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Preface

Peter Bernstein, who passed away on June 5, 2009, was proud to introduce the volume commemorating the first five years of the Bernstein Fabozzi/Jacobs Levy Awards. His preface noted: "The papers herein provide a compendium of the best of the best in finance." Peter would have been equally proud of Volume Two.

We got to know Peter personally in the late 1980s, after submitting an article on the stock market's complexity to *The Journal of Portfolio Management*. Peter wrote back that he would be delighted to publish the piece and, much to our surprise, also invited Bruce to join the Journal's advisory board. Ten years later, in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Journal, Peter and Frank published *Streetwise: The Best of The Journal of Portfolio Management*. We were honored to be included in this select group of some 40 articles.

The publication of *Streetwise* made us think: Why not continue to honor the best of *The Journal of Portfolio Management* with annual awards for the best articles? By 1999, Peter and Frank Fabozzi, his successor as editor, had honed the Journal into a forum for leading-edge ideas in portfolio management. The Journal had published such luminaries as Paul Samuelson on the possibility of active management, Harry Markowitz on portfolio optimization, Bill Sharpe on performance measurement, Marty Leibowitz on bond portfolio management, Fischer Black on options, and Merton Miller on the history of finance. Perhaps just as importantly, Peter and Frank always ensured that the Journal remained accessible to investment professionals, so that investment theory could be translated into investment practice.

The Bernstein Fabozzi/Jacobs Levy Awards honor Peter and Frank's extraordinary contributions to the profession and aim to promote excellence in both the theory and practice of portfolio management. Over their first 10 years, awards have gone to Mark Anson, Rob Arnott, Cliff Asness, Jack Bogle, Richard Ennis, Richard Grinold, Ron Kahn, Andy Lo, Burt Malkiel, Jeremy Siegel, and Larry Siegel, among many others. The winning articles cover the waterfront of investing and provide new and practical insights on equity and bond investing, behavioral finance, long-short portfolios, performance attribution, risk premia, asset allocation, hedge funds, and other topics.

In his life's work as editor and as author, Peter consistently exhibited the rare talent of being able to recognize innovative perspectives on the age-old art of investing. This was evident in the newsletters he published even before founding the Journal, and continued with the Journal and the publication of *Capital Ideas, Against the Gods*, and *Capital Ideas Evolving*. This last book, dealing with a post-CAPM world, was written when Peter was well into his 80s, demonstrating that his remarkable gift only grew brighter with age.

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