is a Chartered Accountant and a Barrister both in England & Wales and in the Republic of Mauritius.

Memberships

- Institute of Chartered Accountants
- Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn
- Mauritius Bar Association

Accolades

- Described as a “very dynamic” lawyer, “excellent for international matters” by Chambers Global 2017
- Recognised for “Excellent Reputation” by Legal 500 EMEA 2016
- Recognized as “leading individual” by Legal 500 EMEA 2021
- Ranked as a “leading lawyer” by Chambers Global & IFLR 1000 since 2011

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A spectrum of legal services streamlined

At BLC Robert & Associates, we listen to you and understand your business strategy. Our in-depth experience enables us to provide domestic and international clients with specialist legal services and build true, long-lasting partnerships.

We provide a cross-jurisdictional legal service for a broad range of practice areas:



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Capital Markets



A one-stop set of solution

Our Capital Markets Practice has a successful track record in handling IPOs, listings, bond issues, equity and debt securities, ETFs, dual listings domestically and internationally. We have strong and close relationships with Mauritian stock exchange, regulators and other market participants.

Coupled with our considerable knowledge of Corporate & Commercial law, Banking & Finance and Financial Services, our specialists are well-positioned provide a one-stop service to clients on the regulatory and supervisory requirements imposed upon regulated markets.

Our Expertise

- IPOs & Listings
- Placements, rights issues, bonus issues and other secondary issues
- Issues of equity bonds, notes, depositary receipts, redeemable preference shares and convertible loan stocks
- Continuing listing requirements, corporate disclosure and corporate governance
- Capital and corporate restructuring
- Employee share schemes

Key Contacts



Iqbal Rajahbalee SC



Bhavna Ramsurun

Recent Works

- Advising **HWIC Asia Fund** (part of the Fairfax group) on the takeover of Eagle Insurance Limited, an insurance company listed on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius.
- Acted for **Happy World Property** on becoming a public company and its introduction on the Development & Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange of Mauritius.
- Acting as Mauritian legal advisor to **Grit Real Estate Income Group Limited** ("Grit") in respect of its listing on the Official List of the London Stock Exchange. We subsequently advised Grit on its migration to Guernsey whilst retaining its presence and listing on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius.
- Assisting **Pan-European Logistics Property Holdings Limited**, a company investing in real estate opportunities, in connection with the structuring and conduct of a private capital raising and listing on the Bermuda Stock Exchange.
- Acting for **South Suez PE Investments Ltd**, a company focused on African private equity opportunities, on its listing on the Official List of the Stock Exchange of Mauritius.
- Acting as legal advisor to **AEGIDE DOMITYS** and **2Futures** on the EUR 58.5 million structuring and capital raise for the construction of Le Domaine de Grand-Baie. The innovative nature of the capital structure, which comprised equity, a structured bond issue of multiple tranches, maturities and security status and a syndicated loan facility, required expert advice and a bespoke drafting of the transaction documents.
- Advising a **government-owned investment company** on establishment of a note programme of MUR 1 billion.
- Advising a statutory entity in the sugar industry to raise debt capital of MUR 1.5 billion.
- Advising **African Rainbow Capital Investments Limited** in respect of the listing of its shares on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.
- Advising on the inaugural listing of depositary receipts on the **Stock Exchange of Mauritius** by African Export-Import Bank.
- Advising on the initial public offering and listing of **Attitude Property Limited** on the Development & Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange of Mauritius
- Assisting **ABC Banking Corporation Ltd**, a bank incorporated in Mauritius and licensed by the Bank of Mauritius, in respect of its listing on the Development & Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange of Mauritius

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Solid understanding of the corporate sector

Our Corporate & Commercial Practice serves numerous multi-faceted specialty practices, ranging from multinational companies, banks, financial services, hotels and government-linked bodies. As specialists in diverse sectors, we understand the needs and requirements of our clients, provide sound legal advice and tailored services that help them achieve their business outcomes.

Our cross-border strength is reflected in the fact that our lawyers are conversant and attuned to the business climate, economy, laws and practices in the region and internationally, especially for those companies who would like to use Mauritius as a springboard to invest in Africa.

As we seek to build long-term relationships with our clients, we take care of the legal side of things and let you focus on running your business smoothly.

