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France-South Africa Business Forum

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5th Edition

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Message from Benjamin CABOUAT



Interim Ambassador at the Embassy of France to South Africa, Lesotho & Malawi



Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Friends,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the fifth edition of the France-South Africa Business Forum, organised by Business France, the French South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FSACCI), the French Foreign Trade Advisors (CCEF) and the Regional Economic Department of the Embassy of France (SER), together with their partners.

This Forum comes at an important moment for the economic relationship between France and South Africa. Following the South Africa-France Investment Conference held in Paris in May 2025, our two countries have continued to deepen their economic dialogue and to create new opportunities for businesses, investors and institutions on both sides.

South Africa remains a key economic hub for Southern Africa. It accounts for more than 60% of the region's GDP and combines a diversified industrial base, sophisticated financial markets and major transport and logistics infrastructure. For many French companies, Johannesburg is already the headquarters from which they operate across Southern Africa, making South Africa not only an important market in its own right, but also a gateway to a much wider regional economy.

France is already a significant part of this economic landscape. Around 480 French business establishments, belonging to more than 160 French groups, operate in South Africa and employ more than 70,000 people, across sectors ranging from energy, transport and manufacturing to pharmaceuticals, construction, logistics and digital services. French companies are not simply exporting to South Africa: they are investing, producing locally, developing skills and contributing to local value chains.

Our ambition for this Forum is therefore resolutely practical: to bring together French and South African companies, investors and public stakeholders; to identify concrete opportunities; and to develop partnerships capable of responding to the economic and technological challenges of the years ahead. The programme reflects these priorities, with discussions ranging from investment and finance to infrastructure, water, industry, digitalisation, skills, logistics and decarbonisation.

This edition also reflects the broader regional dimension of our partnership. I am particularly pleased to welcome the French business delegation joining us from mainland France, La Réunion and Mayotte. Their presence illustrates the diversity of French expertise and the role that our Indian Ocean territories can play in strengthening economic links between France, Southern Africa and the wider region. The delegation itself brings together companies active in fields as diverse as the circular economy, industrial digitalisation, telecommunications, cloud services, food, financial engineering and data technologies.

Ultimately, the success of this Forum will not be measured only by the quality of its discussions, but by the partnerships, investments and business opportunities that emerge from them. France has built a substantial and long-term economic presence in South Africa, and our ambition is now to build on this foundation, in South Africa and across Southern Africa.

I wish you all a productive and inspiring fifth edition of the France-South Africa Business Forum, and I hope that this day will lead to many new connections, projects and lasting partnerships!

Message from the co-organisers

Welcome to the 5th France–South Africa Business Forum, a flagship platform celebrating and advancing the dynamic economic partnership between France and South Africa.

At a time of profound global transformation, our two countries continue to strengthen their collaboration around a shared vision of innovation, industrial development, investment, skills development, and sustainable growth.

France and South Africa are long-standing partners, connected by strong business ties, complementary expertise, and a common ambition to create lasting economic opportunities. As France remains one of South Africa's leading investors, and South Africa reinforces its role as a gateway to the African continent, there has never been a more important moment to deepen dialogue and build new partnerships.

This Forum brings together business leaders, investors, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and experts from both countries to exchange ideas, share experiences and explore new avenues for collaboration. Through high-level discussions, sector-focused workshops, targeted B2B meetings and networking opportunities, participants will gain valuable insights into evolving market trends while identifying concrete opportunities for growth and partnership.

The Forum reflects the collective commitment of Camille Tricoire, Director of Business France South Africa and Southern Africa; Dr Yves Guéron, Chairman of FSACCI; and Sébastien de Place, President of the CCEF and Partner at Forvis Mazars, to fostering meaningful business engagement and supporting stronger economic links between our two nations. It is a platform where ideas become projects, connections become partnerships and opportunities become tangible results.

We are delighted to welcome you in Johannesburg and hope that the conversations, encounters and collaborations that emerge from this edition will contribute to a more prosperous, innovative and sustainable future for both the French and South African business communities. We will be happy to see you next year, in October, in Paris, for the second Investment Forum.



