Mr David Harrison Gilmour has invested in Fiji for over 40 years, and has started businesses as diverse as FIJI Water, The Wakaya Club & Spa and Wakaya Perfection, amongst many others.

Mr Gilmour is now living in his ninth decade, has travelled over 7 million miles over the course of his lifetime, and has visited the majority of the nations on earth. He is convinced that Fiji and the South Pacific region have substantial potential to be the global model for sustainable development, especially in the face of the challenge of climate change. The discussion on how to grow our economies in ways that are actionable, sustainable, economically sound and replicable throughout the South Pacific region is very important. The South Pacific has distinct advantages relating to its geography, population, climate and economy.

Fiji and other Pacific Islands must decide what their pivot point of development is and will be for the foreseeable future, and make every conceivable effort to live, breath, speak about and fund those priorities that surround that pivot point. For Fiji, this pivot point must be sustainable agricultural and tourism development that can serve as a model for the region and as a focal point around which investment policy, economic and tourism decisions can and must be made.

Focus and strategy - applicable equally to a region, a nation and a Resort!