Our Expertise

- Corporate services
- Commercial agreements / Joint ventures / Foreign Direct Investment
- Employment and compensation
- Tax
- Foundation / Philanthropy

Key Contacts



Jason Harel



Fayaz Hajee Abdoula

Recent Works

- Acting as legal advisor to **Aegide Domitys** and **2 Futures** on structuring and capital raise for the construction of le Domaine de Grand Baie.
- Advising and acting for one of the **largest corporations in Japan** in relation to a Rs 25 Million dispute with the special administrator of Iframac.
- Advising the successful bidder in relation to privatisation of a sugar estate in **Uganda**.
- Advising the project company in relation to a single point mooring/pipeline project in **Ghana**.
- Advising an **international corporation** in relation to the purchase of a Mauritian Company which owed breweries in India.
- Advising the **largest commercial bank in Mauritius on the preparation of a risk paper pertaining to Garantie Financiere D'achevement** (guarantee of financial completion), which set out the risks that the bank is generally exposed when a property developer has sold a real estate for which the bank has issued a guarantee of financial completion to the buyer of such real estate.
- Advising **Metro CAF** who has been awarded the contract for the maintenance of the Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs), in respect of the metro project in Mauritius.
- Advising the Mauritian subsidiary of one of the **largest engineering and construction firms in China** on public procurement, private-public partnerships and build to operate projects in Mauritius.
- Advising **United Technologies Corporation** (a systems supplier to the aerospace and defence industry) on the Mauritian aspect of its multi-jurisdictional restructuring involving the spinning off of Carrier and Otis from United Technologies Corporation resulting into three distinct corporations.
- Advising the **University of California and the University of Arizona** in connection with the implementation of joint programmes with the University of Mauritius.
- Advising a major telecommunications operator in Mauritius on issues **relating to directors' conflict of interests** as well as a number of listed companies.

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An outstanding track record in handling employment issues

Through this ever-changing employment law landscape, employees are no doubt a company's greatest asset, which makes it vitally fundamental to have the right guidance on the latest law and how it impacts your business.

BLC Robert & Associates has been cited as a leading employment law firm in Africa for finding best-of-breed solutions to employment and compensation issues for a wide range of clients, from international corporations to senior executives. As a full-fledged business law firm, we have a proven track record of successfully managing employment disputes, assisting clients' diverse needs and backgrounds domestically and regionally.

As specialists in our field, our lawyers handle the whole range of employment disputes in courts and arbitration settings.

Our Expertise

- Employment laws, policies and pension schemes in Mauritius
- Employment appointment and termination
- Expert advice to boards and senior management of listed and privately-held companies on sensitive employment issues, as well as the latest corporate governance and executive remuneration requirements.
- Employee compensation
- Restructuring, reorganisation and retrenchments, including complex sensitive trade union relations and industrial action
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Advice on complex and sensitive issues involving accelerated terminations, discrimination, whistle-blowing, and restrictive covenants.
- Assistance in disciplinary proceedings and acting as counsel in court cases

Key Contacts



Fayaz Hajee Abdoula

Recent Works

- Advising **RIU Hotel and Resort Group**, one of the renowned names in the hotel industry, since implementation in Mauritius in 2014 on employment law matters.
- Advising **Outrigger Mauritius Beach Resort** on all employment and industrial relations matter.
- Advising **Oracle**, an American Multinational computer technology corporation, in respect of its operations in Mauritius.
- Advisors to **Huawei**, a leading global provider of information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure and smart devices, in respect of employment law matters.
- Advisors to **Domitys Domaine De Grand Baie** in respect of all their employment matters relating to a senior service residence in Mauritius.
- Contribution to **Chambers Global** in respect of Mauritian employment law (Article entitled 'Chambers Global Practice Guide: Employment – Definitive global law guides offering comparative analysis from top-ranked lawyers').
- Advisors to **Metro CAF** who has been awarded the contract for the construction and maintenance of the Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) in respect of the project in Mauritius on employment law matters.
- Advisors to **Deutsche Bank (Mauritius) Limited** in respect of its exit in Mauritius on all employment law matters
- Advising the **Pennsylvania State University** on employment matters.
- Advising **several offshore companies** on all aspects of employment laws in relation to their activities in Mauritius and assist non-citizens in respect of all their formalities to obtain their work permits.
- Regularly advises **banks and corporates** on day-to-day employment law matters.

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Commercial approach in seeking to achieve the best objectives for the client

In an increasingly evolving economy coupled with the fast-paced nature of commercial transactions, our approach to dispute resolution is founded on the ability to handle commercial disputes in a commercial manner whilst ensuring technical excellence in adversarial proceedings.

