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Yo Akatsuka

Yo Akatsuka is Vice Chairman of Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. He was formerly Senior Managing Director of Nomura Holdings, Inc. and Chief Executive Officer, President and Senior Managing Director of Nomura Holding America Inc. Over the course of his 30-year career at the Nomura Group, Mr. Akatsuka has held senior management positions in a wide range of departments and businesses – most recently, as Global Head of Investment Banking. Previously, as a Senior Corporate Managing Director in the Retail Division, he oversaw Business Strategy and Management and was responsible for Innovations. Prior to that, he served at various times as Senior Managing Director of the Group Strategy & Executive Office, the Asia Strategy Office, the Data Management Office and the Financial Innovation Office, as well as Head of the ECM Department, Capital Markets Department, Equity Product Solutions and Equity Syndicate in London. Mr. Akatsuka formerly served on the Board of Directors at Japan Society.



Roy Amir

Roy Amir is a Co-Founder of Intuition Robotics and most recently served as Chief Product Officer. Mr. Amir led product management and software engineering at several startups and large multinational technology companies. Prior to co-founding Intuition Robotics, he served as VP Product Management & Strategy of CloudBand Business Unit at Alcatel-Lucent (NYSE:ALU, now Nokia), where he was part of the founding team. This business was credited as a major driver in Nokia's decision to acquire Alcatel-Lucent. Prior to joining Alcatel-Lucent, he served as Senior Director at British Telecom (BT) headquarters in London. Working for the chief architect of BT, Mr. Amir was responsible for identifying and developing disruptive programs that could dramatically impact BT business and operations. He is a member of the K3 Council Connected Health Task Force.



Peter E. Berger - Founding Member

Peter Berger is a Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Siris Capital Group, and is a board member of all Siris portfolio companies. Mr. Berger helped launch Siris in 2011 and helped establish the firm's investment strategy, which focuses on driving value creation in mature technology and telecommunications companies with mission-critical products and services. Previously, Mr. Berger was a founding member and Managing Director of Ripplewood Holdings LLC, the first global private equity firm to enter the Japan market.



Frank J. Cilluffo

Frank Cilluffo is the Director of Auburn University's McCrary Institute for Cyber and Critical Infrastructure Security. Mr. Cilluffo is a member of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission and the Department of Homeland Security's Advisory Council, and is routinely called upon to advise senior officials in the executive branch, U.S. Armed Services, and state and local governments on an array of matters related to national and homeland security strategy and policy. Following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, he was appointed by President George W. Bush to the newly created Office of Homeland Security, where he was involved in a wide range of homeland security and counterterrorism strategies. Mr. Cilluffo also established the Center for Cyber and Homeland Security at George Washington University as a prominent nonpartisan "think and do tank" dedicated to building bridges between theory and practice to advance U.S. security.

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Philip M. Darivoff - Founding Member

Phil Darivoff serves as Chairman of the Board of Vibrant Capital Partners, Inc. Vibrant Capital is a NY-based SEC-registered asset management firm specializing in structured and alternative credit products with assets under management of \$7.2 billion. Prior to joining Vibrant in 2013, Mr. Darivoff spent nearly 27 years at Goldman Sachs, where he served as Head of Capital Markets, Co-Head of the Corporate Bond Department, and Chairman of Credit Capital Markets. Mr. Darivoff is on the AIPAC National Board and Chairman of the Investment Committee. He is also Chairman of the National Museum of American Jewish History on Independence Mall in Philadelphia.



Dr. Chris Fall

Dr. Chris Fall is the Vice President for Applied Sciences for the MITRE Corporation. Dr. Fall most recently served as the Senate-confirmed Director of the Department of Energy Office of Science. Before leading the Office of Science, Dr. Fall served as a Senior Advisor to the Undersecretary for Energy and as Acting Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E). Dr. Fall came to DOE from the Office of Naval Research (ONR), where he served as Acting Chief Scientist and Lead for the Research Directorate, Deputy Director of Research, Director of the International Liaison Office, and the ONR Innovation Fellow. He also served for three years across two administrations in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy as Assistant Director for Defense Programs and then as Acting Lead for the National Security and International Affairs Division. He is a member of the K3 Council Leap Tech Enablers Task Force.



