

# The **100** Most Influential **WOMEN** In U.S. Finance

*Barron's* inaugural list honors movers, shakers, and agenda makers throughout the finance industry for their leadership and achievements



## Anne Walsh

Anne Walsh's career got off to a fast start when, having graduated from college at 19, she started working for the Retirement Systems of Alabama. Walsh, 55, has enjoyed a steady rise ever since and now oversees more than \$185 billion in fixed-income investments, including agencies, credit, municipal bonds, and structured securities.

"It was a really lucky break to be able to go into the asset management industry right out of college," she says. "I've stayed in the investment-management business the entire time."

Walsh is responsible for portfolio design, strategy, sector allocation, risk management, and conveying Guggenheim's macroeconomic outlook to portfolio managers and fixed-income sector specialists.

"We think about asset management as protecting the retirement, college savings, or other savings of moms, dads, grandmas, teachers, firemen, and policemen," she says. "It's really a high calling."

Walsh joined Reinsurance Group of America in 2000 and served as chief investment officer until leaving for Guggenheim in 2007. Prior to that, she was a vice president and senior investment consultant for Zurich Scudder Investments. Her early career included roles at Lincoln Investment Management and American Bankers Insurance Group.

In addition to bachelor's and master's degrees from Auburn University, Walsh has a law degree from the University of Miami.

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To create the 100 Most Influential Women list, Barron's solicited nominations from its readers, finance-industry executives, and their in-house experts: the writers and editors who cover markets every day, and make it their business to know who's calling the shots on Wall Street and elsewhere in the financial sector. The final list was assembled by a panel of Barron's journalists.

The women on the list are all U.S.-based. Other criteria for inclusion were positions in money management, investment research, banking, financial regulation, trading, brokerage, family offices, advisory services, and financial policy and advocacy. Barron's also considered, and included, notable CFOs of major non-financial companies, but not CEOs or other senior management.

The 100 women on the list were chosen based on their accomplishments and leadership within their organization, influence within their sector, and the capacity to shape their business or the industry in the future.

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