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Dear Reader

First week of the year is under our belt and we are off to a good market start. There used to be a time where geopolitical uncertainty meant hi volatility. It hasn't happened yet this time. Lets see if the frigid-weather-caused commodity shortage will have one.

Amit Sinha and I have published our paper on the Board Package Process in which we quantify how painful it is to produce, and how much it costs the Long-Term Investors. Interestingly enough, we find that feeding the survey's results into IBM Watson, **points to "sadness"**. It is available on [SSRN](#). Or you can get it on UPMONTH (please click [here](#)).

We also welcome our new subscribers. We apologize in advance for the volume of interesting documents we will send you. Just remember you don't have to read them all. Give us a few days and see if we fit your curiosity.

Kind Regards

Ken

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Collaboration has been an afterthought for most software dedicated to the investment office. in conjunction with Investor DNA has begun a process to just design such a system. In the first instance, we have examined the problem of collaboration in the investment office.

You can access the papers [here](#).

Main

[Investment Outlook 2018](#)

The following outlook provides our investment thoughts for the coming year. We did not include specific recommended asset allocation weightings for the major asset classes, as they will be part of Real Investment Advice premium services.

[Top Hedge Fund Industry Trends for 2018 | AllAboutAlpha: Alternative Investing Trends and Analysis | A finance blog about private equity, commodities, and other alternative asset classes.](#)

[Byron Wien Undaunted By Clear Lack Of Prescience](#)

He's back with 10 more things he's got at least a 50% chance of being wrong about.

[{Another great article from my esteemed friend Arun Muralidhar} Addressing Financial Illiteracy Through Financial Innovation: The Case for Goal-Specific Bonds the Embed Inflation and Compounding by Arun Muralidhar :: SSRN](#)

Financial illiteracy is widespread and leads to bad financial decisions (high debt, insufficient savings). Individuals cannot answer basic questions about infla

[Head of largest hedge fund says economic downturn could leave U.S. 'at each other's throats'](#)

Ray Dalio worries that an economic recession could foment unrest in a polarized America, resulting in segments of the population feeling marginalized in the face of stagnant wages and tax cuts for the wealthy.

[Their Hedge Fund's Founder Was Accused of Sexual Harassment. Here's What They Did Next.](#)

In two client letters exclusive to II, elite biotech fund OrbiMed Advisors attempted damage control — after their investors learned about accusations against its founder in the press. By Alicia McElhaney & Leanna Orr.

Pension related

[Public Pension Fund Members Largely Unaware of Underfunding | PLANSPONSOR](#)

Public pension fund members surveyed expressed interest in more transparency about pension fund investments and investment returns.

[Canadian pension plans end 2017 nearly fully funded – Mercer](#)

Canadian public and corporate defined benefit plans were a median 97% funded as of Dec. 29, according to Mercer (Canada).

Commodities

[SEC Calmly Reminds Investors Not To Come Crying When They Lose Their Shirts Betting On Crypto Nonsense](#)

Jay Clayton must be having a fun first year on the job.

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The COO calls you. "Bob, could you pull all our IMAs, prior to 2013, together by Friday?" Your nightmare begins. You start by checking your document management system, many documents are missing or are mis-tagged. You go to your nested shared drive, some IMAs are there; others aren't. You find 78 or so of the expected 100+ documents. You are at a loss. You could have found them in one search: "show me all IMA before 2014" using UPMONTH. Problem solved. Find out how you could have had it

easy.

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Natural Disaster Corner

<http://www.noaa.gov/>

<http://www.sec.noaa.gov/Data/index.html>

<http://tsunami.gov/>

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/eqcenter/>

[Satellite Images](#)

[Hurricane Models](#)

[NHC Hurricane Tracks](#)

Climate Prediction <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/predictions.php>

World Meteorological Organization <http://severe.worldweather.org>

Tornadoes: <http://www.disastercenter.com/tornado.htm>

[Next Up for the Northeast: Howling Winds and Frigid Air](#)

The storm that has whipped the U.S. Northeast with blinding snow is churning up high winds and pulling frigid air down from the Arctic, creating conditions that by Friday could make it feel as cold as 30 degrees below zero across parts of the region.

[The End of Night: Global Illumination Has Increased Worldwide](#)

The spread of lit areas could threaten animal ecology and human health

[What Is the 'Bomb Cyclone' Threatening the U.S.? | RealClearScience](#)

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Iranian Situation

<http://www.globalincidentmap.com/map.php>

<http://icasualties.org/>

[Iran Hawks Embrace Protest Movement But Show Little Concern for Iranian Lives](#)

by Eli Clifton As the protests across Iran reach the one-week point, Iran hawks are using their echo chamber to claim concern for the wellbeing of Iranian protesters and pushing the Trump administr..

