

### A shares

This term has two distinct meanings with relatively equal usage. For stocks...

### Abandon

To not exercise or sell an option by expiry. An Abandoned Option is one that...

### Abandonment option

To not exercise or sell an option by expiry. An Abandoned Option is one that...

### Abatement

Generally, abatement is a reduction or lessening in intensity. In taxes, abatement...

### ABC agreement

When a brokerage firm purchases a New York Stock Exchange membership for an...

### ABC Consumer Comfort Index - United States

Assessment of consumer sentiment toward the economy based on telephone interviews...

### Abeyance

Estate with no legal title holder or owner. Property is typically set in Abeyance...

### Ability to pay

Generally, ability to pay refers to one's ability to meet existing or future...

### Above par

Refers to the situation where the market value of a security (stock or bond)...

### Absolute advantage

The ability of one state, country, or entity to produce a given service or good...

### Absolute priority rule

The absolute priority rule specifies the pecking order of creditors during bankruptcy...

### Absorbed

The term is applied in financial context similarly to its laymen use<sup>1</sup> When business...

### Absorption rate

Absorption Rate refers to the ability at which properties are able to be sold...

#### Abstract of title

A transaction record for a piece of land, recording transfers and claims that...

#### Abusive tax shelter

An abusive tax shelter refers to illegally reducing one's tax obligations....

#### Accelerated benefits

Accelerated Benefits are an insurance option where policy holders may access...

#### Accelerated Cost Recovery System

The current method of gauging asset depreciation, as required by the United...

#### Accelerated Depreciation

"A depreciation method which allows faster write-offs than the straight line...

#### Acceleration clause

A provision contained within a loan or credit agreement which allows the lender...

#### Accept

"To agree to specified terms, as in a contract.",

#### Acceptance

"The contractual agreement entered into when the drawee of a time draft writes...

#### Accidental death benefit

The value paid to the beneficiary of a life insurance policy IN ADDITION to...

#### Accommodation paper

A bill or note endorsed by one party (the accommodation party) on behalf of...

#### Accommodative monetary policy

Central bank policy that strives to stimulate economic growth by increasing...

#### Account

Financial relationship between two parties involving a transfer of funds, and...

### Account aggregation

The process of combining account information, such as credit accounts, customer...

### Account balance

The amount of money in an account. An account statement will be able to provide...

### Account executive

The officer assigned to serve as a liaison between the firm and the customer....

### Account reconciliation

The process of matching all checkbook debits and credits to the final bank statement....

### Account statement

Any document designed to summarize and record all transaction activity in a given accounting period, usually annual or monthly.

### Accountant

Any trained and qualified person with the requisite skills and knowledge to...

### Accountant's letter

An annual statement provided by an independent accountant which audits any financial...

### Accountant's opinion

See accountant.s letter

### Accounting

Accounting refers to a bookkeeping method that records how funds are paid and...

### Accounting equation

A form of double entry bookkeeping which identifies the debit and credit elements...

### Accounts payable

The amount owed by one party to its creditors. It must be paid after a previously...

### Accounts receivable

An amount of money that a firm is owed by another party for goods sold or services...

### Accounts receivable aging

"A periodic report showing all outstanding receivable balances, broken down by customer and month due.",

### Accounts receivable financing

"The selling of a firm's accounts receivable, at a discount, to a factor, who...

### Accounts receivable turnover

The average duration of an account receivable, equal to total credit sales divided by accounts receivable.

### Accredited investor

An investor which meets a certain list of Securities and Exchange Commission...

### Accredited Personal Financial Planning Specialist

A qualified investment planner certified by the Certified Financial Planner...

### Accreted value

The price a bond would fetch in the open market assuming current market interest rates were held constant.

### Accretion

See 'accretion.'

### Accretive

Growing in size by external addition. Often used to refer to an acquisition which is expected to increase earnings per share.

### Accrual basis accounting

A method of accounting that tracks revenues and expenses as they are incurred....

### Accrual bond

A bond which does not pay periodic interest to the bondholder, but accrues interest...

### Accrual of discount

The annual addition to book value contributed by bonds purchased below par.The...

### Accruals

see accrual basis accounting

### Accrue

To compile events onto an accounting record whether or not any one given event incurred a debit or credit transaction.

### Accrued benefit

The benefits (usually in the form of pension payments) an employee earns on...

### Accrued dividend

A liability listed on a company's balance sheet, where it remains until the...

### Accrued expense

An accounting expense that is recognized and already recorded in a firm's records...

### Accrued interest

Interest that has accumulated on a bond from the previous payment date, all the way up to the settlement date.

### Accrued market discount

The increase in a Discount Bond's market value due to its approaching maturity,...

### Accumulated depreciation

The net depreciation expense a producing asset has incurred to date. Also known...

### Accumulated dividend

The dividend due to shareholder.s, but not yet paid. Usually applied in context to holders of cumulative preferred stock.

### Accumulated earnings

The earnings not paid out as dividends but instead reinvested in the core business...

### Accumulated earnings tax

A penalty tax (labeled at 39.6%) levied on a firm or company's retained earnings...

### Accumulation

"The act of purchasing over a period of time. For example, this might be done...

### accumulation bond

Accumulation Bonds do not make regular payments of interest - instead accumulating...

### Accumulation period

In investment terms, accumulation period refers to the phase of an investor.s...

### Accumulation unit

A measurement of a fixed or a variable payment which increases an individuals,...

### Accumulative Swing Index (ASI)

The Accumulative Swing Index, based on the Swing Index, is a swing or wave system...

### ACH

Acronym for Automatic Clearing House. A nationwide electronic funds transfer...

### Acid-test ratio

A test designed to determine whether or not a firm has enough short-term assets...

### Acknowledge

"Certify the authenticity of a signature on a brokerage or bank document, such as for an account transfer.",

### Acquisition

The act of obtaining control of a corporation, called a target, either by stock...

### Acquisition cost

The net sum of costs required in order to obtain a property, equipment, or client....

### Across the board

A market-wide fluctuation where most stock and sectors move in the same direction....

### ACRS

Acronym for Accelerated Cost Recovery System. Depreciation methods applied to...

### Action

Price action refers to the movement of price and volume during a certain window...

### Action to quiet title

A lawsuit brought to court in order to review and preside over all land disputes,...

### Active account

An account at a brokerage firm or a bank which generates more activity and transactions than normal.

### Active asset

An item of economic value that is used on a daily basis to facilitate the routine...

### Active income

Income received in return for a performed service. Examples include wages, tips,...

### Active management

A portfolio-management strategy which focuses on outperforming a benchmarked...

### active market

A condition in the market typified by heavy transaction volume in a certain commodity, security, or stock.

### active money

Money and coins that are circulated in the hands of consumers and businesses....

### active participant

An individual who participates in a retirement plan sponsored either by his/her...

### activity

The volume of a stock or exchange over a given period of time.,

### actual market

A condition of the market typified by heavy transaction volume. This may occur...

### actuals

A term used to refer to physical commodities which require delivery of said...

### actuarial assumption

In the case of retirement plans, an estimate made for the purposes of calculating...

### actuarial equivalent

An insurance term used to refer to the expectation of loss and the benefits to be paid out in such an occurrence.

### actuarial evaluation

A life-expectancy calculation by a professional actuary.,

### actuary

A professional statistician in the employ of an insurance agency. Duties include...

### ad valorem

A term derived from the Latin phrase ad valentiam which translates to: .to the...

### add-on service

The amount paid in addition to the par-value (the dollar value) assigned to a particular stock, bond, or security.

### additional paid-in capital

"Capital contributed to a corporation by investors on top of the par value of...

### additional principal payment

A payment by a borrower of more than the scheduled principal amount due in order...

### adequacy of coverage

The degree to which the value of asset is protected against potential losses...

### adhesion contract

A legally binding contract between two parties where one side has essentially...

### adjudication

Also known as a court's ruling. The examination and subsequent settlement of...

### adjustable life insurance

A form of insurance coverage where the policyowner can change the face value,...

### adjustable rate

"Any kind of interest rate that changes on a periodic basis. The change is generally...



### Adjustable Rate Mortgage

An Adjusted Rate Mortgage (ARM) is a loan where the interest rate may vary for...

### adjustable rate preferred stock

Preferred stock whose dividend changes, generally quarterly, according to changes...

### adjusted balance method

A formula used to calculate finance charges by adjusting for payments and costs...

### adjusted basis

A base price from which to compute the capital gains or losses on a particular...

### adjusted book value

The .book value. (value transcribed on business records) adjusted for market value.

### adjusted debit balance

The balance owed to a broker after factoring in any paper profits or losses,...

### adjusted futures price

The cash-price equivalent reflected in the price of a futures contract.

### Adjusted Gross Income

The income used to determine an individual or couple.s federal income tax. The...

### Adjusted Retail Sales - Switzerland

Gauge for goods sold at retail outlets in the past month. Retail Sales is a...

### adjusting entry

Journal entries recorded into a firm.s accounting records at the end of a predetermined...

### adjustment

A deduction made to charge off a loss, as with a bad debt.

### adjustment bureau

A company providing claims adjustment services to insurance companies without an internal claims department.

### adjustment date

Exact day on which an Adjustable Rate Mortgage becomes effective. This means...

### administrative systems

An internal office and accounting functions.

### administrator

An individual appointed by a probate court to handle the estate of a person...

### admitted carrier

A state-authorized insurance company. Authorization by a particular state implies...

### adoption credit

A tax credit issued on a per-child basis given to individuals or couples adopting...

### ADP

The ISO currency code for the Andorran Peseta, the currency of Andorra...

### ADR

Acronym for American Depositary Receipt. A negotiable certificate issued by...

### ADS

Acronym for American Depositary Share. The share issued under an American Depositary...

### ADV form

A form detailing financial information regarding a registered investment advisor which is filed with the SEC commission.

### advance

1. An increase in the exchange rate for a currency pair or price of a security;...

### advance rate

The amount for which a lender is willing to issue a loan. This is computed...

### advance refunding

A method of paying off maturing bonds prior to their expiration date with newer bonds with a later maturation date.

## Advance Retail Sales - United States

Monthly measure of sales of goods to consumers at retail outlets. The figure...

## Advance-Decline Line

This is one the best known market breadth indicators. Each day, a certain number...

## adventure capitalist

Entrepreneur willing to invest money in a risky or uncertain venture in an effort to expand the company in a different area.

## adverse opinion

A secondary opinion provided by a professional auditor indicating that a firm.s...

## advertising

Description or presentation of a product, idea, or organization, in order to...

## advertising sales ratio

A key indicator of marketing efficiency, representing the ratio of advertisement expenditure to actual product sales.

## advertorial

An advertisement disguised as editorial.

## advisor

An individual or organization employed by an individual or mutual fund to manage...

## advisory letter

Newsletters with the purpose of offering financial advisors to subscribers,...

## ADX Directional Movement Index

ADX fluctuates between 0 and 100. Readings below 20 indicate a weak trend or...

## AED

The AED, the currency of The United Arab Emirates (UAE)</. Learn...

## AFA

The ISO code for the Afghani. Learn more about the Afghanistan and Afghanistan at GoCurrency.com

#### [affidavit](#)

A sworn statement made in writing under the supervision of a notary or other...

#### [affiliate](#)

A corporation which is closely related to another corporation, but not under direct control, much like a subsidiary relationship.

#### [affiliated chains](#)

A group of non-competing retail stores, whose association is designed to exploit economic advantages in large-scale purchasing.

#### [affiliated person](#)

Any person with the individual ability to directly influence the actions of a corporation (i.e. executives, owners, and directors).

#### [affiliated wholesalers](#)

Wholesalers sponsoring a group of affiliated retailers, generally providing...

#### [affinity fraud](#)

Investment fraud which preys upon specific and identifiable religious, demographic, or ethnic groups.

#### [affirmative obligations](#)

An obligation set by the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) which...

#### [affordability analysis](#)

A detailed examination of an individual's ability to afford a house, taking...

#### [affordability index](#)

A standardized gauge used to determine whether a consumer.s financial standing...

#### [Afghani](#)

The official currency of Afghanistan. Learn more about the Afghanistan and Afghanistan at GoCurrency.com

after acquired clause

A clause added to legal contracts in order to afford more protection to lenders....

after hours trading

Also known as .late. trading, after-hours trading refers to the placement of...

after-acquired collateral

The property a debtor acquires rights to after the debtor agrees to the creation...

after-hours trading

After Hours Trading involves placing trades after the close of the market. This...

after-tax

An amount (generally income) after taxes have been subtracted.

after-tax basis

The standard used to compare rates of return between a corporate taxable bond and a municipal tax-free bond.

after-tax contributions

Any kind of Contributions to a retirement plan which are subject to federal income tax. Also known as voluntary contributions.

aftermarket

Also known as 'secondary market.' The immediate market response to an IPO....

against the box

A short sale made by the holder of a long position in the same stock. In other...

age-weighted plan

A retirement plan which allows employers to contribute to an employee.s retirement...

agency

Name for the arrangement where an agent intermediates between purchaseers and...

agency bond

A bond issued by a government agency, although the bonds are not fully guaranteed...

### agency security

A security, generally a bond, issued by a U.S. government agency. Agency securities...

### agent

One party authorized to act on behalf of another. The other is known as the...

### agent bank

A bank that has been authorized by an individual to act as his/her agent. An...

### agglomeration

Accumulating companies of several diverse and unrelated activities into a single entity. Examples include conglomerate companies.

### aggregate

Total, sum.

### aggregate corporation

A corporation with more than one shareholder.

### aggregate demand

The total amount of goods and services demanded in the economy at a given overall price level and in a given time period.

### aggregate demand curve

Parallel to the demand curve, a theoretical graph showing the aggregate demand at different price levels.

### aggregate exercise price

The strike price of an option times the number of underlying securities in the...

### aggregate supply

The total amount of goods and services produced within an economy at a given...

### aggregate supply curve

Parallel to the supply curve, a theoretical graph showing the aggregate supply at different price levels.

### aggressive

The strike price of an option times the number of underlying securities in the...

[aggressive growth fund](#)

A mutual fund whose purpose is to achieve the highest possible gains in capital....

[AGI](#)

Acronym for Adjusted gross income (AGI) is a number used to determine your federal...

[aging schedule](#)

A schedule classifying accounts receivable, inventory, or loans by the time...

[agreement among underwriters](#)

Contract between participating members of an investment banking syndicate....

[AIG Performance of Service Index \(Australia\)](#)

AIG Performance of Service Index (Australia)Tracks monthly developments in the...

[Albanian Lek](#)

The currency of Albania. ISO Code ALL

[alert](#)

A notification, often by email or pager, of a market event such as a stock reaching a target price.

[Algerian Dinar](#)

The currency of the Algeria. ISO international currency code: DZD. Learn...

[alien corporation](#)

A company that conducts its operations in one country and is registered in another....

[alienate](#)

To transfer a property title.

[alienation](#)

The transfer of property, whether voluntary or involuntary, from one entity to another.

[alienation clause](#)

A type of clause which allows the lender to demand full payment when mortgaged property is conveyed to another owner.

