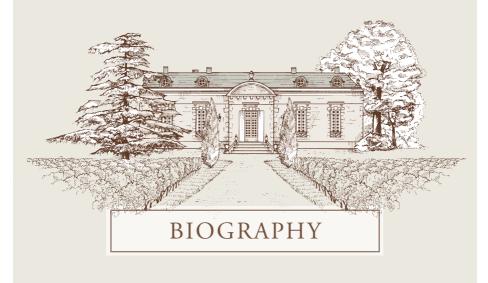
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Robert S. Dow

Having served in the US Army, Robert S. Dow attended Newark College of Engineering and graduated with a BS in civil engineering. He pursued his studies at the N.Y.U. School of Engineering and Science, and then turned to commerce at New York's Colombia Business School in 1972, shortly after competing at the Munich Olympic Games in his nation's fencing team.

He began working at Lord Abbett & Co. as a quantitative analyst and subsequently completed the Columbia MBA programme. Ten years later, he became head of Lord Abbett's fixed-income division. In 1996, he was named a managing partner having succeeded in increasing the firm's assets from 18 to 135 billion dollars and thereby positioning Lord Abbett & Co. amongst the 30 largest investment-management concerns in the U.S. In parallel, he supports many projects and has worked hard to help others: he was a trustee of Tuxedo Park School from 1990 to 2005 and has been a board member of the Peter Westbrook Foundation since 2002, which teaches young disadvantaged New Yorkers how to fence, thereby introducing them to the values of discipline, hard work and perseverance. Mr. Dow is also the treasurer of the Christina Seix Academy, founded by his wife. This independent school based in Trenton, New Jersey, gives children living in single parent families, beset by economic hardship, a sound education. Dow also established a scholarship at the New Jersey Institute of Technology to assist students.

For his outstanding career in finance and his commitment to helping others, Robert S. Dow was conferred with the prestigious degree of Doctor of Science honoris causa by the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

