



GERBER KAWASAKI

wealth & investment management

Gerber Kawasaki was founded in 2010 by Ross Gerber and Danilo Kawasaki – industry veterans and longtime friends who thought a new paradigm for wealth and investment management was needed.

In the wake of the 2008 financial crisis, it became evident that the big brokerage firms never had their clients' best interest at heart. The 2008 crisis gave pause to conventional thinking. As these large firms tarnished their reputation, a window was created for new firms with fresh ideas. Clients deserve modern, unbiased, independent financial advice aligned with their goals and tolerance for risk. A firm where your values will match your investments.

Gerber Kawasaki's mission is to provide the highest level of integrity, dedication, and objectivity in guiding their clients holistically to maximize their financial resources while mitigating their risks and preserving their legacy.

With over \$3.3 billion in clients' assets, Gerber Kawasaki is one of the leading investment firms in the country. Recipient of many industry awards, Gerber Kawasaki is a constant presence in the main financial mediums including CNBC, Bloomberg, Fox News, Reuters, Wall Street Journal, LA Times, and many others.

Who We Are

Diversity • Integrity • Community

WEALTH MANAGEMENT

We manage complexity and simplify your life

- Top Industry Certifications & Qualifications
- High-Tech, Human-Centric Service Model
- Collaborative Outreach to Your Team of Professionals
- Bespoke Plans for Every Investor

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

We are investors with real world experience

- Decades of Investment Experience
- Process-Driven Decisions
- Tailored Investment Solutions
- No Proprietary Products

TAX SERVICES

We strategize and optimize your tax process

- Work Hand-in-hand
- Streamlined communication between advisor and Tax Professional
- Tactical Driven Tax Process
- Customize strategies with investments
- Organize Bookkeeping & Payroll

2010

Founded

SANTA
MONICA

Based

\$3.36B

Assets Under
Management &
Advisement*

FIDUCIARY

Independent
Investment Management

*As of December 31st, 2024

Why Gerber Kawasaki



Independent Advisory

We don't sell any proprietary products, and therefore provide objective recommendations for your needs.



Personalized

We appreciate that our high net worth clients' situations are unique, and so are their portfolios. We design custom plans to fit your own unique situation.



Team Approach

Horizontal, not hierarchical business model that pulls equally from the diverse expertise and experience of our entire team.



Transparent Fees

Not only are our fees competitive, but they are simple to understand. Nothing is hidden and we are only paid to give our clients advice.

Fiduciary Standard

Being a fiduciary means we are legally obligated to put our clients' interests first.



Holistic Planning

Comprehensive approach encompasses your entire financial life – not just investments. Our expertise includes: tax strategies, estate planning, charitable and legacy planning, as well as risk management.



Impeccable Regulatory Record

We encourage you to review our clean background by visiting the website: <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/>



Human Touch + Technology

Leveraging technology improves the client experience and investment results, but not at the expense of human interaction and nuanced judgement.



Holistic Process



Financial Planning Process

Developing a clear understanding of our clients' issues helps us identify potential strategies to help address their needs and move forward.

Discover

- Needs, Wants, and Dreams
- Tolerance for Risk
- Specific Tax Considerations
- Philanthropic Aspirations
- Legacy Planning

