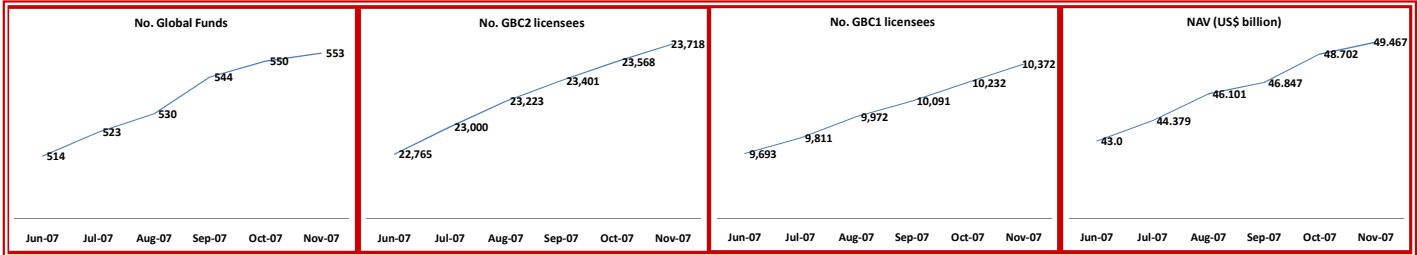




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Dear Readers

2008 marks the 15th anniversary of existence of DTOS. When our organisation was established in 1993, the global business sector was in its very early stages in Mauritius and we have participated in a very significant way in every step of its development over the last fifteen years.

DTOS started with a few employees and has grown steadily to reach 100 staff at the end of 2007.

All along we have put our people at the centre of our organisation and ensured that they have the best possible training and professional development opportunities in order to serve you, our clients, in the most efficient and pro active manner. Our motto "Dedicated Professionals at your service" continue to reflect the philosophy of our organisation.

We are today proud to count amongst our clients Fortune 500 companies, international banks and finance houses, major investment management organisations, leading private equity firms, fast growing SMEs as well as high net worth individuals.

We would like to wholeheartedly thank you all for your support over the years and look forward to build further our relationship going forward.

Jimmy Wong, *Managing Director*

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Mauritius Explores Financial Centre Growth Opportunities

Four-day symposium which opened on 23rd January in Mauritius focused on "Enhancing value-addition in the export of financial services".

Foreign delegates and their Mauritian counterparts have taken part in the symposium, which aimed to act as a platform for discussions on how best Mauritius can carve a niche as an international financial centre of substance. It was also designed to help identify constraints and opportunities, as Mauritius moves forward in its ambition for the financial services sector to eventually become a major platform for the export of financial sectors.

The conference was an initiative of the Mauritius Board of Investment, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Secretariat.

In a speech at the opening ceremony, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Rama Sithanen, pointed out that the symposium could pave the way for a major breakthrough in the creation of appropriate products and instruments in areas where Mauritius can confidently develop competitive advantages.

Sithanen told the audience that the government has steered through a number of initiatives designed to build a more diversified and resilient economy, and to make Mauritius a global player in a wider spectrum of activities.

"Indeed, diversifying our economic base has been a core objective of our development strategies throughout the past four decades", Mr Sithanen recalled. He added that the success of economic diversification has enabled Mauritius to raise its standard of living from per capita of USD200 in the early 1970s to the current level of USD5,500.

The Deputy Prime Minister also underlined the need for Mauritius to shift its resources from low to high value added activities and sectors, adding that the highest productivity is in the financial services sector.

He explained that the government has set four priority areas of reform to achieve a higher growth path. Firstly, the 'doing business' environment, where Mauritius has been placed among the top ten countries in the doing business index. The second plank of the reform measures is the consolidation of the four pillars of the economy, namely sugar, textiles, tourism, financial services, in addition to looking after emerging pillars and looking to the creation of new ones. The third area of reform concerns public finances, where the tax system and tax policy have been re-engineered. The fourth plank of reforms aims at striking the right balance between economic growth and social development.

Registration of Charges

As a consequence of the amendments brought to the Registration Duty Act 1804 in October 2007, and the repeal of the Financial Services Development Act 2001 and the proclamation of the Financial Services Act 2007, Global Business Companies are no longer exempt from the payment of registration duties, upon the registration of charging documents such as the Share Pledge Agreement and Fixed and/or Floating Charge with the Registrar General and the Conservator of Mortgages respectively.