#### [alimony](#)

Payments made to after separation or divorce to a former spouse. This is a...

#### [ALL](#)

The Albanian Lek, the currency of Albania. ISO Code ALL

#### [All Industry Activity Index - Japan](#)

Evaluates the monthly change in overall production by all sectors of the Japanese...

#### [all or any part](#)

A stipulation of a purchase or sell order for a discretionary account which...

#### [all or none](#)

A stipulation of a purchase or sell order which instructs the broker to either...

#### [all-risks coverage](#)

Property insurance that specifies exclusions to coverage. Losses from all causes...

#### [allegation](#)

An assertion of fact, to be proven in court.

#### [allied member](#)

General partner or voting stockholder in a firm which is a member of the New...

#### [alligator spread](#)

A position composed of a combination of put and call options that are collectively...

#### [allocation](#)

Designation of an item to a specific purpose or place. This may be done in...

#### [allonge](#)

Paper attached to a document for additional endorsements when there isn't enough space for the signatures.

#### [allotment](#)



The number of shares granted to each participating underwriting firm that they are permitted to sell during an IPO.

#### allottee

Any entity which has subscribed to purchase securities in an underwriting.

#### allowance

A sum set aside for an occurrence that may or may not come to pass. For example,...

#### allowance for depreciation

An accumulated expense used to write off a fixed asset. This lasts the duration...

#### allowance for doubtful accounts

Estimations regarding uncollected receivables which are made by a company and documented on its balance sheet.

#### alpha

A coefficient which measures risk-adjusted performance, factoring in the risk...

#### alternate account

A type of account which multiple individuals can draw against without permission from each other.

#### alternate payee

An individual who is recognized as having a right to receive some or all of...

#### alternative assets

Assets that have the potential to provide economic value to the owner but are...

#### Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT)

Also known as AMT. An IRS system created to ensure that high-income individuals,...

#### alternative order

Order giving a broker a choice between two courses of action regarding one security. Also...

#### amalgamation

A consolidating merger. This is the formation of two or more separate businesses...

## AMD

The currency of Armenia. ISO internation currency code: AMD Learn...

## amended return

Form filed to correct, supplement, or replace an original tax return. This...

## amendment

A change or addition to a legal document which, when properly signed, has the same legal power as the original document.

## American Association of Individual Investors (AAII)

American Association of Individual Investors is a non-profit organization that...

## American Depositary Receipt

An issue made by the U.S. depositary bank, representing one or more shares of a foreign stock or a fraction of a share.

## American Depositary Share

Share issued under a deposit agreement representing the underlying ordinary share which trades in the issuer's home market.

## American Municipal Bond Assurance Corporation

AMBAC. A corporation which offers insurance policies on new municipal bond offerings....

## American option

An option which can be exercised anytime during its lifespan. The lifespan...

## American Stock Exchange

Abbreviated as AMEX, refers to the second-largest stock exchange in the U.S.,...

## American-style option

A type of option that can be exercised at any time between the purchase date...

## AMEX

See 'American Stock Exchange.'

## amortization

The gradual elimination of debt in regular payments over time. This is a specified...

[amortization method](#)

A distribution calculation method for making penalty-free early withdrawals...

[amortization of premium](#)

Charges made against the interest received on a debt in order to offset a premium...

[amortization schedule](#)

See 'amortization.'

[amortization term](#)

Time it takes to completely pay off a debt.

[amortize](#)

See amortization.

[amortized](#)

See amortization.

[amortized value](#)

The value of a security as determined by the process of amortization.

[amount](#)

Quantity or value, as in a transaction or account balance.

[amount recognized](#)

The amount of gain reportable and subject to tax.

[analysis](#)

The examination and evaluation of the relevant information to select the best course of action from among various alternatives.

[analyst](#)

An employee of a bank, brokerage, advisor, or mutual fund who studies firms...

[analyze](#)

To study and interpret past, present and projected corporate, economic and market...

#### [Andorran Franc](#)

The currency of Andorra.See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

#### [Andorran Peseta](#)

The currency of Andorra (ADP). First, it was pegged to the Spanish Peseta,...

#### [Andrews Pitchfork](#)

The lines formed by Andrews' Pitchfork can help predict channels of support...

#### [ANG](#)

The currency of Netherlands-Antilles. ISO internation currency code:...

#### [angel](#)

An individual who provides capital to one or more startup firms. The individual...

#### [angel investor](#)

An individual who funds small start-ups. This individual is usually a family...

#### [Angolan Kwanza](#)

The currency of Angola. ISO international currency code: AOA Learn...

#### [announcement date](#)

The date on which a firm's directors meet to announce the date and amount of...

#### [annual](#)

Yearly.

#### [annual exclusion](#)

The maximum amount that an individual is allowed to give another person without...

#### [Annual Gross Domestic Product \(GDP\) - Germany - Euro-zone](#)

The Gross Domestic Product is a comprehensive measure of a Germany's overall...

#### [annual meeting](#)

The firm gathering, generally held at the end of each fiscal year, at which...

### annual mortgagor statement

A report sent to the mortgagor once a year, detailing the taxes and interest...

### Annual Percentage Rate

The effective interest rate charged on an installment loan. Abbreviated 'APR.'...

### Annual Percentage Yield

The effective annual rate of return including the effect of compounding interest. Abbreviated...

### annual report

Audited document required by the SEC and sent to a public firm's or mutual fund's...

### annual return

The increase in value of an investment, expressed as a percentage per year....

### annualize

To extrapolate a value so that it reflects an expected or approximate total...

### annualizing

The making of calculations for a period of less than a year as if the period...

### annuitant

An individual who is entitled to receive benefits from an annuity.

### annuitize

To begin to receive payments from an annuity.

### annuity

Payment received over a period of regular intervals. This typically refers...

### annuity factor method

A distribution calculation method for making penalty-free early withdrawals...

### annuity unit

An accounting measure used to determine the quantity of an annuity payment....

### antedate

A date assigned to a contract or instrument which precedes the date that contract or instrument was written or executed.

#### [anticipated holding period](#)

The projected duration of a limited partner's possession of an asset. In the...

#### [anticipation](#)

The paying of a bill or debt obligation before it is due.

#### [anticipation note](#)

A type of short term bond which will be paid off with the proceeds from a subsequent,...

#### [antidilution provision](#)

A provision in an option or a convertible security which protects an investor...

#### [antidilutive](#)

Term used to describe a convertible security which could increase a corporation's...

#### [antique](#)

A collectible or other item which is old (generally at least 100 years old)...

#### [antitrust laws](#)

The Federal laws forbidding businesses from monopolizing a market or restraining free trade.

#### [ANZ Commodity Price Index - New Zealand](#)

Measures the monthly price change of New Zealand 's seventeen main commodity...

#### [ANZ Job Advertisements - Australia](#)

A monthly report measuring the number of jobs advertised in the major daily...

#### [ANZ Job Vacancies - New Zealand](#)

Figure that gauges the availability of employment in the New Zealand job market...

#### [AOA](#)

The currency of Angola. ISO international currency code: AOA Learn...

#### [applicable federal rate](#)

The interest rate published by the U.S. Treasury that is used in computing the...

### applied economics

Employing economic theories in real-world business.

### applied research

Utilizing pure research to develop real-world products.

### appraisal

A professional opinion, generally written, of the market value of a property,...

### appraiser

An individual qualified by education, training, and experience to provide appraisals. Also known as evaluator.

### appreciation

The increase in value of assets such as stocks, bonds, currency, and property. opposite of depreciation.

### appropriation

1. In government spending, appropriation refers to the authorization of a government...

### approved list

Bonds or other securities that a bank may hold as investments. Also known as...

### APR

Acronym for Annual Percentage Rate. The yearly cost of a loan, including interest,...

### APT

Acronym for Arbitrage Pricing Theory. An alternative asset pricing model to...

### APY

Acronym for Annual Percentage Yield. The rate of return on an investment for...

### arbitrage

Profit made from a price discrepancy between markets when securities are purchased...

### arbitrage house

A financial institution that generates revenue primarily by exploiting price...

### Arbitrage Pricing Theory

A theory held in asset pricing which holds that the expected return of a financial...

### arbitrageur

An investor who pursues profit from price inefficiencies. This is attempted...

### arbitration

A process in which a disagreement between two or more parties is resolved by...

### arbitrator

A private, neutral person chosen to arbitrate a disagreement, as opposed to...

### Argentine Peso

The currency of Argentina. ISO international currency code: ARS Learn...

### arithmetic mean

Simple average, equal to the sum of all values divided by the number of values.This...

### arm's length price

The price at which two unrelated and non-desperate parties would agree to a...

### arm's length transaction

A transaction between two related or affiliated parties that is conducted as...

### Armenia Dram

The currency of Armenia. ISO internation currency code: AMD Learn...

### Arms Index

A technical indicator which determines market balance.Also known as 'TRIN.'...

### Arms Index (TRIN)

The Arms Index, also referred to as TRIN, was developed in 1967 by Richard Arms....

### arrearage

Unpaid, overdue debt. This may refer specifically to the portion of a serial...



## arrears

The amount of debt due to be paid, overdue in payment.

## ARS

The currency of Argentina.. ISO international currency code: ARS Learn...

## Articles of Association

Petitions of grievances made by the 13 colonies to Great Britain drafted by the first Continental Congress in 1774.

## Articles of Incorporation

A set of documents filed with a government body for the purpose of legally documenting the creation of a corporation.

## Aruban Guilder

The currency of Aruba. ISO international currency code: AWG Learn more about Aruba and the Aruban Guilder at GoCurrency.com

## as is

Term in an agreement, such as for software licensing, indicating that no expressed or implied warranty is provided.

## ascending bottoms

A technical analysis term for a chart pattern in which each successive low price...

## ascending tops

A technical analysis term for a chart pattern in which each successive high...

## Ascending Triangles Chart Pattern

With ascending triangles, trend lines converge with a horizontal trend line...

## Asian dollars

U.S. dollars located in Asia.

## Asian option

An option whose payoff depends on the average price of the underlying asset...

## ask

The lowest price that any investor or dealer has declared that he/she will sell...

ask size

The number of shares a seller is willing to sell at any given price. Often...

asked price

The price at which a security or commodity is offered for sale on an exchange or in the over-the-counter market.

asking price

The sale price of a given item. Also known as 'ask price,' 'asked price,' 'ask,'...

assembly plant

Location of physical assembly plant where an assembly line is located and production-line assembly work occurs.

assessed value

Dollar value assigned to property for purposes of assessing taxes. This value...

assessment

The process of placing a value on an asset for the purpose of taxation. Also...

assessment bond

Municipal bond that is repaid from taxes imposed on those who benefit directly...

assessor

A public official who performs assessments

asset

Any item of economic value owned by an individual or corporation, particularly...

asset acquisition

A buy-out strategy in which key assets of the target firm are purchased, rather...

asset allocation

Long-term investment plan strategy under which all of the investor's investable...

asset allocation fund

A mutual fund that splits its investment assets among stocks, bonds and other...

asset class

Category of Assets, such as cash equivalents, stocks, bonds, and their subcategories,...

asset conversion loan

A short-term loan that repaid by converting an asset into cash. Examples of...

asset coverage

The extent to which a company's net assets cover a particular debt obligation, class of preferred stock, or equity position.

asset financing

Financing which converts assets into working cash in exchange for a vested security interest in those assets.

asset management

1. The management of a client's investments by a financial services company....

asset management account

Record of financial transactions which is held in a brokerage house. Also known...

asset play

A stock which is valued incorrectly but is still attractive because its combined asset value is greater than its market capitalization.

asset stripper

An individual or corporate raider who takes over a company planning to sell large assets in order to repay debt.

asset swap

Exchange of one asset for another for the purpose of improving the quality of a bank's loan portfolio.

asset turnover

Measure of efficiency of asset use in generating sales revenue. This is a ratio...

asset-backed security

Bonds or debt securities collateralized by the cash flow from a pool of auto...

asset-based finance

A specialized method of providing structured working capital and term loans...

asset-based lending

A business loan secured by offering collateral such as inventory, accounts receivable and/or other balance-sheet assets.

asset-liability management

A form of management employed by companies which coordinates the handling of...

asset/equity ratio

Total assets divided by shareholder equity. Asset/equity ratio is often used...

assets under management

The total value of assets that a mutual fund, hedge fund, or other portfolio...

assign

To transfer ownership of a property or right to another party by signing a document.

assignability

The ability of an asset to be transferred from one party to another.

assignee

Individual to whom a title, claim, property, interest, or right has been transferred.

assignment

The receipt of an exercise notice by an option writer that requires him/her...

assignment of mortgage

A written document serving as evidence of a transfer of a loan obligation from the original borrower to a third party.

assignment of rents

A contract which transfers rents and income from the tenant of a property to...

assignment to creditors

The transfer of a property for the benefit of creditors or in trust.

#### assignor

An individual who transfers a title, claim, property, interest, or right to another person.

#### assimilation

When a new issue of a stock or a bond is fully absorbed by the public the issue...

#### associate member

Designation for a member of a stock exchange who does not have a seat on the exchange.

#### association

A group of individuals who meet for a common purpose.

#### assumable mortgage

A form of mortgage which allows the borrower to transfer the unpaid balance...

#### assumed bond

Corporate bond which is issued by one company but payable by another because the liability has been assumed by the latter.

#### assumption

The taking over of an obligation or liability from another party.

#### at best

Most advantageous outcome. This is an idiom used to describe not the ideal,...

#### at call

Any transaction which occurs in the call money market.

#### at par

An idiom used to state that a price is the same as the face value. Usually...

#### at risk

Any security which is exposed to the danger of loss. More than the possibility...

#### at sight

Denotes a negotiable instrument when presented to the drawee. Examples include a bill of exchange.

#### at the bell

The immediate open or close of trading. This term comes out of the tradition...

#### at the close

Also known as 'on close.' The end of a trading session. Sometimes this refers...

#### at the figure

At the nearest whole number. Often meaning the integer closest to a decimal bid or ask.

#### at the full

At the nearest whole number. Often meaning the integer closest to a decimal bid or ask. Also known as at the figure.

#### at the market

A purchase or sell order in which the broker is to execute the order at the...

#### at the money

A condition in which the strike price of an option is equal to (or nearly equal to) the market price of the underlying security.

#### at the opening order

An order to purchase or sell a given equity at the price when the market opens....

#### ATM

Automated Teller Machine. Located at bank branches among other places, this...

#### ATS

The currency of Austria. ISO international currency code: ATS. The...

#### attachment

The act of seizing a debtor's property and placing it under a court's control.

#### attest

To affirm as true.

attorney in fact

An order to purchase or sell a given equity at the price when the market opens....

auction

A method for selling an asset to the highest bidder.

auction market

A system in which purchasers enter competitive bids and sellers enter competitive...

AUD

The currency of Australia. ISO international currency code: AUD....

audit

An examination and correction (if necessary) of any individual or firm's financial...

audit trail

A record from which all accounting data can be tracked back to their source....

audited financial statements

A firm's financial statements which have been prepared and certified by a Certified...

auditor

An individual licensed to check the accuracy of financial records. Generally...

auditor's report

The official report made by a public accountant following the completion of...

