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KIFC marks five years with a new growth strategy

Kigali, Rwanda - December 11, 2025 – Kigali International Financial Centre (KIFC) has entered a new phase, shifting its focus from proving its model to scaling its impact. As it marks its fifth anniversary, on December 10 in Kigali, the Centre unveiled an ambitious new growth strategy that builds on five years of regulatory credibility, institutional trust, and growing investor confidence.

KIFC CEO Hortense Mudenge said the fifth anniversary marks a significant milestone, reflecting five years of building Rwanda into a viable financial services hub capable of mobilising capital in diverse forms.

She outlined the Centre's focus areas for the coming five years: Assets Under Management as an anchor, Climate Finance to shape its regional niche, and FinTech as an enabler accelerating efficiency, innovation and scalability.

In just five years, Rwanda has attracted more than USD 1 billion in targeted investment commitments through the KIFC, underscoring sustained investor confidence and expanding Kigali's role as a trusted entry point for capital into Africa.

This momentum is reflected in the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 38), which ranks Kigali as the third-best International Financial Centre in Africa and second in Sub-Saharan Africa, highlighting its rapid rise and growing relevance on the global financial stage.

As government officials, investors and partners gathered in Kigali to mark the milestone, participants recognised KIFC's evolution from a promising idea into a functioning gateway for global capital, while endorsing its next ambition under a new five-year strategy launched at the same event.

Since 2020, KIFC has transformed into a fully functioning ecosystem for international investment, completing its foundational cycle focused on building credibility through regulatory development, institutional trust, and operational legitimacy.

Yanna in 't Veld, Head of Business Development at MoneyPhone, highlighted why the company chose Rwanda as its base of innovation despite operating in eight countries



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globally. She cited a clear and supportive regulatory framework that made establishment easier.

“They're very innovative, and they have the right institutions in the country. KIFC really helped us knocking on the right doors, opening the right doors for us,” she said, adding that “our success as an investor is also their success.”

Addressing the importance of domestic anchor investors within the KIFC ecosystem, RSSB CEO Regis Rugemanshuro reaffirmed why RSSB backed early funds such as the USD 250 million Virunga Pan-African Fund.

“When KIFC launched, it was important for RSSB, as the largest institutional investor, to send a clear message to the market that there is liquidity and long-term pension capital in the ecosystem,” he said.

As KIFC enters its next strategic cycle, the focus shifts from proving the concept to scaling it. The ambition is to position KIFC as Sub-Saharan Africa's most trusted gateway for investment.

The Centre will leverage Rwanda's strengths – credibility, agility and reform excellence – to provide investors with a transparent, stable and innovation-driven platform for connecting global capital with African opportunities.

In his keynote address, the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Hon. Yusuf Murangwa, congratulated KIFC on its achievements, noting that while five years may seem short, the Centre has delivered substantial progress and laid a firm foundation for future growth.

“We will continue to provide the enabling environment, sound policies and strong partnerships required to ensure that the Kigali International Financial Centre thrives as a catalyst for prosperity for Rwanda and Africa,” he said.

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About Kigali International Financial Centre

Kigali International Financial Centre is a financial centre facilitating international investment and cross-border transactions in Africa. KIFC positions Rwanda as a preferred financial jurisdiction for investments in Africa by providing an attractive destination for investors with a legal and regulatory framework fully compliant with international best practices.

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