

SAMUEL (SHMUEL) HAYEK



Samuel Hayek was born in Kfar-Saba, Israel, following the emigration of his family from Baghdad, Iraq, in 1951 and served in the IDF's Military Intelligence Unit taking part in two wars, The Yom Kippur War in 1973 on the Southern front and the First Lebanon War in 1982. After his short involvement in Israeli Politics, Samuel studied at The University of Buckingham and graduated in Law. For the last 30 years Samuel has lived in London, dividing his time between the UK and Israel. Today, Samuel Hayek is a businessman and philanthropist, who has built up many different business interests in the UK. His main area of expertise is in residential and commercial property investment and development. In addition, another of Samuel's main passions is Art. He has been a keen art collector for over 20 years and has a substantial collection of international Israeli and Jewish works of art. In 2007, Samuel established "The Hayek Centre for Contemporary Art", in the heart of old Jaffa, with the aim of promoting young Israeli artists, by providing them with grants and promoting their work through exhibitions. Samuel Hayek was appointed as Chairman of the Jewish National Fund UK (JNF) in February 2008 which supports many projects, benefiting the residents of the South of Israel (Negev). Samuel also serves as a member of the Board of Governors of Shenkar College of Engineering and Design.