Dr. Kathy Fields - Founding Member

Dr. Kathy Fields is a Stanford trained, board certified dermatologist who co-founded Proactiv Solution and the number one prestige skincare brand in North America, Rodan and Fields, LLC. She is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Dermatology at Stanford University and has been in private practice in San Francisco since 1987. She is an avid supporter of education reform, and participates on numerous boards including serving as a Governor at Tel Aviv University. Dr. Fields also helped to establish Minducate, an innovation and R&D center exploring the interrelation between learning, cognition, education and neuroscience at Tel Aviv University.



Shachar Hefetz

Shachar Hefetz is Head of Innovation at Soroka Medical Center. Previously, he led business development initiatives in insurtech and digital health technology areas at Sompo Digital Lab in Tel Aviv. Prior to his work at Sompo, Mr. Hefetz spent 15 years at IBM, where he founded and led the IBM Alpha Zone Accelerator, promoting collaboration of Israeli Startups with IBM Corporate. From 2015 to 2018, he led Samsung RUNWAY collaboration with Startups program, scouting for technologies to be integrated into Samsung Electronics Products. He holds a Bachelor degree in Computer Sciences from Tel Aviv-Yafo Academy and an MBA from Technion University. He is a member of the Infrastructure Development and Protection Task Force.

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Tetsuro Hisano - Founding Member

Tetsuro Hisano was most recently Senior Executive Vice President of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, based in Washington, D.C. He previously served as Vice President of the Commercial Airplane Programs Management Office. Mr. Hisano is originally an Aerospace Engineer specialized in Guidance & Control. He also was engaged in Finance & Accounting, Lean Production System, Program Management, Business and Marketing. He graduated from The University of Tokyo in 1981, and received a M.S. at Stanford University in 1991. He is a member of the K3 Council Infrastructure Development & Protection Task Force.



Jamie Kebely

Jamie Kebely is the Senior Director for Asia Pacific Government Affairs at Varian Medical Systems based in Hong Kong, and is responsible for driving collaboration with government partners and key stakeholders in the region. Ms. Kebely previously led international government affairs for Boston Scientific. She has held a number of leadership roles within the medical device industry, including as Co-Chair of healthcare committees at both the U.S.-Japan and U.S.-India Business Councils. She has also served in the U.S. Government as International Trade Specialist in the Office of East Asia in Washington, D.C., where she focused primarily on trade issues in the healthcare sector. She is a member of the K3 Council Connected Health Task Force.



Dr. Paul M. Linehan

Dr. Paul Linehan is a security consultant specializing in global security affairs, government affairs, and international security programs associated with defense and military capability, future technology advantage, emerging threats, strategic competition, and strategic risk analysis and mitigation. Concurrently, he is a Senior Fellow at the China and Indo-Pacific Security Affairs Division, Center of Naval Analyses. Dr. Linehan's professional experience includes senior executive service, leadership, and management with notable responsibilities in intelligence, defense and strategic trade, technology transfer, and export policy for national security and defense issues. In his final assignment in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, he served as the Director, Indo-Pacific for the National Disclosure Policy Committee and U.S. Designated Security Authority as U.S. Government lead expert for international security agreements, security certification of defense programs, industrial security, and national disclosure policy for the Indo-Pacific region. He is a member of the K3 Council Infrastructure Development & Protection Task Force.



Dr. Shin'ichiro Matsuo

Dr. Shin'ichiro Matsuo is a research scientist with a specialization in cryptography and information security. A recognized blockchain expert, he directs the blockchain research group Cyber SMART at Georgetown University, and leads multi-disciplinary research among technology, economy, law, and regulation. Dr. Matsuo also leads international research collaboration on blockchain as a cofounder of the BSafe.network, a global and neutral research test network to promote applied academic research in blockchain technologies. He also founded the BASE (Blockchain Academic Synergized Environment) alliance with the University of Tokyo and Keio University. He is a member of the K3 Council Leap Tech Enablers Task Force.

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Dr. Atsushi Nagahisa

Dr. Atsushi Nagahisa is President of DNA Partners, LLC. Prior to forming DNA Partners, Dr. Nagahisa served on the Board of Directors of RaQualia Pharma Inc. (RaQualia), a biopharmaceutical venture he co-founded in 2008. He served as Representative Director and President and CEO of Raqualia from its inception until 2012. Dr. Nagahisa has over 30 years of experience in drug discovery and development, including as Vice President of Pfizer Global Research and Development (PGRD) and a member of PGRD's Senior Leadership Team for eight years. He has led discovery and development of 4 commercial products and more than 40 compounds in inflammation, pain, asthma and GI diseases. He is a member of the K3 Council Connected Health Task Force.