At BLC Robert & Associates, our lawyers understand the commercial realities of clients and proactively engage with the clients at advisory stage and with opponents where there is a possibility of preventing or settling disputes by way of negotiation or mediation. Our team, which includes a Senior Counsel and a Senior Attorney, also has extensive experience in appearing before arbitral tribunals and all courts of Mauritius in high-value commercial disputes in a variety of industry sectors such as Banking & Finance, Insurance, Hospitality, Real Estate, Leisure, Construction, Private Equity & Investments, Telecoms, Media and Technology.

Our Expertise

- Contractual disputes
- Corporate governance disputes such as shareholder disputes
- Property disputes
- Trust and estate management
- Corporate insolvency
- Employment disputes
- Building and construction
- Intellectual property

Key Contacts



Iqbal Rajahbalee SC



André Robert SA



Mushtaq Namdarkhan

Recent Works

- Acting for the **State Trading Corporation** in challenging an arbitral award in excess of USD 100 million before the Supreme Court of Mauritius; appearing for the same client in a subsequent appeal before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.
- Acting for **Peepul Capital Fund II LLC** and **Millenium Strategic Group Ltd** in successfully defending challenges to an arbitral award obtained against VSoft Holdings LLC in excess of USD 22 million both before the Supreme Court of Mauritius and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council; subsequently appearing for Peepul in successfully obtaining a winding-up order against VSoft.
- Acting for **Mastercard International Incorporated** before the Competition Commission and in judicial review proceedings challenging the Commission’s decision to order Mastercard and Visa Worldwide Pte Limited to cap the default Issuer of Interchange Fees for a period of 5 years.
- Acting for a **private equity investment group in LCIA arbitration proceedings** to claim USD 1.4 million of damages and costs against a corporate administrator for losses caused in processing payment instructions which were not genuine.
- Acting for **JM Financial – Old Lane Indian Corporate Opportunities Fund I Limited** in successfully defending before the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court an application by Alpine Asset Appreciation Fund Limited for leave to bring derivative action proceedings against a number of persons to challenge a sale transaction and claim in excess of USD 50 million of damages.
- Acting for **Barclays Bank Mauritius Limited (now Absa Bank (Mauritius) Limited)** in defending a USD 16 million claim from Risk Reduction International Limited for alleged losses on foreign exchange transactions.
- Acting for the **Road Transport Commissioner** in judicial review proceedings before the Supreme Court of Mauritius in overturning a decision of the Public Bodies Appeal Tribunal which had quashed his appointment.
- Acting for **Amana Middle East Holdings Limited and Buharia Holdings International Limited**, as minority investors in ETA Ascon Holdings LLC before the Supreme Court of Mauritius to obtain interim injunctions under the International Arbitration Act so as to suspend the effects of a shareholder resolution in Mauritius which was contested in a foreign arbitration.
- Acting for **Trinity Capital Mauritius Limited** in defending an application by Immobilien for leave to bring derivative actions on behalf of the company in respect of a GBP 7.5 million dispute.
- Acting for the **majority shareholder of a mining group** in an MCCI arbitration to defend claims worth USD 1.3 million alleging abuse of majority by a minority shareholder.
- Acting for the **majority shareholder in pending and anticipated litigation in the Commercial and Bankruptcy Divisions of the Supreme Court** to resolve shareholder and boardroom disputes relating to a potential sale of assets worth EUR 26 million and a EUR 3.7 million claim, both in respect of a global business company with a large Pan-African asset base.
- Acting a **major international telecommunication company** in a tax dispute before the Assessment Review Committee and the Supreme Court.
- Acting for a **leading international company in the Hotels industry** in a dispute against the tourism regulator.
- Acting for **leading national hotel company** in a dispute involving environmental issues.

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BLC Robert advises and represents DFIs, international and domestic financial services, investment funds and corporates in local and cross-border transactions. With an in-depth knowledge of the banking and finance sector, we provide practical and timely legal advice on a wide range of banking and finance transactions.

Our experience in the domestic and international markets allow us to guide financing institutions and corporates through the structuring and completion of their projects. We further provide regulatory advice to banking and lending institution and assist them in the development of new products.

Our lawyers have significant experience in dealing with the most complex and innovative financing matters relating to the jurisdiction. Their strengths lie in combining a forward-looking approach, adaptability to markets' changes and to new ways of structuring financing. Our goals to build and nurture long-standing relationships with clients are also underpinned by our proximity and availability to them.

