

Whitney Tilson

Whitney Tilson is the founder and Managing Partner of T2 Partners LLC and the Tilson Mutual Funds, which manage a number of value-oriented hedge funds and mutual funds. Mr. Tilson is also the co-founder, Chairman and co-Editor-in-Chief of *Value Investor Insight*, an investment newsletter, and is the co-founder and Chairman of the *Value Investing Congress*, a biannual investment conference in New York City and Los Angeles.

Mr. Tilson writes a regular column on value investing for the *Financial Times* and *Kiplinger's*, has written for the *Motley Fool* and *TheStreet.com*, and served on the Board of Directors of Cutter & Buck. He was one of five investors included in *SmartMoney's* Power 30, was named by *Institutional Investor* 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.

Mr. Tilson's parents are both educators and he spent much of his childhood in Tanzania and Nicaragua (his parents were among the first couples to meet and marry in the Peace Corps and currently live, work and are retiring in Kenya, after living in Ethiopia for the prior eight years). Consequently, Mr. Tilson is involved with a number of charities focused on education reform and Africa. Regarding the former, he:

- Was among the first people to join Wendy Kopp in 1989 to launch Teach For America.
- Is a board member of the KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program) Academy charter school in the South Bronx, which is part of a national network of more than 60 college preparatory public charter schools in low-income communities.
- Is one of the founders of Democrats for Education Reform, which aims to move the Democratic Party to embrace genuine school reform.
- Founded the Rewarding Achievement (REACH) program, an innovative pay-for-performance initiative that aims to improve the college readiness of low-income students at 30 inner-city high schools in New York by rewarding them with up to \$1,000 for each Advanced Placement exam they pass.
- Serves on the boards of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools and the Council of Urban Professionals.

Regarding Africa, Mr. Tilson:

- Is on the board of the Fistula Foundation, which supports the Hamlin Fistula Hospitals in Ethiopia.
- Is Vice Chairman of the Thorn Tree Project and the Samburu Scholarship Fund, which provide educational opportunities for nomadic children in northern Kenya.
- Serves on the board of Population Action International.

He is also on the board of the Pershing Square Foundation, which supports education reform in the U.S. and various charities in Africa, is Chairman of the Manhattan chapter of the Young Presidents' Organization, and served on the finance committees of Barack Obama and Newark Mayor Cory Booker. For his philanthropic work, he received the 2008 John C. Whitehead Social Enterprise Award from the Harvard Business School Club of Greater New York

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, in addition to Teach for America, Mr. Tilson 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, and graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard College, with a bachelor's degree in Government. He lives in Manhattan with his wife and three daughters.

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