

Cream of the Crop: AIMR Honors Stars of the Profession

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Paramount Studios served as the appropriate backdrop to honor stars of the profession at the 2001 AIMR Leadership Awards Dinner. Held on 19 May 2001, attendees traversed a red carpet to enter the venue — the only major motion picture studio actually located in Hollywood. After an elegant outdoor reception, guests were ushered to the Paramount Theater for dinner in the atrium and an awards ceremony inside the theater. In all, 11 individuals were honored during the evening for their outstanding contributions to the profession.

AIMR President and CEO Tom Bowman, CFA, began the evening with accolades for the award winners. “Isn’t it appropriate that we would use this venue tonight to honor the stars of our profession and our organization?” he said. “While literally thousands of people have contributed, the individuals we will honor tonight have made extraordinary contributions.”

Charley Ellis, CFA, drew laughter from the crowd as he roasted his longtime friend and colleague **Dean LeBaron, CFA**, recipient of the Award for Professional Excellence — AIMR’s highest honor — for his exemplary achievements and excellence of practice.

After demonstrating how useful a pocket flashlight can be, given California’s energy crisis, Mr. LeBaron graciously

accepted his award. “I am really delighted to be here and accept this great honor from AIMR,” he said. “AIMR has met the challenge of numbers — we are a huge organization — and of recognition ... I can see the next challenge for us will be about our character, and I know that we will meet that character challenge very well.”

In addition to Mr. LeBaron, another award recipient was **I. Rossa O’Reilly, CFA**, who was given the C. Stewart Sheppard Award for his contributions to the education of professional investors. **Frank K. Reilly, CFA**, received the Daniel J. Forrestal III Leadership Award for his pursuit of excellence in professional ethics and standards of practice. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to **Patricia A. McConnell** for her significant contributions to AIMR. **Eduardo S. Schwartz**

and **Mark Moon** earned the Graham and Dodd Award for excellence in financial writing.

The James R. Vertin Award was presented to **Roger G. Ibbotson** and **Rex A. Sinquefield** in recognition of the enduring value to investment professionals of their bodies of research. **Stephen Ross** received the Nicholas Molodovsky Award for his contribu-

tions to change the direction of the profession of investment management.

Robert B. Hardaway, Jr., CFA, became



Recipients of the 2001 Leadership Awards enjoyed star treatment at Hollywood’s Paramount Studios. Dean LeBaron, CFA, (inset) received the Award for Professional Excellence.

the fourth recipient of the Society Leader Award, given to an AIMR member who has made significant contributions to societies and chapters at large. And the Thomas L. Hansberger Leadership in Global Investing Award was presented to **Ole Jacobsen** for his outstanding contributions to global investing. ●

2001 AIMR AWARD WINNERS

Dean LeBaron, CFA
Award for Professional Excellence

I. Rossa O’Reilly, CFA
C. Stewart Sheppard Award

Frank K. Reilly, CFA
Daniel J. Forrestal III Leadership Award

Patricia A. McConnell
Distinguished Service Award

Eduardo S. Schwartz & Mark Moon
Graham and Dodd Award

Roger G. Ibbotson & Rex A. Sinquefield
James R. Vertin Award

Stephen Ross
Nicholas Molodovsky Award

Robert B. Hardaway, Jr., CFA
Society Leader Award

Ole Jacobsen
Thomas L. Hansberger Leadership in Global Investing Award



Pat McConnell (left) was honored with the Distinguished Service Award, which was presented by AIMR Senior Vice President Ray DeAngelo.