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- Syndicated lending
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- Pandemic finance
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- Banking regulatory and compliance

Key Contacts



Jean-Eric Sauzier



Valerie Bisasur

Recent Works

- Adviser to **Agence Francaise de Developpement** in a sovereign loan to the State of Mauritius to support to budget implementation program of the Mauritian government, including to provide support linked to the impact of Covid19 in the jurisdiction.
- Adviser to the **Mauritius Investment Corporation** in relation to bonds subscription to the operators of tourism and manufacturing industry as part of the Covid19 support program of the government of Mauritius.
- Adviser to **Cape Biologix Technologies** and **Cape Bio Pharms** in the structuring of financing from European Investment Bank for the construction of a production unit in Mauritius to produce company the plant protein used as reagent in quick detection kits for Covid-19 and endemic diseases in Africa (in particular HIV, Ebola, dengue and yellow fever).
- Adviser to **Société de Promotion et de Participation pour la Cooperation Economique S.A. (PROPARCO) and Deg – Deutsche Investitions – Und Entwicklungsgesellschaft Mbh (DEG)** in a USD 65,000,000 loan to the Mauritius Commercial Bank Limited to finance its support program to support Mauritian businesses (specially SMEs) affected by the Covid-19 crisis.
- Adviser to **ABSA BANK (Mauritius) Limited** in the structuring of Covid19 relief financing.
- Advising a **leading African energy company and independent power producer** on a USD 550 Million financing structured by a syndication of international banks.
- Acted for the **bookrunners and mandated lead arrangers** and **Standard Chartered Bank** as documentation agent in the USD 460,000,000 syndicated facilities to a multilateral development bank.
- Advised a **multinational petroleum company** on the acquisition of companies in various African countries including Mauritius to the value of USD 1 Billion.
- Advising to **Agence Francaise de Developpement** in the structuring of "green" financing lines with local banks.
- Advising a **consortium of international development and commercial banks** in the financing of the first wind farm project in Mauritius of a value of USD 65M.
- Advising a **major international Northern-American bank** in the acquisition of equity in a local bank.
- Acted as **Mauritian counsel to BPCE IOM** on the sale of its entire shareholding in Banque des Mascareignes to Banque Central Populaire.
- Advisor to a **major financial services holding company** in relation to the holding of its various banking structures in sub-Saharan African countries.
- Advisor to the **Mauritius Commercial Bank Limited** in relation to the financing of activities of a major African telecommunication group of companies in Africa.

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Seeing your deal through to completion

From multi-listed national corporations, joint ventures to high-net-worth individuals, BLC Robert & Associates has experience in advising on cross-border transactions, with robust expertise in high-profile, intricate and challenging deals.

Our team has advised leading, thriving organisations on all aspects on acquisitions, divestments of companies, businesses and assets among other related services in diverse industries such as banking & finance, real estate financial services, intellectual property, fiduciary companies, information technology and more.

In addition to providing legal advice, our lawyers have the commercial knowledge to provide a seamless advice to assist our clients to achieve the best outcomes in their deals.

Our Expertise

- Domestic and cross-border acquisitions of private companies
- Acquisition of listed companies
- Mergers and amalgamations
- Shareholders agreements
- De-listings and corporate restructurings
- Due diligences
- Sales of assets business
- Sales of securities, equity and quasi equity investments, joint ventures

