

ANNUAL EVENT ATTRACTS INVESTORS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Investors from six continents and 33 countries met in Mammel Hall April 28-29 for the 13th annual Value Investor Conference and, new this year, Philanthropy Summit. This conference coincides with Berkshire Hathaway's signature shareholders meeting each year.

The sold-out conference featured 13 speakers, including presidents, portfolio managers, chief investment officers, best-selling authors and more. Aswath Damodaran — author and professor of finance at New York University's Stern School of Business — kicked off the day, speaking about pricing and value processes.

The first-ever Philanthropy Summit featured a panel discussion with two of Warren Buffett's children, Susie and Peter, who shared their lessons learned, important early influences — including their parents' dedication to helping disadvantaged people — and how they measure their success as philanthropists.

UNO adjunct faculty member, author, speaker and scholar Robert Miles directs this two-day conference each year. Miles also teaches the Genius of Buffett class. Held twice a year, this one-of-a-kind course for Executive MBA students and lifelong learners covers the principles, methods and many dimensions of one of the world's greatest business leaders.

Based on what they learn in the course, students select a portfolio of stocks for the Genius of Buffett (GOB) Investment Fund, established in 2013. After a 10-year holding period, a portion of the student-selected fund is sold each year to benefit the Executive MBA program.

In May 2016, the fund surpassed \$50,000 for the first time.

"Our goal with the Genius of Buffett Fund is to support the UNO Executive MBA program and to make the course self-sustaining," Miles said. "We are hopeful that one day a long-time Berkshire shareholder and fan of Warren Buffett will make a tax-deductible 'A' share donation. This will ensure that the principles and methods of the world's greatest investor and business leader will be taught many decades from now."

Early donors include Miles himself; CBA Dean Louis Pol and his wife, Janet; and GOB graduate and investment manager Michael Shearn. Contributors to the fund receive copies of the executive team's investment research reports to consider for their own portfolios, among other benefits. Donations are accepted online at nufoundation.org.

The next GOB class is scheduled for two weekends this fall, September 29-October 1 and October 20-22. ■

HIGHLIGHTS

Investors from 33 countries attended 13th Annual Value Investor Conference

GOB Investment Fund surpassed \$50,000

First Philanthropy Summit featured Susie and Peter Buffett



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