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Port Louis —On Friday, 27 September, Dentons Mauritius, in partnership with AfrAsia Bank (a leading corporate bank in Mauritius) and Intrasia Group (a Singapore-established family office and investment holding company, with operations managed from Mauritius), co-sponsored and participated in a Breakfast Meet with a focus on sustainable investment and doing business in Africa through Mauritius.

The aim of the event was to bring together Singaporean and Asian professionals and business leaders from various fields of expertise to discuss the adaptation that a sustainable future requires, enabling organisations to present sustainability solutions, share knowledge and think forward holistically, and also, with the event being organised by three main Mauritian establishments, to shed some light on what Mauritius has to offer as a base or en route to Africa.

The first panel discussed the numerous advantages and safety of doing business through Mauritius into Africa, particularly with regard to investment protection through the numerous Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements (IPPAs) (19 with African countries), Mauritius being ranked as No. 1 in Africa on all major indices, and being a member of the African Union, SADC and COMESA. Importantly, Mauritius has support and protection from the Economic Development Board (EDB), an apex body operating under the aegis of the Prime Minister's Office that facilitates both inward and outward investment and ensures a conducive business environment, as well as a centre of excellence for international arbitration.

The second panel focused on sustainable investment, and looked into the roles that government, the market and the population have to play in creating responsible business. The panellists spoke about the innovative schemes to help with the challenges facing Africa, the need to make sustainability more affordable, the need to create greater awareness, the importance of leadership and building teams in our professions, the need to form more partnerships, and the urgent need for businesses and financial institutions to change.

Both Dentons Mauritius and Singapore spoke at this event and it was a reminder again of the many advantages of being a part of such a law firm.

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