Key Contacts



Jason Harel



Fayaz Hajee Abdoula

Recent Works

- Advising a **multinational bank** in respect of a sale of its business operations in Mauritius
- Advising **Vivo Energy** on its acquisition of Engen International Holdings (Mauritius)
- Advising a wholly-owned subsidiary of the **MCB Group Limited** (which owns the biggest bank in Mauritius) on the acquisition of the entire shareholding of Club Med S.A.S in COMPAGNIE DES VILLAGES DE VACANCES DE L'ISLE DE FRANCE LIMITEE.
- Advising the **Seven Energy Group** on its sale to the Savannah Petroleum Group.
- Advising the **Mauritius Union Ltd** on the acquisition of Saham Assurance Kenya Limited.
- Advising **Axis Fiduciary Ltd** on the acquisition of a management company in Mauritius.
- Advising **Ocorian Corporate Services (Mauritius) Limited** on its merger with Estera Management (Mauritius) Limited.
- Advising **Vivo Energy Limited** in respect of a joint venture with Kuku Foods East Africa Holdings for the opening of more KFC outlets across Vivo's service stations in Africa.
- Advising the trading corporation of the **Toyota Group** in respect of an investment in a Ugandan company through Mauritius.
- Assisting in the **sale of an African cable-TV operator** business and conducted due diligence in relation to its **various target global business companies incorporated in Mauritius.**
- Advising **Baring Private Equity Asia**, one of the largest and most established independent private equity firms in Asia in connection with the acquisition of three Mauritius-based management companies.
- Advising a **leading operator of senior residence in France** on the capital structuring and development of a senior serviced residence in Mauritius.
- Advising **Goldman Sachs** with respect to its investment in Jumo World Limited, the largest and fastest growing technology platform for operating inclusive mobile financial services marketplaces.
- Advising **Dentressangle Initiatives on the acquisition of shares in Sun Resorts Limited**, a renowned chain of hotels in Mauritius which is also listed on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius.
- Advising **Deutsche Bank's Global Transaction Banking division** in respect of the sale of its Corporate Services business to the Vistra Group.
- Advising a **Mauritian corporation** in relation to the **disposal of its subsidiary in Malawi and acquisition of a minority stake in Seychelles** corporation by means of a share exchange agreement.
- Advising on the **structuring of a not-for-profit organisation** for the purpose of **running universities offering a unique course and degree programmes** for youth in Africa.
- Advising a **multinational petroleum company** on the acquisition of companies in various African countries including Mauritius to the value of USD 1 Billion Advising a multinational petroleum company on the acquisition of companies in various African countries including Mauritius to the value of USD 1 Billion

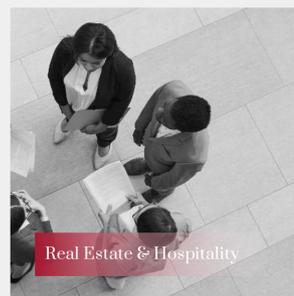
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As the needs and requirements of property developers, investors, governments, funders and owners evolve quickly with market volatility, it is imperative to understand the dynamics of the real estate industry to be able to provide an end-to-end solution. At BLC Robert & Associates, we are conversant with latest market practices and have an in-depth knowledge of commercial drivers, financing structures as well as other practice areas such as construction, insolvency and tax to help clients navigate successfully their most complex real estate issues.

Our Expertise

- Construction and engineering
- Investment management
- Real estate - acquisition, investment, development, setting up and marketing of properties in Mauritius and abroad
- Real estate financing and restructuring of both real estate and hospitality assets
- Real estate tax
- Private client property

Key Contacts



Jason Harel



Jean-Eric Sauzier



Fayaz Hajee Abdoula

Recent Works

- Acting for a **major domestic contractor** on a MUR 100 million construction dispute with an RES property developer.
- Assisting a **major Mauritian bank** in the financing of an investment fund and of a construction venture in India
- Acting for different **hotel groups in Mauritius** in respect of obtaining funds from the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd which has been set up to ensure the safeguard of the tourism industry, national economic and social stability and to protect the banking and economic system of Mauritius.
- Acting for a **Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT)** in the acquisition of a well-known hotel in Mauritius.
- Advising a wholly-owned subsidiary of the **MCB Group Limited** (which owns the biggest bank in Mauritius) on the acquisition of the entire shareholding of Club Med S.A.S in COMPAGNIE DES VILLAGES DE VACANCES DE L'ISLE DE FRANCE LIMITEE. This transaction involved extensive negotiation and re-drafting of the existing lease agreement with the management company of the Club Med Pointe aux Canonniers hotel resort as well as negotiating and drafting of a development management agreement.
- Advising **Dentressangle Initiatives** on the acquisition of shares in Sun Resorts Limited, a renowned chain of hotels in Mauritius and listed on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius.
- Acting for **Outrigger** in its acquisition of the entire issued share capital of the operating company owning Mövenpick Resort & Spa (now called Outrigger Mauritius Beach Resort), including assistance to obtain the Prime Minister's Office approval.
- Acting for **Outrigger** on the sale of its hotel portfolio to Singha, which included correctly advising on whether the Prime Minister's Office approval was required or not.
- Advising the **buyers in respect of the acquisition of Paradise Cove Hotel** and included the assisting in the negotiation and drafting of the shareholders' agreement, the share purchase agreement, and the hotel management agreement.
- Advising the **project company in respect of the project financing of Zilwa Resort Ltd** (including the drafting of the shareholders and subscription agreement), and the negotiation and drafting of the Hotel Management Agreement.
- Advising **WP Carey** in respect of the acquisition of 100% of the shareholding of CMAR which owns La Plantation d'Albion Club Med including the conducting of the due diligence, negotiation of the share purchase agreement, and the lease agreement between the owner and operator.
- Acting for the project company in respect of the development of **Four Seasons Resorts in Mauritius** including its project financing and negotiations with Four Seasons.
- Advising **Two Futures Ltd** and the **Casuarina Resort & Spa** on the development of a real estate project under the Property Development Scheme in Mauritius.
- Advised on the drafting and negotiation of the hotel management agreement pertaining to the **Hilton hotel in Mauritius**.
- Advising on the drafting and negotiation of the lease agreement between Attitude Group and CIM Property Holdings in respect of the **Emeuraude Beach Attitude Hotel**.
- Acting as legal advisors to **AEGIDE DOMITYS** and **Two Futures** on the EUR 58.5 million structuring and capital raise for the construction of Le Domaine de Grand-Baie.
- Advising **One&Only Le Saint Géran** on rental pool agreements following the construction of private residences for guests.
- Advising **Villas Valriche Resort Ltd** with regards to the drafting of a lease agreement to be entered into with homeowners and with Villas Valriche as the lessee as well as a facilities management agreement.
- Advising **Royal Park Resorts** on the drafting of a rental pool agreement with the homeowners with Royal Park as the lessee.
- Advising the sponsor of an **integrated resort in Botswana** in relation to the appointment of a hotel operator including review and negotiation of the terms of the hotel management agreement and technical services agreement.
- Acting for **Barclays Bank Mauritius Ltd (Now ABSA Bank)** on a GBP 30 million debt restructuring for its legal due diligence on an international hotel group.