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Thanks to our network of more than 1,400 employees in France and worldwide, we support French export businesses step by step, providing advice, crucial information on the markets and access to reliable partners.

We also promote France to foreign investors, making it easier for them to establish themselves.

At the same time, we promote the VIE international internship programme, a unique experience for young talent abroad.

Alongside French Chambers of Commerce & Industry (CCIF) and Bpifrance, we form Team France Export, supporting France's different regions and their entrepreneurial fabric as they succeed in international markets.

Together, let's raise the flag of French business throughout the world!

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Established in 1979, the FSACCI is a South African non-profit company dedicated to promoting and facilitating business relations between French and South African companies, thereby fostering economic growth and collaboration.

Serving as a vital bridge for companies operating in South Africa, our mission is to support and promote bilateral trade and investment and offer a platform for knowledge exchange and business development.

Our activities include stakeholder engagements, organizing a wide range of events, as well as communicating on behalf of our members and providing various business services.

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Appointed by the Prime Minister, CCEs are vested with four missions by public authorities:

- Advising public authorities,
- Supporting businesses,
- Training young people for the international stage,
- Promoting the attractiveness.

The French Foreign Trade Advisors in Africa count 50 members

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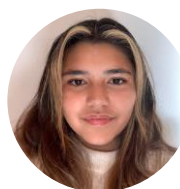
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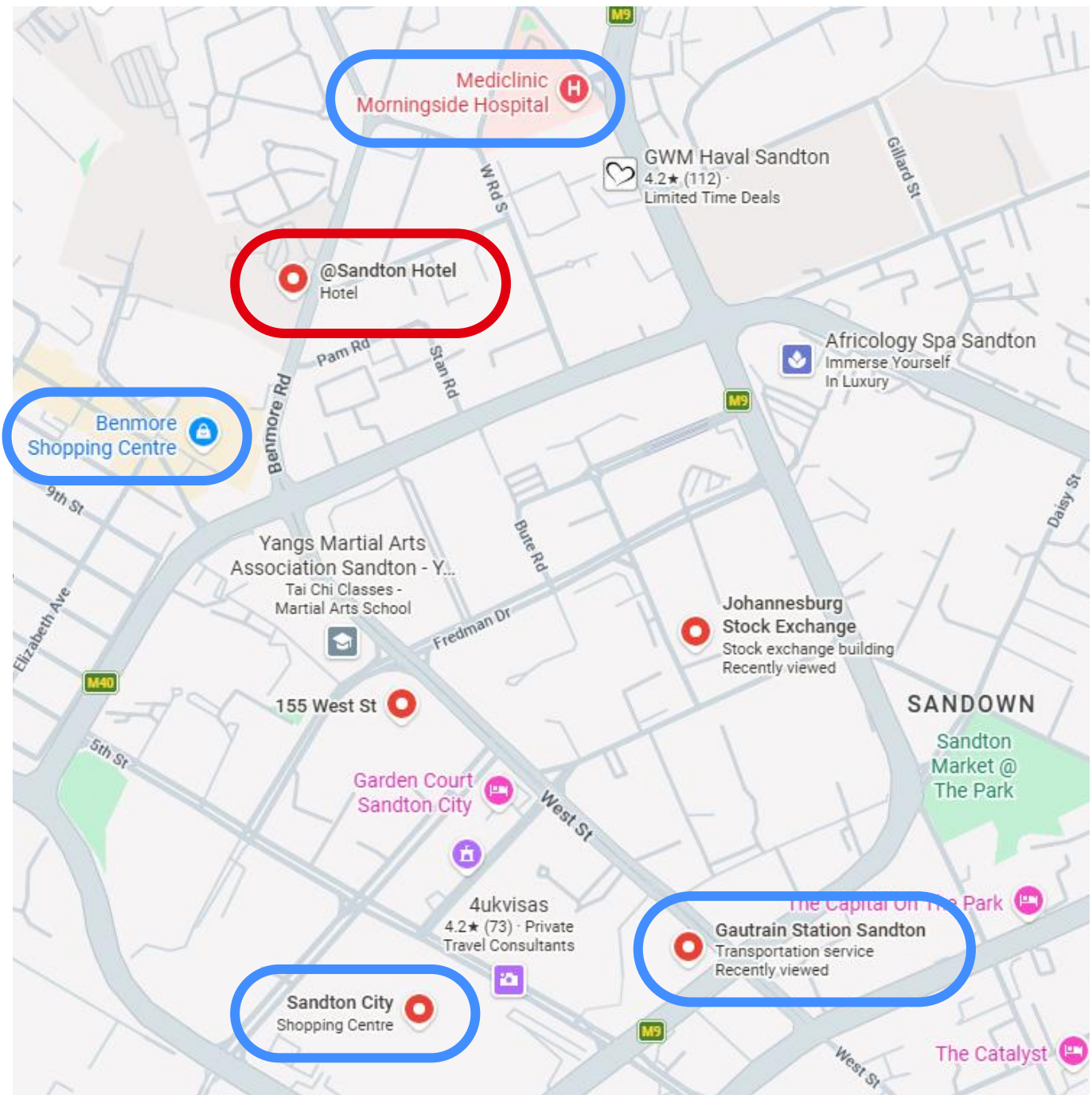
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Founded in 2012 and based in the Savoie region, Alpes TLC collects, sorts and recovers used textiles. The company facilitates the reuse of garments in good condition through its local shops, including Atelier 815, while directing non-reusable materials to textile recycling channels. Employing several dozen people, Alpes TLC operates according to circular economy principles and works with regional partners such as Synergies TLC and Nouvelle Fibres Textiles to develop local fibre regeneration solutions.

