



Mary Ellen Stanek, CFA
Managing Director
Chief Investment Officer – Baird Advisors
President of Baird Funds

Mary Ellen Stanek, CFA, has 40 years of investment management experience. She currently serves as Managing Director of Robert W. Baird & Co. and Chief Investment Officer of Baird Advisors responsible for over \$80 Billion in Assets under Management. Additionally, she serves as President of the Baird Funds. In 2019, Mary Ellen was a finalist for Morningstar's Outstanding Portfolio Award. Under her leadership, the Baird Advisors team was also named a finalist for the Morningstar, Inc.'s 2016 Fixed Income Fund Manager of the Year Award. Previously she had served as President and CEO of Firststar Investment Research & Management Company.

Mary Ellen is a member of The CFA Institute, the CFA Society of Milwaukee, the Greater Milwaukee Committee (past Board Chair), Milwaukee 7 (past Co-Chair), Tempo (past President), Professional Dimensions and Milwaukee Women inc.

Mary Ellen serves on the boards of Baird Financial Group, Northwestern Mutual, and WEC Energy Group (NYSE:WEC). She also serves on the boards of All-In Milwaukee, Boys and Girls Clubs (past Board Chair), Children's Hospital Foundation, Faith In Our Future Trust, Froedtert Health, Greater Milwaukee Committee, Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Medical College of Wisconsin (past Board Chair), and Milwaukee World Festival. She served on the Board of Marquette University where she chaired the Board and was elected Trustee Emerita. She has co-chaired annual campaigns for the United Performing Arts Fund and the United Way.

Mary Ellen has received the Marquette University Alumna of the Year (2010) recognition, the Marquette University College of Arts and Sciences Person for Others Award, Marquette University High School's Spirit of St. Ignatius Award, The St. Francis Children's Service Award, The Tempo Mentor Award, The Business Journal Women of Influence Award, The Point of Light Award, Professional Dimensions Sacagawea Award, Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame Distinguished Executive Award, Baird's Brenton H. Ruppel Citizenship Award and the Herb Kohl Champion Award. She and her husband were named "Parents of the Year" by COA Youth and Family Centers (2011). In 2012, she received the MVP Award from Boys & Girls Clubs.

She received her undergraduate degree from Marquette University (Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa) and her graduate degree from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. She is a Chartered Financial Analyst.

Mary Ellen and her husband, Scott, have three children: Peter (Erin), Katie (Tim), and Patrick and three granddaughters: Emme, Abigail and Kathryn.