Strategize

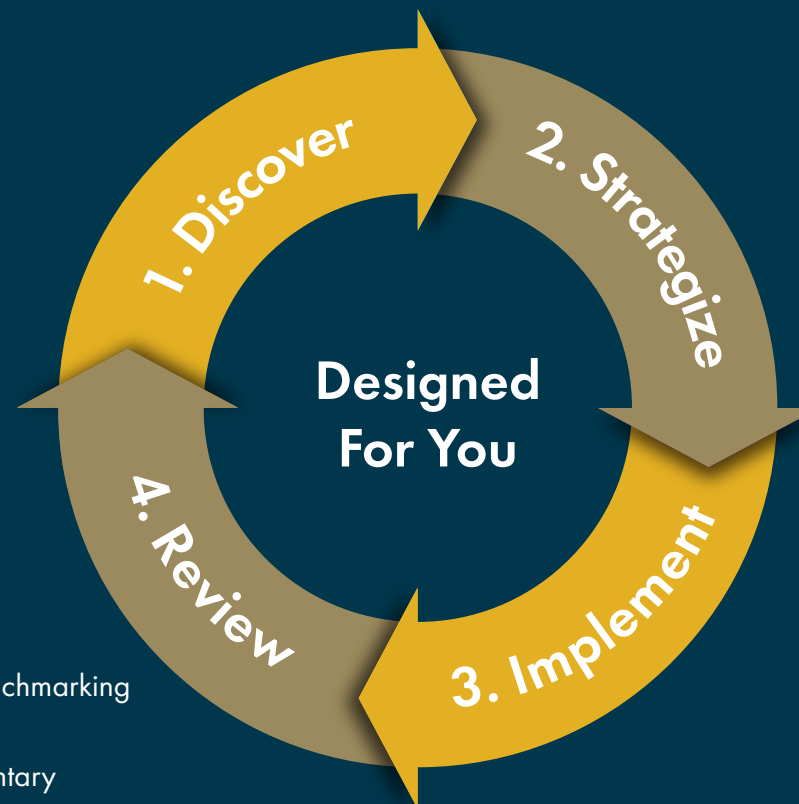
- Portfolio Design
- Optimized Asset Allocation
- Tax & Estate Considerations
- Charitable Planning
- Asset Protection

Review

- Performance Reporting and Benchmarking
- Periodic and Ongoing Reviews
- Investment and Market Commentary
- Ongoing Manager Due Diligence
- Behavioral Coaching

Implement

- Active Portfolio Management
- Tactical Asset Allocation and Rebalancing
- Security Selection
- Manager Selection
- Active Tax Management and Loss Harvesting



Investment Process

CEO and CIO Ross Gerber leads our investment committee, which actively and tactically manages all of our portfolios, company research, and security selection. Our Index + Alpha strategy incorporates our highest conviction ideas through our proprietary equity research to optimize your asset allocation. We believe in holding the highest quality companies with solid growth prospects and strong fundamentals for the long term.

Our tax efficient and tactical asset allocation strategies are designed to dampen volatility and focus on risk adjusted returns.



Impact Investing is in the GK ethos. Socially and environmentally responsible investing doesn't just feel good, it can deliver strong long-term results for our clients. To us, sustainable & conscious companies are tantamount to great investing.

Tax Services

Gerber Kawasaki uses technology to optimize and simplify your tax process. Your investment return is directly impacted by your taxes, and when you work with Gerber Kawasaki Tax and Accounting, your Financial Advisor and CPA are working on the same team.

Say goodbye to passing and confirming information to and from your CPA to your Advisor. Our tax and accounting division streamlines communication between the two without you stuck in the middle. You can now have the peace of mind that all of your investment information is relayed correctly on your tax return. With our all-digital process, we can complete your statements much faster than your traditional accounting firm.

Request a Consultation



Select a date and time and add your preferred contact information. All of our meetings are conducted over the phone or Zoom.

01

Securely Upload Your Documents



Send your documents securely to our CPA.

02

Comprehensive Review



During your session, our tax department will evaluate your situation and offer tax strategies and alternatives to reduce your taxes.

03

Tax Return Draft



Our CPA and your Financial Advisor will email you a tax return draft and be readily available to answer your questions.

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Services

Investment Management

Equity Compensation Plans

Trust and Estate Services

Small Business Planning

Risk Management

Tax Planning Solutions

Philanthropic Planning/Charitable Giving

Endowments and Foundations

Multigenerational Family Planning and Education

Corporate Retirement Plans and Benefits

Wealth Structuring

Financial Planning

Business Succession Planning

Cash Management Services

Real Estate Solutions and Advisers

Collateral Equity Lines of Credit

Awards & Recognition

Best Places to Work 2020
for Financial Advisors
Investment News

Excellence In
Diversity & Inclusion
Investment News

40 Under 40
Financial Advisors 2018
Investment News

The Most Influential
Wealth Managers in Los Angeles
The Los Angeles Business Journal

