

Whitney Tilson

Whitney Tilson is the founder and Managing Partner of T2 Partners LLC and the Tilson Mutual Funds. The former (www.T2PartnersLLC.com) manages three value-oriented private investment partnerships, T2 Accredited Fund, Tilson Offshore Fund and T2 Qualified Fund, while the latter is comprised of two value-based mutual funds, Tilson Focus Fund and Tilson Dividend Fund (www.tilsonmutualfunds.com).

Mr. Tilson is also the co-founder, Chairman and co-Editor-in-Chief of *Value Investor Insight* (www.valueinvestorinsight.com), an investment newsletter, and is the co-founder and Chairman of the *Value Investing Congress* (www.valueinvestingcongress.com), a biannual investment conference in New York City and Los Angeles.

Mr. Tilson co-authored the book, More Mortgage Meltdown: 6 Ways to Profit in These Bad Times (published in May 2009), writes a regular column on value investing for *Kiplinger's*, has written for *Forbes*, the *Financial Times*, the *Motley Fool* and *TheStreet.com*, was one of the authors of Poor Charlie's Almanack, the definitive book on Berkshire Hathaway Vice Chairman Charlie Munger, and teaches financial statement analysis and business valuation for the Dickie Group. He was featured in a [60 Minutes](#) segment in December 2008 that won an Emmy, was one of five investors included in *SmartMoney's* 2006 Power 30, was named by *Institutional Investor* in 2007 as one of 20 Rising Stars, has appeared dozens times on CNBC, Bloomberg TV, Fox Business Network, *Lou Dobbs Moneyline* and *Wall Street Week*, was on the cover of the July 2007 *Kiplinger's*, has been profiled by the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Washington Post*, and has spoken widely on value investing and behavioral finance. He served on the Board of Directors of Cutter & Buck, a public company that designs and markets upscale sportswear for two years until the company was sold in early 2007.

Prior to launching his investment career in 1999, Mr. Tilson spent five years working with Harvard Business School Professor Michael E. Porter studying the competitiveness of inner cities and inner-city-based companies nationwide. He and Professor Porter founded the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City, of which Mr. Tilson was Executive Director. Mr. Tilson also led the effort to create ICV Partners, a national for-profit private equity fund focused on minority-owned and inner-city businesses that has raised nearly \$500 million.

Before business school, Mr. Tilson was a founding member of Teach for America, the national teacher corps, and then spent two years as a consultant at The Boston Consulting Group.

Mr. Tilson received an MBA with High Distinction from the Harvard Business School, where he was elected a Baker Scholar (top 5% of class), and graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard College, with a bachelor's degree in Government.

Mr. Tilson's parents were the first couple to meet and marry in the Peace Corps, and he spent much of his childhood in Tanzania and Nicaragua. Consequently, Mr. Tilson is involved with a number of charities focused on education reform and Africa. For his philanthropic work, he received the 2008 John C. Whitehead Social Enterprise Award from the Harvard Business School Club of Greater New York. He is Chairman of the Manhattan chapter of the Young Presidents' Organization. Mr. Tilson lives in Manhattan with his wife and three daughters.

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