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Jeremy Lustman helps lead the firm's global Israel Country Group.

Jeremy spends much of his time physically on the ground in Israel, where he has developed a strong international network of Israeli companies, investors, entrepreneurs, bankers, accountants and local lawyers. He currently coordinates and helps lead DLA Piper's development efforts and initiatives cultivating international business emanating from Israel, serves as a liaison for Israeli clients seeking legal guidance in non-Israeli jurisdictions where DLA Piper has a presence, and provides guidance to non-Israeli clients evaluating business relationships and strategic partners within Israel.

Jeremy directly represents and oversees a significant number of key Israeli relationships that have touched upon more than 35 different international jurisdictions and more than 40 DLA Piper global offices. These clients cover virtually all sectors of the Israeli economy, including leading venture capital and private equity funds, institutional real estate investors and multiple companies in the biotech, high tech (software, Internet and semiconductors), telecommunications, industrial, food/beverage, agro-tech, defense, homeland security and gaming sectors.

In addition, Jeremy maintains a focused US-component of his practice that operates at the intersection of corporate, real estate and hospitality law. He assists public and private companies, private equity funds and cash flow lenders in business transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, senior and mezzanine debt financings, equity investments and joint ventures. In addition, Jeremy has significant experience in the hospitality industry, including transactions on hotels involving franchise and management portfolios (development and ongoing operations) as well as joint ventures and equity investments in hotel/resort projects. He also provides general corporate representation to a number of clients, among them real estate development companies.

EXPERIENCE

ISRAEL-RELATED REPRESENTATIONS

- One of Israel's largest semiconductor companies in a significant asset acquisition in Japan and a significant equity divestiture in Hong Kong
- Numerous Israeli institutional investors in connection with complex real estate joint ventures and private equity investments in the United States

RELATED SERVICES

- Corporate
- Capital Markets

RELATED SECTORS

- Hospitality and Leisure
- Real Estate

- A large Israeli flavor and spice company in connection with numerous M&A-related transactions and processes across five jurisdictions
- A significant Israeli beverage company in connection with litigation matters and intellectual property issues within Europe
- Numerous Israeli companies in connection with the establishment of foreign subsidiaries in the United States, Italy, Hong Kong, Singapore, Brazil, Norway, South Africa, the Ukraine, Australia and Japan
- Multiple software-related companies in connection with government procurement and relations issues within the United States
- A large agro-chemical company in connection with two global acquisitions and a multi-jurisdictional securitization transaction
- Multiple Israeli companies across the high-tech, industrial, and real estate sectors, in connection with complex employment termination issues within the United States, Brazil, Japan, Austria, Norway, Austria and Australia
- Numerous Israeli companies across the industrial, agro-tech, and telecommunications sectors, in connection with various commercial-related issues and agreements in the United States, Spain, Japan, Korea, Australia, China, Singapore and Norway
- Multiple Israeli companies in connection with various commercial and intellectual property-related litigation matters within the United States, the United Kingdom, Austria and Brazil
- One of Israel's largest banking groups in a financing transaction within the United States
- Multiple Israeli venture funds in connection with fund formation activities within the United States and Poland
- Numerous Israeli companies in connection with required tax guidance within the United States, Turkey, Brazil, the Netherlands, Australia, Italy, France, Germany, Spain, Poland and the United Kingdom

HOSPITALITY

- One of the world's largest hotel franchise and management companies in multiple transactions involving the purchase, sale, licensing or management of numerous portfolios of franchised and managed hotels (over 225 in the aggregate) to private and public investment funds and operating companies
- A Native American majority-owned advisory firm in developing and promoting certain entertainment functions within one of its flagship hotel and casinos
- A boutique hotel company in the development and projected rollout of a new creative hospitality brand
- A UK-based international property group in the management and pre-opening services arrangements related to a recently renovated branded hotel
- A luxury hotel company in its acquisition of a high-end golf resort in Florida and in other joint venture projects
- A sports industry's national trade association in contract negotiations with hotels and resorts for upcoming conferences and meetings
- A real estate development company in the sale of equity interests in a luxury European spa, golf and winery resort project
- A large private equity real estate fund in the development and branding of an upscale concierge service for luxury condominium projects

FINANCE

- A provider of pricing analysis software in its pre-IPO revolving credit and term loan financing facility
- The secured lender of revolving and term loans to an equity sponsor in the acquisition, financing and subsequent restructuring of a real estate software company
- The secured lender of revolving and term loans to an equity sponsor in the acquisition, financing and subsequent restructuring of a business management and e-commerce systems software company
- The secured lender to two equity sponsors in the acquisition and financing of an urban-focused custom bag manufacturer
- The mezzanine and second lien lender to an equity sponsor in the acquisition and financing of an independent maker of motor fuels and petroleum products in the US Mid-Atlantic region secured lender of term loans in the refinancing of a credit facility offered to a glassware manufacturing company
- An equity sponsor in the leveraged buyout of a catalog company, including the issuance of senior and subordinated indebtedness
- An international investment bank in multiple corporate trust transactions, involving collateralized loan obligations and other debt instruments in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean

M&A

- A US-based privately held car collision repair company in its merger into a Canadian-based private equity fund
- The third largest publicly held waste company in the US in its merger into the second largest publicly held waste company in the US (with a combined market value of over US\$12 billion)
- A large defense technology company in its acquisition of a manufacturer of software security systems for the intelligence community
- A privately-held online health information company in its sale to an online network of health-related websites
- A premier automotive dealership company in the creation of a joint venture together with a multibillion-dollar private investment fund

REAL ESTATE

- A private US-based real estate fund in the acquisition, financing and subsequent sale-leaseback of a meat production and distribution facility
- A large equity real estate investment trust specializing in the ownership, management and redevelopment of high-quality retail assets in the negotiation of marketing initiatives

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Israel (Registered Foreign Lawyer)
- Maryland
- New York

Recognitions

Since 2016, the highly-regarded legal directory, *Chambers Global*, continues to recognize Jeremy for his work with Israeli clients and entities looking to invest in the country. The directory notes he "is well known in the local market" and "is a key contact for clients and assists corporations on inbound and outbound mandates." Jeremy is "able to establish a strong rapport with his Israeli clients." Most recently in the 2020 guide, sources say Jeremy is, "highly customer-focused," and lauded him as "a force and a phenomenon." In previous guides, sources say he is "relationship-driven, very approachable, diligent, smart and committed to successful outcomes." [H]e's on the ground and has done a marvelous job of getting across to all segments of the market. He's very personable and relaxed, and has a calming influence on people."

