



### **Major General (Res.) Eitan Ben Eliahu**

Chairman of the Board, Aeronautics Ltd,  
former Commander in Chief of the Israel Air Force

#### **Forum Industrial Cooperation**

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Eitan Ben Eliahu was born and raised in Jerusalem, Israel.

During his 38 years of serving in the Israeli Air Force (IAF), Maj. Gen. (Res.) Eitan Ben Eliahu was an active fighter pilot.

During his career, Mr. Ben Eliahu held a major role in IAF R/D and acquisitions of major systems. In 1987, he rose to become IAF Head of Operations. In 1996, he was appointed Air Force Chief Commander, a post he held for four years.

From 2000 to 2002, Mr. Ben Eliahu was a general partner of East West Ventures Ltd. In 2002 he was co-founder of Sentry Technology Group (STG), based both in the US and in Israel. From 2002 to 2007 Mr. Ben Eliahu has been the president and CEO of STG Israeli headquarters. STG focused on the adaptation of unique Israeli and US technologies for use in defense and homeland security. Mr. Ben Eliahu was, also, chairman of Vertical, one of STG subsidiary companies which developed VTOL (Vertical Take-off & Landing) UAVs. (Unmanned Airborne Vehicle).

Currently Mr. Ben Eliahu is Chairman of Aeronautics Ltd, leading developer and manufacturer of UAVs (Unmanned Airborne Vehicle). He is also Chairman of Ariel Group Ltd, which provides unique laser product for defense industry, a director in Habas Group, a leading Israeli real estate group.

Mr. Ben-Eliahu is active and member of varied non-profit organizations boards, among them: Co-Chairman of the Board of Governors of Beit Hatfutsot, the Museum of Jewish People; Chairman of Academic Center of Law & Business, a college in the city of Ramat-Gan, Israel; member of the managing committee of Psagot – Education for Excellence, the purpose of which is to prepare and support and young children for higher education; a board member of Reuven Rubin Museum; member of the board of governors of Bezalel Academy of Art and Design and member of the public assembly of Yad Ben-Zvi Institute.

Mr. Ben Eliahu holds an undergraduate degree in Economics and Business Administration from Bar Ilan University and is a graduate in Strategy and International Relations studies of Tel Aviv University. He is also a graduate of Harvard University's Advanced Management Program.