



**Mr. Zubair Gilani, Chairman, Board of Investment**

Mr. Zubair Gilani is currently serving as Chairman of Pakistan's Board of Investment with the status of Minister of State. His top priorities are to promote local and foreign investment in key sectors to generate employment, boost exports and substitute imports through local production so as to achieve a current account surplus leading to full economic sovereignty. He is leading the Prime Minister's initiative to improve Ease of Doing Business in Pakistan through wide ranging policy and administrative reforms. He is also mandated to setting up Specialized Economic Zones and diversifying the investor base in IT, Food Processing, Value Added Textiles, Hospitality and Tourism sectors.

Mr. Zubair Gilani started his professional career in 1989 by joining BCCI and later moved to American Express Bank Ltd. He joined Faysal Bank Limited in 1994, where he held senior management positions in corporate and investment banking.

He acquired an equity stake in an apparel manufacturing unit in Karachi in 2001. The company soon expanded its operations by acquiring state of the art technology supplying high fashion goods to leading European Brands. Mr. Gilani initiated and spearheaded an Apparel Manufacturing ERP Development initiative which successfully encompassed all facets of business operations of the Company on a real time online web-based platform.

Mr. Gilani set up a mechanized farm on 500 acres in interior Sindh growing cotton, wheat and sugar cane. He has also been engaged with building construction and in addition, set up a factory to produce pre-cast industrial buildings.

He is also a member of the Advisory Council of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs.

Mr. Zubair Gilani holds a Bachelors Degree in Economics from University of Punjab. He speaks Persian and Italian, in addition to native languages.

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