Next-Gen Best-In-State
Wealth Advisors 2019
Forbes

100 Fastest Growing
Private Companies 2019
The Los Angeles Business Journal

40 In Their 40's
Leading Financial Services &
Accounting Professionals
The Los Angeles Business Journal

Best of the Westside
Best Financial Advisor
The Argonaut Newsweekly

Corporate Social
Responsibility/Diversity
Asset Managers
WealthManagement.com

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Ameritrade
NETWORK

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BUSINESS

Forbes

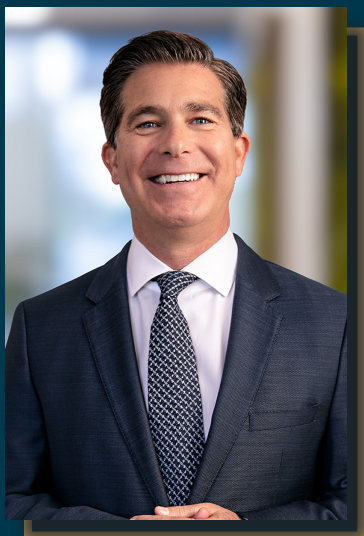


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Ross Gerber

President and CEO

Ross is the Co-Founder, President, and CEO of Gerber Kawasaki Wealth and Investment Management, where he leads the company's corporate and investment management operations while also providing personalized financial guidance to individual clients. Renowned as one of the most influential investors across social and traditional media platforms, Ross regularly shares his investment insights and advice, earning him a prominent presence on global business news networks and popular investment podcasts. With appearances on leading media outlets such as Bloomberg, Reuters, Fox Business, and CNBC, Ross has established himself as a trusted voice in the finance industry.

Under Ross's leadership, Gerber Kawasaki manages a substantial portfolio of \$3.36 billion in investments as of 12/31/24, focusing on sectors like technology, clean energy and transportation, consumer discretionary, media, and entertainment. The firm stands out for its innovative approach to financial technology (Fintech), leveraging technology and social media to cater to a diverse clientele efficiently. Recognized for its rapid growth and commitment to diversity and inclusion, Gerber Kawasaki was listed as one of the fastest-growing companies in Los Angeles by the LABJ and received multiple awards within the financial industry for its dedication to serving the diverse community of Southern California.

Dedicated to empowering the younger generation with investment knowledge, Gerber Kawasaki pioneers the Get Invested program, aiming to provide accessible investment advice. As a testament to its commitment to innovation, Gerber Kawasaki became the first major Registered Investment Advisor (RIA) to partner with Gemini, offering Digital Assets to clients starting in April 2021. Ross's expertise extends beyond finance; he is also an adept online marketer and co-developer of the company's iOS app, my-moneypage.

Ross's journey in finance traces back to his upbringing in Los Angeles, where his passion for investing and music took root from an early age. Inspired by receiving Apple and Disney stock as a gift at 13 and witnessing the bull market of the '80s, Ross pursued his interests through college at the University of Pennsylvania, where he also nurtured his musical talents. Upon graduating, Ross embarked on a successful career in financial planning and investment management, earning accolades such as the Archon and Million Dollar Branch Award from SunAmerica Securities. However, it was during the financial crisis of 2008 that Ross recognized the need for a more client-centric approach to financial services, leading to the founding of Gerber Kawasaki in 2010 alongside his business partner, Danilo Kawasaki.

Outside of his professional endeavors, Ross remains deeply engaged in music and is contributing to the industry as a co-creator and managing member of Cocoon Music – Malibu. He also invests in and advises NoCap Shows/Cold Canyon Club, a video and live event music company, and serves on the executive board of the Guardians of the LA Jewish Heath Organization in Los Angeles. Additionally, Ross is actively involved in philanthropic initiatives, supporting various causes in the local community and beyond. With his multifaceted expertise and unwavering dedication to client success, Ross continues to make a significant impact in both the financial and music realms.



Danilo Kawasaki, CFP® CPWA® Vice President and COO

Danilo is the Co-Founder, Vice-President and COO of **Gerber Kawasaki**, a wealth and investment management firm. Danilo oversees the compliance and day-to-day operations of the firm as well as serves individuals clients. He is a member of the Gerber Kawasaki Board of Directors and the Investment Selection Committee. In 2018, Danilo was nominated by Investment News as one of the top 40 advisors under the age of 40 in the country (<http://www.investmentnews.com/section/40-under-40/2018/profile/10/Danilo-Kawasaki>).

Danilo received his BS degree in Business Administration from the University of Redlands. As a scholar athlete, Danilo is a three-time All-American in tennis. Danilo received a certificate in Personal Financial Planning from UCLA and is a Certified Financial Planner™ professional. Danilo also received a certificate in Wealth Management Theory & Practice from Yale School of Management and is a Certified Private Wealth Advisor®.

