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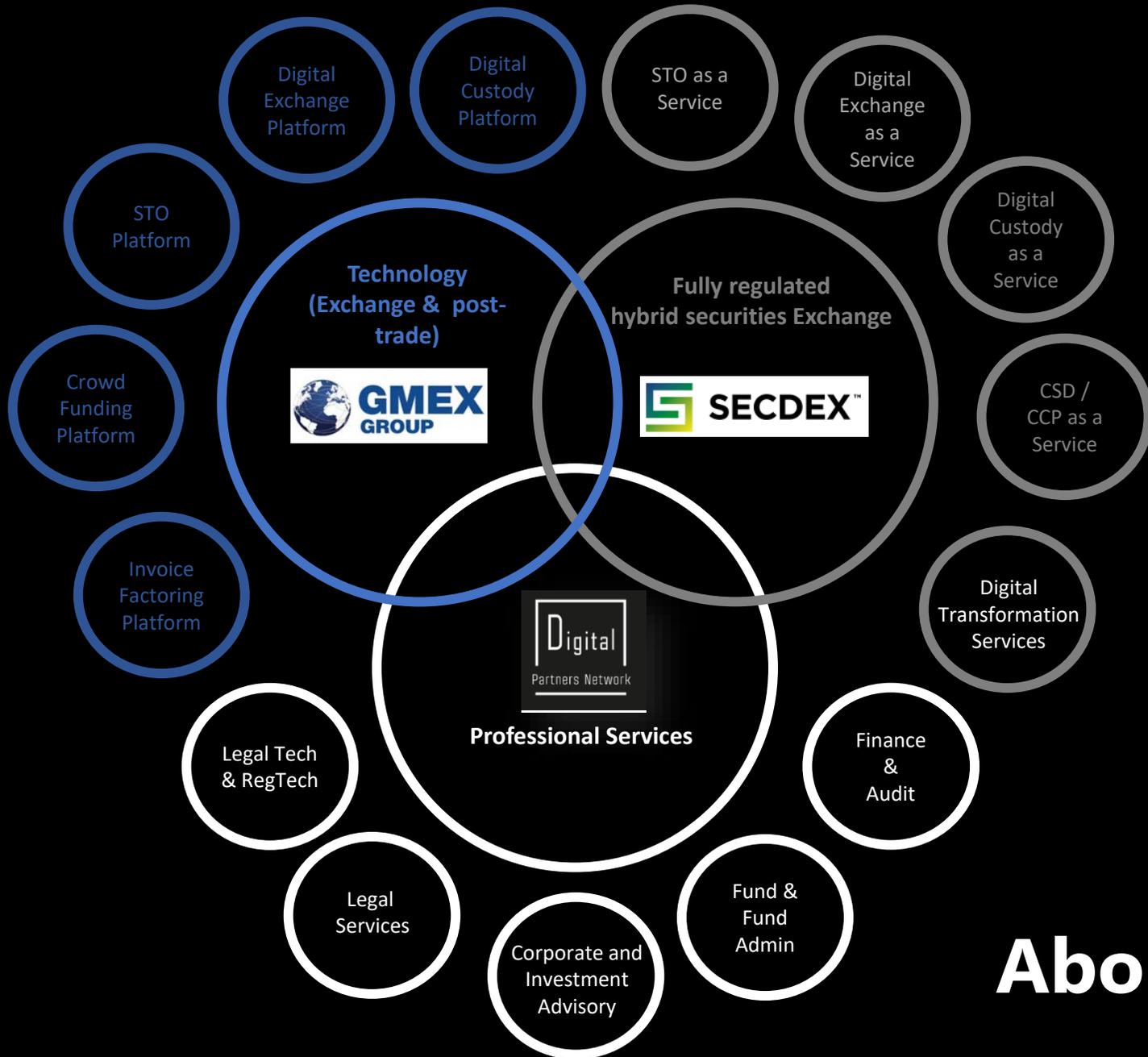
Digital Associates Ltd is a pan-African law firm, comprising of internationally qualified and multi-lingual lawyers, having strong links to African countries such as Mauritius, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa and Botswana amongst others.

