



### Yigal Erlich – Founder & Managing Partner, The Yozma Group

Yigal Erlich is the founder and managing partner of the Yozma Group a venture capital company in Israel. Mr. Erlich is considered as the founding father of the Israeli venture capital industry and one of the most prominent figures in the Israel high-tech arena. At the beginning of the 1990s, Mr. Erlich established Yozma, which was the first VC fund, sponsored by the government of Israel.

Following its privatization in 1997, Yozma joined forces with the Ofer Group to establish Yozma II and Yozma III.

The group managed over US \$ 220 million and has invested in over 45 Portfolio companies.

Between 1984 and 1992, Mr. Erlich served as the Chief Scientist of Israel's Ministry of Industry and Trade. In 1991 Mr. Erlich started the Technology Incubator Program that led to the creation of 24 Incubation Centers throughout Israel, as well as international R&D agreements and other programs.

Mr. Erlich was the deputy chairman of the National R&D Council of Israel and former Chairman of Matimop, Israeli Industry Center for R&D, and the former Chairman of the Israel Venture Association. Mr. Erlich serves as a board member in several high tech companies as well as on Hadasit – the TTC of Hadasa hospital in Jerusalem. He was also a board member of the Russian Venture Company (RVC), which is a \$1bil government Fund of Funds and the chairman of the Canadian international Private-Public-Forum.

Mr. Erlich holds B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Chemistry and an MBA from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.