[Tyranny of numbers](#)

A fact-based discussion of Iran's economy

[Iran's foreign policy weaknesses, and opportunities to exploit them](#)

Even if the protesters fail to topple the regime, the United States and its allies should recognize that Iran's foreign policy is shaky and vulnerable in its structure of political authority, its economy, its military and its diplomatic posture.

[These Are the Real Causes of the Iran Protests](#)

Trump's threats to kill the nuclear deal have inhibited investment, leading to continued economic distress—but it was the Iranian government's leaked budget that enraged the public.

[Iran: Kurdish Militia Attacks Iranian Security Forces](#)

A Kurdish armed group claimed responsibility for an attack on Jan. 3 that killed at least three Iranian security forces in the Kurdish city Piranshahr, located in western Iran, Rudaw reported.

[Iran: Military Ready To Intervene If Necessary, Army Chief Says](#)

Iranian Army Chief Maj. Gen. Abdolrahim Mousavi said police forces have halted anti-government unrest but his troops were ready to intervene if necessary. Reuters reported Jan

government arrest but his troops were ready to intervene if necessary, Reuters reported Jan. 4.

[When the Protests Die Down, Iran's Economic Problems Will Live On](#)

The demonstrations that have rocked the Islamic republic over the past week are dissipating. But the economic grievances that sparked the initial unrest are still alive and well.

[Iran's Cyber Threat: Espionage, Sabotage, and Revenge](#)

Incidents involving Iran have been among the most sophisticated, costly, and consequential attacks in the history of the internet.

[Death, Detention, and Darkness: Iran's War on Protesters](#)

[Iranians demand—and deserve—a less oppressive regime](#)

For now, alas, they probably won't get one

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Asset owners and allocators manage millions and often billions of dollars. Yet, despite the fact that their work involves data that is literally changing by the second, many asset owners and allocators choose to handle their data with static documentation such as with Excel spreadsheets, Word documents, OneDrive or Dropbox, etc.

Find out about the risks you expose yourself to.

[Read the whole article here](#)

Misc. Items of Interest

[How to Get Out of a Meeting You Know Will Waste Your Time](#)

Without offending anyone.

[I'm Having A Meltdown – AVC](#)

[3 Time Management Tips That Will Improve Your Health and Productivity](#)

Try these today.

[To Stay Safe on the Internet, Don't Stand Out From the Herd](#)

The criminals, spies and terrorists prowling social media and cyberspace are looking for an easy meal. Let them go hungry.

[Watching How Rare, Meteoric Diamonds Form](#)

A shock collision experiment maps their transition from graphite in real time

[Where athletes in professional sports come from | FlowingData](#)

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[2018 Forecast: Can the Navy Say No?](#)

WASHINGTON: In 2017, the Navy and Marine Corps hit the wall, with a string of deadly accidents on the sea and in the air. In 2018, we'll see whether the overstressed sea services start saying "no" to missions. That means battles both in the Pentagon and on the Hill.

[Isaac Newton | Biography, Facts, Discoveries, Laws, & Inventions](#)

Sir Isaac Newton: Isaac Newton, English physicist and mathematician who was the culminating figure of the scientific revolution of the 17th century.

Funnies, Facts, Quotes, etc...

turncoat

[turn-koht]

1: a person who changes to the opposite party or faction, reverses principles, etc.; renegade.

Quotes:

1: A turncoatis

the angry name for a convert, but you are no converts; how then can you be turncoats?

George Lyttelton, 1st Baron Lyttelton, A Letter to the Tories, 1747

2: With Roy comes big trouble, and aging sheriff Bill McNue (Scott McNairy) does his best to protect his people. But Frank and his gang are tearing up nearby towns hunting the turncoat, and a showdown looms.

Kelly Woo, "6 things to know about 'Godless,' Netflix's star-packed limited-series western," Yahoo! News, November 21, 2017

Origin: There are several possibilities for the origin of turncoat. One is that two English barons in the early 13th century changed fealty to King John (c1167–1216), literally changing their coats of arms from one lord to another. Another is that during the siege of Corfe Castle (1645) during the English Civil Wars (1642–51), Oliver Cromwell's soldiers turned their coats inside out to match the colors of the Royalist army. A similar expression "to wear the King's coat," dating from the mid-19th century, means "serve in the King's army." The now obsolete idiom "to be in someone else's coat," dating from the mid-16th century, meant the modern "to be in someone else's shoes." Turncoat entered English in the 16th century.

There are two ways to live: you can live as if nothing is a miracle; you can live as if everything is a miracle.

— Albert Einstein

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