Digital Associates Ltd offers a full range of cross-border services to high net worth individuals, corporations, investment funds, governments and international organisations.

Digital Associates Ltd, as its name suggests, has special expertise in technology related matters. Technological change is happening at an ever-increasing rate and this is impacting the way in which financial and other services are structured, delivered and used. The regulatory landscape is trying to catch up with new international financial regulatory requirements. KYC/AML/CFT requirements are also being changed/reviewed to match this changed environment. The increase in spending on technology worldwide and more trust in the market has led to an eruption in FinTech investments. Disruptive innovation is occurring across the industry, in such areas as payments and billing technology, trading and clearing, lending, financial information services, retail and consumer banking, insurance, money transfer and remittance, blockchain, artificial intelligence and robotics technology, banking infrastructure, wealth management, security and investor protection, institutional investment tools, digital currencies, crowdfunding and investment platforms.

Digital Associates Ltd has been set up, in particular, to meet the demands of this changing ecosystem with the ambition of being a disruptive law firm. The traditional set up of law firms (namely of billing hourly rate and often resulting prohibitive costs) makes law firms be seen as a necessary evil as opposed to indispensable pro-active partners.

We, at Digital Associates Ltd, believe we can do things differently. We offer innovative, cost appropriate and specialist solutions to our clients.



About the Group

Areas of Expertise

FinTech / RegTech / Tech

- AML / CFT advice and services
- Artificial Intelligence
- Blockchain / Distributed Ledger Technology
- Crowdfunding
- Cryptocurrencies / Digital Assets
- Cybersecurity
- Data Privacy
- Data management and protection (including through custody and escrow services)
- Digital processes, products, platforms, currencies and services
- Innovative and traditional forms of payment services, trading, lending and alternative finance
- InsurTech
- Intellectual Property - Licensing, Patenting and Protection
- Investments, including venture capital, equity capital market fundraising, private equity and debt finance
- M&A, dispositions, joint ventures, outsourcing and other alliances
- Offerings and Exits (ITOs (Initial Token Offerings), STOs (Security Token Offerings, etc.))
- Payment services
- Regulatory Compliance and Advisory, including RegTech
- Smart Contracts
- Strategic Litigation and Dispute Resolution on FinTech matters

Traditional Areas

- Cross-border Corporate Advisory
- Cross-jurisdictional Debt Recovery or contract enforcement
- Commercial Litigation / Arbitration
- Competition Law
- Corporate and M&A
- Domestic and International Tax
- Enhanced Due Diligence / Key Persons
- Employment Law
- International Criminal Law
- Private Equity
- Regulatory / Compliance



JESSICA T. NAGA
PARTNER OF DIGITAL PARTNERS
NETWORK (DPN)
MANAGING DIRECTOR OF DIGITAL
ASSOCIATES LTD
BARRISTER (MAURITIUS & UK)

Jessica founded Digital Associates Ltd (DAL), a licensed law firm, of which she is currently the Managing Director.

She co-founded the DPN Group, of which DAL forms part, which provides professional tailored services to meet the demands of disruptive businesses, which focus on automation, use of artificial intelligence (AI) and block chain technology. These include compliance, corporate structuring, finance, strategic consulting and technology enabled digital transformation. She is also a non-executive Director of SECDEX, a licensed stock exchanges of Seychelles and the only regulated digital custodian of Seychelles.

She specializes in financial and commercial law focusing particularly on FinTech and financial services regulatory work.

With an excellent grasp of FinTech regulations and innovative technologies, she helps clients launch, fund and grow their businesses. She acts for a wide range of clients including private and public companies, banks, investment funds, hybrid exchanges, clearing houses, regulated depositories, financial regulators and government bodies.