Australian Dollar

The currency of Australia. ISO international currency code: AUD....

Austrian Schilling

The currency of Austria. ISO international currency code: ATS. The...

AutEx

Electronic alert system for brokers. This system notifies brokers that other...

authentication

The verification that a legal document is genuine or valid, such as through a seal from an authorized public official.

#### authority bond

Bond issued by and payable from the revenue of a government agency or a corporation...

#### authorize

Grant the right to perform certain acts.

#### authorized shares

The company's maximum number of shares which it can legally create under its Articles of Incorporation.

#### authorized stock

The maximum number of shares that a corporation is legally permitted to issue, as specified in its articles of incorporation.

#### Auto Sales - Japan

The number of automobiles sold in Japan each month, based on the number of new...

#### autocorrelation

A technique used to detect cyclic activity within the market. Also known as 'lagged...

#### Automated Order Entry System

An electronic system which bypasses the floor broker in order to expedite the execution of smaller orders.

#### Automated Pricing and Reporting System

The system the NYSE uses to process and determine the price for qualified odd-lot...

#### Automatic Clearing House

A system of the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank that provides electronic funds transfer (EFT) between banks.

#### automatic exercise

The procedure that prevents in-the-money equity options from expiring and becoming...

#### Automatic Funds Transfer



Direct transfer of funds between accounts without direct management. Facilitated...

#### automatic investment plan

An investment plan where contributions are allowed to be made over a period...

#### automatic reinvestment plan

An investment program which reinvests capital gains or other income received from investments automatically.

#### automatic stabilizers

Built-in changes in government spending and taxation which usually serve the purpose of cooling down the economy.

#### automatic withdrawal

A mutual fund program that fixes payments to shareholders each month or each...

#### autoregressive

Predicting future data using past information. Making use of technical analysis,...

#### availability float

The time period (or sometimes, the dollar amount) represented by checks that have been deposited but not cleared.

#### available assets

Assets that may be sold relatively quickly, to meet an immediate need.

#### average

An arithmetic mean of a group of stocks designed to represent the overall market...

#### average accounting return

The average accounting return measures the return on an investment, after taxes...

#### average collection period

The average time period for which receivables are outstanding. Equal to accounts...

#### average contribution percentage

A test applied to retirement plan contributions in order to prevent the plan...

average daily balance

The average amount that exists in an account over a period of time. The number...

average daily balance method

A technique for calculating finance charges (such as in a bank account, charge...

average daily volume

The number of shares traded per day, averaged over some time period, generally one year.

Average Directional Index ADX

ADX fluctuates between 0 and 100. Readings below 20 indicate a weak trend or...

average down

The purchasing of additional shares of a stock that one already holds a position...

Average Earnings Increase (AEI) - UK

An indicator for earnings growth. The data excludes bonuses, which might distort...

average effective maturity

A measure of a bond's maturity which takes into consideration the possibility...

average equity

Average daily balance in a brokerage account. Brokerages use this amount to calculate their mark-to-market.

average life

The length of time that will pass before one-half of a debt obligation has been retired.

average nominal maturity

A measure of a bond's maturity which, unlike average effective maturity, does...

average option

An option whose payoff depends on the average value of an underlier over a specified period.

average price per share

The most common method for calculating taxes owed on mutual fund redemptions,...

## Average True Range

Average True Range (ATR) is a volatility indicator. It is also used as part...

## average up

The purchasing additional shares of a stock which one holds a position in, and...

## average weighted maturity

The length of time until the average security in a fund will mature or be redeemed...

## averaging

see dollar cost averaging, value averaging, averaging down. More generally,...

## away from the market

Idiom used to describe when the bid on a Limit Order is lower or the offer price is higher than the current market price.

## AWG

The currency of Aruba. ISO international currency code: AWG Learn more about Aruba and the Aruban Guilder at GoCurrency.com

## Azerbaijan Manat

The currency of Azerbaijan. ISO international currency code: AZM Learn...

## Azerbaijan Manat New Spot

The new currency of Azerbaijan. ISO international currency code: AZM Learn...

## AZM

The currency of Azerbaijan. ISO international currency code: AZM Learn...

## AZN

The currency code for the new currency of Azerbaijan. The full name of the...

## Azores Escudo

The currency of Azores.

## B shares

Class of mutual fund characterized by a rear-end load structure where fees are...

## **B2B**

Acronym for Business-To-Business. A transaction that occurs between two firms,...

## **B2C**

Acronym for Business-To-Consumer. A transaction that occurs between a firm and...

## **Baby Bells**

A name identifying the U.S. regional telephone firms that were created from...

## **baby bond**

A bond that has a par value less than \$1,000.

## **baby boomer**

An individual born shortly after World War II.

## **back door**

The U.S. Treasury.

## **back door financing**

When a government agency borrows from the U.S. Treasury instead of relying on congressional appropriations.

## **back months**

The futures or options months being traded that are furthest from expiration.

## **back office**

The administrative functions at a brokerage that support the trading of securities,...

## **back pay**

The salaries and wages from a prior pay period.

## **back taxes**

Any outstanding taxes not paid when due.

## **back testing**

The process of optimizing a trading strategy using historical data and then...

**back-end load**

A sales charge or commission paid when an individual sells an investment, such...

**back-to-back loans**

An arrangement in which two firms in different countries borrow each other's...

**backdate**

To place a prior date on a legal document, statement or check. Also known as antedate.

**backdoor listing**

A technique used by a firm which failed to get listed on an exchange, whereby...

**backgrounder**

A document that explains the history of a firm or product.

**backlog**

Any sale orders that have not yet been processed.

**backup withholding**

An IRS procedure designed to ensure that a taxpayer who does not have a Social...

**backward integration**

The acquisition of ownership of one's supply chain, generally in the hope of...

**backwardation**

Theory that suggests futures contracts nearer to expiration trade at premium...

**bad debt**

Accounts receivable that will likely remain uncollectable and will be written...

**bad debt reserve**

An amount set aside as reserve for bad debts. In general, firms make an estimate...

**bad title**

A title which does not clearly confer ownership.

**Bahamas Dollar**

The currency of Bahamas . ISO international currency code: BSD. Learn...

### **Bahraini Dinar**

The currency of Bahrain. ISO international currency code: BHD. Learn more about Bahrian and the Bahraini Dinar at GoCurrency.com

### **bailing out**

Selling a security or commodity without regard to price, as an act of desperation in a falling market.

### **bailment**

The delivery of an asset by its owner to another person or persons for temporary care.

### **bait and switch**

An illegal tactic in which a seller advertises a product with the intention...

### **balance**

The amount of money in an account. An account statement will be able to provide...

### **Balance Of Payment Reports by Country**

Overview - The Balance of Payment records in detail how one country interacts...

### **balance of payments**

The balance of payments statement summarizes economic transactions of a country's...

### **balance of risks**

The Federal Reserve Board's term to describe its goal of setting interest rates...

### **balance of trade**

A country's exports minus its imports; the largest component of a country's...

### **balance sheet**

A balance sheet is a snapshot of what a company owns and owes and is comprised...

### **balanced budget**

A budget for which expenditures are equal to income. Sometimes a budget for...

### **balanced fund**

A mutual fund that purchases a combination of common stock, preferred stock,...

### **balanced investment strategy**

A method of portfolio allocation designed to provide both income and capital appreciation while avoiding excessive risk.

### **Balearic Is Peseta**

The currency of The Balearic Islands.Learn more about currencies and exchange rates

### **balloon loan**

A long-term loan, often a mortgage, that has one large payment (the balloon...

### **balloon maturity**

A repayment schedule for an issue of bonds in which a large number of the bonds...

### **balloon note**

A long-term loan, often a mortgage, that has one large payment (the balloon...

### **balloon payment**

A large, lump-sum payment scheduled at the end of a series of considerably smaller...

### **BAM**

The ISO currency code for the Bosnia-Herzegovina Convertible Mark.

### **Bangladesh Taka**

The currency of Bangladesh. ISO international currency code: BDT

### **bank**

An entity chartered by a state or federal government, which: receives demand...

### **bank credit**

The borrowing capacity provided to an individual by the banking system, in the...

### **bank discount**

The bank charge made for payment of a note prior to maturity, expressed as a percentage of the note's face value.

### **bank draft**

A check drawn by one bank against funds deposited into its account at another...

### **Bank Examiner**

An individual who reviews a bank's operations, such as lending policies, guidelines,...

### **bank holding company**

A firm that owns two or more banks. Required to register with the governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### **Bank Holiday**

The temporary closing of a bank in the event that its obligations exceed its resources.

### **Bank Lending - Japan**

The value of all outstanding loans with Japanese banks. Bank lending is important...

### **Bank Note**

A non-interest-bearing promissory note of a Federal Reserve Bank which is payable...

### **Bank of Canada Governor Speaks - Canada**

When the Governor for the Bank of Canada makes a speech on the economy and the...

### **Bank of Canada Rate Decision**

The decision to increase, decrease, or maintain the bank set interest rate....

### **Bank of England Meeting Minutes - United Kingdom**

The Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee keeps notes from its rate decision...

### **Bank Rate**

The interest rate charged by a bank for loans.

### **bank reconciliation**

The process of adjusting an account balance reported by a bank to reflect transactions...

### **bank term loan**

A bank loan to a firm, with a fixed maturity and often featuring amortization...

### **Bank Trust Department**



The part of a bank which settles estates, performs agency services, and administers trusts and guardianships.

### **bank-eligible issues**

U.S. Treasury obligations eligible for immediate purchase by commercial banks,...

### **banker's acceptance**

A short-term credit investment which is created by a non-financial firm and...

### **banking**

In general terms, the business activity of accepting and safeguarding money...

### **Banking Act of 1933**

A Congressional act designed to restore financial stability to the country during...

### **banking syndicate**

A group of investment banks which jointly underwrite and distribute a new security...

### **bankmail**

A bank's agreement with a firm attempting a takeover not to finance any other potential acquirer's bid.

### **bankrupt**

An individual, firm, or corporation that has been declared insolvent through...

### **Bankruptcies - Japan**

Measures the number of companies that filed for bankruptcy in the last month,...

### **bankruptcy**

A legal state, in which a firm or individual is unable to repay its debts, and...

### **Barbados Dollar**

The currency of Barbados . ISO international currency code: BBD [Learn more...](#)

### **barbell strategy**

A portfolio strategy in which maturities of included securities are concentrated at two extremes.

### **bare**

Without adequate insurance, particularly for a business.

### **bargain element**

The difference between the strike price of a stock option and the market price...

### **bargaining unit**

bargaining unit

### **barometer**

Any form of economic and market data used to indicate overall trends (i.e. unemployment...

### **barometer stock**

A stock or bond that is widely believed to be an indicator of the overall market's condition. Also known as bellwether.

### **barren money**

Money that is not earning interest. Example: non-interest bearing checking account,...

### **barriers to entry**

Circumstances particular to a given industry that create disadvantages for new...

### **barter**

The exchange of products and/or services without the use of money. Also known as exchange

### **base**

1. The base currency is the first currency quoted in a currency pair. For example,...

### **base interest rate**

The base interest rate is the minimum required rate of return acceptable to...

### **base period**

A specific time period used as a benchmark in measuring financial or economic data.

### **base rate**

The UK base rate is the equivalent to the prime rate in the United States, generally...

### **base-year analysis**

An analysis using a particular year as the base period.

### **basic earnings per share**

The earnings per share of common stock.

### **basis**

Purchase price, including commissions and other expenses, used to determine...

### **basis point**

A Basis Point is defined as 1/100 of 1%, and is used to note changes in the...

### **basis trading**

An arbitrage strategy generally consisting of the purchase of a particular security...

### **basket**

Market term used to describe a group of securities combined in order to be traded...

### **BBD**

The currency of Barbados . ISO international currency code: BBD [Learn more...](#)

### **BD form**

A document which every brokerage must file with the SEC, detailing the firm's finances and listing its officers.

### **BDT**

The ISO currency code for the Bangladesh Taka.

### **bear**

An investor who believes that a security, a sector, or the overall market is about to fall. opposite of bull.

### **bear hug**

A hostile takeover attempt predicated on making an offer at a premium large...

### **bear market**

A prolonged period in which investment prices fall, accompanied by widespread...

### **bear raid**

A trader's attempt to force down the price of a particular security by heavy...

### **bear spread**

An option strategy designed to profit from a drop in a security's price, by...

### **bear straddle**

A straddle in which a short position is taken in both a put and a call option....

### **bear trap**

The situation that occurs when a bear market reverses its trend while bearish...

### **bearer**

The holder of a negotiable instrument.

### **bearer bond**

An unregistered, negotiable bond on which interest and principal are payable...

### **bearer instrument**

A negotiable instrument which is payable on demand to the holder, regardless of whom it was originally issued to.

### **bearer share**

A stock certificate which is the property of whoever happens to be in possession...

### **bearish**

Believing that a particular security, a sector, or the overall market is about to fall. Opposite of bullish.

### **bearish abandoned baby candlestick**

Abandoned Baby&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:...

### **bearish advance block**

&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:  
Reversal&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bearish belt hold candlestick**

Bearish Belt Hold&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:...

### **bearish breakaway candlestick**

Bearish Breakaway&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:...

### **bearish dark cloud cover candlestick**

&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:  
Reversal&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bearish deliberation candlestick**

Bearish Deliberation (non-fx)&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bearish doji star candlestick**

Bearish Doji Star&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:...

### **bearish downside tasuki gap candlestick**

Downside Tasuki Gap&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:...

### **bearish dragonfly doji candlestick**

Dragonfly Doji&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:...

### **bearish engulfing candlestick**

Bearish Engulfing&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:...

### **bearish evening doji star candlestick**

Bearish Evening Doji Star&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bearish evening star candlestick**

Bearish Evening Star (Evening Shooting Star)&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction:  
Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bearish falling three methods candlestick**

Bearish Falling Three Methods&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bearish gravestone doji candlestick**

Bearish Gravestone Doji&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bearish hanging man candlestick**

Hanging Man&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type: Reversal&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bearish harami candlestick**

Bearish Harami&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:...

### **bearish harami cross**

Bearish Harami Cross & Notes on Bearish Harami&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **Bearish In-Neck On-Neck & Thrusting Continuation Patterns**

Direction : Bearish Type : Continuation Reliability : Moderate &nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bearish meeting lines candlestick**

Bearish Meeting Lines (non-fx)&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **Bearish Reversal Candlestick Patterns**

Bearish Reversal Patterns Strong Bearish Reversal Patterns...

### **bearish shooting star candlestick**

Bearish Shooting Star&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bearish side by side white lines candlestick**

Bearish Side by Side White Lines (non-fx)&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bearish three black crows candlestick**

Bearish Three Black Crows&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bearish three inside down candlestick**

Bearish Three Inside Down&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bearish three line strike candlestick**

Bearish Three Line Strike&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bearish three outside down candlestick**

Bearish Three Outside Down&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bearish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bearish thrusting candlestick**

Bearish Thrusting   &bull; Direction: Bearish   &bull; Type:...