Danilo was born and raised in Sao Paulo, Brazil where he was a top-ranked junior tennis player, which earned him a scholarship to play tennis in the US. Growing up in Brazil, Danilo learned the importance of proper wealth management at a very young age. With inflation averaging as high as 1000% a year, it was vital to ensure that your money was always working for you.

Danilo started his career in the financial services industry joining SunAmerica Securities in 2002. He moved up the rankings in record time and was promoted to the branch manager position of the West Los Angeles branch by the age of 24. Danilo's conviction that he is doing one of the most important jobs anyone can do in life by helping people save, grow, and preserve their assets helped gross revenues for the branch tripled from 2004 to 2007. Shortly after, his branch became the top office in the company.

The 2008 financial crisis, which resulted in the collapse of large financial institutions and the bailout of many others, challenged the status quo. Large financial institutions got themselves in trouble for not putting their clients interest ahead of their own. Danilo felt that clients deserve modern, unbiased, independent financial advice in line with their goals and tolerance for risk. With all that in mind, Danilo and his business partner, Ross Gerber, founded Gerber Kawasaki Wealth Management. 'It is our mission to have a client-centric practice, provide our clients with quality and objective financial advice, and by combining the latest technology and our personal touch Gerber Kawasaki promises to offer our clients a unique client experience.'

Danilo lives in Pacific Palisades and enjoys spending quality time with his wife, Wendy, and his three kids, Gabi, Tristan, and Bodhi. In his spare time he can be found beating opponents on the paddle tennis courts of the Jonathan Club, playing golf, and practicing yoga and meditation.



Ruth Cantu

Director of Tax

Ruth Cantu is a seasoned tax professional with over 12 years of experience in public accounting serving HNWI Trusts and Estates, along with public and private companies. Upon moving to Los Angeles in 2004, Ruth secured her first large public industry opportunity with Herbalife International Inc. Ruth is an accomplished finance and operations executive known for driving strategic growth and developing customized solutions for internal and external clients. Ruth delivers high-quality financial, administrative, and operational results through streamlined operations, processes, and team structures.

Ruth serves as the Tax Director at Gerber Kawasaki, leading accounting and tax compliance and consulting engagements for high-net-worth individuals, partnerships, multinational corporations, fiduciary, and non-profit organizations. Her expertise spans federal and multinational tax planning, compliance, and reporting. She excels in navigating complex tax regulations, optimizing tax positions, and providing strategic tax advice. Ruth's deep understanding of tax law, regulations, and general information reporting, with an emphasis on common reporting standards, allows her to deliver tailored solutions aligned with clients' financial goals.

Before joining Gerber Kawasaki, Ruth held pivotal roles at Deloitte and Ernst & Young in Houston, Texas. In 2004, Ruth moved with her two children to Redondo Beach, California, where she has served as an executive management professional and advisor to multinational companies like Honda Finance Inc, Marcus & Millichap Real Estate Services, 99 Cents Only Stores, American Homes 4 Rent, and Herbalife. She managed tax accounting, compliance, cross-border transactions, research, strategic tax planning, and analysis for these companies while mentoring junior staff and managing client relationships.

Ruth holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Texas @ Austin and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in Texas, awaiting reciprocity with the California Board of Accountants (CBA). She is an active member of the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and is currently working towards her Certification as a Financial Officer from Kester and Byrnes Columbia Business School, expected to be completed by August 2025. Additionally, Ruth also holds a certification in Women in Leadership from Syracuse University and a Life Insurance license in California.

Ruth is dedicated to giving back to the community, volunteering her time and expertise to various non-profit organizations by providing pro bono tax services and financial education. She currently serves as the VP of Memberships for the Board of Financial Executives International – LA Chapter. Ruth is also a member of C-Sweet – LA Chapter and a member of the City Club of Los Angeles.

Ruth is a single mom of two young adult children: Jonathan, a 33-year-old biotech engineer and avid surfer living in Torrance, California, and Angela, a 30-year-old medical student at the University of Texas in McAllen and first place stunt cheerleader for the Cardinals @ University of Louisville. Ruth is also a doggie Glama to two Great Danes and an emotional support Boston Terrier. Ruth enjoys sports and other outdoor activities: golfing, stand-up paddleboarding, hiking, wine tasting, cooking, and traveling. She is driven by customer satisfaction, leading and mentoring staff, and displays true grit in getting the job done while leading with empathy and compassion.

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