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# MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY



# WHY MAURITIUS

Mauritius, a diverse and multicultural nation of 1.3 m people, offers a range of investment opportunities in different sectors. The ease of doing business ranking and stable governance creates the perfect business climate.



A Competitive, Well-Diversified & Broad-based Economy



Good Governance and Protection of Intellectual Property Rights



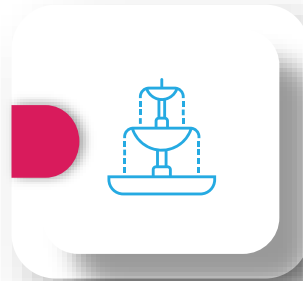
A Sophisticated International Financial Centre of Substance



Time Zone allowing Round-the-Clock Global Transactions



Incorporation of a Company in 2 hours



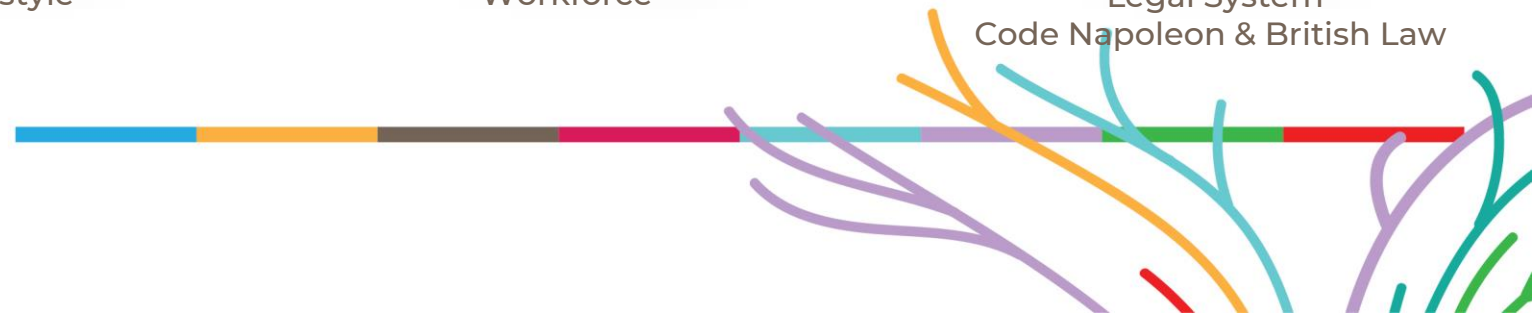
A Vibrant Culture and Unique Lifestyle



Qualified Multi-lingual Workforce

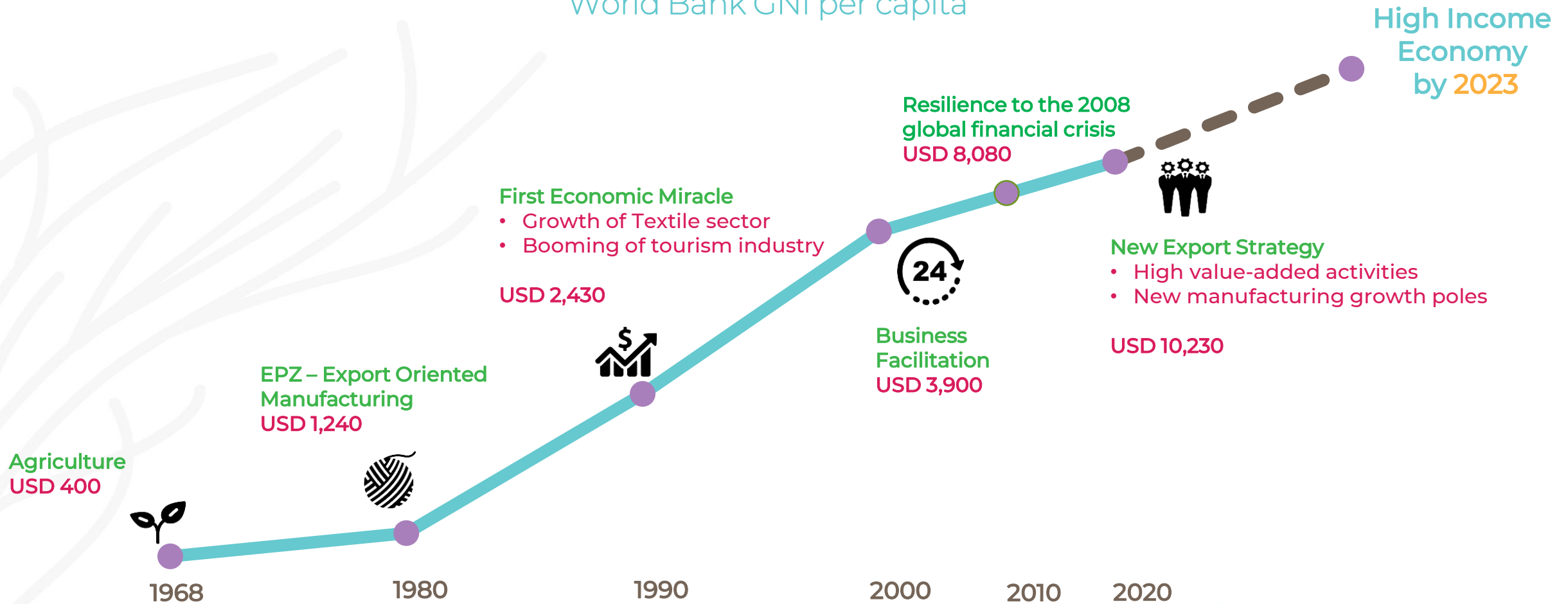


Independent Hybrid Legal System  
Code Napoleon & British Law



# MOVING TOWARDS A HIGH-INCOME ECONOMY

World Bank GNI per capita





# INTERNATIONAL ACCOLADES

A Competitive & Attractive Business Climate

**International Property Rights Index (2020)**  
40<sup>th</sup> out of 129 countries | 1<sup>st</sup> in Africa

**Global Innovation Index (2020)**  
52<sup>th</sup> out of 131 countries | 1<sup>st</sup> in Africa

**Forbes Survey of Best Countries for Business (2019)**  
39<sup>th</sup> out of 139 countries | 1<sup>st</sup> in Africa

