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Developing process to increase productivity and profits

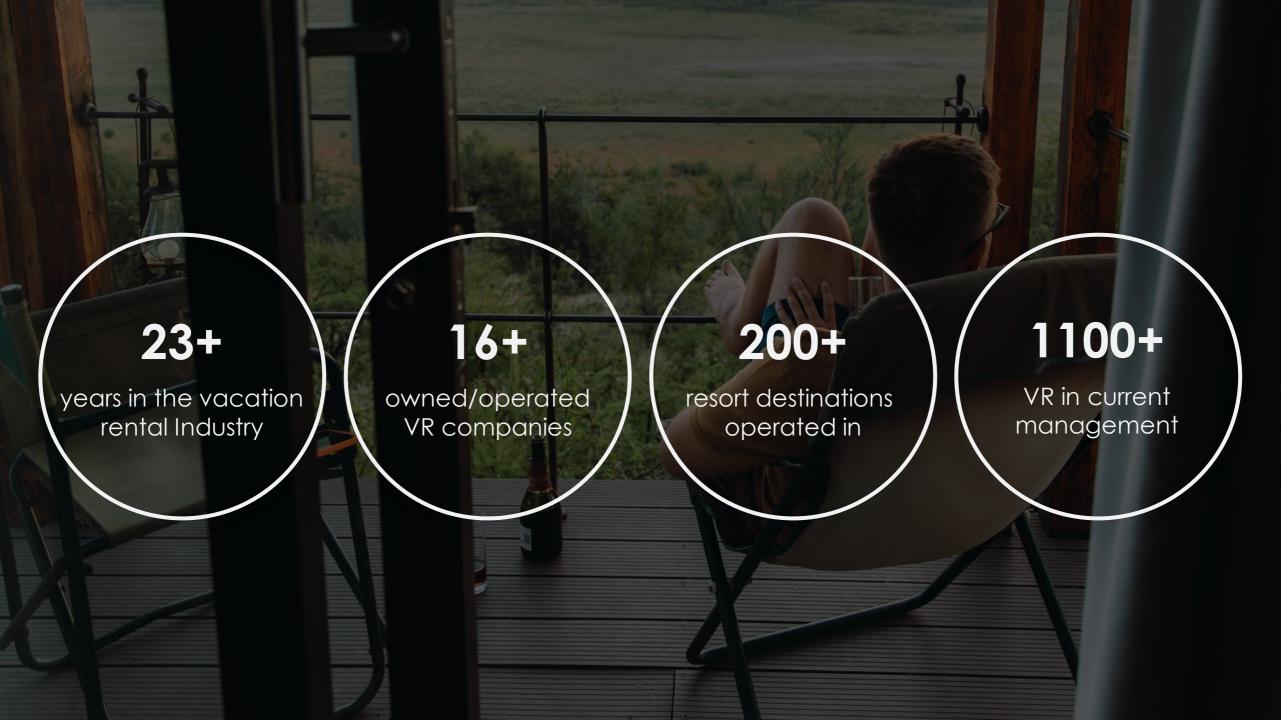
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Current landscape

