Idan Ofer, Chairman of the Board of Israel Corporation, is an international business leader who brings innovation and inspiration for business growth in Israel and abroad.

Idan Ofer was born in 1955 in Haifa, where he was exposed to the world of shipping from an early age. He served in the Israeli Navy as a Deputy Commander of a Dabur-class ship.

Mr. Ofer is a graduate of Haifa University in Economics and Shipping. He is a member of the Global Advisory Board of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a member of the IDC Herzliya Board of Directors.

Idan Ofer is the founder of the School of Sustainability, which will open its doors at IDC Herzliya next year. The school will nurture a new generation of leaders that are prepared for the environmental challenges of the future, through sustainability studies steeped in economics, public policy and law.

Mr. Ofer is Chairman of the Board of Israel Corporation, Israel’s leading holding company. The company, which is owned by the Ofer family, is active in the fields of shipping, chemicals and energy technology, showing tremendous momentum under Mr. Ofer’s leadership.

Mr. Ofer carries his focus on green energy in his investment philosophy, and he serves as the Chairman of Better Place, an innovative developer of alternative transportation solutions. He is a member of the board in various distinguished companies active in the fields of chemicals, shipping, energy and semiconductors. He is also former Chairman of the Mizrachi Bank.

In each endeavor in which Idan Ofer takes part, success and innovation invariably follow. Furthermore, his stellar track record shows that all of Israeli society enjoys the fruits of his labor.

In recognition of his contribution to placing Israel in the forefront of the global technological arena, for his promotion of Israel’s business community, with a commitment to establish a highly-respected team of international business ambassadors, and for his enormous contribution in building the next generation of leaders for Israeli society, and for his contribution to the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, Idan Ofer is hereby named an Honorary Fellow of the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya.

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