Dr. Amir Ban

**The Story of M-Systems & Flash Technology**

Amir Ban received his BSc from the Technion, Haifa (1978). He devoted the next three decades to a career as a developer, inventor and entrepreneur, during which, in 1986, he obtained an MSc from the Technion, Haifa. In 1991 he became a founder of M-Systems, participating in pioneering the then-nascent flash memory technology, including the invention of USB flash drives in 1999. In parallel, he devoted many years to computer chess, authoring the program Junior AKA Deep Junior. In Paris, 1997, Junior won its first world championship, and in Yokohama, 2013, its eighth. Returning to academia in 2008, Ban received his PhD in 2014 from the Hebrew University at the Centre for Rationality. He is since doing post-doctorate research in Tel-Aviv University. He is the recipient of the 2015 IEEE Information Storage Systems Award.

September 30
1:00 - 2:00 PM
Sandford Fleming, Rm. 1101

Ray Sharma
Executive Managing Partner

**Investing when Human Innovation Spikes**

Veteran of the mobile technology sector, #1 ranked wireless technology analyst for 6 of 9 eligible years in technology investment banking research, including positions at the CSFB Technology Group, BMO Nesbitt Burns, and most recently GMP Capital Trust.

October 28
1:00 - 2:00 PM
Sandford Fleming, Rm. 1101

Robert Grimm
Vice President

**Technology for Nimble yet Systematic Trading**

Robert Grimm is a Vice President in the Technology Division of Goldman Sachs, where he works on the company’s risk and trading platform. Before joining the firm in 2013, Robert was an Associate Professor of Computer Science at New York University, researching how to leverage programming language technologies to make complex systems easier to build, maintain and extend. He received a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Washington at Seattle in 2002. His honors include the Best Paper award at the 6th ACM International Conference on Distributed Event-Based Systems, a Junior Fellowship at NYU’s Center for Teaching Excellence, and an NSF CAREER award.

Cameron Brien is a Managing Director at Goldman Sachs and leads the Equity Derivatives Engineering team for the Americas. Previously, he focused on Equities Electronic Trading. Cameron joined Goldman Sachs in 2007 as an analyst. He earned a BSE in Electrical Engineering from Princeton University in 2007.

November 28
4:30 - 5:30 PM
Bahen Centre, Rm. 1220

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