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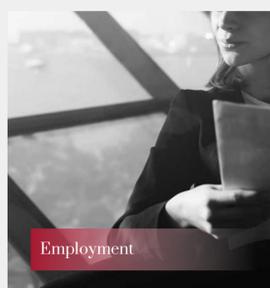
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Long-standing knowledge of the Mauritius IFC

As the volume of funds continue to grow and become more sophisticated, the fund management industry is evolving with diversification in asset classes, tax and regulatory reforms as well as investor expectations.

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Our team goes the extra mile to understand your business and investment objectives, enabling them to craft tailored, innovative and relevant solutions to complex issues. BLC Robert & Associates has been advising on collective investment schemes, private equity funds, and real estate investment funds aggregating an asset base of over US\$10 billion.

Our services for advising financial services include listed companies, reporting issuers, funds (open-ended funds and closed-ended funds), financial services providers, brokers, financial advisers, insurance companies and fiduciary businesses.

Our Expertise

- Fund Formation
- Pre-investment documentation
- Governance & Tax Compliance
- AML/CFT Compliance
- Regulatory Enforcement Actions
- Private Equity Transactions
- Fund Management

Key Contacts



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Recent Works

- Acting as legal advisor for **LeapFrog Emerging Consumer Fund III**, the third fund of the impact investing manager Leapfrog targeting investments in financial inclusion and health in Africa and Asia with a fund size of USD 700 million.
- Advised **AfricInvest** on the setting up of Cathay AfricInvest Innovation Fund LLC, a fund targeting investments in startups or ventures that leverage technology and innovative models to respond to socio-economic challenges.
- Assisting in the set-up and closings of a **USD 600 million fund** established under the laws of Mauritius to focus on and invest in opportunities in businesses that provide relevant, affordable and quality financial and healthcare products and services to the emerging consumer.
- Advising **Verod** on the establishment of Verod Capital Growth III LP, a fund seeking to invest in high growth sections such as consumer goods and services, light manufacturing, agribusiness, financial services, business services and education.
- Advising **AfricInvest** on the setting up of AfricInvest Financial Inclusion Vehicle LLC, an evergreen platform for investing in financial institutions in Africa.
- Assisting **Lion's Head Global Partners** in the set-up of two funds established under the laws of Mauritius structured to execute primarily debt investments in local and hard currencies, in some instances in partnership with local financial institutions and/or other investors.
- Advising on the setting up of an **investment fund with a USD1 Billion** target size and focusing on diversified pan-African investments in established and growing companies.
- Acting as Mauritian legal advisor in the formation of **Alitheia IDF Fund LP**, a USD 75 million fund investing primarily in high-growth small and medium enterprises in Africa with a specific focus on women-owned or led businesses to impact on the inclusion of more women as economic participants contributing to economic and social development.
- Advising **Adiwale Partners** on the setting up of Adiwale Fund I LP which focuses on investments across a broad spectrum of businesses in the Consumer, Business Services and Manufacturing sectors in Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Mali, Burkina Faso as well as Togo, Benin and Guinea.
- Advising on the setting up of **Growthpoint Investec African Properties Limited** which focuses on investing in income producing real estate, real estate related companies or companies in which the underlying investment value is linked to real estate assets.
- Mauritius legal adviser to **LeapFrog Financial Inclusion Fund II, LP**, USD 400 Million social impact PE fund.
- Assisting on the setting up of **Mediterrania Capital III, L.P.**, a Mauritius domiciled fund with a target size of USD 300 million and focusing its investments in Northern African countries.
- Mauritius legal adviser to **Berkeley Energy** in the setting up and first closing of the African Renewable Energy Fund, a USD 200 Million PE fund.

