



### **In memoriam: Dr. Mark Mobius**

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Dr. Mark Mobius, a pioneer and one of the most influential figures in emerging markets investing.

Widely regarded as the “Father of emerging markets,” Mark took a keen interest in Romania and its potential. From his role as Executive Chairman of Templeton Emerging Markets Group until 2016, Mark played an important role in promoting Fondul Proprietatea and the country to the global investor community. He highlighted the unique features of the Fund and the boldness of the endeavor undertaken by Romania in setting up the Fund as both a restitution vehicle, as well as an investment fund designed to boost the development of the local capital market.

After Franklin Templeton won the mandate as Fund Manager of Fondul Proprietatea back in 2009, Mark oversaw the opening of the Franklin Templeton local Bucharest office in 2010. The local investment team and other professionals on the ground enjoyed his valuable leadership and guidance.

Mark’s disciplined and on-the-ground approach to investing as well as conviction in the long-term potential of emerging economies, such as Romania, left a lasting imprint on the team and continue to guide our investment philosophy today.

Beyond his remarkable professional achievements, Mark Mobius will be remembered for his boundless energy, intellectual curiosity, optimism, and genuine openness towards people and cultures. A visionary leader, he combined sharp strategic insights with authenticity and warmth. He inspired colleagues, investors, and business leaders alike, leaving a legacy defined by integrity, purpose, and enduring impact.