

SYMMETRY'S INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Drawing on decades of evidence, the insights of leading academics, and original research, Symmetry's Investment Committee is responsible for setting the firm's investment policy as well as developing new evidence-based investment solutions and strategies, including the Panoramic Funds and Models and PrecisionCore ETF Models.



David E. Connelly Jr., Partner, is a founding partner of Symmetry Partners. Mr. Connelly focuses on portfolio management and the strategic growth of the firm. He co-founded Symmetry Partners in 1994 to serve pension funds, closely held businesses, not-for-profit organizations and high-net-worth investors. He has broadened the focus of the firm to include a full range of retirement plans and independent fee-based advisors.

Prior to co-founding Symmetry Partners, Mr. Connelly was a financial advisor with Dean Witter Reynolds serving high-net-worth clients. He also held positions with Merrill Lynch and Putnam Mutual Funds.



Patrick A. Sweeny, Partner, Patrick A. Sweeny is a founding partner of Symmetry Partners. Prior to co-founding the company in 1994, he spent a number of years on Wall Street with Weeden & Company and Dean Witter Reynolds in institutional trading and sales in both the equity and fixed income markets. Additionally, he was a member of the Commodities Exchange as a floor trader with Paine Webber.

Mr. Sweeny is as recognized speaker on asset class investing and transforming advisor businesses into more efficient models. He speaks at industry conferences and regularly guest lectures at universities. He received his B.A. in economics from Fairfield University.



John McDermott, Ph.D., Chief Investment Strategist, began his affiliation with Symmetry in 2005. Dr. McDermott is a renowned scholar focused on the role of liquidity in financial markets. He has been published in numerous academic journals, including The Journal of Banking and Finance, The Journal of Financial Markets and The Journal of Futures Markets. Dr. McDermott received his undergraduate degree from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, his MBA from Columbia University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut.



Phillip R. McDonald, Managing Director, Research & Investments, is directly responsible for overseeing Symmetry Partners' Research. Mr. McDonald joined Symmetry in April of 2010. Prior to joining Symmetry, he held several international investment management positions at Prudential Capital Group and worked as an internal consultant for The Hartford Financial Services Group.

Mr. McDonald received his B.S. in International Finance & Commerce from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and his M.B.A. in Finance and Venture Consulting from the University of Connecticut. He became a CFA[®] charterholder in 2003, and a CAIA[®] charterholder in 2011.



Thomas J. Romano, Head of Strategic Relationships and Product Development, Tom Romano is responsible for supporting the business growth objectives of Symmetry's strategic relationships. As Head of Strategic Relationships and Product Development, he works closely with the Symmetry team and financial advisor community to identify and implement a variety of solutions, tools, and resources. He has held a number of Sales Management and leadership roles at Symmetry and has more than two decades of experience in the financial services industry. He previously worked at Advest, Inc. as a Relationship Marketing Consultant in the Asset Management Services Department. He graduated from Assumption College in Worcester, MA earning a degree in Business Management.