**Global Competitiveness Index (2019)**  
52<sup>nd</sup> out of 141 countries

**UNCTAD Productive Capacities Index (2021)**  
46<sup>th</sup> out of 193 countries | 1<sup>st</sup> in Africa

**World Bank Ease of Doing Business (2020)**  
13<sup>th</sup> out of 190 countries | 1<sup>st</sup> in Africa

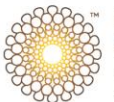
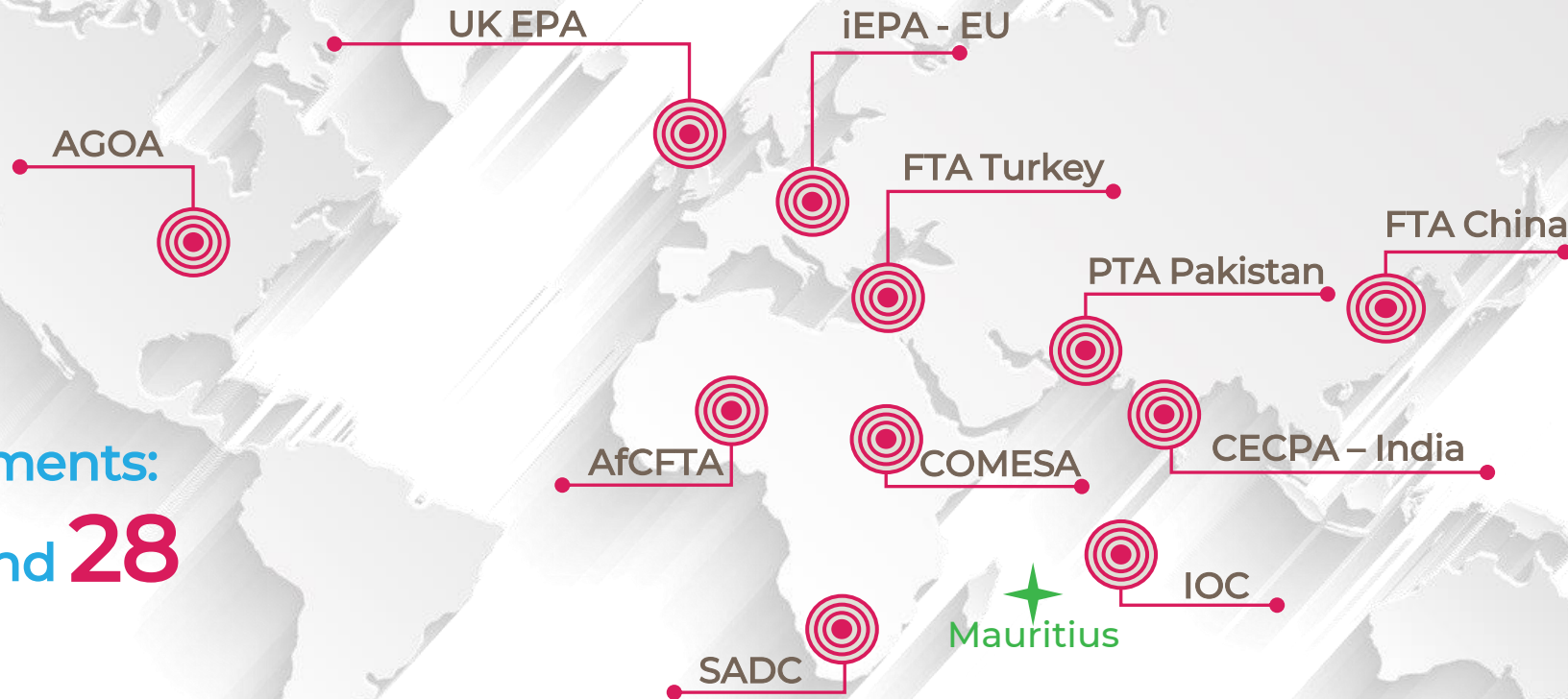
**Mo Ibrahim Index of Africa Governance (2020)**  
1<sup>st</sup> in Africa (out of 54 countries)

**Index of Economic Freedom (2021)**  
13<sup>th</sup> out of 178 countries | 1<sup>st</sup> in Africa

BENCHMARKS

# ACCESS TO GLOBAL MARKETS

Bilateral Agreements:  
**44** DTAAs and **28**  
IPPAAs



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# INVESTMENT & TRADE INCENTIVES

- **3% corporate tax** on profits derived from exports of goods
- **No import duties** on equipment and raw material
- **No export duties** in Mauritius
- **VAT on raw materials** is payable at customs clearance but reimbursable on exports
- **8-year income tax holiday**
  - *High-tech products (Pharmaceuticals, Electronics, High precision components, Optical products, OEM & Technical textiles)*
- **Refund of 60% on Air Freight Cost** for export to Africa (including Madagascar), Australia, Canada, Europe, Japan, Middle East & USA for most products
- Freight Rebate Scheme **Refund of 25% on Basic Sea Freight Cost**. *Eligible ports: 47 ports in 19 countries in Africa.*





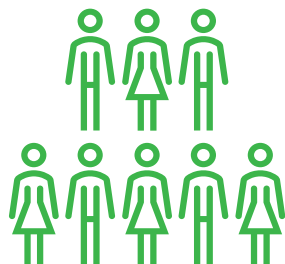
# MANUFACTURING OUTLOOK

With over 50 years of industrialisation, the Manufacturing Industry stands as an engine of growth with a GDP contribution of 10.6% (2020) and exporting 1548 product lines to over 122 countries.



