

## HAREL ACQUIRES HALF BILLION SHEKEL MORTGAGE PORTFOLIO FROM MIZRAHI TEFACHOT

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The **Harel** Group has acquired a 540 million shekel housing mortgage portfolio from **Mizrahi Tefachot Bank**. The company says that the “agreement represents a further layer in the implementation of Harel’s investment strategy, aimed at diversifying and varying the investment horizons and collaboration with experienced and leading players in their sector, for the benefit of Harel members. This enables us to vary the members’ investment mix in a stable investment horizon, guaranteeing superior yield at low risk”.

Under the agreement, Harel is acquiring 80% of the overall

portfolio of 680 million shekels, the bank being left with the remaining 20%. Bank Mizrahi Tefachot will continue managing the mortgage portfolio in its entirety in accordance with the bank’s usual principles and procedures and it will be paid an annual management commission.

The housing mortgage market is considered to be low risk. The loans were granted a few years ago, with no arrears, and a low rate of



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financing.

This acquisition joins the previous portfolios acquired by Harel from **Bank Hapoalim** and Bank Mizrahi Tefachot, and the agreement for strategic collaboration between Harel and Bank Leumi for providing housing mortgages, which ended in 2017. Harel’s portfolio of housing mortgages increased as a result of the acquisition from 5 billion shekels to 5.5 billion shekels.