

HSBC Mauritius launches an exclusive range of international investment portfolios – WORLD SELECTION

Ebène - 2 June 2010 – HSBC Mauritius announced today the launch on the local market of HSBC World Selection, a wide range of international portfolios developed and simplified for customers, based on needs and risk profiles. Through this diversified series of investment options and strategies, investors will be able to avail themselves of HSBC's global footprint and expertise. The investors can choose from a range of five portfolios that best suit their investment horizon, risk appetite and financial objectives.

HSBC World Selection is a series of multi-asset portfolios which include both traditional and modern investments - bonds and equities as well as real estate, commodities, hedge funds and private equities, many of which would otherwise not have been accessible to the private individuals. Investors will thus be able to manage the downside risk of investment with a mixed portfolio.

HSBC World Selection offers investment opportunities in more than one hundred countries from across the world. World Selection is monitored round-the-clock by a team of hand-picked analysts and fund managers who invest on the customer's behalf to maximise his returns within his risk profile.

Nitin Ramlugon, Head of Personal Financial Services at HSBC Mauritius, said: *“The investment climate is significantly influenced by investors becoming, and rightly so, more and more cautious; hence, the HSBC World Selection offer taking into account the investors' greater need for diversity, transparency and peace of mind. Our World Selection aims to optimise their return /risk ratio.”*

The official launch of HSBC World Selection portfolios is set to take place this afternoon at Four Points Sheraton hotel in Ebène, during an investment seminar with guest speaker Stuart Cameron, HSBC Global Asset Management Sales Manager for the Middle East/Africa region.

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1. The HSBC

In Mauritius, HSBC operates two entities - as a branch of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited and as a locally incorporated subsidiary, HSBC Bank (Mauritius) Limited. Through its 11 full-service domestic branches, HSBC offers a wide range of products and services including accounts services, credit cards, investment products, home loans, personal loans and custodian services to domestic customers. HSBC is the leading bank in the Mauritius Global Business sector and offers its global customers sophisticated financial products and structures that benefit from the extensive range of international tax treaties to which Mauritius is a party. It has been present in Mauritius since 1916.

2. The HSBC Group

HSBC Holdings plc, the parent company of the HSBC Group, is headquartered in London. The Group serves customers worldwide from around 8,000 offices in 88 countries and territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, the Americas, the Middle East and Africa. With assets of US\$2,364 billion at 31 December 2009, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations. HSBC is marketed worldwide as 'the world's local bank'.

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