MCB Microfinance

Directors' Profile

Alain Rey, Independent Director and Chairperson

Mr Alain Rey has acquired wide financial experience, having been Manager at Citibank NA (Paris) and Regional Corporate Manager at Barclays Plc in Mauritius. He also has a long experience in the textile industry and was Financial Director at Corotex, General Manager at Shape Fabrics Ltd and has served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Novel Denim Holdings Ltd, a NASDAQ listed company. He has also been the Chief Executive Officer at Compagnie de Mont Choisy Ltée, a company involved in agricultural and property development activities. He was previously a director of AfrAsia Bank Ltd, State Bank of Mauritius Ltd , SBM Holdings Ltd and MCB Group Limited.

Directorship in listed companies
New Mauritius Hotels Limited
Terra Mauricia Ltd

Paul Corson, Independent Director

Mr Paul Corson holds an MBA in Management/Business Administration from Laval University and a Master's Degree in Statistics and Economics from the École Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration Economique (ENSAE), France. Soon after ending his studies in 1982, he joined MCB in 1983 and occupied different managerial post before being appointed as Deputy Head of Corporate and Institutional Banking. He occupied this post until his retirement in November 2022. He is currently a director of several companies within the MCB Group.

Jean-Philippe Coulier, Independent Director

Holder of a Diplôme d'Études Supérieures en Droit' and 'Diplôme de l'Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris' (France). During his career, Jean-Philippe has accumulated extensive experience in the banking sector, having worked for the Société Générale Group for some 40 years. Over this period, he has assumed a range of high-level responsibilities within the group, acting as Director, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Executive Officer in its various offices based worldwide. Before his retirement from Société Générale in early 2013, he was the Vice Chairman and Managing Director of the National Société Générale Bank in Cairo, Egypt. He was a Board member of The Mauritius Commercial Bank Limited from 2012 to 2018 and was appointed Chairperson thereof as from 2014. In 2018, he was appointed director and Chairperson of Promotion and Development Ltd and Caudan Development Ltd. He is also a director of Fincorp Investment Ltd, Constance Hotel Services Ltd, and MCB Microfinance Ltd.

Directorship in listed companies :
Fincorp Investment Limited
Promotion and Development Ltd
Constance Hotel Services Ltd.

Cathie Hannelas, Independent Director

Cathie holds an LL.M in International Business Law from Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas, a BSc in Accounting with Information Systems and is a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA). She has over 20 years of experience in taxation, including 11 years with PwC Mauritius. Thereafter, she joined the Rogers Group, where she established and led the Group's tax practice. She assisted a broad range of clients, including investment companies, licensed funds, multinational enterprises, trading entities, specialised financial services providers and individual entrepreneurs. Cathie is also a recognised course facilitator and has delivered tax, accounting and finance courses for the ICAEW ACA and Curtin University programmes. She is currently a strategic business consultant. She is a member of MIPA, MIoD and serves as a board member of the ATAF Women in Tax Network.

Bernard Jackson, Non-Executive Director

Bernard holds an Executive MBA from HEC Paris and a Master’s in Applied Economics from Université Paris IX Dauphine. He started his professional career at MCB in 1999 as an Economic & Financial Analyst, contributing to studies and reports on the local, regional and international economic environment and the banking sector and the MCB Group financial reports. He subsequently held strategic planning roles within MCB, first as Strategic Analyst and then as the Strategic Planning Manager, coordinating the organisational planning process and monitoring the execution of major initiatives across the Bank and its subsidiaries. In 2008, he joined MCB Seychelles as Head of Finance before becoming Managing Director in 2015, with responsibility for the overall activities of the bank and its network. In July 2024, Bernard was appointed Head of Retail at MCB, where he is responsible for formulating strategy and leading the retail banking activities of the bank across its 32-branch network.

Aurélie Leclézio, Executive Director and CEO

Mrs Aurélie Leclézio graduated from “Sciences Po” Toulouse and holds a “Master 2” in Political Science, specialization in Geopolitics and International Relations from the Institut d’Études Politiques (IEP) of Toulouse. She started her professional carrier as Strategic Analyst at Enterprise Mauritius in 2005. From 2006 to 2009, Aurelie worked as Lecturer in International Relations at the University of Mauritius. In 2009, she was recruited by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to hold the position of Communications Officer for the Maurice Ile Durable Fund, under the aegis of the Ministry of Renewable Energy and Public Utilities. Aurelie finally joined the MCB in July 2010 as Sustainable Development Coordinator, then as Project Manager-Microfinance as from March 2015. She became the Chief Executive Officer of MCB Microfinance Ltd in July 2016.She is also a Director on the board of MCB Forward Foundation.

Dominic Provencal, Non-Executive Director

Dominic is a seasoned banking executive with more than 25 years of experience across retail, business and private banking. His current focus is on growing the Group’s regional presence in Seychelles, Madagascar, Maldives and leading the domestic para-banking activities. Throughout his career, Dominic has demonstrated strong leadership, entrepreneurial vision and strategic thinking. He has led numerous initiatives aimed at enhancing customer experience, developing innovative products and services, strengthening commercial performance and building high-performing teams. His broad experience across multiple banking segments gives him a deep understanding of customer needs and market dynamics. As part of his current role, he sits on the board of a few Group entities.