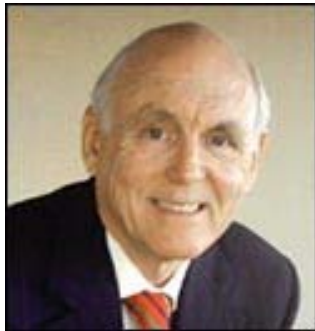


# GuruFocus Tracks the Stock Picks of Gurus

Only a handful of people in this world can qualify as investment guru. We have carefully identified a number of investment gurus based on their long term track record. We track their buys, sells and insights in market.



## Profile:

**Founder of Aster Investment Management Co. His Meridian Growth Fund has returned an annualized 14.2% since inception in 1984. His Meridian Value Fund has returned an annualized 17.9% since inception in 1995.**

## Investing Philosophy:

**Richard F. Aster, Jr. invests in both growth and value stocks.**

## Rick Aster, Jr.

It isn't just a terrific record, built over nearly two decades, that makes Rick Aster's story so compelling. What really separates him from most other managers is that his two mutual funds approach stocks from diametrically opposed philosophies--or at least they appear to. Meridian Growth buys shares of small and midsize growth companies, while Meridian Value invests in undervalued companies of any size. Aster has been the sole manager of Growth since its 1984 inception. A decade later, he conceived the strategy employed by Value, and, although he does not research the stocks for that fund, Aster signs off on any new names added to the portfolio.

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