

# The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited - Mauritius Branch





# Management Team profiles

## **Greg Lowden – Managing Director and CEO of HSBC Mauritius**

Greg joined HSBC on the International Management Programme in 2009 and has held a variety of senior roles across Commercial Banking, Trade Finance, Financial Crime Risk, and Government Affairs in the UK, US, and Hong Kong. Before moving back to Asia in 2021, he spent three years working directly for the Group Chairman. Prior to his current role, as Managing Director and CEO of HSBC Mauritius, Greg was the Deputy Head of International Subsidiary Banking, Hong Kong, where he led a strong team supporting the complex financing requirements of corporate clients headquartered in Europe, the Middle East, and around Asia. After graduating from the University of Cambridge, Greg lived and worked in Japan and Hong Kong, at the UN and law firm Herbert Smith.

## **Rajiv Gopaul – Chief Finance Officer**

Mr Rajiv Gopaul is Head of Finance, HSBC Mauritius. He joined HSBC in 2000 and has served in a number of roles in HSBC Group Finance spanning Tax, ALCM and Group Treasury in London and, in 2014, was appointed the Finance Lead for the UK Ring-Fenced Bank project. Prior to joining HSBC, he qualified as a Chartered Accountant specialising in Corporate Tax and worked at a large UK banking group as Head of UK tax compliance. Mr Gopaul holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting & Finance from the London School of Economics & Political Science.

## **Yousouf M Syed - Chief Risk Officer**

Mr Yousouf M Syed joined from HSBC Philippines, where he was working as Head of WPB Risk since January 2020. During this time, he has managed the WPB portfolio through unprecedented external uncertainties due to the covid-19 pandemic, and positioned it for growth in the coming years. Prior to Philippines, Mr M. Syed worked in HSBC India, as Chief Risk Officer, HSBC Invest Direct Financial Services, and has also worked in the India Remediation Management Office, and Unsecured Risk, WPB Risk India. Prior to joining HSBC, he has worked in leading international financial service organisations including Citicorp, American Express, Mashreq Bank, India Infoline Finance, and geographically in India and the Middle East.

## **Hajrah Sakauloo – Head of Wholesale Banking**

Fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, Mrs. Sakauloo joined HSBC in 1997 and has held various positions at the Bank within operations, Custody & Clearing, Corporate & Institutional banking and Global Banking & Markets with a particular focus on global business. She is currently the Head of wholesale banking which covers a wide spectrum of businesses ranging from large international corporate clients to mid corporates.

## **Nitin Ramlugon – Head of Retail Banking and Wealth Management**

Holding a B.Sc. in Management and a M.Sc. in Financial Management, Mr. Ramlugon is the Head of Retail Banking and Wealth Management. He has held management positions in diverse functions of the Bank including Human Resources, Operations, Retail Credit, Global Business and Compliance.

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## **Sarina Saul-Hassam – Chief Operating Officer**

Sarina Saul-Hassam has been with HSBC Group for 18 years. Her current role is Chief Operating Officer for HSBC Mauritius having recently relocated from Hong Kong where she was the Regional Chief Administration Officer for Commercial Banking, Asia Pacific. Sarina has a diverse career having held senior roles in country, regional and global roles across several geographies (UK, Indonesia and Hong Kong) in Commercial Banking and Wealth and Personal Banking. Expertise in strategic planning and execution, leadership, remote team management and developing high performance teams to deliver strategic priorities in both the front line and middle/back office. Sarina is passionate about leading Diversity & Inclusion with a key focus on creating career development opportunities in an inclusive and accessible way to all. Sarina graduated from the University of Manchester with a B.Sc.(Hons) Degree in Financial Services.

## **Masud Monwar – Head of HR**

Masud is a seasoned HR Professional with more than 16 years' experience across multinational organizations. Prior to HSBC, Masud worked in GlaxoSmithKline as HR Manager in a Business Partnering Role for two Businesses with additional responsibility of Leading Reward, Performance and Talent for the country. He holds an Executive MBA Degree and a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration.

## **Vassan Calleemootoo – Head of Market and Securities Services**

Mr. Vassan Calleemootoo joined the bank in 2002 within the finance and accounting team before moving into the role of FX trader in 2004. Prior to his appointment as Head of GM, Vassan was Head of Marketing for GM since 2006. Vassan holds a BSc in Accounting.

## **Ashish Gowreesunker - Chief Compliance Officer**

Mr Gowreesunker joined HSBC Mauritius in 1995 and has held many positions across the spectrum of Retail Banking (RBWM), Commercial Banking (CMB) and Securities Services. He was also the Regulatory Compliance Lead for RBWM and CMB from August 2014 to June 2017 and holds the Certified Anti Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS) accreditation. Over the last two years, Mr Gowreesunker has been a key pillar within our Mauritius Remediation Office and has helped steer the Bank through to completion of the various remediation initiatives.

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## **Annick Meerun – Manager Communications**

Mrs Meerun is a journalist and communication specialist with a strong track record for crisis management, media engagement and public relations, having worked for the public and private sector. She is recalled as a National TV presenter and news reporter who was trained at France 2 Television, Paris. Holder of a Master's Degree in International Relations from Quaid E Azam University of Pakistan, she worked for Barclays Bank as Communications Manager before taking up her job in the Communications Department at HSBC in 2012.

## **Ashiti Prosand - Head of Legal and Company Secretary**

Mrs Prosand is a Chartered Secretary & Associate of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administrators. She is also holder of a Masters in Law, LLM in International Business Law from the University of Manchester, UK and a Bachelor of Law, LLB from the University of Mauritius. With a rich working experience in the field of Legal/Company Secretary, Mrs Prosand has worked for Standard Chartered Bank and MauBank prior to joining HSBC.