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Founded in 2007, Distri974 is a Réunion-based company specialising in the wholesale distribution of flip-flops and sandals. The company has grown steadily from a local wholesaler into a business serving a broader customer base since 2010. It now has a modernised showcase website, launched in 2023, to present its product range.

Under its registered brand RUN BEACH, the company imports and distributes more than 900 000 pairs each year.

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Hodi is a company from Réunion Island providing managed cloud and hosting across more than 20 African and Indian Ocean markets. Its offer combines managed hosting, Managed WordPress and Hodifly, a platform-as-a-service for teams building on modern stacks.

Hodi works with companies from a wide range of sectors including media groups, digital agencies, fintechs and international organisations.

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Infinitel is a Mayotte-based digital services company specialising in IP networks, telecommunications, data management and application development. Established to address digital access challenges in Mayotte, which were compounded by Cyclone Chido's damage to local infrastructure, the company aims to modernise the island's digital landscape.

Infinitel won the Mayotte In Tech Start-up Weekend in November 2024 and was nominated for the Mayotte Business Awards in 2025. It serves businesses, local authorities, institutions and individual customers.

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Based in Réunion, Island Food Run partnered with RoboChef to introduce the automated food-service concept 'Karai Box - Powered by RoboChef' to the island in 2025.

The company operates RoboChef's first franchised food truck in France, launched at the Foire de La Réunion trade fair, and plans to expand the model to food courts and permanent restaurants.

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Specialised in financial engineering, business financing and real estate (investment loans, commercial property, leasing, SCI and holding structures), Martingale supports companies and investors in Réunion, Mayotte, mainland France and the Indian Ocean.

In South Africa, Martingale positions itself as an origination and financial structuring partner for French non-resident investors and for capital flows between South Africa and Europe.

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Sirel976 is a digital studio from Mayotte, France, founded in 2017 by El-Farouk Adinani. It builds web and mobile applications, e-commerce sites, ERP and CRM integrations and AI agents for businesses, local authorities and public-interest organisations: 47 clients, 98% satisfaction.

Its products span shared mobility (GariCo, 16,000+ users, a 600-staff employer on board), educational video games (MaoreCo, MayKnet with 21,000+ downloads, Chababi Jouwa), the local media Eh'Co (120,000 visits) and offline field apps for the social sector, such as Neptune for the Red Cross.

Winner of Innov'Action 2020, shortlisted for best social-economy company 2022, French Overseas Commitment Medal 2023, featured in Le Figaro in 2026, VivaTech 2026 exhibitor and received at the Élysée (Presidential Palace).

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