

Israel-China Private Equity Fund Raises over \$200 Million

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Catalyst CEL Fund, the first dedicated Israel-China private equity Fund, has raised more than \$200 million. The Fund was established in partnership with Catalyst, an Israeli private equity firm and China Everbright Limited, an Hong Kong based asset manager, and one of China's largest financial conglomerates.

Since the Fund's first closing in April 2014, Catalyst CEL has effected two successful investments including a controlling stake in Lamina Technologies, an Israeli founded, Swiss based manufacturer of sub-micron, precision metal cutting tools. Lamina's technology coupled with the Chinese market demand fit the Fund's investment strategy. Since its investment, the Fund has worked together with Lamina's management to expand its China footprint by establishing on the ground China presence and partnerships with Chinese state owned and private enterprises. The Fund's second investment into a cutting-edge 3D printing company was closed during the last week of January 2016.

"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." said Yair Shamir, Managing Partner of Catalyst CEL Fund.

"We see our long-term investors commitment as a strong vote of confidence and we look forward to building on our track record and delivering superior returns to our investors," stated Edouard Cukierman, Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Catalyst. Chen Shuang, the Chief Executive Officer of CEL said "We are confident that there are many interesting opportunities between the Israeli and Chinese markets. The successful closing and size of our Fund confirms our assessment and shows the confidence our investors have in our strategy which makes us very proud."

Shengyan Fan, Head of Mergers and Acquisition Department at China Everbright said: "Israeli companies are well positioned for China's macro developments and the ongoing domestic technological upgrade. We hope that our Fund will encourage more Israeli companies to consider China a key growth market as well as a potential place for public market exits."

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