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Highly specialised services and advice

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Our practice serves a diverse client base, including credit funds, sponsors, financial services, corporate borrowers, boards of directors and insolvency practitioners. Our seamless approach and robust relationships with other specialist team members – corporate, commercial, regulatory, M&A, funds enable us to craft innovative, sound and customised solutions to clients.

Our Expertise

- Cross-border insolvency
- Advice to administrators and liquidators in collective proceedings on the sale of assets, conducting creditors' meetings, preparing reports to creditors, formulating complex restructuring plans and making ancillary court applications
- Potential acquirers of businesses and assets from insolvency practitioners and directors on their duties in situations of actual insolvency
- Receivership
- Compromises and schemes of arrangement

Key Contacts



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Mushtaq Namdarkhan

Recent Works

- Advising a **KPMG partner** as administrator and subsequently liquidator of companies in the Cash & Carry group, a large retail seller of electrical products.
- Advising a **secured creditor in the administration of a major construction company** and the formulation of a successful Rs 465 million rescue package plan to ensure maximum returns for the outstanding secured debt.
- Acting for a **leading Chinese construction group** on the takeover of a Rs 1.8 billion residential project out of liquidation.
- Acting for **Deloitte** partners as administrators of a Star Knitwear Ltd on the successful exit of that company from administration following a Rs 1 billion takeover.
- Acting for a **Deloitte** partner as administrator of Editions de L'Océan Indien Ltée on the conduct of the administration and successful exit following a takeover by Hobby World.
- Acting for the **bondholders on the default of a USD 80 Million bond issue by an Indian-listed company** in successfully obtaining freezing orders, attachment orders and executory orders in the Mauritian jurisdiction.
- Acting for the **PwC partners** as administrator of an apart-hotel business on the successful formulation of plan for the restructuring of Rs 900 million of debts.
- Regularly appearing in the **Commercial and Bankruptcy Divisions of the Supreme Court** in various insolvency matters.

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BLC Robert & Associates serves listed and large privately owned groups, banks, financial intermediaries, investment companies, fund managers and entrepreneurs by assisting them across all spectrum of taxation issues to help them achieve their commercial objectives. We offer our clients innovative tax structures and products to ensure cost-efficient financing, mitigate excessive tax exposure and streamline multi-jurisdictional transactions and reorganisations.

Our Expertise

- Fiscal elements of M&A transactions and restructurings
- Country and cross-border tax advisory
- Transaction tax
- Investment schemes and employee share schemes
- VAT and tax litigation

Key Contacts



Jason Harel



Fayaz Hajee Abdoula

Recent Works

- Advising a wide range of clients in respect of **tax assessments** before the Assessment Review Committee (ARC) of Mauritius and in court.
- Successfully appearing before the Privy Council for **Shoprite** with respect to an appeal against a VAT assessment on management fees not invoiced nor paid.
- Advising investors on implementing tax and risk optimisation structures with respect to their **investments in various African countries.**
- Advising **private equity firms** on their implementation of their share incentive scheme for individuals who are tax resident in the Ivory Coast
- Advised **oil & gas trading and distribution throughout Africa** on the tax implications following a restructuring of its companies through Mauritius.
- Advising a **Swiss multinational and investment bank** on the concept of 'permanent establishment' in Mauritius using the OECD Model Tax Convention.
- Advising a **Pan-African private equity firm** on the Mauritian tax implications of its proposed direct/indirect acquisition of a French company.
- Advising a **Mauritian global business company** on the implementation of a management incentive plan.
- Advising a **South African mining group** in relation to its Mauritian subsidiary holding a global business license under the previous tax regime and under the new tax regime.
- Advising the **Qatar National Bank** on a tax matter pertaining to structuring of a debt.
- Advising the **Pennsylvania State University** on tax matters.
- Advising a **multinational conglomerate** in developing a tax optimisation structure for its African operations.
- Advising in developing a tax optimization structure for the **development of resorts in Mozambique.**

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Leading specialist services in intellectual property practice

Managing and protecting IP has become more complex for companies around the world which often have significant IP portfolios and operations in numerous jurisdictions with mixed IP laws and levels of enforcement. With the rapid evolution of technology which has led to more sophisticated infringers, the rise of IP as a core driver of mergers and acquisitions makes it more important than ever to protect your assets.