### **bearish tri stars candlestick**

Tri Star   &bull; Direction: Bearish   &bull; Type: Reversal   &bull;...

### **bearish tweezers top candlestick**

Bearish Tweezers Top   &bull; Direction: Bearish   &bull;...

### **beat the gun**

To profit from a development in the market by acting in advance of the majority

### **BEF**

The currency of Belgium. ISO international currency code was BEF, until...

### **before-tax income**

Refer to an individual's income before taxes are deducted.

### **behavioral finance**

A theory stating that there are important psychological and behavioral variables...

### **Beige Book - United States**

Report on current economic conditions in each of the 12 Federal Reserve districts...

### **Belarus Ruble**

The currency of Belarus. ISO international currency code: BYR (and...

### **Belgian Franc**

The currency of Belgium. ISO international currency code was BEF, until...

### **Belize Dollar**

The currency of Belize. ISO international currency code: BZD. Learn more...

### **bell**

The open (opening bell) or close (closing bell) of a trading session; sometimes a bell is used, sometimes a buzzer.

**bellwether**

A stock or bond that is widely believed to be an indicator of the overall market's condition.

**below cost**

A price placed on a product or service that is less than the seller paid to...

**below par**

Having a price below face value.

**below the line**

Out-of-the-ordinary, non-recurring revenues or charges.

**benchmark**

A standard of comparison. Generally this term is used in reference to a security,...

**benchmark interest rate**

The base interest rate is the minimum required rate of return acceptable to...

**benchmark risk**

A collective measure of the various risks related to the potential for the returns...

**benchmarking**

See benchmark.

**beneficial owner**

The individual who enjoys the benefits of owning a security or property, regardless of whose name the title is in.

**beneficiary**

An individual, institution, trustee, or estate which receives, or may become...

**benefit**

A payment or entitlement, such as one made under an insurance policy or employment...

**benefit offset**

A partial or complete loss of retirement plan benefits which may result when...



### **benefits administration**

The implementation and coordination of an employee benefits plan.

### **Benin Franc**

The currency of Benin.See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **bequeath**

To transfer property to an heir through a will.

### **bequest**

Assets which are transferred to an heir through a will.

### **Bermudian Dollar**

The currency of Bermuda. ISO international currency code: BMD. Learn...

### **best ask**

The lowest price any seller has declared that they are willing to accept at a given time for a given security.

### **best bid**

The highest price any purchaser has declared that they are willing to pay at a given time for a given security. ,,

### **Best Efforts**

In underwriting, best efforts refers to an investment bank's assurance that...

### **best efforts offering**

In underwriting, best efforts refers to an investment bank's assurance that...

### **best-execution requirement**

"The obligation of market makers, broker/dealers, and others to execute customer orders at the best price currently available.",,

### **BETA**

Beta is a risk measure comparing the volatility of a stock's price movement...

### **beta coefficient**

The Beta Coefficient is a concept taken from the popular Capital Asset Pricing...

## **BGN**

The currency of Bulgaria. ISO international currency code: BGN. Learn more about Bulgaria and the Bulgarian Lev at GoCurrency.com

## **BHD**

The currency of Bahrain. ISO international currency code: BHD. Learn more about Bahrian and the Bahraini Dinar at GoCurrency.com

## **Bhutan Ngultrum**

The currency of Bhutan . ISO international currency code: BTN. Learn...

## **bid**

Also referred to as bid price, the bid is the price a party is willing to pay...

## **bid size**

"The number of shares that are being offered for purchase at the bid price,...

## **bid-to-cover ratio**

"In a Treasury auction, the number of bids received divided by the number of...

## **bid/ask spread**

The Bid-Ask Spread, also known as the Bid-Offer Spread, is the quote of the...

## **bidding up**

A situation in which a security's rising price compels investors who have placed...

## **BIF**

The currency of Burundi. ISO international currency code: BIF. Learn more...

## **Big Board**

"The oldest and largest stock exchange in the U.S., located on Wall Street in...

## **Bill**

"A negotiable debt obligation issued by the U.S. government and backed by its...

## **bill of exchange**

An unconditional order issued by an individual or business which directs the...

### **bill of sale**

A document that transfers title of an asset from a seller to a purchaser.,,

### **bill pass**

The purchase of Treasury Bills from dealers by the Federal Reserve.,,

### **billing cycle**

"The period between billings for products and services, generally a month.".,

### **binder**

"A temporary, binding agreement, secured by a payment to evidence good faith, used until a formal contract takes effect.".,

### **Black Friday**

In finance, Black Friday commonly refers the September 24th 1869 financial crisis...

### **black ink**

Refers to a profit. Opposite of red ink.,,

### **black knight**

A firm which makes a hostile takeover bid on a target firm.,,

### **Black Market**

A market where products are bought and sold illegally.,,

### **Black Monday**

"Refers to October 19, 1987, the day on which the DJIA fell 508 points (22%).",,

### **Black Tuesday**

"October 29th, 1929. This is the date of the most famous stock market crash...

### **Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model**

"A model used to calculate the value of an option, by considering the stock...

### **blackout period**

An interval of up to 60 days during which employees may not adjust the investments...

### **blank check**

"A check that is signed by the payer but with no specific amount indicated, leaving this determination up to the drawee.",,

### **blank endorsement**

An endorsement consisting of nothing but a signature and allowing any party...

### **blanket bond**

"Broad insurance coverage against losses due to theft or employee dishonesty, carried by brokerages and other financial institutions",,

### **blanket lien**

A security interest covering nearly all types of collateral owned by a debtor.,,

### **blanket recommendation**

"A recommendation sent from a brokerage to all its customers suggesting they...

### **blend fund**

"A mutual fund whose assets are composed of a combination of stocks, bonds,...

### **blended rate**

"A rate offered by a lender, somewhere between a previous rate and a new loan rate.",,

### **blind entries**

The bookkeeping entries that show debits and credits but neglect to record other essential information.,,

### **blind pool**

A form of limited partnership which doesn't specify what investment opportunities the general partner plans to pursue.,,

### **blind trust**

"A trust in which the beneficiaries do not have knowledge of the trust's specific...

### **blitzkrieg tender offer**

"In a takeover, a tender offer that is so compelling that the offer is accepted very quickly.",,

## **block**

A large amount of securities being held or traded, typically at least 10,000 shares of stock or \$200,000 in bonds.

## **block house**

A brokerage firm whose principal activity is the execution of block trades.,,

## **block trade**

"A large amount of securities being traded, Commonly at least 10,000 shares...

## **Bloomberg Euro-Zone Retail Purchasing Managers Index - Euro Zone**

A monthly survey of business optimism. The survey asks managers about their...

## **blow-off top**

"A steep, rapid price rise followed by a steep, rapid price drop.",,

## **blowout**

The quick sale of all shares of a new stock offering.,,

## **Blue Chip**

Blue-chip - A term used to describe the stock of a company that is generally...

## **Blue Laws**

Local ordinances in some areas prohibiting commercial activity on Sunday.

## **Blue List**

A daily list of nearly all current municipal bonds. Its official name is The Blue List of Current Municipal Offerings.

## **Blue Sky Laws**

State regulations governing the sale of securities and mutual funds, designed...

## **blue-collar**

Refers to employees who perform manual labor, such as in a factory.

## **BMD**

The currency of Bermuda. ISO international currency code: BMD. Learn...

## **BND**

The currency of Brunei. ISO international currency code: BND. Learn...

## **Board of Advisors**

A less formal alternative to a board of directors, most commonly used by small...

## **Board of Directors**

Individuals elected by a corporation's shareholders to oversee the management...

## **Board of Governors**

The Board of Governors is a managing body of the Federal Reserve System. The...

## **Board of Trustees**

A group of people that oversees a non-profit organization.

## **boardroom**

A room set aside for the meetings of a firm's board of directors.

## **BOB**

The currency of Bolivia. ISO international currency code: BOB. Learn...

## **bodily injury coverage**

A type of insurance policy that pays for injuries caused to other individuals...

## **BOE Rate Decision - United Kingdom**

BOE Rate Decision - United Kingdom The announcement of whether the Bank of England...

## **bogey**

The benchmark return that a portfolio or fund manager is compared against, such as the S&P 500.

## **boiler room**

An unflattering term used to describe a fraud scheme in which salespeople are...

## **boilerplate**

A standard form or template used in a contract or other legal document.

## **BoJ Monetary Policy Meeting and Announcement - Japan**

The Bank of Japan Policy Board meets once a month for two days to discuss economic...

## **BOJ Monetary Policy Meeting Minutes - Japan**

The Bank of Japan publishes the summary from its monthly monetary policy meetings...

## **BoJ Monetary Policy Monthly Report - Japan**

Every month the Bank of Japan releases their report covering trends in the Japanese...

## **Bolivian Boliviano**

The currency of Bolivia. ISO international currency code: BOB. Learn...

## **bollinger bands**

Developed by John Bollinger, Bollinger bands consist of 3 lines; a 20 period...

## **Bolsa**

The spanish term denoting stock exchange.

## **bona fide**

In good faith, genuine.

## **bond**

A debt instrument issued for a period of more than one year with the purpose...

## **bond anticipation note**

Short term bond which will be paid off with the proceeds from a subsequent,...

## **Bond Buyer**

A daily publication containing key bond market statistics.

## **bond circular**

A document describing a bond offering, put together by its underwriter. Such...

## **bond crowd**

The members of a stock exchange who transact bond orders on the floor. The term...

## **bond discount**

The amount by which a bond's par exceeds its market price. Also known as discount.

### **bond equivalent yield**

A restating of the yield on a debt instrument in terms of semiannual interest,...

### **bond fund**

A mutual fund which invests in bonds, Commonly with the objective of providing...

### **bond indenture**

A written agreement between the issuer of a bond and his/her bondholders, generally...

### **bond market**

The market in which instruments of fixed-income debt are issued and traded....

### **bond ordinance**

Ordinance authorizing a bond issue. Also known as bond resolution.

### **bond quote**

The price at which a given bond is or was trading, expressed in terms of percentage...

### **bond rating**

A measure of the quality and safety of a bond, based on the issuer's financial...

### **bond ratio**

The percentage of a firm's capitalization that is represented by bonds, equal...

### **bond resolution**

An ordinance authorizing a bond issue. Also known as bond ordinance.

### **bond swap**

The simultaneous sale of one bond issue and the purchase of another, to stretch...

### **bonded**

Having the characteristic of being guaranteed by a bond, thereby insuring that...

### **bondholder**

A holder of bonds



**bonus share**

Free shares of stock given to current shareholders, based upon the number of...

**book**

A chronological record of a specialist's inventory of securities and orders...

**book inventory**

What stock on hand should be according to the accounting records. There might...

**book profit**

Profit which has been made but not yet realized through a transaction, such...

**book shares**

Mutual fund shares which are maintained on the transfer agent's records, but...

**book value**

A firm's common stock equity as it appears on a balance sheet, equal to total...

**book value per share**

The book value of a firm divided by the number of shares outstanding.

**book-entry security**

Security issued not as a certificate but simply as an entry in a bank account. Most Treasury securities are book-entry.

**book-to-bill ratio**

A quantitative measure of the health of the semiconductor industry, equal to...

**bookkeeping**

The systematic recording of a firm's financial transactions. The two most common...

**books**

A firm's records of its transactions, such as ledgers and journals. These records...

**books of final entry**

Accounting ledgers where information is transferred from the books of original entry.

### **books of original entry**

Accounting journals where financial transactions are initially recorded.

### **boom**

A period of rapid economic expansion.

### **bootstrap**

To build a business out of nothing, with minimal outside capital.

### **borrow**

To receive something of value with the promise of giving something of (generally greater) value at some point in the future.

### **borrowed reserves**

The funds borrowed by Federal Reserve Banks in order to maintain the reserve requirement.

### **borrowed stock**

A stock in a short sale, which the short seller takes on loan from his/her broker...

### **Bosnia-Herzegovina Convertible Mark**

The currency of Bosnia and Herzegovina. ISO international currency code: BAM

### **Botswana Pula**

The currency of Botswana . ISO international currency code: BWP....

### **bottom**

The lowest price reached for a given security over a given period of time. opposite of top.

### **bottom fisher**

An investor who looks for bargains among stocks whose prices have dropped dramatically.

### **bottom line**

The gross sales minus taxes, interest, depreciation, and other expenses. Also...

### **bottom-up**

An investment strategy in which firms are considered based simply on their own...

### **bought deal**

An offering in which the underwriter (or syndicate) purchases all the shares...

### **bounce**

A quick, moderate rise in the price of a stock following a precipitous decline. Also known as dead cat bounce.

### **bounced check**

A check which a bank returns because it is not payable due to insufficient funds. Also known as rubber check.

### **Bourse**

The French term for stock exchange, or may also refer to any European stock exchange.

### **boutique**

A brokerage concentrating on a specific, small market niche.

### **Bouvet Is Krone**

The currency of Bouvet Island. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page](#) & [Currency Converter](#)

### **box**

The physical location where securities and other important financial documents are stored for safekeeping.

### **box spread**

An arbitrage in which a profitable position is established with zero risk using both put and call options.

### **bracket creep**

Slowly moving into higher tax brackets as one's income rises to keep up with inflation.

### **Brady bond**

The U.S. dollar-denominated bond issued by an emerging market, particularly...

### **brand**

An identifying symbol, words, or mark that distinguishes a product or firm from...

## **Brazil Real**

The currency of Brazil. ISO international currency code: BRL. Learn...

## **BRC Shop Price Index - UK**

A monthly indicator of price changes at the most popular retail outlets in the...

## **breach**

A violation of a legal obligation.

## **breach of trust**

Abuse of responsibilities specified in a trust agreement.

## **breadth**

The fraction of the overall market that is participating in the market's up or down move.

## **breadth-of-market theory**

A technical analysis technique that predicts the strength of the market based...

## **break**

Term used to describe price moving higher through a resistance level or lower...

## **break-even analysis**

A calculation of the approximate sales volume required to just cover costs,...

## **break-even point**

The price at which an option's cost is equal to the proceeds acquired by exercising...

## **break-even tax rate**

The tax rate at which a person, corporation or other entity would be indifferent...

## **breaking the syndicate**

The terminating of a syndicate, enabling members to sell their remaining holdings without price restrictions.

## **breakout**

Technical analysis term used to describe price action rising above resistance...

### **breakpoint**

The level of dollar investment in a mutual fund at which an investor becomes...

### **breakup value**

Having the characteristic of a breakup value

### **bricks and mortar**

A description of a firm or portion of a firm with a physical presence, as opposed to one that exists only on the internet.

### **bridge financing**

Temporary financing extended to a person, company, or other entity - that allows...

### **bridge loan**

In international finance, a bridge loan refers to an advance taken in order...

### **Brit Indian Ocean Rupee**

The currency of British Indian Ocean Territory.See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **British Pound**

The currency of Britain. Learn more about the British Pound from GoCurrency....

