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Yafit Cohn is Vice President, Chief Sustainability Officer and Group General Counsel at The Travelers Companies, Inc., where she is focused on developing the company’s environmental, social and governance (ESG) engagement and communications strategies, as well as implementing other “special projects” for senior management. Since joining Travelers in September 2017, Yafit has helped guide the company through the evolving ESG landscape and has led the company’s effort to produce its first comprehensive and integrated sustainability report. Yafit is a member of Travelers’ ESG and Disclosure Committees and serves as the Chair of the Society for Corporate Governance’s newly formed Sustainability Practices Committee. In 2019, Yafit was named on the list of 2020 Insurance Executives to Watch by *Risk & Insurance* and was short-listed as a finalist for Governance Professional of the Year by *Corporate Secretary*.

Before joining Travelers, Yafit was Counsel in Simpson Thacher’s New York office and a member of the Public Company Advisory Practice, where she advised public companies, corporate management and boards of directors on a broad array of issues pertaining to securities law and corporate governance, including SEC reporting and disclosure requirements, shareholder proposals, the impact of proxy advisory firms, and responses to formal and informal SEC inquiries. Prior to that, Yafit spent nine years as a litigator, focusing primarily on securities litigation and government investigations. Yafit has been a prolific writer and speaker on disclosure and corporate governance matters, as well as a frequent commenter in the press.

Yafit has a Juris Doctor degree from Columbia Law School, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone scholar, and a Bachelor of Art degree in Political Science, *summa cum laude*, from Columbia College.