

Mauritius-based Experienced Credit Analyst and Researcher

Overview

GCR Ratings was established in 1996 and is the leading ratings agency in Africa in terms of coverage and analytical presence on the continent. We have regional hubs in Mauritius, South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria, and Senegal. Our ratings portfolio expands to over 500 entities, in more than 25 countries, and across multiple business sectors.

We are currently recruiting for an experienced Mauritius-based Credit Analyst and Researcher who will be working within our analytical team. This team focusses on all insurers, corporates, bank and non-bank financial institutions across the African continent.

Summary

We are seeking a motivated, ambitious individual to provide insightful credit analysis and research, ensure rating accuracy, and engage with the investor community. This challenging opportunity will provide the combination of flexibility, responsibility, and discretion in managing your own portfolio of rated entities mainly within the Mauritian and other Francophone African region, with extensive access and exposure to senior management, issuers, and investors.

Operating across Africa, you will have immediate visibility and impact, whilst working on real cases where the application of your skills and expertise can have an impact in financial markets.

Duties and Responsibilities

Insightful and Rigorous Analysis

- Write in-depth, high quality and focused research on financial institutions' credit trends, including thought-leading reports on insurance, corporates, banks, banking systems and credit trends.
- Become a recognized authority on your portfolio of rated entities and developments in the sector.

Ratings Accuracy

- Perform in-depth fundamental credit analysis on a portfolio of African financial institutions/insurance companies and corporates. Present your analysis at committees.
- Develop detailed understanding of, and ability to apply, relevant GCR's methodologies.
- Monitor developments and ensure ratings are accurate and forward looking.

Effective Communication with Financial Markets and Issuers

- Build and maintain high quality relationships with fixed-income investors, financial media, and senior management at financial institutions.

Enhance Banking, Corporate, and Insurance Franchise

- Operate independently but supported by the rest of analytical team in enhancing GCR's Banking, Corporate and Insurance franchise, in particular through developing and deepening outreach with key external stakeholders.

Coach and Mentor others

- Coach, mentor and develop associate (support) analysts.

Qualities and Experience

- Proven credit/risk assessment experience including strong financial analysis experience, likely to be gained from a financial institution, regulator, or public accounting firm.
- Understanding of African corporates/banks/insurers and their regulatory environment and the key issues affecting these markets/the main players and key industry drivers.
- Excellent communication skills. Able to communicate clearly and succinctly, both verbally and in writing with some public speaking experience.
- Strong quantitative aptitude and proven analytical skills.
- Highly organised and efficient, with ability to multi-task and able to meet tight deadlines.

Qualifications

- The successful candidate should have a strong academic background at least equivalent to MSc (or similar) in relevant areas.
- CIMA/ACCA/CFA professional qualification would be highly beneficial.
- Fluency in spoken and written English and French is essential.

Role Specifics

Location: Mauritius

Hours: Full Time

Remuneration: Market related remuneration.

Application Process

Please send a copy of your CV and a covering letter to MatthewP@GCRratings.com. Closing date for applications is 30 April 2021. For further information please visit our website www.GCRratings.com.