### **BRL**

The currency of Brazil. ISO international currency code: BRL. Learn...

### **Broad Liquidity - Japan**

Japanese Broad Liquidity is the widest measure of the money supply used by the...

### **broad money**

One measure of the money supply that includes M1, plus savings and small time...

### **broad-base index**

An index whose purpose is to reveal the performance of the entire market, such...

### **broken lot**

Having less than 100 shares of a stock; or less than 10 shares of a very thinly...

**broker**

An individual or firm which acts as an intermediary between a purchaser and...

**broker loan**

Money lent to brokers by banks, for financing the underwriting of new issues,...

**broker loan rate**

Interest rate that banks charge to brokers to finance margin loans to investors. Also known as call money rate.

**broker recommendation**

An opinion given by an analyst to his/her clients about whether a given stock...

**broker/dealer**

Any individual or firm in the business of purchasing and selling securities...

**brokerage**

Having the characteristic of being used interchangeably with broker when referring...

**brokerage account**

A customer's account at a brokerage. There are three kinds of brokerage accounts....

**brokerage firm**

Having the characteristic of being used interchangeably with broker when referring...

**brokerage house**

Having the characteristic of being used interchangeably with broker when referring...

**Brokered CD**

A large-denomination CD sold by a bank to a brokerage, which then divides it into smaller pieces for sale to its customers.

**brought over the wall**

A situation in which a research analyst at an investment bank works for the...

**Brunei Dollar**

The currency of Brunei. ISO international currency code: BND. Learn...

## **BSD**

The currency of Bahamas . ISO international currency code: BSD. Learn...

## **BTN**

The currency of Bhutan . ISO international currency code: BTN. Learn...

## **bubble**

A description of rapidly rising equity prices, generally in a particular sector,...

## **bubble theory**

The belief that security prices occasionally rise well above their fundamental...

## **buck**

Trader's terminology for one million dollars.

## **bucket shop**

An unlicensed or illegally operated brokerage.

## **bucketing**

The illegal practice by a broker of executing a customer's order for his/her...

## **budget**

An itemized forecast of an individual's or firm's income and expenses expected for some period in the future.

## **budget deficit**

Budget Deficits are quoted as a specific reported figure. That number reflects...

## **budget surplus**

The amount by which a government's, firm's, or individual's income exceeds its...

## **Buffett, Warren**

Chairman of Berkshire Hathaway, and arguably the greatest stock market investor...

## **Building Approvals - Australia**

The number of domestic building permits granted for the month. Strong growth...

## **Building Permits**

Building Permits reflects the number of new building projects authorized...

## **Building Permits - Canada**

The number of new building projects authorized for construction. The figure...

## **Building Permits - New Zealand**

The number of new building projects authorized for construction New Zealand...

## **Building Permits - United States**

The number of new building projects authorized for construction. Because receiving...

## **Bulgarian Lev**

The currency of Bulgaria. ISO international currency code: BGN. Learn more about Bulgaria and the Bulgarian Lev at GoCurrency.com

## **bulge bracket**

The firms in an underwriting syndicate who were responsible for placing the...

## **bulk handling**

The financing of receivables in bulk rather than one at a time, to reduce processing costs.

## **bulk sales escrow**

An examination process designed to protect a purchaser of a business from unknown liabilities.

## **bulk segregation**

Client-owned stock held in street name but kept separate from brokerage-owned securities.

## **bulk transfer**

The sale of all or most of a firm's inventory or other assets to another firm....

## **bull**

Bull refers to having a positive outlook on a particular security or an investment....

## **bull market**

A prolonged period in which investment prices rise faster than their historical...



### **bull spread**

An option strategy designed to profit from a rise in a security's price, by...

### **bull straddle**

A straddle in which a long position is taken in both a put and a call option....

### **bulldog market**

The foreign market in Great Britain.

### **bullet bond**

A bond that is not able to be redeemed prior to maturity. A bullet bond is generally...

### **bullet contract**

A GIC purchased with a single premium.

### **bullet strategy**

A strategy in which a portfolio is designed to have securities with maturities...

### **bulletin board**

An electronic quotation system, used for unlisted, over-the-counter securities.

### **bullion**

Gold, silver, platinum, or palladium, in the form of bars or ingots. Some central...

### **bullish**

Bullish refers to having a positive outlook on a particular security or an investment....

### **bullish abandoned baby candlestick**

&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;	Direction:	Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;	Type:
Reversal&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...			

### **Bullish Belt Hold**

&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;	Direction:	Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;	Type:
Reversal&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...			

### **bullish breakaway candlestick**

&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:  
Reversal&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bullish divergence**

Price divergence is a technical situation where indicators signal a different...

### **bullish doji star candlestick**

Bullish Doji Star&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:...

### **bullish dragonfly doji candlestick**

Bullish Dragonfly Doji&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bullish engulfing pattern**

Bullish Engulfing&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:...

### **bullish gravestone doji candlestick**

&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:  
Reversal&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bullish hammer candlestick**

Bullish Hammer&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:...

### **bullish harami candlestick**

Bullish Harami&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:...

### **bullish inverted hammer candlestick**

&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:  
Reversal&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bullish ladder bottom candlestick**

Bullish Ladder Bottom&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bullish morning doji star candlestick**

Bullish Morning Doji Star&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **bullish morning star candlestick**

Bullish Morning Star&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### bullish piercing line candlestick

Bullish Piercing Line&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### Bullish Reversal Candlestick Patterns

Bullish Reversal Patterns Strong Bullish Reversal Patterns...

### bullish rising three methods candlestick

Bullish Rising Three Methods&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### bullish stick sandwich candlestick

Bullish Stick Sandwich&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### bullish three inside up candlestick

&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:  
Reversal&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### bullish three line strike candlestick

Bullish Three Line Strike&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### bullish three outside up candlestick

Bullish Three Outside Up&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### bullish three stars in the south candlestick

&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Bullish Three Stars in the South&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction:  
Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### bullish three white soldiers candlestick

Bullish Three White Soldiers&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### bullish tri star candlestick

Bullish Tri Star&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:...

### bullish tweezers bottom candlestick

&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Direction: Bullish&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Type:  
Reversal&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### bunching

Combining many orders of the same security for simultaneous execution.

### **bundling**

The practice of joining related products together for the purpose of selling...

### **Bureau of Public Debt**

The agency which presides over the sale of government securities such as Treasury securities and US Savings Bonds.

### **Burkina Faso**

The currency of Burkina FasoSee GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **burn rate**

For a firm with negative cash flow, the rate of that negative cash flow, generally...

### **burnout**

The depletion of a tax shelter's benefits, as the investor begins to receive income from the investment.

### **Burundi Franc**

The currency of Burundi. ISO international currency code: BIF. Learn more...

### **business**

A group or legal entity engaged in commerce. Generally business is segregated...

### **Business Confidence Indicator - France - Euro-zone**

A measure of the prevailing sentiment among French business leaders. The Business...

### **business credit**

A bank loan to a firm. Also known as commercial lending or commercial credit.

### **business cycle**

A predictable long-term pattern of alternating periods of economic growth (recovery)...

### **business day**

The part of a day during which most businesses are operating, generally from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.

### **business finance companies**

Firms whose purpose is lending money to other firms. As opposed to a general...

### **Business Inventories - United States**

Unsold goods held by manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. Business Inventories...

### **Business Investment - UK**

The change in capital expenditures made by private firms. Businesses only invest...

### **business life insurance**

Life insurance purchased by a firm or investor on the life of a key executive....

### **business model**

A description of the operations of a business including the components of the...

### **business plan**

A document prepared by a firm's management, detailing the past, present, and...

### **business risk**

Risk associated with the unique circumstances of a particular firm, as they might affect the price of that firm's securities.

### **business-to-business**

Abbreviated as B2B. A transaction that occurs between a firm and another firm,...

### **business-to-consumer**

Abbreviated as B2C. A transaction that occurs between a firm and a consumer,...

### **bust-up takeover**

A leveraged buyout in which the acquirer sells some of the assets of the target...

### **busted convertible**

A convertible security for which the market price of the common stock is so...

### **butterfly spread**

An options strategy built on four trades at one expiration date and three different...

## **buy**

To obtain ownership of a security or other asset in exchange for money or value.

## **buy and hold**

An investment strategy in which stocks are bought and then held for a long period,...

## **buy and write**

A conservative options strategy in which stocks are bought and covered call options are written on them.

## **buy limit order**

An order to a broker to purchase a specified quantity of a security at or below a specified price (called the limit price).

## **buy minus**

An order to purchase a stock at a specific price below the current market price.

## **buy minus order**

An order to purchase a specified amount of a stock if the price to be executed...

## **buy on close**

An order to buy at the end of a trading session at a price within the closing range.

## **buy on opening**

An order to buy at the start of a trading session at a price within the opening range.

## **buy order**

A buy order is the instruction to a broker (or bank, market maker, or financial...

## **buy side**

See buy-side.

## **buy stop order**

A purchase order which is to be held until the market price rises to a specified...

## **buy the book**

An order to a broker to purchase all shares available from a specialist at the...

**buy-sell agreement**

An agreement used by businesses to sell the interests of a deceased owner to...

**buy-side**

See buy-side.

**buy-side analyst**

An analyst employed by an entity, such as a mutual fund, that invests on its...

**buyback**

The purchase of a long position to offset a short position.

**buydown**

A cash payment made by any party to reduce a borrower's monthly loan payment.

**buyer's market**

A market which has more sellers than buyers. Low prices result from this excess...

**buyer's monopoly**

A situation in which there is only one customer for a firm's product. Also known as monopsony.

**buying basis**

The difference between the cost of a cash commodity and the futures contract sold to hedge against it.

**buying hedge**

The act of buying futures to hedge against the sale of a cash commodity. An...

**buying on margin**

A risky technique involving the purchase of securities with borrowed money,...

**buying outright**

To buy entirely with cash, as opposed to on margin.

**buying power**

The value of money, as measured by the quantity and quality of products and...

## **buyout**

The purchase of controlling interest in one corporation by another corporation, in order to take over assets and/or operations.

## **BWP**

The currency of Botswana . ISO international currency code: BWP....

## **by the book**

In accordance with established guidelines.

## **by-bidder**

An individual who secretly represents a seller at an auction, and who places...

## **BYB**

The currency of Belarus. ISO international currency code: BYR (and...

## **bylaws**

The official rules and regulations which govern a corporation's management....

## **bypass trust**

An irrevocable trust which allows the passing of one's assets to one's children to reduce estate taxes.

## **BYR**

The currency of Belarus. ISO international currency code: BYR (and...

## **BZD**

The currency of Belize. ISO international currency code: BZD. Learn more...

## **C Corporation**

A business which is a completely separate entity from its owners, unlike a partnership.

## **C shares**

Mutual fund shares of a class that carries an ongoing fee. The ongoing fee is often a 12b-1 fee, paid annually.

## **cabinet security**



A stock or bond that is listed on a major exchange but either not actively traded...

### **cable**

The common name for the GBP/USD currency pair. Cable's etymology derives from...

### **CAD**

The currency of Canada. ISO international currency code: CAD. Learn more...

### **cafeteria plan**

A benefits plan that allows employees to select from a pool of choices, some...

### **cage**

The department of a brokerage firm through which physical securities are both...

### **CAGR**

Compound Annual Growth Rate. The year-over-year growth rate of an investment...

### **calendar effect**

Trends in the performance of stocks correlating to different days of the week,...

### **calendar spread**

A strategy in options or futures where a spread is established by entering both...

### **calendar year**

The period beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31, based on the Gregorian...

### **call**

A Call is an option contract that gives the holder the right (but not the obligation)...

### **call date**

The date on which a callable bond can be redeemed before it has reached maturity....

### **call feature**

See callable bond.

### **call loan**

A loan that must repaid upon the lender's demand. also called callable loan. See also callable loan

**call money market**

A market that consists of the borrowing of money by brokers and dealers for...

**call money rate**

The interest rate that banks charge brokers to finance margin loans to investors....

**call option**

A Call is an option contract that gives the holder the right (but not the obligation)...

**call price**

At the time a callable bond or callable preferred stock is issued, the price...

**call protection**

A specified initial period during which a callable bond may not be called.This...

**call provision**

A clause in the indenture of a bond expressing the right of the issuer to redeem...

**call ratio backspread**

An investment strategy combining options to limit risk while still allowing...

**call risk**

The potential for cash flow issues that the holder of a callable bond enables...

**call swaption**

Short for call swap option. This is an exchange in which the buyer pays an option...

**callable**

Able to be redeemed prior to maturity. The term generally applies to bonds and...

**callable bond**

A bond whose issuer has the right, under certain conditions, to redeem (buy...

**callable loan**

A loan used by brokerage firms to maintain margin accounts or finance underwriting...

**callable stock**

A stock which the issuer may buy back on demand at a specified price. Also...

### **called away**

Term used to describe a contract that is ended because of the obligation of...

### **called bond**

A callable or call bond that the issuer has chosen to redeem before the maturity...

### **Cambist**

A banking, money changer or broker. The more modern usage refers to an expert...

### **Cambodia Riel**

The currency of Cambodia. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **Cameroon Franc**

The currency of Cameroon. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **Canadian Dollar**

The currency of Canada. ISO international currency code: CAD. Learn more...

### **Canary Island**

The currency of The Canary Islands.

### **cancel**

The action of placing a cancel order. See cancel order

### **cancel order**

In order given to call off a previously placed buy or sell order. This is an...

### **cancellation of debt**

Absolution by a creditor of a borrower's obligation to repay a loan. This may...

### **cancelled check**

A check cleared by a financial institution. A cancelled check may serve as proof of payment.

### **Candlestick Charting Explained**

Intro to Candles Bullish Reversals Bearish Reversals Continuation...

## **Canton & Enderbury Island**

The currency of Canton & Enderbury Island. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

## **cap**

An upper limit on the interest rate that can be charged by a lender. This may...

## **cap rate**

The discount rate used to determine the present value of a stream of future...

## **capacity**

A firm or economy's ability to produce goods and services.

## **Capacity Utilization - Japan**

Capacity utilization measures the extent to which Japanese manufacturing companies...

## **Capacity Utilization - United States**

Capacity Utilization measures the extent to which U.S. manufacturing companies...

## **capacity utilization rate**

The percentage of production potential of a company, industry, or entire economy...

## **Capacity Utilization Rate - Canada**

Measures the extent to which Canadian manufacturing companies make use of their...

## **Cape Verde Escudo**

The currency of Cape Verde. ISO international currency code: CVE....

## **capex**

Money spent to acquire or upgrade physical assets such as buildings and machinery....

## **capital**

Financial capital generally refers to the net financial wealth and investor...

## **capital account**

An account that tracks the movement of funds for investments and loans into...

**capital appreciation**

An increase in the price of an asset in the market. This is one of two major...

**capital appreciation fund**

An aggressive type of mutual fund that seeks profit primarily through investment...

**capital asset**

A tangible asset that is held for a long period of time, not normally bought...

**Capital Asset Pricing Model**

CAPM. A formula relating risk to expected return that is used to price particularly...

