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Shai is a partner and head of the arbitration practice in the law firm of Granot Speiser, Law Office, a boutique firm located in Tel-Aviv, Israel. His practice focuses mainly on complex commercial disputes, which have cross-border or multi-jurisdictional aspects. Shai has extensive experience in representing Israeli and foreign companies and individuals in commercial disputes, including insurance claims, shareholders and M&A related disputes, D&O liability, IP disputes, class actions, real-estate disputes, professional negligence, product liability, and contractual disputes, before all of Israel's judicial instances, including the Israeli Supreme Court, and in ADR proceedings. Shai has advised and represented clients in international arbitration proceedings, under the ICC, LCIA, ICSID and AAA Rules and regularly advises on international arbitration matters. Shai also regularly acts as a foreign legal counsel in disputes before foreign courts, including US Federal and State Courts, and handled drafting of expert opinions, discovery issues, and motion drafting in various cases. Shai also advises clients on public and private international law matters, including international investment law, defense and homeland security, export control, and international trade. Shai is the co-founder of Tel-Aviv Arbitration Day as well as a member of the Arbitration and Mediation committee of the Tel-Aviv District Bar Association, the commission on arbitration and ADR of ICC (Paris) and ICC Israel, the task force on emergency arbitrator of the ICC, the Panel of arbitrators of CIETAC and chairs the commission on trade and investment policy of ICC Israel. He is fluent in Hebrew and English.

DAY 1

09:00

Registration & Morning coffee

10:00

10:00

Opening & Welcome

10:10

Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, Conference Chair, GESSEL, Poland

Cezary Wiśniewski, ICC Poland, Linklaters, Poland

10:10

ICC Court Welcome Address

10:20

Alexander G. Fessas, ICC International Court of Arbitration, France

10:20

Session I: Hot topics in M&A arbitration

11:30

- Impact of impecunious party on arbitration agreement
- Post M&A ESG disputes - sources; is the arbitration a fitting forum?

- Interim relief around M&A: emergency arbitrators limiting state courts?
- W&I Insurance: procedural challenges in arbitration dealing with 'insurance towers'

Moderator:

Alicja Zielińska-Eisen, YAAF, Queritius, Poland/Germany

Panellists:

Christian Borris, Borris Hennecke Kneisel, Germany

Joanna Kisielińska-Garncarek, GESSEL, Poland

Joanna Kolber, Strelia, Belgium

11:30

Howden M&A Case study

11:50

Drew Naylor, Howden, United Kingdom

Edward Copeman, Howden, United Kingdom

11:50

Session II: Dialogue between counsel on legal nature of M&A award

13:00

- Price adjustment made by the tribunal
- Is the award declaratory or constitutive and what are its practical effects?
- Interests computation

Moderator:

Mary Mitsi, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom/Greece

13:00

Lunch

14:00

14:00

Dentons M&A Case study

14:20

Michał Jochemczak, Dentons, Poland

14:20

Keynote speech: The paradigm of arbitration - yesterday, today and tomorrow - Yves Derains in conversation with Beata Gessel

15:00

Yves Derains, Derains & Gharavi, France

15:00

16:10

Session III: Voice of reason or hired gun? The independence and impartiality of party-appointed experts in M&A disputes

- The difference between party-appointed and tribunal-appointed experts
- The role of geography
- The role of soft laws
- Expectations of the parties and the tribunal

Moderator:

Mark Kantor, , USA

Panellists:

Folashade Alli SAN, Folashade Alli and Associates, Nigeria

Luminita Popa, Suciu Popa, Romania

Alexander Demuth, , Germany

Renato Nazzini, King's Collage London, United Kingdom/Italy

16:10

Treats & Meads

19:30

Gala Dinner

Venue - Look Up! Skyliner building, 67 Prosta Street (upon separate registration)

DAY 2

09:00

Morning coffee

10:00

10:00

Opening & Welcome

10:05

Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, Conference Chair, GESSEL, Poland

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Special Guest

10:35

Special Guest's address: The Permanent Court of Arbitration: 125 years of

Peace through Justice

Marcin Czepelak, Permanent Court of Arbitration, Netherlands

10:35

Presentation: M&A Arbitration in Wartime under the SCC Rules

10:55

Jake Lowther, SCC Arbitration Institute, Sweden

10:55

Clifford Chance Case Study

11:15

11:15

Session: M&A Arbitration in Wartime - Breaking up is never easy

12:45

- M&A disputes risks when exiting high-risk jurisdictions
- Case studies from jurisdictions in the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa

Moderator:

Bartosz Krużewski, Clifford Chance, Poland

Panellists:

Timur Bondaryev, Arzinger, Ukraine

Joshua Kelly, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, United Kingdom

Steven Finizio, Wilmer Hale, United Kingdom/USA

Jacob Enoch, M. Firon&Co. Advocates, Israel

12:45

Closing of the conference

12:55

Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, Conference Chair, GESSEL, Poland

...and yes, bubbles and strawberries!!