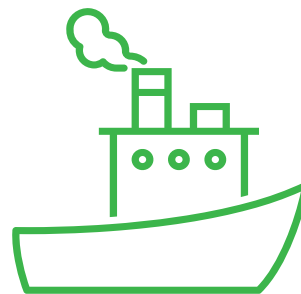
**535**

Large Establishments



**103,000**

Employment (2019)



**USD 1.51 Bn**

Exports of Goods in 2020



**12.1%**

Gross Value Addition

## Vision

A globally competitive and sustainable industrial sector that contributes to higher economic growth for Mauritius through continuous innovation, technology upgrading, productivity gains and high skilled employment.





# Textile & Apparel

50 years and still going strong



## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

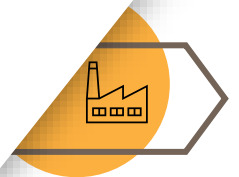
- Spinning
- Weaving & Seamless knitting
- Technical Textiles – PPEs



**Exports**  
**USD 505 Mn**



**Employment**  
**34,893**



**Companies**  
**136**

### Main export destinations

South Africa, United Kingdom, USA & Europe.

### Products

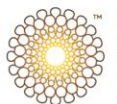
Yarn and Fabric, Fine Knits, Denim, Shirts, Pullovers, Men's & Ladies wear, Swimwear/Beachwear & Kidswear.

### Adherence to International Norms

BSCI, WRAP, GOTS, OEKO-TEX, REACH, Higg SAC, Targeting Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals.

### Major Clients

The Foshinni Group, Woolworth, Arcadia Group, ASOS, Levis, Tommy Hilfiger & Orchestra etc.



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# Seafood Processing

Our sustainable seafood value chain



## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- High-tech processing plants
- Cold storage facilities
- Fish waste / fish feed



**Exports**  
**USD 315 Mn**



**Employment**  
**7,000**



**EEZ**  
**2.3 Mn km<sup>2</sup>**

**Main export destinations**  
UK, Italy, Spain, Netherlands & USA.

**Products**  
Canned Tuna, Frozen Tuna (Albacore, Yellowfin, Skipjack & Big Eye), Chilled Fish (Red Drum), Demersal & Pelagic Fish.

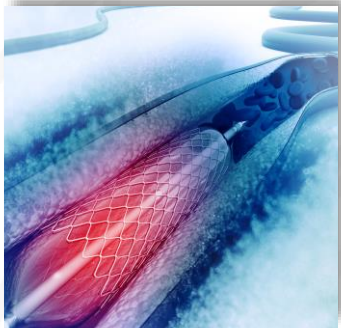
**State-of-the-Art Technology**  
Mauritius hosts the largest tuna processing plant in Africa and one of the most technologically advanced in the world.

**Fish Stock**  
The Indian Ocean holds the second largest stock of tuna resources.



# Medical & Pharmaceutical Industry

The emerging medical devices hub of Africa



## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Pacemaker and hearing aids
- Clinical care equipment
- Cosmeceutical products
- Pharmaceuticals and vaccines
- Medicaments containing insulin
- Orthopedic & oncology implants



**Exports**  
**USD 27.5 Mn**



**Employment**  
**500**



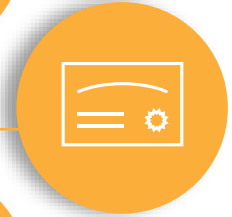
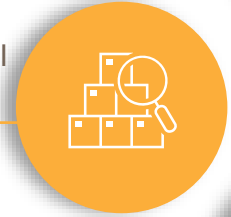
**High-Tech exporters**  
**7**

**Main export destinations**  
France (53%) & India (43%)

**Products**  
Catheters & Stents, Orthopaedic & Dental Implants, Artificial Skins, Bone Implants and Ophthalmic Protheses.

**International Certifications**  
ISO certified, CE Marked, FDA registered

**Market Potential**  
Africa's imports of COVID-19 related products in 2020 estimated to USD 44 B.



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# Rum & Spirits

The Mauritian spirits sector is emerging as a fast-developing subsector within the sugar cane industry



## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Distillers
- Alcoholic bitters, syrups, tarts
- Read-to-Drink (RTD) cocktails
- Bottling plant
- Zero alcoholic spirits



**Exports**  
**USD 18 Mn**



**Companies**  
**20** (including 7 Distillers)



**Brands**  
**30+**

### Main export destinations

Netherlands, Kenya, South Africa, Madagascar & UAE.

