

Release of Full Report on Fund Domiciliation in Africa



# From Summary to Building Momentum

The dialogue that began with the Executive Summary now deepens with the Full Report, carrying forward from insight to action in the ecosystem and from conversation to measurable impact.



DECEMBER 2024

**Executive Summary**shared at
SuperReturn Africa
2024



SEPTEMBER > NOVEMBER 2025

Release of Full Report
on fund domiciliation
in Africa via webinar,
followed by select in-country
dialogues and webinars



DECEMBER 2025

From insight
to action –
update on ecosystem
momentum at
SuperReturn Africa
2025

# Why Domiciliation Matters



#### **DOMICILIATION**

Establishing a legal home base for funds in African countries creates a stable and transparent environment for investment



### UNLOCKS DOMESTIC + FOREIGN CAPITAL

By creating a favorable investment climate, domiciliation attract s international investors and accelerates local capital mobilisation



### MORE PE/VC TRACTION

Increased domestic capital flows unlocks fit-for-purpose capital for local investment vehicles (IVs)



# ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR SMES

Local IVs now have the funding to increase flexible capital deployment and business support to Micro, Small and Mediumsized Enterprises (MSMEs)



#### SME GROWTH

With increased investment and access to capital, MSMEs can scale their operations, improve productivity, and contribute more significantly to the economy



### JOB CREATION + IMPACT

The growth of MSMEs leads to the creation of more dignified and fulfilling jobs for women and youth

# **Shifts Reshaping the Domiciliation Ecosystem**

Africa's domiciliation ecosystem is seeing substantial momentum and reform in 2025, with a growing number of African jurisdictions vying to become domiciliation hubs to attract investment and retain local capital.



#### Policy and regulatory steps forward

- · Reforms initiated in countries like Kenva. Ghana, Ethiopia, Rwanda, and Morocco
- New directives. incentives, and fund structures emerging



#### Capital Shift -**Local investors** engaging more

- Pension and insurance funds increasing domestic allocations
- Banks and institutional investors supporting new funds to expand SME finance



#### **Robust ecosystem** is building momentum

- · Growing depth in Africa's innovation ecosystem
- Startup funding exceeded \$2 bn in 2025
- New local funds structures demonstrate confidence
- High-profile conferences and domestic initiatives



#### **Building further** momentum

Despite progress, ~60% of **Africa-focused investment** vehicles are still domiciled **offshore**, driven by investor familiarity, perceived predictability, and tax benefits. Strengthening investor confidence will be key for Africa



# **Country-level Momentum**

#### Kenya

- Finance Act 2025 introduced incentives for NIFC firms (tax benefits for holding companies, regional offices, and startups)
- Measures to enhance Nairobi's competitiveness as a fund domicile

#### Ghana

- Pension funds moving towards more capital allocations to locally domiciled VC/PE funds
- · Locally domiciled Ci-Gaba Fund of Funds nearing \$35M first close with strong local institutional backing

#### **Ethiopia**

- · Capital Market Authority issued directive on Collective Investment Schemes
- Gradual liberalisation of banking and telecoms driving market opportunities



- Kigali IFC prioritising domiciliation of private equity and impact funds
- Simplified processes to attract regional and global investors







#### Morocco

- Mohammed VI Investment Fund allocated ~MAD 19Bn (~USD 2.1Bn) across 14 thematic and sector-focused funds
- Several funds are structured to be domiciled in Morocco, either fully or through partnerships with global managers