**capital budget**

Plan for new acquisitions and replacements of long-term assets. Assets considered...

**capital budgeting**

Planning the most effective investment strategy in long-term projects in order...

**capital commitment**

Inventories of stocks carried by market makers. Because the value of stocks is...

**capital consumption allowance**

The amount of money necessary for a country to maintain its productivity. This...

**capital efficiency**

The informal ratio of output divided by capital expenditure. The larger the ratio, the better the capital efficiency.

**capital employed**

Fixed assets plus current assets minus current liabilities. Capital employed...

**capital expenditure**

Funds spent for the acquisition of a long-term physical asset. Also known as...

**capital flight**

The movement of capital from one investment to another that is more stable or...

**capital formation**

The creation or expansion through savings of goods that produce other goods.This...

**capital gain**

The profit made from the sale, trade, or exchange of a capital asset. This is...

**capital gains distribution**

Payment of some amount of a company's profit from sales of securities made to...

**capital gains tax**

A tax taken on profits made through the sale of assets held for investment....

**capital goods**

Producer materials used to create physical commodities.In general, capital goods...

**capital growth**

An increase in the market price of an asset. See capital appreciation.

**capital intensive**

Requiring a large amount of assets to produce a particular good or finance a...

**capital investment**

Money paid for an asset of permanent use or value in a business or home. The...

**capital lease**

A lease with the characteristic of asset ownership.This characteristic is determined...

**capital liability**

Debt that both arises through and is used in business operations.Applicable...

**capital loss**

The amount by which the purchase price of a capital asset is higher than its...

**capital loss carryover**

The amount by which the decline in value of an asset exceeds the maximum deductible...

**capital market**

Trading center for securities such as stocks, mortgages, and bonds. The capital...

### **capital market line**

A graph derived from the Capital Asset Pricing Model that shows the rates of...

### **capital net worth**

A company or individual's total assets minus total liabilities. For corporations,...

### **capital rationing**

The placement of restrictions on the quantity of new investments or projects...

### **capital requirement**

A permanent base of funds needed for the normal operation of a business. Also...

### **capital resource**

A good used in the production of other goods. Examples include factories, buildings, and equipment.

### **Capital Spending - Japan**

The investment in new capital by Japanese corporations. Capital spending serves...

### **Capital Spending Including Software - Japan**

The capital spending figure including software tracks all investment by Japanese...

### **capital stock**

The total amount of stock authorized for issue by a corporation. This includes...

### **capital structure**

The basis for a firm's financing. Also known as capitalization. This may be...

### **capital turnover**

A company's annual sales divided by its average stockholder equity (net worth). Also...

### **capitalism**

Capitalism refers to the economic system characterized by the following points: Private...

### **capitalization**

A term that refers to the total amount of financing or funds that is available...

### **capitalization of income**

A method of evaluating an investment by estimating future cash flows and taking...

### **capitalization rate**

A rate of interest or discount rate used to convert a series of future earnings...

### **capitalization ratios**

The distribution of a company's assets between debt, preferred stock, common...

### **capitalization weighted index**

A statistical indicator that provides a representation of the value of its components...

### **capitalize**

To record current expenses as a long-term asset in order to delay the recognition...

### **capitalized cost**

The base cost of a leased asset that is amortized over the life of the lease.Also...

### **capitalized interest**

An additional charge added to an original principal loan amount because the...

### **CAPM**

See Capital Asset Pricing Model

### **capped-style option**

An option with a pre-established profit limit.Also called a capped option....

### **capping**

Artificially keeping the price of a stock low or actively lowering it by applying...

### **captive agent**

Representative of an insurer with a special commitment to that insurer.As opposed...

### **capture rate**

Capture Rate refers to the ability at which properties are able to be sold or...



### **car**

The amount of a commodity for which a predetermined price is set in a commodity...

### **carrier**

Insurance company that actually underwrites, issues, and assumes (or carries)...

### **Carry Trade Strategy Example**

The carry trade is a popular trading strategy used in the FX market. It guarantees...

### **carryback**

A technique for receiving a refund of back taxes by applying a deduction or...

### **carryforward**

A technique for applying a loss or credit from the current year to a future year. Also known as tax loss carryforward.

### **carrying charge**

The cost of storage space, insurance, and finance charges incurred when storing a physical commodity.

### **carte blanche**

The permission to select any available choice in making a given decision.

### **cartel**

A group of firms or countries which collectively attempt to affect market prices...

### **carve-out**

A situation in which a parent firm sells a minority share of a child firm, generally...

### **cash**

Currency and coins on hand, bank balances, and negotiable money orders and checks.

### **cash account**

A brokerage account in which the customer is required by Regulation T to pay...

### **cash advance**

A loan taken out against a line of credit, credit card or expected income--typically...

## **Cash Against Documents**

CAD. A transaction where the purchaser takes ownership of goods the moment...

## **cash and carry trade**

An arbitrage strategy generally consisting of the purchase of a particular security...

## **cash asset ratio**

Total dollar value of cash and marketable securities divided by current liabilities....

## **cash basis**

The bookkeeping practice of recording sales and expenses only when cash is actually...

## **cash budget**

A forecast of estimated cash receipts and disbursements for a specified period of time.

## **cash buying**

The outright purchase of securities or commodities for immediate delivery.

## **cash collateral**

The proceeds of cash collected from the sale of liquid assets while in bankruptcy.

## **cash commodity**

An actual physical commodity which is delivered at the completion of a contract,...

## **cash control**

The procedures used to verify the accuracy of cash receipts and disbursements.

## **cash conversion cycle**

The length of time between the purchase of raw materials and the collection...

## **cash cow**

A Cash-Cow is a business or product which generates a steady, dependable flow...

## **cash credit**

A short-term cash loan to a firm.

## **cash cycle**

The length of time between the purchase of raw materials and the collection...

**cash delivery**

A requirement of certain futures contracts that the underlier should not be...

**cash discount**

A credit or discount offered if the purchaser chooses to pay early and/or with cash.

**cash dividend**

A dividend paid in the form of cash, generally by check.

**cash earnings**

Cash revenues minus cash expenses. This differs from earnings in that it does not include non-cash expenses such as depreciation.

**cash equivalence**

The market value of an asset if it was sold for cash.

**cash equivalents**

Highly liquid, very safe investments which can be easily converted into cash, such as Treasury Bills and money market funds.

**cash flow**

A measure of a firm's financial health. Equals cash receipts minus cash payments...

**cash flow statement**

A summary of a firm's cash flow over a given period of time.

**cash flows from financing activities**

An accounting of funds related to the financing of the firm which is reported...

**cash flows from investing activities**

An accounting of funds related to the firm's investments, reported on the cash...

**cash flows from operating activities**

An accounting of funds related to the firm's operations, reported on the cash...

**cash forward contract**

A cash market transaction in which a seller agrees to deliver a specific cash...

#### **cash in**

Primarily, cash-in refers to the exchange of one thing for cash. For example,...

#### **cash journal**

A journal where all transactions are initially recorded.

#### **cash management**

The strategy by which a firm administers and invests its cash.

#### **cash market**

A market in which commodities, such as grain, gold, crude oil, or RAM chips,...

#### **Cash on Delivery**

Abbreviated as COD, refers to a transaction in which goods are paid for in full...

#### **Cash or Deferred Arrangement**

Abbreviated as CODA, refers to a qualified plan, generally part of a profit...

#### **cash out**

Exchange for cash.

#### **cash price**

The present delivery price of a given commodity being traded on the spot market. Also known as spot price.

#### **cash ratio**

Total dollar value of cash and marketable securities divided by current liabilities....

#### **cash reserves**

Cash deposits, short-term bank deposits, money market instruments, and Treasury Bills.

#### **cash sale**

A transaction in which the securities are delivered on the trade date instead...

#### **cash settlement**

A transaction settled with a cash payment in the amount of profit or loss rather...

**cash surrender value**

The amount available in cash upon cancellation of an insurance policy, generally...

**cash value**

The amount available in cash upon cancellation of an insurance policy, generally...

**cash value life insurance policy**

A life insurance policy which in addition to providing a benefit upon the death...

**cash withdrawal**

A provision enabling a participant to withdraw part or all of an accumulation from an insurance policy or annuity.

**cash-balance plan**

A defined benefit retirement plan characterized by an annual contribution made...

**cash-on-cash return**

A technique for calculating the return on an investment for which there is no...

**cash-out refinancing**

The process of taking out of a new mortgage at an amount that exceeds the existing...

**cashbook**

An accounting book which documents both cash receipts and disbursements.

**Cashcard Retail Index - Australia**

Gauges Australian consumer spending. The Cashcard Retail Index tracks cash,...

**cashier's check**

A check which cannot bounce because its face amount is paid to the bank when...

**cashless exercise**

A method of converting options into stock that requires no initial cash payment...

**casualty insurance**

A type of insurance coverage for loss or liability arising from a sudden, unexpected event such as an accident.

### **casualty loss**

Any form of financial loss or loss of property arising from a sudden, unexpected event such as an accident.

### **CAT bond**

A high-yield, insurance-backed bond containing a provision causing interest...

### **catastrophe bond**

A high-yield, insurance-backed bond containing a provision causing interest...

### **catastrophic coverage**

A type of insurance coverage for specific catastrophic events such as death, fire, flood, and some medical conditions.

### **caveat emptor**

Let the purchaser beware.

### **Cayman Islands Dollar**

The currency of Cayman Islands. Learn more about the Cayman dollar and Cayman Islands at [GoCurrency.com](http://GoCurrency.com)

### **CBI Industrial Trends Survey - UK**

A survey of senior manufacturing executives on trends in output, prices, exports,...

### **CBO**

Acronym for Collateralized Bond Obligation. An investment-grade bond backed...

### **CBOE**

Acronym for Chicago Board Options Exchange. An exchange where stock options,...

### **CBOT**

Acronym for Chicago Board of Trade. An exchange where grain, gold, and Treasury Bond futures and options are traded.

### **CD**

Acronym for Certificate of Deposit. Short- or medium-term, interest-bearing,...

## **CDF**

The currency of The Democratic Republic of Congo. ISO international currency...

## **ceiling**

The maximum interest rate permitted by state law for a given loan. A ceiling is a common feature of floating rate notes.

## **central assets account**

A single account at a brokerage or bank which includes both banking and brokerage...

## **Central Bank**

The generic name given to a country's primary monetary authority, such as the...

## **Central Registration Depository**

Acronym for CRD. A computerized database with information on registered brokers....

## **CEO**

Acronym for Chief Executive Officer. The executive who is responsible for a...

## **certificate**

A formal declaration of a fact, such as a stock certificate, CD, certificate...

## **Certificate of Authority**

A certificate which identifies an account's trustee(s) when none is listed on an account registration.

## **Certificate of Claim**

A contingent promise to reimburse an insured lender for costs resulting from a foreclosure.

## **certificate of delivery**

A certificate acknowledging delivery of securities after a transaction has been completed.

## **Certificate of Deposit**

Abbreviated as CD, refers to a short- or medium-term, interest-bearing, FDIC-insured...

## **Certificate of Occupancy**

A certificate issued by a local building department to a builder or renovator,...

### **Certificate of Participation**

Financing in which an individual purchases a share of the lease revenues of...

### **certificate of stock**

A document reflecting legal ownership of a specific number of stock shares in a corporation. Also known as stock certificate.

### **certificate of title**

A written statement by an attorney or title firm as to the status of a property title.

### **certificated stock**

A quantity of a physical commodity which has been inspected by the appropriate...

### **certificateless municipal bond**

A municipal bond which does not have a certificate of ownership for each bondholder....

### **certification**

The procedure through which an official designation is obtained. Often involves standardized testing.

### **certified check**

A check for which the bank guarantees payment.

### **Certified Financial Planner**

A title conveyed by the International Board of Standards and Practices for Certified...

### **Certified Public Accountant**

Acronym for CPA. An individual who has received state certification to practice accounting.

### **ceteris paribus**

Ceteris paribus - A Latin term used in economics meaning "with all other things...

### **CFA**

Acronym for Chartered Financial Analyst. An individual who has passed tests...

### **CFA Franc**



The currency of The African Financial Community (Central Africa)..See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter](#)

### **CFA Franc BCEAO**

The currency of The African Financial Community (East Africa)..See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter](#)

### **CFO**

The CFO is the senior manager responsible for overseeing the financial activities...

### **CFTC**

Acronym for Commodity Futures Trading Commission. The federal agency created...

### **Chad Franc**

The currency of Chad..See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter](#)

### **chaebol**

Korean term for a conglomerate of many firms clustered around one parent firm....

### **Chaikin Oscillator**

A technical analysis tool that compares the day's closing price to the intraday...

### **Chairman of the Board**

The highest-ranking officer in a corporation's board of directors. Presides...

### **channel**

A channel is formed between parallel support and resistance lines. This pattern...

### **Chapter 10**

The part of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code describing how a company can file for court...

### **Chapter 11**

The part of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code describing how a company or debtor can...

### **Chapter 13**

The part of the U.S. bankruptcy code allowing an individual to begin debt repayment...

### **Chapter 7**

The part of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code describing the liquidation of a company after bankruptcy.

### **character loan**

A loan based on the reputation and/or personal credit history of a borrower, rather than collateral.

### **charge**

An expense or cost.

### **charge card**

A card used for making payments. Similar to a credit card except that the balance...

### **charge off**

Accounts receivable that will likely remain uncollectable and will be written...

### **charitable lead trust**

An arrangement where property income or investment income is given to a charity...

### **charitable remainder trust**

An arrangement in which property or money is donated to a charity, but the donor...

### **chart**

A chart is a collection of historical price action that is represented visually...

### **chart of accounts**

A list of all account names and numbers used in a firm's general ledger.

### **charter**

A document, filed with a U.S. state by a corporation's founders, describing...

### **Chartered Financial Analyst**

Abbreviated as CFA, refers to an individual who has passed tests in economics,...

### **Chartered Financial Consultant**

Abbreviated as ChFC, refers to a financial planning designation for the insurance...

### **Chartered Investment Council**

Abbreviated as CIC, refers to an individual who has passed tests in economics,...

## **Chartered Life Underwriter**

Abbreviated as CLU, refers to a designation granted by the American College...

## **charting**

The set of techniques used in technical analysis in which charts are used to...

## **chartist**

A person who uses charts to aid in technical analysis.

## **chasing the market**

The generally unwise practice of lagging behind the market by buying after a rise and/or selling after a fall.

## **chattel**

Property, other than real estate, owned by an individual. Also known as personal property.

## **chattel mortgage**

A lien on assets other than real estate backing a loan.

## **cheapest to deliver**

A technique used to decide which debt instrument is most profitable to deliver against a futures contract.

## **check**

A negotiable instrument drawn against deposited funds, to pay a specified amount...

## **checkbook**

A booklet of blank checks which enable a bank account holder to draw money from his/her checking account deposits.

## **checkbook register**

An informal record of all deposits to and withdrawals from a given checking...

## **checking account**

A bank account in which checks (bank drafts) may be written against deposited...