Jessica practised many years as a barrister on the London circuit in both civil and commercial law and appeared in courts at all levels throughout the United Kingdom. She then worked in Cape Town, South Africa, as Managing Director for a leading private equity group. Simultaneously, she served on the Board of Directors for various companies in the financial sector.

Jessica returned to Mauritius in 2012 and acted as the General Manager of an Offshore Management Company before joining the independent Bar to practise as a Barrister.

Jessica is admitted as a practising Barrister at the Bar of England and Wales and as a Barrister at the Bar of Mauritius. She completed her law degree and masters (maîtrise en droit des affaires) at the Université des Sciences Sociales in Toulouse, France and undertook her bar at the Manchester Metropolitan University, UK. She completed her pupillage at 7 Kings Bench Walk Chambers, London, a prominent reinsurance set of barristers' chambers and was awarded the prestigious Harmsworth Scholarship by the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple. She is fluent in English and French.

Jessica is a member of numerous organisations including the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners of the UK (STEP), a member of the Mauritius Institute of Directors, a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators of the UK (CIArb) and a member of The Honourable Society of Middle Temple. She is also an approved trainer by the Mauritian Qualifications Authority (MQA). She was one of the acclaimed WIA54 Laureate in the digital and technology category for 2020 for Southern Africa.



**VANDANA INDRANEE
DURSUN**

AVOCAT & BARRISTER (PARIS,
MAURITIUS & UNITED KINGDOM)

Vandana is a Partner of Digital Associates and heads the corporate and M&A practice.

She lived and worked for many years in Paris where she gained considerable legal experience on complex, high-profile transactions with highly reputed American, English and French law firms.

Vandana is specialized in corporate law with a particular focus on M&A, private equity (LBO, LMBO, venture capital) and FinTech. She advises local and multinational clients on a wide range of cross-border transactions. She regularly represents commercial and industrial companies, private equity funds, management teams and private individuals. Vandana is especially appreciated by clients for her pragmatism, technical skills and in-depth legal knowledge.

Vandana returned to Mauritius in 2019 and continues practising French and Mauritian law in matters involving France, Mauritius, Africa and other emerging market countries.

Vandana is admitted as an Avocat à la Cour at the Paris Bar, as a Barrister at the Bar of Mauritius and as a Barrister at the Bar of England & Wales (non practising). She holds dual English and French law qualifications from King's College London and Université Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne) and completed her bar at the Manchester Metropolitan University, UK.

Vandana is a State Scholar of Mauritius (Laureate, 2000) and won prestigious scholarships from the Inner Temple, London. She speaks English and French as mother tongues and is fluent in Hindi.

Vandana is a member of The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, London.



ANGÉLIQUE SHOEMAN
ATTORNEY AND CONVEYANCER
(SOUTH AFRICA)

Angélique is a Partner of the international network of Digital Associates.

She founded Schoeman Attorneys, her own law firm in 2009 in South Africa.

Angélique offers dedicated and personalised legal advice and litigation services to high net worth clients and corporations. She is specialized in civil and commercial law, restructuring of companies, arbitrations and CCMA practice, criminal law, and medial law.

Angélique has acquired extensive work experience in various roles with reputed law firms in South Africa and Mauritius.

Angélique is admitted as an attorney and conveyancer in South Africa. She completed her LLB and LLM (corporate law) at the University of Pretoria, South Africa, and graduated with the highest average (98%) and the highest mark in criminal law (90%). Angélique was also on the Dean's list for exceptional students

Angélique is a member of the Law Society of the Northern Province of Pretoria, South Africa.



SYLVESTER FOLORUNSO
BARRISTER (NIGERIA) AND
SOLICITOR (UNITED KINGDOM)

Sylvester is a Partner of the international network of Digital Associates.

He is a multi-jurisdictional lawyer with several years of advocacy experience in the UK.

Sylvester practices as an advocate and advisory lawyer. He has a broad range of experience from handling complex criminal prosecutions to civil and commercial litigation briefs and advisory work.

