

## Reinforcing our footprint in Africa: Johan Brink appointed as AXIS South Africa Representative Officer.



Axis Fiduciary Ltd, one of the leading corporate and fiduciary service providers in Mauritius, has appointed Johan Brink as its Country Representative Officer in South Africa, a key strategic appointment to tap into new opportunities across the African continent while enhancing the AXIS brand and its market-leading capabilities to a diversified client base.

With more than 35 years of experience, Johan is an expert in mergers and acquisitions and general corporate and commercial law. He is a specialist in company law, corporate governance and restructuring.

Before joining AXIS, Johan was a partner and consultant for Webber Wentzel, the leading full-service law firm on the African continent. He was also Director and Founder of Brink Cohen LeRoux Inc from 1993 to 2012. Since 2002, Johan is Extraordinary Professor in Mercantile Law at the University of South Africa.

Johan was a member of the Financial Reporting Standards Council in South Africa and of the ad hoc committee on corporate law of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants. He was also a former chair and member of the board of directors of Interlaw, an international association of law firms in over 60 countries and 120 business centres worldwide. He has also been recognised by Best Lawyers, Chambers Global, Legal 500 and IFLR as a leading lawyer for many years.

Mauritius is becoming a second home for South Africans and international corporates looking for a springboard to Africa. The island is becoming a jurisdiction of choice for South African property investors seeking to diversify their investment portfolios, and on the other hand buyers who are looking to acquire residency.

“Our decision to appoint a representative officer in South Africa reflects the strong belief we have

in Africa. With the surge of opportunities in Africa, there’s no doubt that South Africa remains a major economic powerhouse. Our regional expansion to South Africa shows our drive to capitalise on the growth areas, positioning Mauritius as the jurisdiction of choice for routing investment into Africa,” said Assad Abdullatiff, Managing Director of AXIS Fiduciary Limited.

After appointing a representative officer in Kenya, this newly South African recruitment confirms the established strategy and aspiration of AXIS to be the leading fiduciary firm in the region with a one-stop-shop solution for clients, while simultaneously promoting Mauritius as an International Financial Centre of choice.

“Africa remains a fundamental market in the region with strong growth prospects. I am delighted to join the dynamic team of AXIS which has shown considerable momentum over the past ten years. I am excited to work together with this amazing group of people towards the shared vision of accentuating our financial and strategic growth on a regional and international level, whilst facilitating the progress of our networks and successfully pursuing our strategic roadmap in core African markets,” concluded Johan Brink.