



# The scientific pursuit of *a better way to invest*

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NOBEL LAUREATES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FIRM 1,500+

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INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

## A Different Way to Invest

### **STOCK PICKERS** Try to outguess the market



Find pricing "mistakes"

# INDEXERS





Match the returns of an index

### DIMENSIONAL

Trust the market



Use market data and a systematic approach to target higher expected returns

### A Foundation Built on Academic Research

"At Dimensional, we don't jump on every new idea that comes along. We're looking for what will stand up over a long period of time."

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Nobel laureate, 2013 Professor, University of Chicago Dimensional Director and Consultan "Our goal is to inform, not justify, how Dimensional uses the research that we and other academics have discovered."

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### **ROBERT MERTON**

Nobel laureate, 1997 Professor, MIT Dimensional Resident Scientist

# The Dimensional Difference

# On the leading edge *applying financial science*

A culture of academic inquiry has been Dimensional's bedrock from the start. Our firm is driven by an evidence-based approach, Nobel Prize–winning insights, and decades of expertise applying financial science to real-world portfolios.

Following the science of investing means we look past guesses about what company or sector might outperform—and beyond the arbitrary restrictions imposed by funds that merely track an index. Our rigourous, data-driven process reflects years of innovation and refinement, and this has historically translated into better returns for investors.

# Driven by the power of markets

Markets do an excellent job adjusting to new information and incorporating the expectations of millions of buyers and sellers into prices—in real time. Prices change based on what's happening right now and what people think will happen in the future. That means stock prices are a good representation of fair value. Research has shown that stock pickers, who try to outperform by finding pricing "mistakes," consistently underperform their benchmarks.

Rather than trying to find what markets got wrong, we use the information contained in prices to seek better returns and manage risk. Trusting markets means we take a less subjective, more systematic approach to investing, an approach we can implement consistently around the world and across asset classes.

## Adding value at every turn

Our science-based approach guides us at every point in the investment process, from conducting research to designing portfolios, to considering when and how to trade. We build portfolios that emphasise areas of the market that research shows have higher expected returns.

Our flexibility is another way we add value. As market prices change every day, a strategy that rebalances only once or twice a year, like most index funds, can leave returns on the table. At Dimensional, we buy and sell securities based on up-to-date information on what can improve returns.

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