## **CHF**

The currency of Switzerland. ISO international currency code: CHF. The...

### **ChFC**

Chartered Financial Consultant. A financial planning designation for the insurance...

### **Chicago Board of Trade**

Abbreviated as CBOT. An exchange where grain, gold, and Treasury Bond futures and options are traded.

### **Chicago Board Options Exchange**

Abbreviated as CBOE. An exchange where stock options, equity LEAPS, index options, and interest rate options are traded.

### **Chicago Mercantile Exchange**

Abbreviated as CME. An exchange where financial futures, foreign currency futures,...

### **Chicago PMI - United States**

Monthly measure of the business conditions based on surveys of purchasing managers...

### **Chief Executive Officer**

Abbreviated as CEO. The executive who is responsible for a firm's operations,...

### **Chief Financial Officer**

The CFO is the senior manager responsible for overseeing the financial activities...

### **Chief Operating Officer**

Abbreviated as COO. The executive who is responsible for the day-to-day management of a firm.

### **child and dependent care credit**

A tax credit available to an employed individual or an individual seeking employment...

### **Chilean Peso**

The currency of Chile. ISO international currency code: CLP. Learn more about Chile and the Chilean Peso at GoCurrency.com

### **China Renminbi**

The currency of China. ISO international currency code: CNY. Learn more...

## **Chinese Wall**

A term used to describe procedures enforced within a securities firm that separate...

## **choice market**

A market for a stock in which the bid price equals the ask price (in other words,...

## **Christmas Island Dollar**

The currency of Christmas Island. Christmas Island now uses the Australian...

## **churn rate**

The Churn rate is the percentage of subscribers for any service that do not...

## **churning**

Excessive trading in a client's account by a broker seeking to maximize commissions...

## **CIC**

Acronym for Chartered Investment Council. An individual who has passed tests...

## **CINS number**

See CUSIP number.

## **circle**

The term used to indicate which potential purchasers of an upcoming offering...

## **circle of competence**

Warren Buffett's belief that an investor's best strategy is to select an area...

## **circuit breaker**

Any of a number of procedures implemented by a major stock or commodity exchange...

## **circular**

A legal document offering securities or mutual fund shares for sale, required...

## **civilian unemployment rate**

The number of unemployed people divided by the total size of the labor force,...

## **claim**

Notification to an insurance firm requesting payment of an amount due under...

### **Claimant Count - UK**

The Claimant Count is the UK's most timely measure of unemployment. The report...

### **class**

Type, as of a security. For options, puts and calls of the same security are considered different classes.

### **Class A Shares**

Commonly, the most preferred tier of classified stock, offering more voting...

### **class action suit**

A lawsuit brought by one party on behalf of a group of individuals all having the same grievance.

### **Class B Shares**

The second tier of classified stock.

### **class of options**

Option contracts of a single type (call or put) and style (American, European or capped) that cover the same underlying security.

### **classified loan**

A loan that is criticized by bank examiners as being substandard after being approved.

### **classified stock**

The separation of a firm's common stock into multiple classes, such as Class...

### **clean**

Free of debt.

### **clear**

The process by which a check or a bank draft is authorized and confirmed for the transfer of funds from one account to another.

### **clear title**

A title that is free of liens and legal questions as to ownership of the property....

**clearance**

The collection of funds which a check is drawn on, and the payment of those funds to the bearer.

**clearance time**

The time required for a deposited check to be processed and credited to the depositor's account.

**cleared date**

The date on which the funds required for a given withdrawal are removed from the account.

**clearing**

The collection of funds which a check is drawn on, and the payment of those funds to the bearer.

**clearing corporation**

An organization which works with the exchanges to handle confirmation, delivery...

**clearing firm**

An organization which works with the exchanges to handle confirmation, delivery...

**clearing member**

A member of an exchange clearinghouse, responsible for executing client trades and other financial commitments of customers.

**clearinghouse**

An agency associated with an exchange, which settles trades and regulates delivery.

**clearinghouse funds**

Funds represented by a personal or business check that pass between Federal...

**client**

Customer, as of a full-service brokerage.

**cliff vesting**

A characteristic of some retirement plans which specifies that employer matching...

**CLO**

Acronym for Collateralized Loan Obligation. A debt security backed by a pool of commercial loans.

### **clone**

A mutual fund designed to match the performance of an existing successful fund...

### **clone fund**

A mutual fund designed to match the performance of an existing successful fund by imitating its strategy.

### **close**

Closing a position refers to ending one's exposure to movements in the market...

### **close a position**

Closing a position refers to ending one's exposure to movements in the market...

### **close corporation plan**

An arrangement whereby surviving shareholders agree to buy a deceased shareholder's shares.

### **close market**

A market with a narrow spread. Opposite of wide market.

### **close out**

The elimination or reduction of a current long or short position by making an...

### **close to the money**

An option contract for which the strike price is close to the current market price of the underlying security.

### **closed corporation**

A corporation in which all of the voting stock is held by a few shareholders,...

### **closed fund**

An open-end mutual fund that has temporarily or permanently suspended sale of...

### **closed out**

The liquidating of a position because the account holder failed to meet a margin call or to cover a short sale.

### **closed-end credit**



Credit which is to be repaid in full (along with any interest and finance charges)...

**closed-end fund**

A fund with a fixed number of shares outstanding, and one which does not redeem...

**closed-end investment company**

A fund with a fixed number of shares outstanding, and one which does not redeem...

**closed-end mortgage**

A mortgage for which repayment may not be made prior to maturity, and for which...

**closely held**

A corporation for which most of the voting stock is held by a small number of...

**closing**

An option contract for which the strike price is close to the current market price of the underlying security.

**closing agent**

An individual who represents a buyer and handles the closing and the legal transfer...

**closing bell**

The end of a trading session.

**closing costs**

Fees and expenses, over and above the price of the property, incurred by the...

**closing date**

The date on which the seller of a property delivers the deed and the buyer pays for it.

**closing entry**

The final bookkeeping entries made at the end of an accounting period to transfer...

**closing price**

The price of the last transaction for a given security at the end of a given trading session. Also known as close.

**closing purchase**

A transaction made in order to close out a position.

### **closing sale**

A transaction in which the seller's intention is to reduce or eliminate a long position in a stock or an option series.

### **closing statement**

A document prepared by a closing agent describing a real estate transaction,...

### **closing tick**

The number of stocks which ended the trading session on an uptick minus the number which ended on a downtick.

### **closing transaction**

The fulfillment of a contract that causes an existing investment to end. A sale...

### **cloud on title**

Any encumbrance or claim that might invalidate a title to a property. Also known as title defect.

### **CLP**

The currency of Chile. ISO international currency code: CLP. Learn more about Chile and the Chilean Peso at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **CLU**

Acronym for Chartered Life Underwriter. A designation granted by the American...

### **CME**

Acronym for Chicago Mercantile Exchange. An exchange where financial futures,...

### **CMO**

Acronym for Collateralized Mortgage Obligation. A mortgage-backed, investment-grade...

### **CNY**

The currency of China. ISO international currency code: CNY. Learn more...

### **coattail investing**

A trading strategy in which an investor tries to duplicate the performance of...

## **COBRA**

A type of health insurance plan which allows an employee who leaves a firm to...

## **Cocos (Keeling) Island**

The currency of Cocos (Keeling) Island. Cocos (Keeling) Island now...

## **COD**

Acronym for Cash on Delivery. A transaction in which goods are paid for in full...

## **CODA**

Acronym for Cash or Deferred Arrangement. A qualified plan, generally part of...

## **code of procedure**

The NASD guide for handling and adjudicating complaints filed against NASD members under its Rules of Fair Practice.

## **codicil**

A legal amendment to a will.

## **coefficient of determination**

A measure of the correlation between the dependent and independent variables in a regression analysis.

## **COGS**

Acronym for Cost Of Goods Sold. On an income statement, the cost of purchasing...

## **Coincident Index - Japan**

Measures the current economic activity based on a composite of indicators that...

## **coincident indicator**

The business cycle of economic conditions have four phases: peak, contraction,...

## **coinsurance**

An insurance policy provision under which the insurer and the insured share...

## **COLA**

Acronym for Cost of Living Adjustment. An annual adjustment in wages to offset...

### **cold calling**

The ethically questionable practice by full-service brokers of making unsolicited...

### **collapse**

A sudden, dramatic drop in economic activity, market prices, or a firm's condition.

### **collar**

1 - A strategy to reduce a position's exposure to market fluctuations, while...

### **collateral**

Assets pledged by a borrower to secure a loan or other credit, and subject to...

### **collateral note**

A promissory note secured by the pledge of specific assets.

### **collateral surety**

Commercial paper which has been pledged as collateral for a loan.

### **collateral trust certificate**

A corporate bond backed by other securities, generally a parent corporation borrowing against securities of its subsidiaries.

### **Collateralized Bond Obligation**

Abbreviated as CBO. An investment-grade bond backed by a large, diversified...

### **Collateralized Mortgage Obligation**

Abbreviated as CMO. A mortgage-backed, investment-grade bond that separates...

### **Collateralized Loan Obligation**

Abbreviated as CLO. A debt security backed by a pool of commercial loans.

### **collectible**

An item which has value due to its rarity and desirability; examples include antiques, coins, and art. Often illiquid.

### **collection**

The conversion of accounts receivable into cash.

**collection agency**

A firm whose purpose is to collect on delinquent accounts.

**collection float**

The number of shares of a security that are outstanding and available for trading by the public. Also known as float.

**collection ratio**

The average time period for which receivables are outstanding. Equal to accounts...

**collective bargaining**

A method of negotiation in which employees use authorized union representatives to assist them.

**collective trust**

An investment fund formed from the pooling of investments by institutional investors.

**collectively bargained plan**

A retirement plan initiated via collective bargaining between an employer and a union or other employee representatives.

**collision coverage**

A type of insurance designed to pay for the repair or replacement of the policy...

**collusion**

A secret activity undertaken by two or more people for the purpose of fraud.

**Colombian Peso**

The currency of Colombia. ISO international currency code: COP. Learn...

**comaker**

An individual other than the borrower who signs a promissory note and thereby...

**combination**

An option strategy involving the purchase or sale of both a put and a call on...

**combination annuity**

An annuity which combines features of a fixed annuity and a variable annuity. Also known as hybrid annuity.

### **combination bond**

A bond which is backed both by revenue from the project for which the borrowing...

### **combination plans**

An option strategy involving the purchase or sale of both a put and a call on...

### **combined financial statement**

A financial statement covering multiple related or affiliated firms.

### **COMEX**

Acronym for Commodity Exchange. The leading U.S. exchange for metals futures and options trading.

### **comfort letter**

An accounting firm's statement provided to a firm preparing for a public offering,...

### **command economy**

An economy where supply and price are regulated by the government rather than...

### **Comment Letter**

A letter written by independent accountants to an underwriter as part of that underwriter's due diligence.

### **commerce**

The buying and selling of products and services between firms, generally in different states or countries.

### **commercial**

A bank loan to a firm. Also known as commercial lending or business credit.

### **commercial bank**

An institution which accepts deposits, makes business loans, and offers related...

### **commercial credit**

commercial credit

**commercial finance**

A secured business loan in which the borrower pledges as collateral any assets...

**commercial hedger**

A corporation which takes a position in a commodities market for business reasons.

**commercial lending**

A bank loan to a firm. Also known as commercial credit or business credit.

**commercial loan**

A short-term renewable loan used to finance a firm's immediate working capital needs.

**commercial mortgage**

A mortgage secured by real estate and in which the real estate is used for business purposes.

**commercial paper**

An unsecured obligation issued by a corporation or bank to finance its short-term...

**commercial property**

Real estate zoned for business or industrial use.

**commercial year**

A year treated as having 12 months of 30 days each.

**commingled fund**

A Commingled Fund is a kind of mutual fund or common trust fund which consists...

**commingling**

The mixing of customer account securities with those in a bank or brokerage's own accounts; generally illegal.

**commission**

A fee charged by a broker or agent for his/her service in facilitating a transaction,...

**commission house**

A firm which purchases and sells only for customer accounts, not for his/her own account.





**commodity paper**

Loans or advances secured by commodities, warehouse receipts or bills of lading.

**commodity pool**

An enterprise in which several individuals contribute funds in order to trade...

**Commodity Trading Advisor (CTA)**

An individual or firm, registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,...

**commodity-backed bond**

A bond which is tied to the price of a commodity, often used as a hedge against inflation.

**commodity-product spread**

The simultaneous purchase of a commodity and the sale of the products derived from that commodity, or vice-versa.

**common shares**

Securities representing equity ownership in a corporation, providing voting...

**common stock**

Securities representing equity ownership in a corporation, providing voting...

**common stock equivalent**

A preferred stock or bond which is convertible into common stock, particularly...

**common stock ratio**

A firm's common stock divided by its total capitalization, expressed as a percentage.

**common-law voting**

A rarely used voting system in which each shareholder gets a single vote, regardless of number of shares held.

**common-size statement**

A financial statement displaying all items as a percentage of a common base...

**Community Development Corporation**

A corporation established to develop economic programs and provide financial support for a community.

### **community property**

Any property that a married couple has acquired during their marriage. In certain...

### **Comorian Franc**

The official currency of Comoros. Learn more about the Comorian Franc and Comoros at GoCurrency.com

### **companion bonds**

Unique classes of bonds that help protect against the risk of prepayment associated...

### **company**

Any entity engaging in business, such as a proprietorship, partnership, or corporation.

### **Company Operating Profits - Australia**

The profits of Australian companies after all expenses have been accounted for....

### **comparative advantage**

The name for the ability of one business entity to engage in production at a...

### **comparative statements**

Financial statement covering several different time periods. Comparative Statements...

### **comparison**

Correspondence between two brokers outlining the terms of a transaction prior to settlement. Also known as comparison ticket.

### **compensating balance**

The amount of money a bank requires a customer to maintain in a non-interest...

### **compensation**

Generally, something received in return for something else.

### **compensation package**

The total monetary value an employee receives.

**competition**

An environment of marketplace rivalry. Goods or services are offered and consumed...

**competitive**

A situation in which no buyer(s) or seller(s) have the power to affect or manipulate market prices.

**competitive advantage**

Condition which enables a firm to operate in a more efficient or otherwise higher-quality...

**competitive bid**

An offering procedure in which underwriters submit sealed bids to the issuer...

**competitive intelligence**

Data gathered and used by a firm for the purpose of learning about its competition in a given market.

**complex capital structure**

The separation of a firm's common stock into multiple classes, such as Class...

**compliance**

The state of being in accordance with the relevant Federal or regional authorities...

**compliance department**

The department within a brokerage or stock exchange that oversees trading and...

**complimentary**

Having the characteristic of being free.

**comply**

Follow the terms of an agreement.

**composite**

An index or average which is a combination of multiple other indexes or averages....

**composite tape**

A ticker tape which prints transactions on national exchanges, regional exchanges, and over-the-counter.

### **composition**

The breakdown of a portfolio or mutual fund by asset class or investment type.

### **Compound Annual Growth Rate**

Acronym for CAGR. The year over year growth rate applied to an investment or...

