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Nava Swersky Sofer, a seasoned venture capitalist and senior executive with international experience spanning North America, Europe and Israel, is recognized worldwide as a leader in the fields of innovation, venture capital and technology transfer and is a frequently-invited speaker in international forums on these topics. She is a member of the boards of several privately-held companies, Chairperson of Cardiosonic Ltd. and Vice Chair of the Ontario Government's Center of Excellence for Commercialization of Research (Canada). Ms Swersky Sofer is currently advising selected investors, companies and international organizations, including Toronto-based DRI Capital, the \$1 billion healthcare investment company, and the International Finance Corporation (IFC), part of the World Bank Group. She is Co-Chairperson of NanoIsrael (www.kenes.com/nano), a leading international nanotechnology conference & exhibition, which she initiated

From 2005-2009 Ms Swersky Sofer served as President & CEO of Yissum, the technology transfer company of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She established Yissum as a global leader in technology transfer, increasing revenues by 75% to \$60 million and growing the pipeline by 50% while signing 1,200 agreements. She created the Yissum Cleantech Initiative, dedicating funding to seeding promising technologies in alternative energy, water and environmental technologies, and its Baby Seed programme for funding promising early stage technologies. Ms Swersky Sofer holds a law degree from the Tel Aviv University, an MBA from IMD International in Lausanne, Switzerland and diplomas from the Sorbonne (Paris), the Goethe Institute (Munich) and the Instituto Trentino (Italy). She is a member of the Israel Bar Association, having been the youngest person ever admitted, and a retired Captain of the Israel Defence Forces where she served as Chief Defence Counsel for the Air Force and Navy.