

# **Dr. Raphael (Rafi)**

## **Hofstein**

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Dr. Raphael (Rafi) Hofstein joined MaRS Innovation as President and CEO in June 2009. During the 1980s, Dr Hofstein held the roles of scientific director of Biotechnological Applications Ltd., and manager R&D and chief of Immunochemistry at the International Genetic Scientific Partnership, organizations that were pivotal in developing Israel's world-leading biotechnology sector. Dr. Hofstein was scientific director of the Israeli office of Ecogen Inc., a subsidiary of Monsanto, for over six years before assuming the role of vice-president, Business Development for Ecogen in Langhorne, Pa. From 1997 to 1999 Dr. Hofstein was president of Mindsense Biosystems Ltd., an Israeli company that develops neuropsychiatric immune assays. From 1999 to the present, he has held the position of president and CEO of Hadasit Ltd., the technology transfer and commercialization company of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem. Later on, Dr. Hofstein joined Medica Ventures, a lead VC in Israel and served for 10 years as the president and CEO of Hadasit. Dr. Hofstein was the founder and served as chair of Hadasit BioHolding Ltd., a publicly-traded holding company (10 start-ups under management) on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) since 2005. Other directorships held on TASE publicly-traded companies include: Bioline RX (drug development); Exalenz (medical devices); and Evogene (agri-bio). He has also served as chairman of BIOMED, Israel's annual biomedical conference, from 2005 to 2007. In addition, Dr. Hofstein is a co-founder and board member of ILSI, the Israeli Life Science Industry Organization, and a co-founder and executive in Israel's Tech Transfer Network (ITTN).

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