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Intercontinental Trust Ltd (ITL) is a leading, fully independent Mauritius-based provider of fund, corporate and fiduciary administration services with a strong Africa-first focus.

Established in 1999, ITL has been instrumental in positioning Mauritius as a preferred structuring hub for pan-African investment. Today, the firm supports a globally respected client base, including DFIs, private equity and infrastructure fund managers, impact and climate finance platforms, multinational corporates, and family offices deploying capital across the continent's most dynamic sectors.

With a team of over 250 professionals across Mauritius, South Africa, Seychelles, Singapore and Dubai, ITL delivers high-touch, director-led service underpinned by deep regulatory expertise, secure digital infrastructure and robust governance standards.

ITL is recognised for administering flagship Africa-focused funds, driving cross-border investment flows, and actively contributing to financial sector development. The firm remains committed to enabling sustainable, long-term growth across Africa.

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Tell us about ITL, highlighting key milestones and industry achievements.

Founded in 1999, Intercontinental Trust Ltd (ITL) is a fully independent, Mauritius-owned management company that has played a pivotal role in shaping the Mauritius IFC into an Africa-focused structuring hub.

As one of the earliest firms to champion Africa-first investment flows, ITL has grown into a multi-jurisdictional platform with over 250 professionals across Mauritius, South Africa, Seychelles, Singapore and Dubai.

The firm administers flagship Africa-focused private equity, infrastructure, climate and blended finance vehicles, and is recognised for its ability to deliver rigorous governance, complex reporting and multi-layered structuring.

ITL has received multiple accolades from Africa Global Funds, Private Equity Africa and Global Banking & Finance, and continues to influence regulatory and policy development through its leadership roles within Mauritius Finance and its contributions to national-level financial diplomacy.

Please share an overview of your key priorities, strategic objectives and corporate goals over the next 12 months.

Over the next 12 months, ITL will continue to deepen its Africa-focused strategy by strengthening engagement with fund managers, DFIs, institutional investors and emerging private credit platforms operating across the continent.

A key priority will be supporting the development and scaling of Africa's private debt market by working closely with sponsors and investors to structure efficient cross-border investment platforms that channel long-term capital into African businesses and infrastructure.

ITL will also continue investing in digital capabilities, including enhanced onboarding, AI-enabled compliance and document analysis tools, to deliver a more seamless and responsive client experience.

In parallel, the firm will maintain a strong focus on ESG integration, supporting clients navigating evolving sustainability expectations while contributing to the responsible deployment of capital across Africa.

Ultimately, the objective is to strengthen the institutional infrastructure supporting African private capital and help unlock greater pools of private debt financing for the continent's growth.



What unique strengths, expertise, or strategic approach does your organisation bring to the industry?

ITL's unique strength lies in its combination of independence, senior-level accessibility and deep technical expertise in Africa-focused structuring. As a fully owner-managed firm, ITL delivers high-touch, director-led engagement backed by a 250-strong team with specialised competencies across fund administration, compliance, ESG, corporate services and cross-border tax. Its Africa-focused track record includes administering landmark funds in renewable energy, climate finance, infrastructure, telecoms and financial inclusion.

ITL also stands apart for its multi-jurisdictional platform, spanning Mauritius, Seychelles, Dubai, South Africa and Asia, aligned to the needs of global investors deploying capital into Africa. Its digital transformation strategy, including AI-enabled compliance and document-review tools, strengthens operational rigour and speeds delivery.

Combined with policy-level engagement through Mauritius Finance and international partnerships, ITL contributes meaningfully to the resilience, governance and sophistication of the African private capital ecosystem.

What are ITL's core values and how do they contribute to your success in the industry?

ITL's culture is grounded in independence, integrity, technical excellence, client-centricity and long-term partnership. As an owner-managed institution, accountability and continuity are embedded in its day-to-day operations, enabling senior-level oversight across every mandate.

Rigour, governance and ethical service delivery underpin its approach, reinforced by ISAE 3402 Type II certification for fourteen consecutive years. ITL emphasises innovation, investing heavily in technology, AI and secure digital infrastructure to future-proof its operations.

A strong people-first ethos supports continuous learning, welfare initiatives and leadership development through structured training programmes.

The firm's sustainability commitments, including UN Global Compact participation and a dedicated ESG and CSR platform, reflect its belief that responsible business drives long-term success.

Together, these principles ensure resilience, adaptability and consistent value creation for clients and partners.



What motivated ITL to join AVCA?

ITL joined AVCA to strengthen its engagement with the pan-African private capital community and to actively contribute to the advancement of industry standards across the continent.

As a long-standing service provider to Africa-focused investors, ITL recognises AVCA as the leading platform for thought leadership, policy dialogue, capacity building and cross-market collaboration.

Membership enables ITL to deepen partnerships with fund managers, DFIs and ecosystem stakeholders while sharing technical insights derived from its 25-year track record.

ITL also leverages AVCA's network and events, including the Annual Conference where it has recently participated as a speaker, to remain at the forefront of emerging trends, regulatory developments and market dynamics. Ultimately, the partnership enhances ITL's ability to support sustainable capital flows into Africa.



How is ITL contributing to innovation and digital transformation within the African private capital landscape?

ITL is supporting innovation and digital transformation in the African private capital ecosystem by investing in technology that improves the efficiency, transparency and governance of investment platforms deploying capital across the continent.

Through an integrated ERP-driven operating framework, AI-enabled compliance solutions and automated onboarding and document-analysis tools, ITL is streamlining fund administration for Africa-focused managers and private credit platforms operating in complex cross-border environments.

These capabilities help reduce operational friction, accelerate transaction timelines and strengthen risk management; the key enablers for the continued development of Africa's private debt market. By embedding responsible AI practices and internal innovation leadership, ITL is also contributing to a more resilient and technologically enabled infrastructure supporting the growth of private capital in Africa.



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