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**Africa Wealth Report 2024: a comprehensive survey of the continent's** **wealthiest countries and fastest-growing wealth markets**

This recently issued report offers an in-depth analysis of the wealthiest countries and cities in Africa, complemented by expert insights on economic mobility, the investment migration sector, and wealth management across the continent. Here are some takeaways from the report.

**Prosperous countries and locations**

The most sought-after capital markets in Africa remains the following countries: South Africa, Egypt, Nigeria, Kenya and Morocco in the top 5 list. All these countries have a rising number of high-net-worth individuals and Johannesburg, Cape Town, Cairo, Nairobi and Lagos continue their ascent towards affluent wealth hubs.

In a 10-year study of rising millionaires from 2013 to 2023, there is another interesting trend of new wealth, or new millionaires being drawn to countries like Mauritius, Rwanda, Morocco and Namibia. The forecast is even more eye-catching whereby in the coming ten years, these countries are prone to higher growth rates due to their stable governance, friendly tax regimes and dynamism for growing wealth. The real estate market for HNWIs is also under scrutiny for the future with cities like Cape Town, Grand Bay (Mauritius), Marrakech, and Sandton (Johannesburg) as being attractive for real estate portfolios.

Developing around the alluring credo of live work and place as Mauritius did for some years now, Henley & Partners built a strong reputation regarding investment migration including the concept of residence and citizenship through investment. Whilst Mauritius has a healthy database of high-end real estate projects, the report highlights the second-hand considerations of education, infrastructure, technology which must be deployed simultaneously to unlock human capital and produce commendable efforts for sustainable growth and attractiveness.

Despite having a complex wealth story, Africa remains the business place to be, with incredible opportunities in natural resources such as land and minerals; demography and businesses based on mass consumption.

**As per the report, key investment opportunities are as follows:**

***Abundant human resources:*** Africa’s population, currently at 1.3 billion, is projected to almost double to [2.5 billion by 2050](https://www.economist.com/special-report/2020/03/26/africas-population-will-double-by-2050), by which time Nigeria for instance, is projected to have 400 million people — overtaking the US as the world’s third-largest country by population. Africa represents a large consumer market.

***Agriculture:*** About 23% of sub-Saharan Africa’s GDP comes from agriculture, yet about two-thirds its arable land remains undeveloped.

***Solid minerals:*** In 2019, minerals and fossil fuels accounted for [over a third of exports](https://www.policycenter.ma/publications/africa-s-mining-potential-trends-opportunities-challenges-and-strategies) from at least 60% of African countries. Nigeria plans to offer investors at least a 75% stake in a proposed solid minerals corporation.

***Stock market:*** The top-performing African stocks in recent years are in telecommunications, where shares of the top performer jumped 76% between July 2020 and 2021.

*Source: Henley & Partners Africa Wealth Report*

**Relocation & Tax in Africa**

Another interesting aspect of this report shed light on the taxation aspects of relocating in Africa. With countries keen to welcome investors with their investor-friendly tax regimes, it translates into a plethora of tax jurisdictions, 54 in all, which have to compete with each other or consider common grounds as defined by their regimes and bilateral agreements. The findings of the report go beyond the initial phases of investors from African countries which have fulfilled the requirements of their home tax nets and may subsequently explore other jurisdictions for wealth accumulation, residence migration, lifestyle and educational objectives of their family members.

There is growing interest in countries like Singapore, UAE, Greece and Italy for their tax friendly regimes and flexibility for wealth migration. Other Caribbean countries also are considered as attractive for their citizenship by investment programs for wealthy Africans and mirroring appropriate international funding from these countries to projects in Africa. Residency by investment has also a strong hold in Mauritius, with foreigners investing in real estate projects and designated investor programs.

There is a myriad of opportunities linked with investors managing wealth across borders in multiple locations. Investors are on the same page only when local expertise and international solutions-oriented insights are aligned. This includes the knowledge of multi-jurisdictional tax systems, legal ecosystems, cultural facets and governments in place. These potential implications are also the challenges that lie ahead of proactive jurisdictions.

**Facts & Figures for the African countries**

* Ethiopia is now a member of the BRICS grouping.
* African Union is a permanent member of the G20.
* Growth projection by IMF for Africa as a whole is at 4%.
* Sub-Saharan Africa is the second fastest growing region in the world.
* Niger and Senegal growth is expected to be at 12.8% and 8.8%.
* Benin, Cote D’Ivoire, The Gambia, Rwanda, Senegal, and Tanzania are forecasted to post a 6% growth in 2024.
* The five most prosperous countries currently are South Africa, Egypt, Nigeria, Kenya and Morocco, representing 56% of Africa’s HNWIs.
* Sub-Saharan region has the highest proportion of women entrepreneurs in the world.

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