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Global and National Security Institute Appoints Larry Handen to its Board of Advisors

*Global investment leader with over three decades experience in the fields of technology,
government, and professional services.*

TAMPA, FLORIDA, August 29, 2023 – The Global and National Security Institute (GNSI) at the University of South Florida (USF) has named global investment leader Larry Handen as the newest member of its Board of Advisors.

Handen is a Senior Managing Director and Global Head of Macquarie Capital’s Growth and Technology group, which specializes in growth investments and buyouts. Macquarie Capital is a division of Macquarie Group, a global financial services firm operating in 34 markets in asset management, retail and business banking, wealth management, leasing and asset financing, market access, commodity trading, renewables development, specialist advisory, capital raising and principal investment. In his career, Handen has served on the Board of Directors of more than 50 companies worldwide and he believes this appointment to GNSI’s board could have global effect.

“GNSI plays an important role in researching, analyzing and formulating policies around a highly diversified set of security threats globally,” Handen explained. “Unlike single-issue institutes, GNSI’s agenda and extensive resources will allow it to be an independent and effective resource for identifying, evaluating, and formulating solutions to an ever-changing threat landscape. I appreciate the chance to support General McKenzie and the GNSI team as they undertake this important effort.”

During his career, Handen has been a principal investor in more than 175 transactions and has advised over 100 companies in various capacities.

GNSI Executive Director, General (Ret) Frank McKenzie, believes Handen’s global experience will play a key role in guiding the Institute into a larger, higher-profile role in the global and national security environment. GNSI was created by USF in June 2022.

“GNSI has taken some great strides in these first fourteen months,” McKenzie said. “The opportunity in front of us is even greater than we anticipated. Larry will be an important voice in developing and

refining our strategic direction. He’s already shown to be a tremendous advocate for GNSI and believes in our mission and vision.”

Prior to his role at Macquarie, Handen was a Managing Director at Insight Venture Partners. Before that, Handen was a General Partner at UBS Capital where he led the firm’s Technology Group. He also played a key leadership role as a Partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting, leading a practice specializing in corporate-wide growth and recovery solutions for companies in the technology, information, communications, and entertainment industries.

Handen received a BA in Economics and Political Science from Bucknell University and an MBA from NYU’s Stern School of Business



Larry Handen, GNSI Board of Advisors

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About GNSI

The Global and National Security Institute at the University of South Florida provides actionable solutions for 21st century security challenges, focusing on the boundary of security policy and technology. GNSI brings together the proven academic and research excellence of USF and connects them with expertise across government and the private sector to serve decision makers and leaders at the local, state, national, and international levels. GNSI will utilize outreach and engagement, education, research and support to lead USF towards a more prominent leadership role in the global and national security environment. Learn more at www.usf.edu/GNSI.

About the University of South Florida

The University of South Florida, a high-impact research university dedicated to student success and committed to community engagement, generates an annual economic impact of more than \$6 billion.



With campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Sarasota-Manatee, USF serves approximately 50,000 students who represent nearly 150 different countries. For four consecutive years, U.S. News & World Report has ranked USF as one of the nation's top 50 public universities, including USF's highest ranking ever in 2023 (No. 42). In 2023, USF became the first public university in Florida in nearly 40 years to be invited to join the Association of American Universities, a prestigious group of the leading universities in the United States and Canada. Through hundreds of millions of dollars in research activity each year and as one of the top universities in the world for securing new patents, USF is a leader in solving global problems and improving lives. USF is a member of the American Athletic Conference. Learn more at www.usf.edu.