Education

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center 2000
cum laude
Primary Editor, *The State and Local Tax Lawyer*, a publication of the Section of Taxation of the American Bar Association
- B.A., Political Science, Yeshiva University 1996

Memberships

- American Bar Association, Section of Business Law
- Maryland State Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association

Civic and Charitable

Jeremy has served the community in a number of capacities. He currently sits on the board of Simcha Layeled, an Israeli nonprofit institution focused on assisting disabled and seriously ill children. He is also a past board member of American Friends of Yeshivat Sha'alvim and of Hillel at University of Maryland College Park, and a past executive officer and board member of the Kemp Mill Synagogue, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

INSIGHTS

Events

Previous

The Global Pandemic – Implications for the Tech Sector

12 May 2020
Webinar

COVID-19: Important Issues for Israeli Companies to Consider

6 April 2020
Webinar

Axis Webinar: Global Investors – Where are we going?

1 April 2020
Webinar

OurCrowd Global Investor Summit

13 February 2020

Axis Tel Aviv

12 February 2020
Tel Aviv-Yafo

The ABCs for DPOs - 2.0

21 January 2020
Tel Aviv-Yafo

Breakfast and Conversation with Ambassador Nicholas Burns

12 December 2019
Tel Aviv-Yafo

IACC Property Networking Breakfast

12 November 2019

7th Annual Israel Real Estate Summit

3 APR 2019

2019 OurCrowd Investors Summit

7 MAR 2019

Axis Tel Aviv

14 FEB 2019

Tel Aviv-Yafo

- Speaker, "The M&A discussion - what is the missing link that no one talks about?" The Annual Indian GC Gathering, Mumbai (April 30, 2015)
- Speaker, "Vote of Thanks," The India Israel Innovation Conference: Dynamics of Israeli Entrepreneurship and Successful Exits in the Ecosystem, Mumbai (April 28, 2015)
- Moderator, "Dealmaking: Asia," 2015 Israel Dealmakers Summit, New York (March 25, 2015)
- Moderator, "Axis Global Roundtable," Axis Tel Aviv Conference, Tel Aviv (March 18, 2015)
- Presenter, "Silicon Wadi: A Guide to International Lawyering," Yeshiva University Legal Professionals, New York (July 22, 2014)
- Panelist, "Roundtable Discussion: Culture Shift - The Evolution of Corporate Investing," Axis CVC Event, Tel Aviv (December 15 2014)
- Presentation at Yeshiva University: The Silicon Valley Of the Middle East: Understanding Israeli Entrepreneurial Success (October 9, 2013)

NEWS

MEDIA MENTIONS

- "Juggernaut law firm confronts changing global winds, in Israel," *The Jerusalem Post*, April 2, 2019
- "Trump's Tax Legislation: How does it affect Israel?" *The Jerusalem Post*, December 4, 2017
- איתמר חושן, עו"ד יועץ תקשורת בכיר רימון כהן שינקמן
מרקר, 28.2.2017,
- "DLA Piper Conference in Israel discusses global real estate trends," *Globes*, February 15, 2017
- "Israel Trendspotter: Tech and large deals to drive M&A in 2017," *Mergermarket.com*, January 2017
- "East African lawyers look to Israel for negotiation tactics," *JNS.org*, August 18, 2016
- "The start-up nation matchmaker: A conversation with Jeremy Lustman," *Five Towns Jewish Times*, June 30, 2016

- "Alumni mentors pay it forward," *Yeshiva University Alumni Today*, Spring 2016
- "A date with Israel's start-up shadchan," *JNS.org*, February 15, 2016
- "No business as usual with corruption in Israel and China, ex-US official says," *The Jerusalem Post*, February 14, 2016
- "Asian nations push courtship of Israeli tech companies," *TechCrunch*, January 28, 2016
- "American oleh turns matchmaker for Israeli businesses," *Jewish Link of New Jersey*, January 7, 2016
- "From tacos to tech: Mexico and Israel ready for business," *The Times of Israel*, November 23, 2015
- "Interview with Jeremy Lustman," *Nishlis Israel Desks Newsletter*, November 2015
- "Super-strict EU data security a boon for Israel, says expert," *The Times of Israel*, September 29, 2015
- "Israel has far more lawyers than Japan," *Globes*, August 13, 2015
- "Why aren't foreign law firms rushing to Israel?," *Globes*, July 9, 2015
- "Scale-up nation," *Israel Legal Business*, April 2014
- "How Edward Snowden is helping the Israeli tech business," *The Times of Israel*, April 2, 2014
- "Israel Trendspotter: M&A deal value to remain strong throughout 2014," *Mergermarket.com*, January 2014
- "The master of the world of law," *The Jerusalem Post*, January 9, 2014
- "How to Make it Big in Israel," *Yeshiva University News*, October 14, 2013
- "DC Deal Makers of the Year," *The National Law Journal*, August 12, 2013
- "DLA Piper makes legal inroads into Israel," *Globes*, February 7, 2013