A registration duty of MUR50,000 (approximately USD 1,850) will be payable for the registration of the charge document, where the secured sum exceeds MUR5,000,000 (approximately USD 185,185).

The inscription of a Fixed and/or Floating Charge with the Conservator of Mortgages is a perfection requirement. The inscription remains valid for a period of ten years from the date of its inscription. Unless renewed before the expiry ten years, the inscription will lapse.

A Share Pledge Agreement under the Civil Code requires registration with the Registrar General in order for it to be enforceable against third parties.

In addition, the Company in which the issued shares have been pledged must make an entry in its register of pledge under Section 86 Companies Act 2001 as amended, noting the pledge and the amount of the debt in respect of which the pledge has been given.

Steps

The procedures for registering the charging document with the Registrar General and the Conservator of Mortgages in Mauritius and subsequent filing of the particulars of the charge with the Registrar of Companies are as follows:-

- One original executed loan agreement and one original executed share pledge agreement will be submitted to the Registrar General for registration purposes. In the case of a fixed and/or floating charge agreement, two original executed agreements must be submitted to the Conservator of Mortgages together with the loan agreement. There is no specific statutory form that has to be filed with the above application to the Registrar General and Conservator of Mortgages.
- At the time of registration, the Registrar General shall affix the seal of the Registrar General and sign on the last page of the loan agreement and share pledge agreement, and the Conservator of Mortgages would affix the inscription number on the fixed and/or floating charge agreement, which will also include the folio number and date of registration of the said documents. The Registrar will return the original documents duly registered. In the case of a fixed and/or floating charges, the Conservator of Mortgages will retain one original fixed and/or floating charge agreement, and return the other. Registration and/or inscription can take approximately 4 days.
- Pursuant to Section 127 Companies Act 2001 as amended, where a Company has created a charge over its assets, it must within 28 days of the creation of the charge, file with Registrar of Companies the particulars of the charge created. The original (or a copy) of the charge document does not have to be filed with Registrar of Companies. The filing or non filing of the particulars of the charge does not affect the enforceability or priority of the charging documents. However, non filing does constitute an offence.
- The details of the particulars of the charge created (including the folio number and inscription number, if applicable) are entered on a statutory form and the duly signed and completed form must be filed will then be sent to the Registrar of Companies, for their records.

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Real Estate Scheme

The Real Estate Development Scheme came into operation on 29 November 2007.