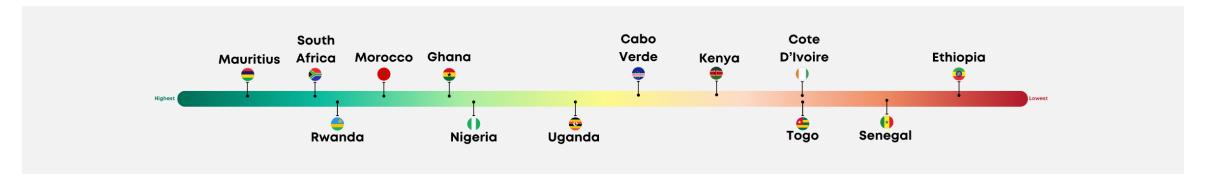


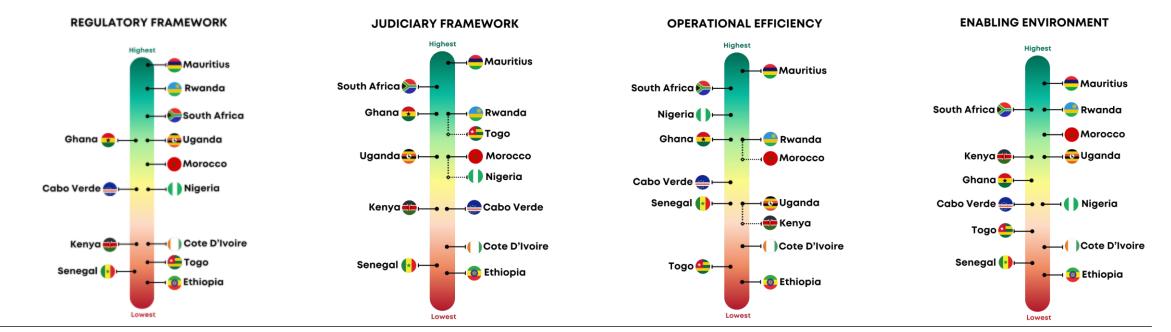


<sup>\*</sup> Illustrative and not exhaustive

# **Heat map of African jurisdictions**

#### Overall maturity scale for building a fund domiciliation ecosystem







# Recommendations by Stakeholder Type

#### **NATIONAL POLICY MAKERS**

Secure **political commitment**, integrate **domiciliation into national strategies**, and **mobilize local capital**.

#### **REGULATORS**

Streamline regulatory approval timelines, boost professional capacity, partner with industry experts, and promote regional integration.

# FUND MANAGERS AND INVESTORS

Form **strategic partne**rships with willing African jurisdictions for impact investment. Large global investors and fund managers are well-positioned to **influence policy through advocacy**.



#### **ECOSYSTEM BUILDERS**

Engage policymakers to build political support. Develop local expertise through capacity building programs and skilled service providers. Partner with industry bodies for joint advocacy.

# INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTIONS

**Partner** with willing African nations to develop fund domiciliation ecosystems. Consider **coordinated regional approaches** to strengthen credibility and reputation in this space.

# **Recommendations by Country**



#### Rwanda

- Position KIFC as a premier
   Africa-focused impact fund domicile.
- Target tech funds to attract the broader ecosystem.



#### Senegal

- Leverage FONSIS to mobilize domestic capital.
- Capitalize on regional hub status to attract fintech and diplomatic investment.



#### Côte d'Ivoire

- Use pension assets to develop capital markets.
- Lead UMOA-wide reforms to create a comprehensive fund framework.



#### Kenya

- Elevate & accelerate the Nairobi IFC (NIFC) agenda with policymakers.
- Strengthen NIFC coordination to resolve institutional fragmentation.



#### **Ethiopia**

- Leverage EIH's \$43.6B+ assets to catalyze private investment.
- Liberalize key sectors (banking, telecoms) and mobilize pension & diaspora capital for strategic sectors.



#### Ghana

- Enact key laws (Limited Partnership, Trust) to expand fund structures.
- Establish the Accra IFC with a dynamic, investor-friendly framework.

# **Building on Progress | Next Steps**



Applying learnings from the Mastercard Africa Growth Fund to catalyze risk capital across Africa.



# Targeted In-Country Engagement (2025-2026)

Working with policymakers, regulators and ecosystem enablers to advance domiciliation friendly reforms in key jurisdictions:

East Africa: Rwanda, Ethiopia,

Kenya

**West Africa:** Ghana, Nigeria, and WAEMU nations (e.g., Senegal, Côte

d'Ivoire)

# Parallel Policy Innovation

Partnering with the **African Crowdfunding Association** to modernize regulations on crowdfunding, creating more policy options for African investment vehicles **to raise capital**.

# Seizing the Momentum

This study provides the framework. We are working towards local incorporation by engaging regulators in key jurisdictions to implement actionable reforms, securing value and expertise within the continent.



# Study of Africa as a Jurisdiction for Domiciliation of Investment Vehicles - Report QR Code

