

James R. (Read) Branch Jr.

Managing Director



At the beginning of his career, Read “retired” and spent eight years sailing. In 1989, he joined Davenport to create an information technology group for the firm. He has been serving clients as an Investment Advisor for more than 30 years. Read graduated from the University of Virginia with a B.A. degree in environmental science. As part of his college career, he spent a year at the London School of Economics studying Economic Geography. He is Series 7, 63 and 65 registered with FINRA and is licensed to offer annuities and long-term care insurance.

Active in the community, Read has served on the board of the Cabell Foundation since 1986; he was president from 2013-2019. He has also been a member and board chair of ChildSavers since 2007, and he is a past member and board chair of Trinity Episcopal School. He and his wife, Jody, have two grown children, Katherine and Russell. Russell joined Read and Pat Branch’s investment team in 2018, forming the Branch Investment Group. In his free time, Read enjoys sailing, boating and any activities at the river or on the farm.