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Mauritius ranks first in Africa in the 12th edition of the Smart Centres Index

The Financial Services Commission, Mauritius (FSC) is proud to announce that the Mauritius International Financial Centre (MIFC) ranked first in Africa in the 12th edition of the Smart Centres Index (SCI 12), released on the 4th of December 2025 by Z/Yen Partners Limited (Z/Yen).

The SCI evaluates the readiness of international financial centres across the world in their support for new technology-driven industries based on three dimensions: innovation support, creative intensity, and delivery capability. This follows Mauritius's remarkable performance when it ranked first in Africa in the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 38).

This achievement highlights Mauritius' strategic focus on developing a future-ready financial centre supported by innovation, sound regulation and a robust digital ecosystem. The FSC has established a comprehensive regulatory framework for Fintech that provides credibility and predictability for firms seeking to test, scale, and deploy innovative solutions. Coupled with a skilled, multilingual workforce, Mauritius offers an enabling environment for technology-driven businesses to grow while maintaining strong regulatory oversight.

Commenting on this performance, the Chief Executive of the FSC stated:

"These achievements reaffirm the dynamism and resilience of the Mauritius IFC. Our progress in technology readiness and sustainable finance demonstrates our continued commitment to innovation, strong governance, and global best practices. The FSC will remain steadfast in fostering an enabling, forward-looking regulatory environment that

supports inclusive growth and positions Mauritius as an important partner for investment into Africa while maintaining the country's position as first in Africa on the Global Financial Centres Index and the Smart Centres Index."

The FSC congratulates all industry stakeholders for their contribution to these important milestones and encourages continued collaboration to further enhance Mauritius' global competitiveness.

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About the FSC

The FSC is the integrated regulator for the non-banking financial services sector and global business.

The vision of the FSC is to be an internationally recognised Financial Supervisor committed to the sustained development of Mauritius as a sound and competitive Financial Services Centre.

In carrying out its mission, the FSC aims to promote the development, fairness, efficiency and transparency of financial institutions and capital markets in Mauritius; suppress crime and malpractices so as to provide protection to members of the public investing in non-banking financial products; and ensure the soundness and stability of the financial system in Mauritius.

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