
Investment Committee



PETER MURPHY, CFA®

President & Chief Investment Officer

Pete joined Founders Financial in 2012, was named President of Freedom Capital Management Strategies® (FCMS), the firm's innovative investment management platform, in 2014, and has served as the firm's Chief Investment Officer since 2016. He leads the FCMS investment team and oversees the investment strategies available through FCMS. He is also responsible for leading the platform's strategic growth and development initiatives. Pete's forward-looking and unique perspective is what makes FCMS a force to be reckoned with in the industry.

Pete brings over fifteen years of investment experience to the team. Prior to joining Founders Financial, he was a member of the Investment Team of the University of Notre Dame Investment Office, which is responsible for overseeing investments in the University's endowment fund. Pete earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Notre Dame and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation.



BRIAN ZABORA, CFA®

Investment Director

Brian joined Founders Financial in 2021 and serves as an Investment Director for FCMS. In this role, he oversees our institutional investment process, which includes global macroeconomic and capital markets research, asset allocation, portfolio construction, and fund manager due diligence. Brian is also responsible for strategic research and development projects as we continually seek to deliver innovative investment solutions through FCMS.

Brian brings over 25 years of investment experience to the team primarily focused on institutional equity research at several prominent firms, including: Legg Mason, Credit Suisse, Stifel Financial, and Hovde Group. He most recently served as the Director of Investment Management at a wealth management firm in Baltimore. Brian earned his Master and Bachelor of Business Administration from Loyola University Maryland and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation.



CATIE ALLENDER, CFA®

Investment Manager

Catie joined Founders Financial in 2018 where she initially served as an Investment Analyst and has expanded her role to become an Investment Manager for FCMS. In this role, she is responsible for implementing our investment process with a focus on research, due diligence, portfolio analysis, and trading. Catie also plays a key role in our communication and advisor engagement initiatives and has made a significant impact through her infectious energy, thirst for knowledge, and analytical rigor.

Prior to joining Founders, Catie worked as a Program Assistant in the Fine Arts Department of Loyola University. She earned her Master of Science in Finance and her Bachelor of Arts in Classical Languages from Loyola University Maryland and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst® designation.