Masaki Nakajima

Masaki Nakajima is Senior Managing Executive Officer and General Manager, Media & Digital Business Unit of Sumitomo Corporation. Mr. Nakajima was formerly President and CEO of Sumitomo Corporation of Americas and has spent over 35 years at the company in leadership positions spanning multiple company divisions such as the Automotive Division and the Corporate Planning Department, as well as serving in international posts in Europe. He has helped promote renewable energy and natural gas projects as well as new environmental technologies as part of the company's mission. He also led SC Group's innovation strategy through its office in Silicon Valley. He formerly served on the Board of Directors at Japan Society and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of New York.



Christine Parthemore

Christine Parthemore is Chief Executive Officer of the Council on Strategic Risks (CSR). Ms. Parthemore has deep experience addressing issues ranging from the security implications of climate change to countering weapons of mass destruction, including in the U.S. Department of Defense, security think tanks, and academia. She is also Director of CSR's Janne E. Nolan Center on Strategic Weapons and Manager of CSR's Climate-Nuclear-Security Project, and was a founding Board Member of CSR. Her current work covers issues in countering weapons of mass destruction, arms control and disarmament, innovation and technology trends in national security, and the security implications of climate change. Ms. Parthemore has been an adjunct professor in the Global Security Studies program at Johns Hopkins University since 2010. In 2016 she was a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow in Tokyo, where she researched Japan's approach to international civil nuclear cooperation. She is a member of the Leap Tech Enablers Task Force.



Dr. Garry A. Rayant - Founding Member

Garry A. Rayant, BDS, DDS, LDSRCS, MS, is a healthcare professional, entrepreneur, and philanthropist. He retired from part-time clinical periodontal practice in San Francisco in December 2018. He was Co-founder and Partner in Dear Doctor Magazine Inc., a print and online national consumer healthcare magazine. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Epic Cleantec, a water reuse company for the modern world; he is also Emeritus member BoD of Rodan and Fields, LLC. His interests include healthcare and education innovation, reform and advocacy. He serves on: Chair, Advisory Council, Center for Children and Youth, JFCS, San Francisco; International Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University; American Friends of Tel Aviv University; Board of Advisors of the University of Pennsylvania; Tulane University's President's Council; AIPAC National Council. He also serves on the BoD of Minducate, an innovation and R&D center exploring the interrelation between learning, cognition, education and neuroscience at Tel Aviv University.

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Andrew M Saidel - Founding Member

Andrew Saidel is President and CEO of Dynamic Strategies Asia, LLC. Mr. Saidel assists U.S., European, Japanese, and Israeli executives with business development, investment strategy, and alliance management in technology-intensive industries. For 25 years, he has collaborated with global innovators on growth strategies across multiple sectors, including medical technology, life sciences, financial services, mobility, agriculture, security, and energy. In addition to corporate ventures, he has focused on cross-border scientific collaboration in the non-profit sector as a past member of the administrative advisory council of RIKEN: The Institute for Physical and Chemical Research, the international collaboration advisory council at the University of Tokyo, and as Japan Advisor to the Albert Einstein Foundation.



Marc A. Spilker - Founding Member

Marc Spilker is a Founding Member of GPS Investment Partners, LLC and the Executive Chairman of Merchant Investment Management, LLC. Previously Mr. Spilker was President of Apollo Global Management from 2010 to 2014 and prior to joining Apollo, he had a 20-year career at Goldman Sachs where he served as Co-Head of the Investment Management Division (IMD) and was also a member of the firm-wide Management and Risk Committees. Mr. Spilker is a board member of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Undergraduate Executive Board, Maxim Capital Group, LLC, The New 42nd Street, Inc., The Samuel Bronfman Department of Medicine Advisory Board at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and the Advisory Board for Mount Sinai's Institute for Genomics and Multiscale Biology. Additionally, he serves on the Third Way Board of Trustees, where he is the Founder of Third Way's Capital Markets Initiative, is a member of the Social Finance, Inc. Advisory Council and is a member of the AdvisorAssist, LLC Advisory Board. Mr. Spilker is also an avid supporter of advancing Jewish causes.