Decreased occupancy / revenue

Lack of diligence / focus

Pandemic profits have subsided

Increased expenses

Business practices have remained the same

Lack of accurate or consistent financial reporting

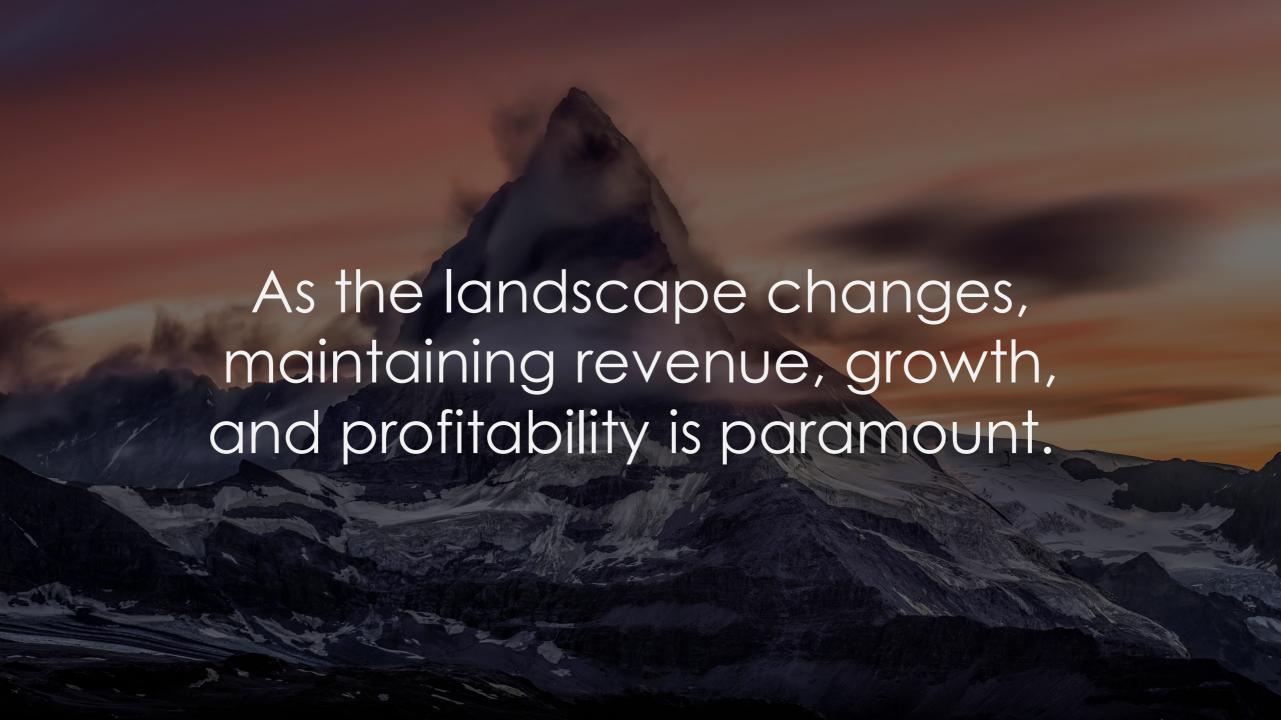
The problem

Economic indicators shifting

Interest rates climbing

Domestic occupancy and ADR decreasing

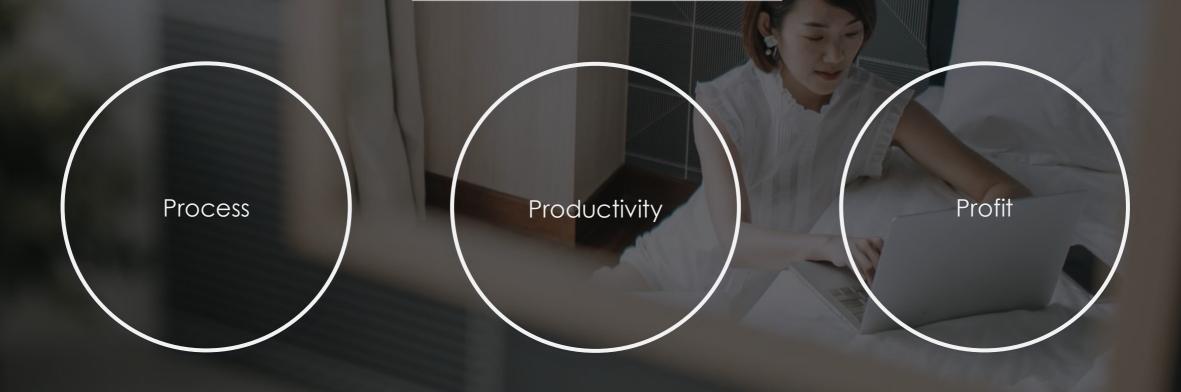
Political and legislative issues cropping up



"Change before you have to."

