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BIOGRAPHY

John W. Rogers, Jr. is Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ariel Capital Management, LLC which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. With over \$13 billion in assets under management, the firm serves individual investors and 401(k) plans through its no-load Ariel Mutual Funds and manages separate accounts for institutional clients. John specializes in small and mid-cap U.S. equities and is the Lead Portfolio Manager of the firm's flagship Ariel Fund as well as the Ariel Appreciation Fund. Additionally, as the firm's Chief Investment Officer, John manages Ariel's small and mid-cap institutional portfolios.

John serves as a corporate board member of three public companies: Aon Corporation, Exelon Corporation and McDonald's Corporation. Also dedicated to giving back to the community, John's civic affiliations include serving as a Director of the Chicago Urban League and a Trustee of the University of Chicago. In addition, he is a past President of the Board of the Chicago Park District. He received an AB in Economics in 1980 from Princeton University where he was also captain of the Varsity Basketball Team. In 2008, John was awarded Princeton's highest honor, the Woodrow Wilson Award, bestowed annually on a graduate whose career embodies a commitment to national service.

His investment expertise has brought him to the forefront of media attention. John is frequently quoted in business publications. In addition, he has made guest appearances on television shows ranging from "Louis Rukeyser's Wall Street" to "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and has also spoken at many academic institutions. In 1995, he was profiled in The Mutual Fund Masters alongside Peter Lynch and John Templeton. In 1994, he was named by Time magazine as one of its "50 for the Future," a roster of the country's most promising leaders under age 40. Additionally, in 1988, he was named Mutual Fund Manager of the Year by Sylvia Porter's Personal Finance Magazine.