

From Crisis to Collaboration:

Mauritius and Sri Lanka firms build for the future

What began as a response to crisis has grown into a thriving cross-border collaboration between MGI Worldwide member firms Axis Global Ltd in Mauritius and MGI KAL Rupasinghe & Co. in Sri Lanka. Born out of Sri Lanka's severe economic challenges and Mauritius firms' difficulty in finding staff, the partnership has gone on to deliver stability, opportunity and growth two years on.

From Crisis to Connection

In 2022, Sri Lanka was facing its worst financial crisis in decades. Inflation had soared to over 70%. Petrol stations ran dry and queues for fuel stretched for miles. Power cuts lasted up to 13 hours a day, plunging businesses and homes into darkness. For many professionals, work simply disappeared.

Amid this turmoil, Lakshman Rupasinghe, Managing Partner of MGI KAL Rupasinghe & Co., looked for a way forward. Instead of retreating, he reached out across the MGI network with a proposal: to connect Sri Lanka's skilled professionals with member firms in need of staff.

"Our situation was critical, but we knew we had talent to offer. By collaborating across borders, we could support our colleagues while keeping our own people employed," Lakshman recalls.

Building a Lifeline

Axis Global Ltd., led by Partner Jaysen Veerupen, was quick to respond. Beginning with just two outsourced accountants, the arrangement quickly demonstrated its value.

Today, Axis Global works with a team of 12 Sri Lanka-based professionals, all supporting clients remotely.

The collaboration has been so effective that Axis Global has referred MGI KAL's services to other Mauritian companies. These referrals have opened doors for more Sri Lankan professionals while giving Mauritian firms the flexibility to build reliable teams.

“Whilst recruiting staff in Mauritius has become less difficult, it is still important to manage risk,” **Jaysen adds.** “We do not want to be in a similar position of lacking staff as in the last few years, so we will continue to grow our Sri Lanka team.”

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“Our outsourced team is working virtually from Sri Lanka. There is not really any need to have a separate office. If needed, we use Lakshman's office, which is very convenient for us.”

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What began as a temporary response to crisis has become a long-term, sustainable partnership. It has shown us the real power of the MGI network, because when we work together, everyone gains.

Lakshman Rupasinghe
Managing Partner of MGI
KAL Rupasinghe & Co.



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Stronger Together

Axis Global itself has grown significantly, employing 230 staff and recently expanding its office space to accommodate up to 80 more people.

For Sri Lankan professionals, the partnership provided not only work but dignity and purpose at a time when local opportunities were scarce.

For both firms, the collaboration has created a reliable, sustainable solution.

Now, two years on, the collaboration continues to thrive, offering a model for other MGI members: turning challenges into opportunities through trust, connection, and the strength of the global network.

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