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## Welcome on Board

**Throughout its 193 year history, Fairbridges has engaged with its clients many challenges and changes that have faced the South African legal and social environment while continuing to deliver a highly professional service to its clients by virtue of our diverse expertise, experience and capacity to adapt.**

**D**espite the legal profession not yet adopting a charter under the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, the firm has again been proactive by embracing the principles enshrined in the legislation.

Currently, 30% of the equity ownership of Fairbridges is held by black South Africans all of whom actively participate in the management and future direction of the firm. More than 70% of our staff are black as defined in the Act. 45% of our professionals are women, and 55% are men.

Fairbridges has committed itself to the goals of transformation and integration. Equal opportunity for all is based on merit with an emphasis on empowering historically disadvantaged individuals. All junior professionals work in teams under the leadership of experienced attorneys thereby ensuring genuine skills transfer. This has resulted in an integrated firm with an emphasis on service.

Fairbridges offers a full range of mature legal services to its clients, specialising in corporate, commercial and tax law, intellectual property, shipping and maritime law, litigation, labour law, property and conveyancing, mining, medical jurisprudence, estates and trusts.

Fairbridges head office has enjoyed a prime location in the Standard Bank Centre in Cape Town for more than 25 years, complemented by its flourishing

Constantia office. The firm has the benefit of a modern library and its sophisticated electronic information resources are managed by our information manager who holds a Masters Degree in Information Science cum laude.

Our professionals and para-legal staff have the support of our fulltime network administrator to ensure maximum efficiency in servicing our clients using the latest technology.

Our clients receive regular issues of Law Letter, our complimentary publication also available electronically which is the longest lasting publication of its kind in South Africa and widely acknowledged as the best.

The firm's local and international reputation is based on its proud heritage, its tradition of independent professional integrity and the quality of the legal services which it provides to its broad range of clients both locally and abroad. Fairbridges is the South African member of Terralex, the prestigious international network of independent law firm. The chairman of the firm, Louis Rood is a member of the Board of Terralex and Co-chair for Africa.

Charles Fairbridge was the first President of the Law Society of the Cape. He enjoyed the practise of law and set standards which have been an inspiration to others. We invite our clients to join us as we tackle the exciting goals ahead. Welcome on board.

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