Sylvester gained core experience as a public prosecutor in the UK. He has over 20 years' experience in the Crown Prosecution Service working both as an Assistant District Crown Prosecutor and Higher Court Advocate. Outside the UK, Sylvester has worked in West Africa in the private sector with a primary focus on litigation and arbitration, and in the Caribbean as a criminal prosecutor.

Prior to joining a set of chambers in Johannesburg, South Africa, Sylvester acted as Senior Crown Counsel in the Turks and Caicos Islands office of the DPP. In 2014, Sylvester accepted a position with the government of the UK Overseas Territory of Montserrat as Senior Crown Counsel and Acting Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

Sylvester is admitted as a Barrister of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court and as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales. He trained as a solicitor with Winward Fearon LLP, London. Sylvester holds an LLB and an LLM from the London University and attended the Nigerian Law School, Victoria Island, Lagos and the College of Law in Surrey.

Sylvester's previous roles include being a legal advisor (Chambers of Mpati Qofa, Johannesburg, South Africa), Senior Crown Counsel (Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court), Senior Associate (Aluko & Oyebode, Lagos, Nigeria), Crown Advocate and Senior Crown Prosecutor (Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), England), Advocacy Manager and Crown Advocate (Southwark Crown Court, London), Borough Crown Prosecutor (London Borough of Bromley and Essex County CPS).



ARUSHI GOEL
LEGAL ADVISOR (INDIA & U.A.E)

Arushi is a Partner of the international network of Digital Associates.

Originally from India, she currently resides in the United Arab Emirates.

She earlier served as a Judge in India where she dealt with civil and criminal cases. Presently, she advises clients on commercial matters, venture capital investment transactions, regulatory compliances and issues relating to data protection, with a special focus on emerging technologies such as virtual asset service providers, blockchain, IoT and AI.

Arushi also engages with think tanks and regulators on formulation of policy frameworks on issues of technology and law.

Arushi is admitted as an advocate at the Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana, India. She completed her B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) at the National Law University, Delhi, India, and successfully completed FinTech Law & Policy certification at Duke University, USA and Blockchain Technologies: Business Innovation & Application certification at MIT Sloan School of Management, USA 2019.

Arushi is fluent in English, Hindi and Punjabi and has elementary knowledge of Arabic.



MUTHONI NJOROGE
BARRISTER (KENYA)

Muthoni is a Partner of the international network of Digital Associates.

She founded Growthshield Africa, a law firm with particular expertise in commercial & corporate finance law.

Muthoni's practice encompasses corporate, private equity, regulatory compliance, legal compliance audits and legal risk management, business setup and restructuring, employment matters, technology, media law, intellectual property law, entertainment law and real estate transactions. Her clients include private companies and investment funds (including VCs).

Muthoni is admitted as a barrister of Kenya. She holds a BA in law from the University of Nairobi and a postgraduate diploma in law from the Kenya School of Law. She is also a certified public accountant and a certified company secretary. Muthoni has successfully completed various courses from international universities (eg. private equity & venture capital at the Universita Bocconi through Coursera, FinTech law & regulation, FinTech Ethics and Managing Disruption and Innovation at the MOOC University of Hong Kong).

Muthoni is a member of the Law Society of Kenya, an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, and a certified mediator at the Mediation Training Institute.



PARAJ JEETUN
PARALEGAL (MAURITIUS)

Paraj is a paralegal at Digital Associates.

Paraj has interned in numerous high-profile law firms in Mauritius and the UK.

He has shadowed various Senior Counsels, gaining a good grounding in various fields of civil and commercial law.

Paraj holds a deep interest in the burgeoning field of Fintech and has joined Digital Associates to that extent.

He holds a Bachelors-in-law with Upper Class Honours from the University of Exeter, UK. He is in the process of completing his bar in the province of Ontario, Canada.

Paraj is fluent in English, French and Hindi.



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