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Aster participates in \$60 million fundraising by Claroty, the leader in industrial cybersecurity

Paris, June 14, 2018 – **Aster has announced its participation in Claroty’s \$60 million fundraising. With Temasek acting as lead investor, this round of funding will allow the Israeli startup, leader in industrial cybersecurity, to strengthen its international presence and position itself as the key player in the sector.**

A unique approach to industrial cybersecurity

The number and complexity of cyber threats have grown exponentially in recent years: a business is targeted by a cyberattack every 40 seconds. In response to these ever more sophisticated attacks, Claroty, established in 2014 as part of Team8, Israeli’s leading cybersecurity think tank, has developed solutions for securing industrial control systems that protect critical infrastructures from outside attacks.

Aster, a specialist in the digital transformation of the energy and industrial sectors, based its investment decision on Claroty’s ability to roll out its solutions on a massive scale by adapting to the different protocols of industrial control systems. Its extensive expertise in operational technology and capacity for making information readily understandable are key advantages when it comes to supporting multinational clients in their quest to protect themselves from cyber threats. *“Claroty is radically changing the way we can improve traditional industrial networks. With its remarkable team and deep expertise in cybersecurity, the company is a perfect fit for Aster’s model,”* said **Fabio Lancellotti**, Partner at **Aster**.

A founding team coming from the highest levels of global security

Claroty’s three cofounders, Amir Zilberstein (cofounder of Gita Technologies and Waterfall Security Solutions), Benny Porat (security researcher at NorthBit) and Galina Antova (global head of industrial security services at Siemens), joined forces to develop a global solution for securing and optimizing industrial control networks. *“Claroty seeks out partners that share its desire to better protect the industrial environment from cyberattacks. We are thrilled to welcome Aster, that shares our vision, among our investors in this next phase of Claroty’s development,”* said **Amir Zilberstein**, CEO of **Claroty**.

Aster, a venture capital company that bets on Israel

Aster has been active in Tel Aviv for many years, applying both its funding and business hub approaches at the local level. It seeks to facilitate exchanges between Israeli startups and its industrial partners to open a door for the latter to Europe and North America, its other geographic markets. **Adi Yefet**, who has been leading Aster’s office in Tel Aviv since September 2017, said: *“We see real potential in Israeli startups, notably in the sectors of industry, energy and mobility.”*

As a member of the business hub team, I promote an open innovation approach to showcase the most promising Israeli companies. We help them build momentum by creating opportunities for them to connect with our sponsors' networks and markets and to secure funding from Aster."

ABOUT ASTER

Aster is a venture capital company managing €520 million through multiple funds raised with major corporations and institutional players. A specialist in the digital transformation and new industrial models, Aster funds growing companies in energy, mobility and industry. Using its "Business Hub" approach, the team works with entrepreneurs, enabling them to access corporate investor networks and markets at the global level. Aster operates in all the main innovation hubs, with offices in Paris, San Francisco and Tel Aviv, and draws on partner funds in China and Africa. ConnectBlue (acquired by u-blox in 2014), Solairedirect (acquired by Engie in 2015), Tronics (acquired by Epcos in 2016) or Digital Lumens (acquired by Osram in 2017) are some of its success stories.

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