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LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP WINS BRITISH COMPANY OF THE YEAR AT BRITISH ISRAELI BUSINESS AWARDS

- Commitment to the Israeli market sees The London Stock Exchange Group [LSE plc] win British Company of the Year
- LABS win Israeli Company of the Year
- Crossrider is London Listed Company of the Year
- Healthy.io is Most Promising Company of the Year
- Leo Noé, philanthropist and Executive Chairman and Founder of the Noé Group is honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award from UK Israel Business
- Dr Erel Margalit tells the audience of over 400 business people: “at a time when we desperately need fresh-thinking, we can harness innovation – Israel’s most profitable export – and transform the entire region.”

Over four hundred business people gathered in central London tonight to celebrate seventy years of trade with Israel, and to honour Leo Noé and four game-changing firms, all of whom are enabling the strongest ever trade and investment activity between the UK and Israel.

Dr Erel Margalit, a pioneer of Start-Up Nation and Founder of Jerusalem Venture Partners and the Israel 2020 Initiative, addressed the audience of investors, diplomats and company executives, outlining his vision of how innovation is changing Israel and how it can change the Middle East.

The award winners on the evening were as follows:

London Stock Exchange Group - winner of the British Company of the Year Award – proved their commitment to Israel with the creation of an Israel based Head of Primary Markets – Israel, helping support stronger ties with London. Twenty-nine Israeli companies are currently listed on the LSE and these have a combined market capitalisation of \$16 billion.

LABS - winner of the Israeli Company of the Year Award – are creating a major tech ecosystem in London through their state-of-the-art co-working spaces. With a space occupying the top floors of the Sarona Tower in Tel-Aviv. LABS is facilitating a real bond between the two countries.

Crossrider –winner of the London Listed Israeli Company of the Year Award –is an online distribution and digital product hub, providing proprietary marketing technology to optimise and monetise mobile and web media. With an executive team based in London and R&D in Israel, this is a true Israel-UK company.



Healthy.io – winner of the Most Promising Company of the Year Award – is the first company in the world to turn the smartphone camera into a regulatory approved medical device - a clinical grade urinalysis device. After raising \$12 million in series A funding, Healthy.io made the UK their first non-Israel key market and has been chosen for the NHS Accelerator programme.

Leo Noé - Lifetime Achievement Award – Leo Noé is Executive Chairman and founder of the Noé Group. Before this Leo was Executive Chairman of BMO Real Estate Partners. Primarily through the Rachel Charitable Trust, Leo is a benefactor to various game-changing charities in the UK and Israel and is a trustee and patron of education and welfare institutions.

Commenting on the awards, Hugo Bieber, Chief Executive of UK Israel Business [UKIB], said: "I can think of no better lead-up to the 70th anniversary of Israel than to honour the London Stock Exchange Group for its meaningful interest in Israel and its sheer professionalism. The fabulous business record of Leo Noé and his huge commitment to good causes in the UK and Israel is rightly recognised in this year of great significance. All of our Israeli winners are superb game changers in their field".

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Notes to Editors

Celebrating 70 years of business between the UK and Israel, the British Israeli Business Awards Dinner has brought together over 400 industry leaders actively involved in bilateral trade and investment. UKIB is the successor organisation to the original British Israel Chamber of Commerce founded by prominent business leaders in 1950.

Previous winners of the Lifetime Achievement Award include Sir Harry Soloman, Rt Hon Lord Young of Graffham, Sir Isaac Kaye, and Mr Daniel Dover.

For the awards, there was an open nominations process from the 10,000 strong UKIB database. The UKIB Board chose the short listing and selection of winners.

Dr Erel N. Margalit, founded JVP over 24 years ago, and is one of the chief architects of the Start-Up Nation, bringing innovation and entrepreneurial leadership to Israel's most pressing political, economic and social challenges.

Chosen for the Forbes Midas list and by Israel's prestigious business paper as the first venture capitalist with the golden touch, Erel Margalit has led numerous global exits as managing partner of JVC including implementing the first state-sponsored incubator into the JVP family of funds. JVP continues to be ranked one of the top six venture capital firms in the world in terms of consistent fund returns.

UK Israel Business is the bilateral chamber of commerce for the digital age, connecting the online world with the offline relationships that underpin business.

Britain is the number one destination for Israeli foreign direct investment in Europe. There are now over 300 Israeli companies operating in the UK, and the London Stock Exchange is home to 29 Israeli companies with a combined market capitalisation recently estimated to be worth \$16bn.

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