With in-depth understanding of the sectors in which our clients operate, our intellectual property lawyers provide expert advice on transactional deals involving the creation, exploitation and enforcement of IP rights. The merger with *Etude Robert* makes BLC Robert & Associates the largest filing practice in Mauritius, and reinforces our capabilities to help clients reach their business and commercial objectives.

Serving clients of diverse industries namely financial services, manufacturing, pharmaceutical and electronics, construction and logistics, we deliver pragmatic advice coupled with value-added solutions and unparalleled service.

While we have extensive experience in IP advisory and litigation work including oppositions and invalidation of registration, our team offers contentious and non-contentious IP services, including prosecuting, enforcing and defending IP rights in Mauritius and, through Africa Legal Network in Africa.

In addition to providing expert advice on the practical implications of the Data Protection Act such as addressing data security, retention and data transfer, we also regularly conduct training in Mauritius and in the region.

Our Expertise

- Disputes covering the full spectrum of intellectual property rights – ranging from complex patent actions to all forms of dispute relating to trademarks, passing off, copyright, database rights, design rights and breach of confidence claims.
- IP related agreements - includes trademark licensing, distribution agreements, sponsorship agreements and franchising deals.
- Transactional work - includes advising on M&A, disposals and joint ventures where technology or brands are integral to the transaction, structure or value.
- Expert advice on practical implications of the Data Protection Act

Key Contacts



André Robert SA



Ammar Oozeer

Recent Works

- Advising **Microsoft Corporation** on the regulatory compliance of their Windows software
- Advising **local and international companies** in respect of their IP registrations and enforcement
- Acting for **multinational companies** in respect of IP right enforcement in Mauritius
- Advising **technology companies and BPO companies** on data protection law compliance

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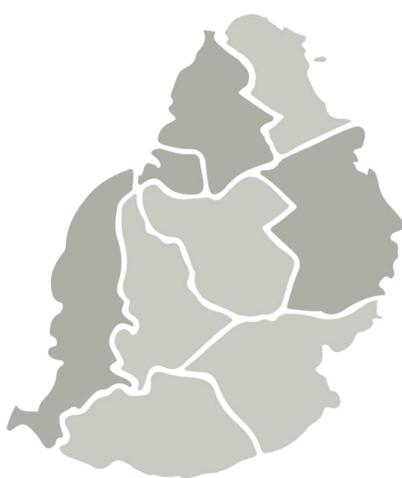


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THE MAURITIUS ADVANTAGE

- A peaceful country with political stability
- A convenient time zone (GMT+4) with excellent air connectivity
- A sophisticated banking system, with a strong regulatory and corporate governance framework - Presence of all major international banks and strong local banks
- A dynamic stock exchange
- A hybrid legal system combining both Common and Civil law
- A bilingual and skilled workforce - All big 4 audit firms are present, as well as the midsize ones, such as Grant Thornton and BDO
- A network of Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements & Investment Promotion Protection Agreements
- An attractive fiscal regime with a flat personal and corporate tax rate of 15%
- Member of major regional organisations - Common Market for Southern and Eastern Africa (COMESA), Southern African Development Community (SADC) and Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)
- The signatures of the COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite Free Trade Agreement as well as the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA), all aimed to boost intra-African trade
- Ranked 1st in Africa (13th out of 190 countries) by the World Bank for Ease of Doing Business in 2020
- No Capital Gains Tax, No foreign exchange control and free repatriation of profits
- An efficient port with deep-water quays
- State-of-the-art infrastructure and a highly sought-after destination

An Attractive and Recognised African Jurisdiction

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<p>1st Africa (54th out of 140 countries) in Global Competitiveness Index by World Economic Forum (2019)</p>	<p>1st in Africa in International Property Rights Index (2019)</p>	<p>2nd in Africa (30th out of 50th countries) in A.T. Kearney Global Services Location Index (2019)</p>
<p>1st in Africa for Best Countries for Business by Forbes (2019)</p>	<p>1st in Africa in Mercer's Quality of Living Survey (2019)</p>	

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