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Jagdish is the Chairman of Mara Group and has overseen its exponential growth and expansion across Africa since the Group's inception in 1996. Under his leadership, Mara has refined its focus on Africa's key growth sectors and has honed in on the ingredients required for future success.

Having lived and worked in a number of markets throughout Sub-Saharan Africa, Jagdish has a deep understanding of the investment opportunities that exist across the region. His insight into the local culture and business environment has proven invaluable in helping Mara achieve success both at home and abroad.

Jagdish is involved in extensive charity work aimed at uplifting African communities, such as coordinating blood drives for the Red Cross and providing support to the underprivileged in the surrounding communities. A keen sportsman, he also runs his own cricket teams – 'Maruti Cricket Club' and 'Kakooza 6'. In 2012, Jagdish was awarded a Pearl of Africa Lifetime Achievement Award.

Jagdish is based in Kampala, Uganda.