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Chambers Africa Awards 2021

BLC Robert & Associates wins the 'Mauritius Law Firm of the Year' Award

(Ebène, Mauritius- 13 January 2021) - Chambers and Partners, an independent and prestigious research company operating across 200 jurisdictions delivering detailed rankings and insights into the world's leading lawyers, held its first edition of the Chambers Africa Awards. BLC Robert & Associates won the 'Mauritius Law Firm of the Year'. Nominees were selected based on research for the 2020 edition of *Chambers Global Practice Guide*, which included written submissions and interviews with legal practitioners as well as with their clients and collaborators. Winners were announced during a virtual award ceremony held on January 12, 2021.

These awards honour reputable national and international law firms that provide innovative and outstanding legal services across the African region. Each shortlisted firm are evaluated on the work done and awards are attributed to those depicting excellence in client service and innovation. Iqbal Rajahbalee, Senior Counsel and Managing Partner of BLC Robert & Associates says: *"We are deeply honoured to be recognised by Chambers and Partners, whose awards are widely respected in the global legal industry. We are very much delighted to receive this inaugural award for Mauritius particularly when the country has today major players recognised for their substantial expertise and experience in the realms of business law. As one of the pioneers in the development of the sector, this achievement comes at a time when the firm is celebrating its 15-year milestone. This award is a testament to the quality of our work, our team spirit and dedication to our clients."*

Co-founding partner, Jason Harel states: *"The consistently impressive ratings from local and international clients and peers demonstrate the professional excellence of our team. BLC Robert & Associates will continue to grow its capabilities and be committed to providing outstanding client service."*

BLC Robert & Associates is a member of ALN, an alliance of leading corporate law firms currently in fifteen key African jurisdictions. Several other firms across the continent, with which BLC Robert & Associates collaborates on a regular basis, have been recognised, including ALN Kenya, Anjarwalla & Khanna, which won the 'Kenya Law Firm of the Year' Award.

Founded in 2005, BLC Robert & Associates is one of the leading independent business law firms in Mauritius with some 30 legal professionals. Over the past 15 years, it has received several accolades and awards from prestigious ranking bodies such as IFLR 1000, Chambers and Partners and Legal 500.

BLC Robert has recently promoted four new partners in line with its growth strategy, thereby providing career development path ways in a context of ever-changing legal services. Mushtaq Namdarkhan, Valerie Bisasur, Bhavna Ramsurun and Fayaz Hajee Abdoula have indeed joined the partnership together with Iqbal Rajahbalee S.C, André Robert S.A, Jason Harel and Jean Eric Sauzier. "The appointment of the next generation partners is another example of our commitment to attract and develop the finest legal talent. Their experience, enthusiasm and reputation will further strengthen our team.," concludes Iqbal Rajahbalee.

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About BLC Robert

BLC Robert is the leading independent business law firm in Mauritius. It specialises in the following areas: Banking & Finance, Capital Markets, Mergers & Acquisitions, Taxation, Dispute Resolution, Employment, Financial Services, Restructuring and Insolvency, Real Estate & Hospitality, Information Technology and Data Protection and Intellectual Property.