### Products

Rum, Whisky, Beer, Wine, Vodka, Undenatured Alcohol and other Spirits.

### International Accolade

Winner of the *Canne d'Or* for world's best spirits at the International Sugarcane Spirits Awards 2020.

**Traditional Rum:** Molasses based

**Agricultural Rum:** Sugar cane juice based





# Agro-Processing

A haven of exotic fine foods and drinks from the Mauritian terroir



## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Ready-to-Eat Halal food
- Ready-to-Cook Halal food
- Halal venison food
- Herbal teas
- Novel food



Exports

USD 35 Mn



Employment

11,819



Companies

106

### Main export destinations

France, United States, United Kingdom, EU Countries, Australia, Kenya & Madagascar.

### Products

Special Sugars, Vanilla Products, Cake Decorations, Instant Noodles, Exotic Fruits Jams & Paste, Pickles & Condiments, Mixed Spices, Tea & Infusions.

**Sugar:** 18 types of specialty sugars. Certified to Bonsucro Production Standard for a sustainable sugar cane value chain; and Fairtrade labelling.

**Other products :** HACCP certified food establishments

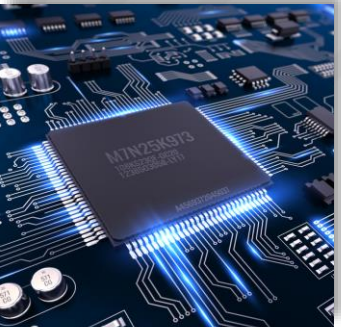
### Incentives:

Investment Certificate Issued by EDB for Food Processing Value Addition.



# Light Engineering

Promoting high value added manufacturing activities



## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Automotive components
- Metal fabrication
- Waste recycling
- Electronics
- Precision engineering
- Printing & packaging



**Exports**  
**USD 143 Mn**



**Employment**  
**12,500**



**Large enterprises**  
**200**

### Main export destinations

India, France, China, Switzerland & Reunion.

### Products

Plastic Products, Paints & Chemicals, Electronics Products, Automotive Components, Metal Fabrication, Printing & Packaging Products.

### GDP Contribution

4.3% of the total GDP over a total of 12.1% for manufacturing sector.  
CAGR of 12% over last 5 years.

### Labour availability

Around 3,000 engineering graduates annually.

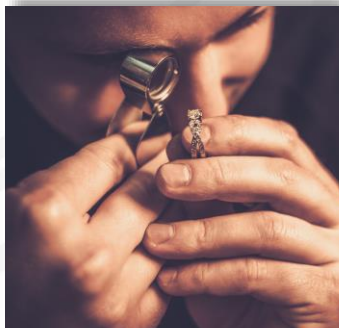
### Sources of FDI

South Africa, France, Italy, India & Germany etc.



# Jewellery

Mauritius: your reliable and trusted destination for jewellery and polished diamonds



## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Gold refining
- Diamond cutting and polishing
- Vault services
- High-end & costume jewellery
- Diamond and gold exchange



**Exports**  
**USD 73 Mn**



**Employment**  
**2,400**



**Companies**  
**23**

### Main export destinations

France, USA Belgium, Switzerland & Vietnam.

### Products

Cut and Polish Diamonds, Gold and Silver Jewellery, Fine & Costume Jewellery.

