ROBERT BALENTINE

Robert M. Balentine
Chairman

Robert Balentine is Chairman and founding partner of Balentine. He is a member of Balentine's Management Committee and Investment Strategy Team.

Previously, Robert was executive vice president of Wilmington Trust Company, where he had responsibility for Wilmington Trust Investment Management (WTIM), the investment management arm of Wilmington Trust. He was also chairman and chief executive officer of Balentine & Company, the Atlanta-based investment counseling firm he co-founded in 1987, which was acquired by Wilmington Trust in 2002. Robert is a former executive of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith where, at the age of 28, he was elected the youngest vice president in Merrill Lynch history.

He has held a variety of leadership positions in his community, having served as chairman of the board of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, vice chairman of the executive committee of the Woodruff Arts Center, and chairman of the Salvation Army Atlanta Boys & Girls Clubs. He is founding president of The Southeastern Horticultural Society and founder of the Southern Highlands Reserve, a native plant arboretum in western North Carolina. Robert is a member of the Atlanta Rotary Club and Vistage, an international organization of CEOs. He is a graduate of Washington & Lee University and serves as a member of its Board of Trustees. He is also an Eagle Scout.

Adrian Cronje, Ph.D., CFA®
Partner and Chief Investment Officer

Adrian Cronje is Balentine's Chief Investment Officer, and Chair of the Investment Strategy Team. He is a founding partner of Balentine, and a member of the Management Committee.

As Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Strategist at Wilmington Trust, he chaired the firm's Investment Strategy Team. Adrian also previously served as Director, Deputy Head of Quantitative Equity Products at Schroders in London, where his team managed more than $3 billion across global equity markets for institutional and private investors. Adrian holds a Ph.D. in Macroeconomics and Econometrics and a master's degree in Economics and Finance from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, where he served as Assistant Director of Studies at King's College. He earned his bachelor's degree in Economics, with honors, from the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

Adrian has served on and moderated many panels of industry experts, and is a member of Fortigent's Investment Roundtable. He has addressed diverse groups including the CFA Institute's Annual Conference, CFA Society of Philadelphia, the Boston Security Analysts Society, the Georgia Tech MBA program, the Southern Federal Tax Institute, the Southeastern Council of Foundations, and the Georgetown University Law Center's Continuing Legal Education program. He also volunteers as a member of the Endowment Committee of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta, and teaches CFA Review courses for the CFA Society of Atlanta.