Donna W. Sternberg - Founding Member

Donna W. Sternberg has served three major family businesses as Executive Vice President: Maison Blanche Department Stores, Starmount/Always Care insurance and Highflyer Payroll. She has been deeply involved in pro-Israel activism. As a member of the AIPAC Board of Directors, she served as Board Liaison to its International Department and became the key leader in helping the organization develop and expand its bilateral and multi-lateral efforts in homeland and cyber security and in diplomacy. She also helped champion and create, with the United States Congress and the Department of Energy, the US-Israel Fossil Energy Center at Tulane University where she is a Strategic Advisor and has been central in connecting it to potential philanthropic partnerships.



Shinsuke Takahashi

Shinsuke Takahashi is the Chairman of the Board and Head of Government Relations for NEC Corporation of America, an industry leading provider of biometrics and communications technology and integrator of IT solutions. In his government relations role, Mr. Takahashi is focused on further strengthening NEC's relationships in the U.S. government and other international organizations based in the Washington, D.C. area, with a focus on security policy, international trade and other matters that affect national safety and security. He previously served as President of NEC Corporation of America. Mr. Takahashi is a seasoned executive with more than 20 years of extensive sales, marketing, business development and management experience with NEC, primarily in satellite, network and wireless communications. Before joining NEC Corporation of America in January 2013, Mr. Takahashi was President of JAE Electronics, Inc., a provider of advanced electronic components and aerospace products. He is a member of the K3 Council Leap Tech Enablers Task Force.

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Adv. Ron Tiberg-Shachar

Adv. Ron Tiberg-Shachar currently serves as Vice President of Corporate Development at Cortica, an Israeli Al Group, operating in various fields such as automative, fintech, HLS and more. Mr. Tiberg-Shachar served in various positions as a cyber defense officer in Israel's Defense Forces for 9 years. He was appointed as Assistant to the Commander of IDF's Cyber Defense Division and as Head of the Cyber Strategic Planning Section. In this position, Mr. Tiberg- Shachar was in charge of all the strategic planning of IDF's cyber defense solutions and doctrines, along with developing cyber security risk management models. He has worked with Israel's 17th Cabinet Secretary and current Israeli Parliament Member, Zvi Hauser, on various business ventures, focusing on U.S.-Japan-Israel strategic and business relations. He is a member of the K3 Council Leap Tech Enablers Task Force.



Joshua W. Walker, Ph.D.

Joshua Walker is President and CEO of Japan Society, the nation's leading non-profit organization dedicated to fostering deep, meaningful connection and exchange between the United States and Japan. He is a perpetual bridge-builder, citizen diplomat, trained academic and global enthusiast passionate about international affairs with a specialization in the Middle East and East Asia. Previously, he worked at Eurasia Group, the world's premier political risk analysis firm, where he served as Global Head of Strategic Initiatives and Japan in the Office of the President. He actively expanded global events and new business offerings, including leading the company's first "GZERO" geopolitical summit in Japan. Mr. Walker has more than two decades of experience in international business and diplomacy; he was CEO and President of the USA Pavilion of the 2017 World Expo in Astana, Kazakhstan prior to Eurasia Group, and worked in numerous roles at U.S. government agencies, including the State Department and the Defense Department.



Andrew C. Weber

Andrew Weber is a Senior Fellow at The Council on Strategic Risks. Mr. Weber has dedicated his professional life to countering nuclear, chemical, and biological threats and to strengthening global health security, and has been on the frontlines of these efforts in the Middle East, former Soviet Union, Asia and Africa. His decades of U.S. government service included five-and-a-half years as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs under President Obama. Mr. Weber taught a course on Force and Diplomacy at the Georgetown University Graduate School of Foreign Service for seven years, and was a Senior Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. He is a member of the K3 Council Leap Tech Enablers Task Force.



Adam F. Weissenberg

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Tsunehiko Yanagihara

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Dov Zigler - Founding Member

Dov Zigler works at Element Capital Management in the role of Senior Economist. Prior to joining Element, Mr. Zigler worked in various roles in Scotiabank's Global Banking and Markets group in New York and Toronto. He has also been a research fellow at the Shalem Center in Jerusalem, an analyst at the Canadian Department of National Defence, and a lecturer at McGill University. He holds an M.A. from The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, a B.A. from McGill University, a B.E.I. certificate from Sciences-Po Paris, and has been an Asper Fellow at the Hebrew University.