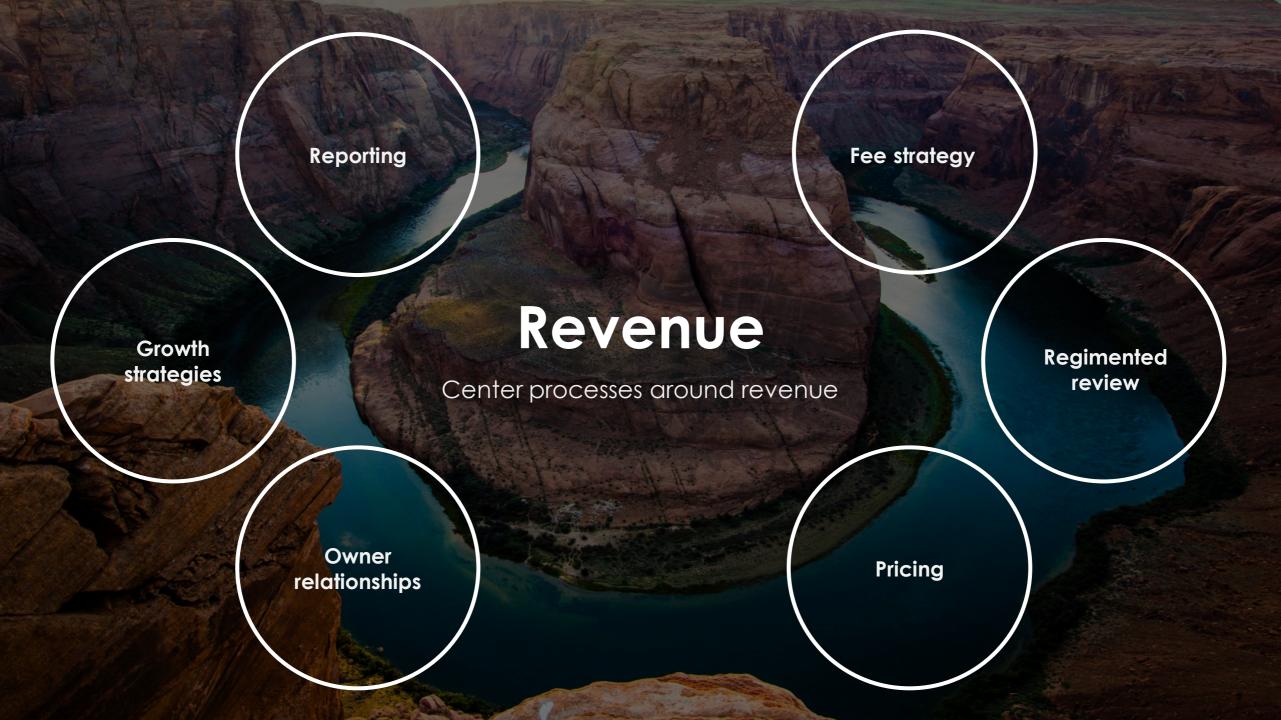
- Jack Welch

Three focus areas to promote meaningful change in your business



Process

Review and create sustainable processes



Reporting

Incorporate financial reporting in your everyday processes

- Escapia revenue reports
- Performance dashboard
- Year over year (YoY) reports
- Income statements
- Balance sheets
- Cash flow



Growth strategies

Always be looking for growth

- Marketing
- **Unique** campaigns
- New owners
- Maintain current owners



Owner relationship

Prioritize owners

- Don't take current owners for granted
- Treat top performing properties as VIPs
- Focus on consistent and effective communications
- Incorporate owner relationships into regular processes



Fee strategy

Stay competitive with fees and taxes

- Research current market trends for all channels
- Regularly review your fee and tax structures
- Update as needed to stay current and competitive
- Ensure fees correspond to a business expense or service



Regimented review

Keep an eye on revenue through regular reviews and data diligence

- Personally review revenue reports as part of your process
- Focus on financial statement variances and margins
- Let data be your guide to smarter business decisions



Pricing

Stay competitive, but don't leave money on the table

- Use Market Rates within Escapia
- Understand your properties and pricing thresholds
- Favorable quality-price ratio



"Knowledge applied is productivity."

- Peter F. Drucker





Focus on Gross Rental Revenue

Manage expenses as a percent of gross rental revenue

Marketing

Review marketing ROI

Focus on marketing activities that drive return

Contracts

Regularly review vendor contracts and shop around

Consider insurance, merchant processing, and purchasing

"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."

- Vincent Van Gogh



What is your profit margin?

10-15% is where you need to be

Why it's important:

Going concern

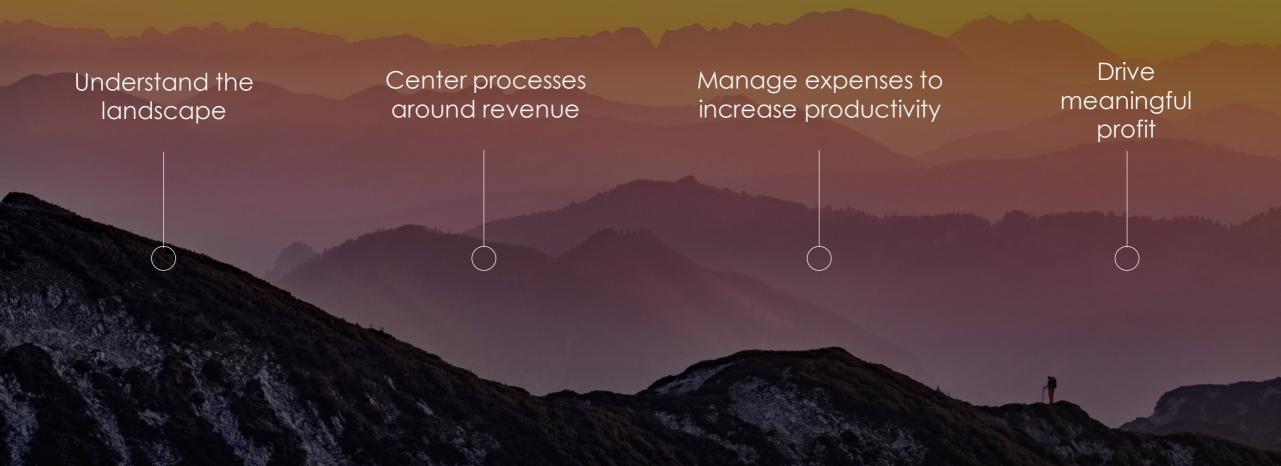
Cash flow

Exit strategy



Generating a meaningful profit

Requires regimented process



Q&A

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