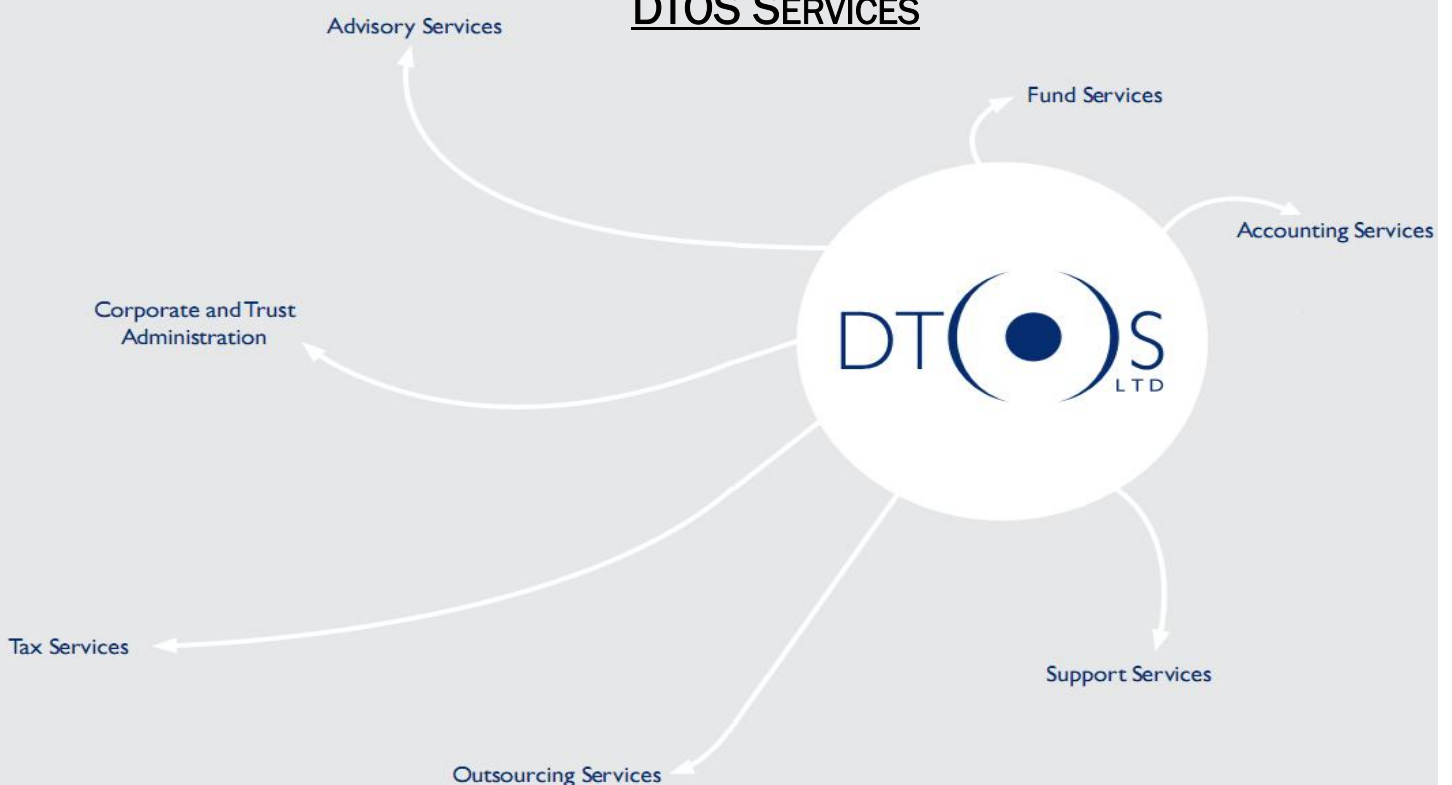
The **Real Estate Scheme (RES)** for small landowners allows the development of any mix of residences to non-citizens in specific locations approved by the Board of Investment. These residences must include amenities and other facilities as well as day-to-day management services such as security, maintenance, gardening, solid waste disposal and household services. A project under the RES must be developed on freehold land of an extent of at least 1 arpent but not exceeding 10 hectares (23.69 arpents).

A project under RES can be developed by a small landowner who owns land of an extent of at least 1 arpent but not exceeding 10 hectares in aggregate for at least 5 consecutive years. Small landowners can group their land with other qualifying small landowners for a project provided that the lands are contiguous and the total real estate development area does not exceed 10 hectares. Only a company incorporated under the Companies Act where the owners of land retain shareholding in the company for at least 1 year after the completion of the project and issued with a RES certificate by the Board of Investment will be responsible for the execution, promotion, development and proper implementation of a project under the real estate scheme.

In addition to individuals (citizens and non-citizens) and companies (incorporated or registered), trusts and societe will be made eligible to acquire a residential property under IRS and RES under the new regulations. All persons intending to acquire a residential property under IRS and RES shall require an approval from BOI. A processing fee of MUR 10,000 per application is levied. A residence permit is issued to the buyer of a residential property under IRS and his/her dependents for so long the buyer maintains the property. No residency is provided to the buyer of a residential property under RES.

The regulations also provide for where a property is acquired by foreigners, the investment must be financed from funds outside Mauritius and where a loan is taken with a bank in Mauritius, the whole amount should be in USD, EURO or GBP

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Mauritius ranks 18th on the Index of Economic Freedom 2008

Mauritius ranks among the Top 20 on the 2008 Index of Economic Freedom published by the Heritage Foundation and the Wall Street Journal. The Index of Economic Freedom 2008 covers 162 countries.

The 2008 Index assesses that the economy of Mauritius is 72.3 per cent free and this makes it the world's 18th freest economy. Its overall score is 3.1 percentage points higher than last year, one of the year's biggest increases, reflecting improved scores in six of the ten economic freedoms.

Mauritius ranks 1st out of 40 countries in the Sub-Saharan Africa region, and its overall score is well above the regional average. Mauritius is the second most improved economy in the 2008 Index, with a score above the world average in each of the ten areas measured. The country also scores ten percentage points or more above the world average in six areas: investment freedom, property rights, business freedom, freedom from corruption, fiscal freedom, and the government size.

