

## **Active Management and the Efficiency of Securities Markets" Wins 2021 Special Distinction Award from the Journal of Investment Management**

Washington, D.C., January 25, 2022 — An academic paper highlighting the essential contribution that active investment management makes to market efficiency won a Special Distinction Award in the prestigious [Harry M. Markowitz Awards](#) presented by the [Journal of Investment Management](#) and New Frontier Advisors.

*"Active Management and the Efficiency of Securities Markets,"* by Professor Russ Wermers of the University of Maryland, demonstrates how active management supports an efficient market by correcting market anomalies, providing liquidity, acting as a conduit for incorporating news into prices, and serving as a counterbalance to corporate management.

Professor Wermers' research, supported by the Investment Adviser Association's Active Managers Council, concludes that, because active managers contribute to market efficiency, they generate positive externalities that benefit all investors.

"The Active Managers Council congratulates Professor Wermers on this well-deserved recognition," said IAA President and CEO Karen Barr. "This paper has advanced the understanding of the critical role that active management plays in the smooth operation of the markets and the economy."

The Harry M. Markowitz Awards support research and innovation in asset management. They honor the legacy of Dr. Markowitz's work as a financial economist and mathematician on both theoretical finance and the practice of asset management. Winners are chosen from papers published in the *Journal of Investment Management* in a calendar year.

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### ***About the Active Managers Council***

The Active Managers Council is the premier industry voice for active investment management. Its mission is to advocate for a more balanced narrative on active and passive management and to provide education about the benefits of active management and its vital importance to the securities markets. For more information, visit [www.activemanagers.com](http://www.activemanagers.com) or follow us on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).