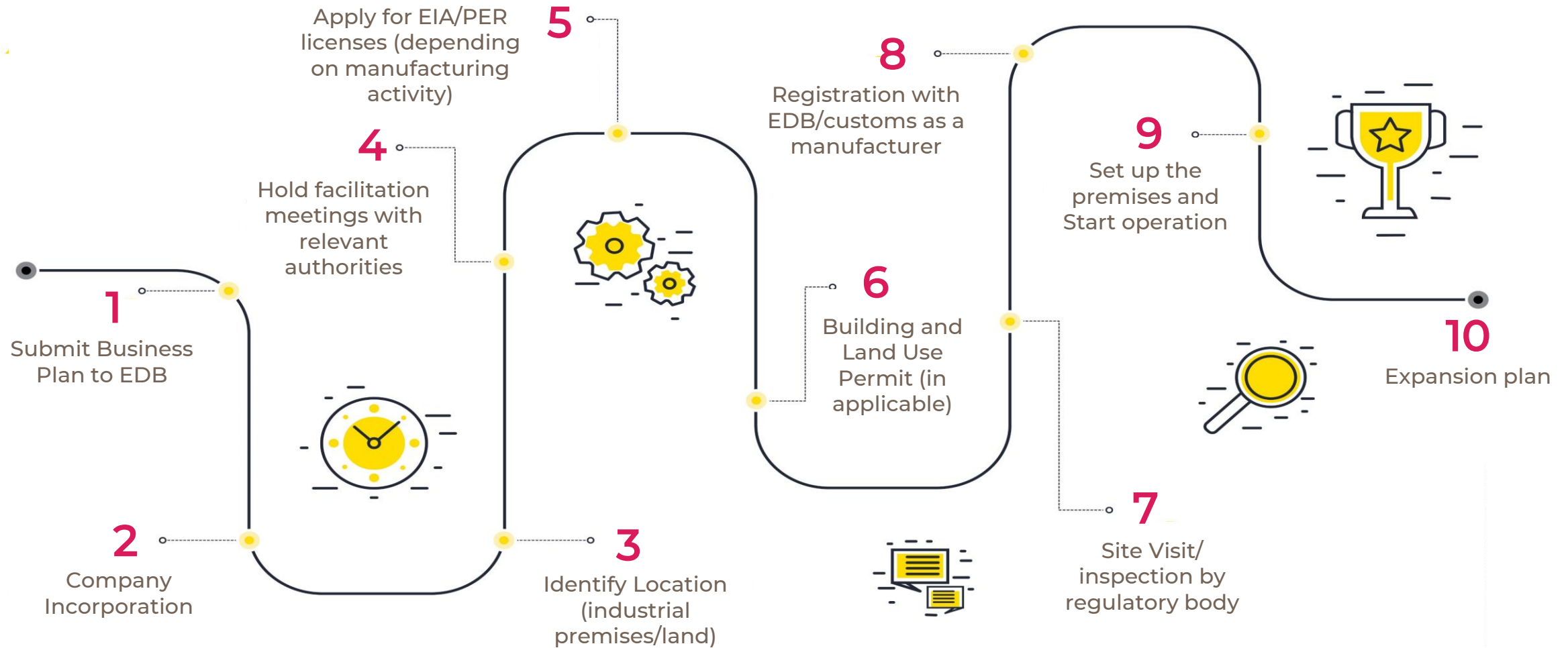
**International Buyers:** Leo Schachter, David Yurman, Leachgarner, Rio Grande, Tanner, Tiffanys, Selected Findings, LVMH, Dinh Van, Charlotte Chenet.

### Institutional Framework

Internationally recognised and regulated Assay Office and Kimberley Process Certificate.



# SET UP YOUR BUSINESS





# WORK PLAY LIVE



## Investor



- Validity for 10 years
- Minimum investment of **USD 50,000**
- Gross income of **USD 100,000** as from Year 3
- Manufacturing - Initial investment **USD 25,000** (*remaining in equipment*)

## Professional



- Basic monthly salary of at least **USD 1,500**
- ICT sector, pharmaceutical manufacturing, food processing at least **USD 750**

## Self-employed



- Validity for 10 years
- Initial investment exceeding **USD 35,000**
- Minimum business income of **USD 20,000** as from year 3

## Retired Non-citizen



- Minimum age of 50
- Validity for 10 years
- Annual transfer of minimum **USD 40,000**

## Permanent Residence



- Minimum of **USD 375,000**
- Validity for 20 years



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