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Conyers Dill & Pearman Appoints Hedge Fund Specialist as Head of Mauritius Office

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On September 1, 2009, multi-jurisdictional law firm Conyers Dill & Pearman announced the appointment of Craig Fulton as head of its Mauritius office. Craig's significant experience in hedge funds and private equity investments will be particularly useful in the Mauritius office, which focuses on hedge fund work, as well as other investment funds, private equity funds, joint ventures and banking and finance transactions. Craig will focus on generating business in the burgeoning markets of India and Southern Africa as the firm continues its major business development push into these regions.

Craig has relocated from Conyers' Bermuda office, having worked for several years prior to that in the firm's Cayman Islands office, where he specialized in hedge funds and private equity investments. Prior to joining Conyers, Craig was Head of Legal Affairs (Western Hemisphere) for Fortis Bank and Fortis Prime Fund Solutions in the Cayman Islands. Craig holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Natal, Durban.

Craig's significant corporate and investment funds experience will bring added benefits to clients as FDI into India and Africa through Mauritius continues to grow. In addition to lawyers in Mauritius, Conyers also has a dedicated team of Mauritius lawyers in Dubai and London.

John Collis, Chairman of Conyers, commented: "Craig's intelligence, energy and enthusiasm will add tremendous value to our Mauritius practice. Mauritius is an important market to us, and Craig's appointment reflects our commitment to providing the highest quality legal advice in locations convenient to our clients."

Craig said of his move: "I look forward to developing Conyers' Mauritius practice with our expert team of Mauritius lawyers. Conyers' work in the region has already led to a significant number of instructions and client demand is growing. With its focus on complex investment funds work, our Mauritius office promises exciting prospects."

Craig's appointment as Head of office follows Conyers' formal launch of its Mauritius practice in June, a result of recent amendments to Mauritius law which allow foreign law firms to be established there. In July, Conyers also bolstered its Mauritian expertise in London with the addition of Devalingum Gopalla, who specializes in investment funds. Craig and Dev complement Sonia Xavier in Dubai and Nicolas Richard and Sameer Tegally in Mauritius. In addition to Mauritius, Conyers advises on the major offshore jurisdictions of the Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands and Bermuda.

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