

First ever Israel-China fund raises over \$200m

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[Catalyst Private Equity](#) and [China Everbright](#) have reportedly raised more than \$200m for the first Israel-China private equity fund.

The Catalyst CEL Fund has landed commitments from Chinese institutional and strategic investors as well as investors from Israel, North American and Europe according to an announcement from the fund managers.

It will target investments in mid-to-late stage Israeli related companies and will support their expansion initiatives into Greater China.

Yair Shamir, co-founder and managing partner of catalyst, said, “Our vision is to support the growth and establishment of innovative Israeli companies as global market leaders across a variety of industries.

“We provide an attractive alternative to Israeli entrepreneurs selling their businesses too early and provide mature companies with the capital and support for creating larger global businesses including access to capital from China and the vast China market opportunity.”

[Since its first close in February 2014](#), the joint fund has already made two investments and is the process of preparing more.

It has purchased a controlling stake in Israeli-founded Lamina Technologies, a Swiss-based manufacturer of precision metal cutting tools. The vehicle is also close to finalising funding for an Israeli 3D printing company.

Founded in 1999, Catalyst has previously raised two funds and claims to have over \$280m in assets under management.

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