According to 2008 Index, the environment in Mauritius is business friendly, and licensing procedures are simple. Virtually all commercial operations are efficient and transparent. Foreign investment is actively promoted, although land ownership is restricted to arbitration on a case-to-case basis.

The ten specific factors of economic freedom on which the Index of Economic Freedom is assessed by The Heritage Foundation and the Wall Street Journal are: business freedom, trade freedom, fiscal freedom, government size, monetary freedom, investment freedom, financial freedom, property rights, freedom from corruption and the labor freedom. The higher the score on a factor, the lower the level of government interference in the economy

Mauritius and Madagascar consolidate economic and commercial ties

The Board of Investment (BOI) and the Economic Development Board of Madagascar (EDBM) signed on January 14 2008 in Port Louis a Memorandum of Understanding to promote and facilitate investment between Mauritius and Madagascar.

The MOU would be mutually beneficial to the two countries and that greater regional cooperation would help to promote investment in the Indian Ocean region.

The MOU will, on the one hand, increase the flow of investment and develop trade between the two countries and on the other hand, allow the enrichment of these two organizations in enhancing their capacity building and systems implementation.

It will also help to undertake specific joint investment promotion missions in view of optimizing the comparative advantages offered by Mauritius and Madagascar in sectors such as tourism, real estate development, agro-industry, jewellery and information and communication technology.

Economy expects to grow by 6.0% in 2008

On the basis of information gathered on the key sectors of the economy and recent past trends, the economy is expected to grow by around 6.0% this year, higher than the 5.6% growth in 2007. Exclusive of sugar, the growth rate would be around 5.6%. According to the latest issue of Economic Indicators released on January 9, 2008, the main assumptions used are as follows:

- Sugarcane/sugar milling: a close to normal sugar production of around 520 000 tonnes;
 - Manufacturing industries: to expand by around 5.5% compared to 3.5% in 2007. Within the sector, sugar milling would rebound by 18.0% after a decline of 12.8% in 2007 while a growth of around 5.0% is expected in "Textile";
 - Construction: to grow around 3.0% after the high growth of 15.0% in 2007, mostly due to more construction of hotels and Integrated Resort Scheme projects;
 - Hotels and restaurants: to expand by around 8.0% with a forecast of 975 000 tourist arrivals;
 - Financial Intermediation: to grow by a further 7.6%, following the 7.3% growth in 2007;
- Other sectors: growth rates based on recent past trends

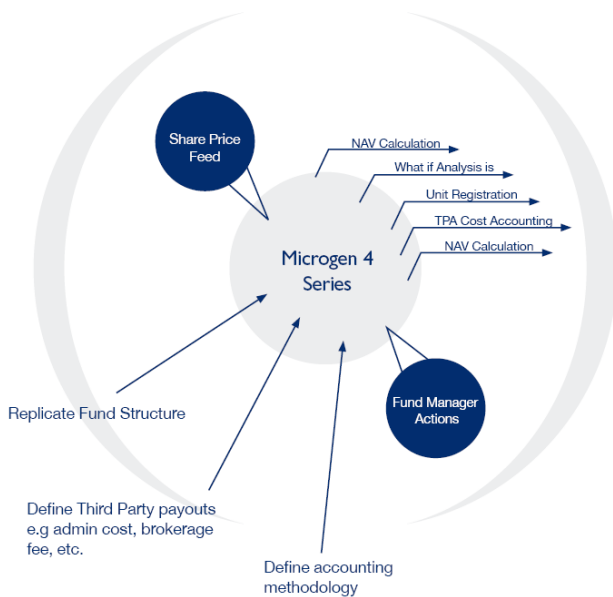
THIRD PARTY FUND ADMINISTRATION

DTOS Ltd has extensive experience in the administration of different types of funds that covers the traditional one tiered structure funds, master feeder funds, private equity funds, hedge funds. It offers an array of services to funds located in other jurisdictions. The services encompass the following areas:

- Fund accounting (NAV)
- Financial accounting
- Compliance
- Registrar and transfer agency
- Reporting and client services

With the proven capability to deliver high quality services for any size of fund, we offer a truly integrated service that can vary from fund accounting and administration amongst others. Our team services a vast client base including large pension funds, mutual funds, reputable international banks, Fortune 500 companies, institutional investors and their investment managers throughout the world

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DTOS Fund Services provides a complete and comprehensive range of services regarding set up and administration of funds. Accounting and fund valuation services are provided for funds located in Mauritius and other jurisdictions.

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