### **compound annual return**

The return an investment would require in order to achieve a set, cumulative...

### **compound arbitrage**

Arbitrage which utilizes four or more markets.

### **compound growth rate**

A measure of how much something grew on average, per year, over a multiple-year...

### **compound interest**

Interest calculated on principal and accumulated interest. Simple interest is...

### **compounding**

The process where interest is calculated upon previously earned interest and...

### **comprehensive coverage**

Insurance designed to pay for the repair or replacement of the policy owner's...

### **comprehensive insurance**

Term used for a variety of insurance policies providing broad protection.

### **comps**

In retail, sales at stores which have been open for more than one year. This...

### **comptroller**

A firm's chief accountant. Also known as controller.

### **compulsory**

Having the characteristic of being mandatory.

### **con game**

A scam by a con artist. Also known as confidence game.

### **concession**

A syndicate's per-share compensation.

### **condemnation**

The legal seizure of private property by government authorities for public...

### **condominium**

A form of property ownership in which each owner holds title to his/her individual...

### **condor**

An options strategy similar to a butterfly spread. The only difference is that...

### **conduit borrower**

An entity that assumes debt in order to provide a securities loan to another...

### **conduit IRA**

A separate IRA established pursuant to a rollover from a qualified retirement...

### **conduit theory**

The idea that qualifying investment firms and REITs should be allowed to avoid...

### **Conference Board Leading Index - Australia**

A composite index used to forecast short to mid-term growth in the Australian...

### **conference call**

A phone call for analysts, institutional investors and individual investors...

### **Confidence and Sentiment Indicators-Euro-zone**

Euro-zone Confidence and Sentiment Indicators - Euro-zone Based on the results...

### **Confidence and Sentiment Reports by Country**

Overview - Confidence & sentiment reports give insight into business...

**confidence game**

A scam by a con artist. Also known as confidence game. Also known as con game.

**confidence indicator**

A gauge on the mood of consumers or businesses. Typically based upon surveys,...

**confidence level**

Statistical gauge of the number of times out of 100 that test results can be...

**confidentiality agreement**

An agreement designed to protect trade secrets and expertise from being misused by those who have learned of them.

**confirmation**

The written statement acknowledging a securities transaction. More generally,...

**conformed copy**

A document displaying signatures which are printed or typed, rather than signed by hand

**conforming loan**

A loan which meets the standards of the lender. Opposite of non-conforming loan.

**congestion**

A technical analysis term for a series of trading sessions in which little or no price movement occurs.

**conglomerate**

A corporation consisting of several firms in different businesses. Such a structure...

**Congo Franc**

The currency of Congo. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

**consensus forecast**

The forecasts for a given firm, taken in aggregate, for all analysts who follow that firm.

**consensus recommendation**

A quantitative measure of the average analyst recommendation for a given stock....

**conservative**

To be cautious or risk averse in an investment strategy. Preservation of capital...

**conservative growth**

An investment strategy whose intention is long-term capital appreciation with...

**conservator**

A guardian or protector who is appointed by a court to manage the affairs of...

**consideration**

Something of value, such as money or personal services, given by one party to...

**consignment**

An arrangement under which items are delivered by a consignor to a consignee...

**consol**

This is a bond that never reaches maturity but instead pays a steady stream...

**consolidated bond**

A bond issued to replace multiple earlier bonds. It is issued in order to simplify...

**consolidated financial statement**

A financial statement which is a composite of a holding company and its subsidiaries....

**consolidated tape**

A ticker tape including quotes for both the NYSE and AMEX stocks. The consolidated...

**consolidated tax return**

Aggregate statement of annual revenue for the companies in an affiliated group....

**consolidation**

The combining of separate companies, functional areas, or product lines. This...

**consolidation loan**

The process of combining a number of loans and other liabilities into one loan....

**consortium**

A group of individuals or companies formed that undertake an enterprise or activity...

### **constant dollar GDP**

GDP measured in constant real dollars in order to eliminate the effects of inflation....

### **constant dollar plan**

An investment strategy designed to reduce volatility. This strategy involves...

### **constant dollars**

The expression of units of currency in terms of a designated base year value....

### **constant ratio plan**

An investment strategy in which the portfolio's composition by asset class is...

### **Construction Investment - Germany - Euro-zone**

Measures total expenditure on buildings and structures in Germany , is a major...

### **Construction Orders - Japan**

This report provides information on how many orders were received by construction...

### **Construction PMI - UK**

A monthly gauge of construction sector activity. The CIPS PMI asks executives...

### **Construction Production Index - Euro-zone**

A measure of construction output and activity in the Euro Zone. Increased construction...

### **Construction Spending - United States**

Construction spending gauges the level of construction activity in the United...

### **Construction Starts - Japan**

This report provides information on how many new buildings are to be constructed...

### **Construction Starts - Japan**

This report provides information on how many new buildings are to be constructed...

### **Construction Work Done - Australia**

Measures the value of all construction completed in Australia during the previous...



### **constructive receipt**

According to the IRS, the date when a taxpayer received income. This is interpreted...

### **consumer**

User of goods. Goods consist of both products and services. This term refers...

### **consumer bank**

Institution that provides a variety of services including accepting deposits,...

### **Consumer Confidence - French - Euro Zone**

Consumer confidence is a measure of popular sentiment concerning the French...

### **Consumer Confidence - Japan**

Consumer confidence is a measure of popular sentiment concerning the Japanese...

### **Consumer Confidence - United States**

Assessment of consumer sentiment regarding business conditions, employment and...

### **consumer credit**

Debt incurred for the purpose of buying a good. This good may consist of either...

### **Consumer Credit - UK**

Measures the outstanding debt held by consumers. Consumer Credit levels coincide...

### **consumer debenture**

An investment note issued by a financial institution and sold directly to the...

### **consumer debt**

Debt that has been incurred primarily for the purchase of consumer goods. Interest payments are not deductible on these debts.

### **consumer durables**

Long-term consumer goods. Long-term is defined as three or more years. Examples...

### **consumer goods**

Goods employed for personal use. This may refer to either products or services....

## **consumer interest**

Interest incurred on personal loans and consumer credit. This type of interest...

## **Consumer Price Index France - Euro-zone**

Assesses changes in the cost of living by measuring changes in the prices of...

## **Consumer Price Index (CPI)**

The Consumer Price Index is one of the leading economic gauges to measure the...

## **Consumer Price Index (CPI) - Australia**

The headline inflation gauge for Australia . Simply put, inflation reflects...

## **Consumer Price Index (CPI) - Canada**

The key gauge for inflation in Canada . Simply put, inflation reflects a decline...

## **Consumer Price Index (CPI) - Euro-zone**

CPI is the key gauge for inflation in the Euro Zone. Inflation, simply put,...

## **Consumer Price Index (CPI) - German Six States - Euro-zone**

The weighted average of prices for a predetermined basket of consumer goods...

## **Consumer Price Index (CPI) - Switzerland**

It is the key gauge for inflation in Switzerland . Simply put, inflation reflects...

## **Consumer Price Index (CPI) - UK**

Measures the change in prices for retail goods and services, including food...

## **Consumer Price Index (CPI)-Japan**

National Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the key gauge for inflation in Japan....

## **Consumer Price Index - Germany - Euro-zone**

Assesses changes in the cost of living by measuring changes in the prices of...

## **Consumer Price Index - United States**

CPI assesses changes in the cost of living by measuring changes consumer pay...

## **consumer reporting agency**

An agency that collects and sells information about the creditworthiness of...

**consumer stock**

The portion of a firm, as represented by an amount of its stock, that produces...

**consumption**

The use of a good until it has been exhausted. The good may consist of a product...

**Consumption Spending - Canada**

The portion of GDP that is solely contributed by the consumption of consumer...

**contagion**

When an economic crisis in one country's bond or equity markets spreads to other...

**contango**

A condition in which distant delivery prices for futures exceed spot prices....

**contingency**

An event that may or may not occur. More specifically, this is a possible but...

**contingency fund**

A fund that guards against potential events before they occur. Companies may...

**contingency order**

An order that is executed only if one or more specified conditions are met....

**contingent**

See 'contingency.'

**contingent beneficiary**

Individual designated as the receiver of the benefits of an insurance policy...

**contingent deferred sales charge**

Abbreviated 'CDSC.' A back-end load charge applied exclusively in the event...

**contingent liability**

A liability for which payment may or may not come to pass. This is generally...

### **contingent order**

An order which is to be executed only if another order is executed first. An...

### **contingent remainder**

Future property ownership that depends upon the fulfillment of a set of specified...

### **Continuation Candlestick Patterns**

Continuation Patterns Bearish Continuation Patterns Bullish...

### **continuous compounding**

The process of earning interest constantly. Essentially this means earning...

### **continuous inventory**

Book inventory that is continuously in agreement with stock on hand during specified...

### **continuous market**

A market with activity sufficient to assure a normal-sized trade can be made...

### **contra account**

The broker facilitating the opposite side of a transaction. For example, this...

### **contra broker**

The broker on the buy side of an order to sell or on the sell side of an order to buy.

### **Contra Market**

In opposition to the direction of the market as a whole.A position is contra...

### **contract**

A binding agreement between two or more parties for performing, or refraining...

### **contract broker**

One member of a stock exchange that facilitates transactions for others. Facilitating...

### **contract for deed**

A contract which specifies a certain number of monthly payments before a property...

### **contract grades**

The standard grades of commodities or instruments as determined by the government...

**contract market**

A board of trade facilitating transactions involving futures or options contracts....

**contract month**

A futures contract expires during this month. Delivery may also take place...

**contract sale**

A contract according to whose terms, a property title is transferred only after...

**contract size**

The quantity of an underlying security that the holder of an option has the...

**contraction**

A period of general economic decline. Contractions are a part of the business...

**contractor**

A person or business which provides goods or services to another entity under...

**contramarket**

In opposition to the direction of the market as a whole.A position is contra...

**contrarian**

An investor whose actions conflict with conventional wisdom. Examples include...

**contributed capital**

Capital received from investors for stock, equal to capital stock plus contributed...

**contribution**

Payment made to a retirement plan or an annuity. Another definition is the...

**contribution margin**

Contribution margin is the calculation that gives the profitability of an individual...

**control stock**

The shares held by an entity that compose a majority of the outstanding shares...

**controlled company**

A company with the majority of its voting shares held by another company.

**controller**

A firm's chief accountant. Also known as controller. Also known as comptroller.

**controlling interest**

The ownership of more than 50% of a firm's voting stock; or a significant fraction,...

**Convenience Store Sales - Japan**

The value of items sold at small convenience stores, based on a monthly industry...

**convention statement**

An annual statement that must be filed by life insurance firms in each state...

**conventional mortgage**

A conventional, or Fixed-Rate Mortgage (FRM) is a loan where the interest rate...

**convergence**

The coming together of futures prices and cash market prices on the final trading...

**conversion**

The process of converting a convertible security, such as a bond or preferred stock, into common stock.

**conversion arbitrage**

A risk-free transaction in which an investor purchases a put and writes a call...

**conversion option**

A feature on some bonds and preferred stock issues allowing the holder to convert the shares into common stock.

**conversion parity price**

The price that an investor effectively pays for common stock by purchasing a...

**conversion premium**

The dollar or percentage amount by which the price of the convertible security...

**conversion price**

The price at which a given convertible security can be converted to common stock....

**conversion privilege**

A type of insurance policy in which the insurer is required to renew the policy...

**conversion ratio**

The number of shares of common stock that could be obtained by converting each share of a convertible security.

**conversion value**

The value of a convertible security if it is converted immediately.

**convertible**

A security with the characteristic of being exchanged for a specified amount...

**convertible arbitrage**

A strategy involving the purchase of convertible securities and the subsequent...

**Convertible ARM**

An adjustable rate mortgage that can be converted to a fixed-rate mortgage under certain circumstances.

**convertible bond**

A corporate bond, generally a junior debenture, that can be exchanged, at the...

**convertible currency**

A type of currency that can be quickly and easily bought and sold for other currencies.

**convertible debenture**

A type of debenture that can be converted into stock at the option of the holder...

**convertible debt**

Security which can be exchanged for a specified amount of another, related security,...

**Convertible Eurobond**

A Eurobond which can be converted into another asset, often through the exercise of attached warrants.

### **convertible hedge**

An arbitrage strategy which involves buying a convertible security while simultaneously...

### **convertible preferred stock**

Preferred stock that can be converted into a specified amount of common stock at the holder's option.

### **convertible security**

Bond, preferred stock, or debenture that is exchangeable at the option of the holder for common stock of the issuing corporation.

### **convertible term insurance**

An insurance policy in which the insurer is required to renew the policy for...

### **convex**

Bowed, as in the shape of a curve. Generally refers to the price/yield relationship for interest-bearing bonds.

### **convexity**

A volatility measure for bonds used in conjunction with modified duration in...

### **conveyance**

The transferring of a property title from one individual to another.

### **COO**

Acronym for Chief Operating Officer. The executive who is responsible for the day-to-day management of a firm.

### **cookie jar accounting**

A sometimes questionable corporate accounting practice of taking reserves against...

### **cooking the books**

Corporate slang for adjusting accounting records to portray a fraudulent or...

### **cooling-off period**



The period after a firm's prospectus has been filed with the SEC and before...

### **cooperative**

A type of common property ownership, such as when the residents of a multi-unit...

### **COP**

The currency of Colombia. ISO international currency code: COP. Learn...

### **copay**

The amount an insured person is expected to pay for a medical expense at the time of the visit.

### **copyright**

The exclusive right to make and dispose of copies of a literary, musical, or artistic work.

### **core capital**

The capital a thrift is required to have in order to comply with the Federal Home Loan Bank's rules.

### **core holding**

A substantial long-term holding in a portfolio or fund. A core holding is bought...

### **cornering the market**

The illegal practice of attempting to purchase a sufficient amount of a commodity or security to manipulate its price.

### **corporate**

Pertaining to corporations. Corporations are the most common form of business...

### **corporate action**

Any event initiated by a corporation which impacts its shareholders. For some...

### **corporate agent**

A trust firm which acts as an agent for corporations and government entities.

### **corporate bond**

A type of bond issued by a corporation. Corporate bonds often pay higher rates...

### **corporate bond equivalent**

The semi-annual rate of return that would provide the same overall return as...

### **corporate charter**

A document, filed with a U.S. state by a corporation's founders, describing...

### **corporate fiduciary**

A trust institution serving in a fiduciary capacity, such as executor, administrator, trustee or guardian.

### **Corporate Financing Committee**

The Corporate Financing Committee is a standing committee within the National...

### **corporate governance**

A generic term which describes the ways in which rights and responsibilities...

### **corporate repurchase**

The purchase of a long position to offset a short position. Also known as buyback.

### **corporate stock**

An instrument that signifies an ownership position, or equity, in a corporation,...

### **corporate trust**

A trust created by a corporation, often to secure a bond issue.

### **corporate venture capital**

A subsidiary of a large corporation which makes venture capital investments.

### **corporation**

The most common form of business organization, and one which is chartered by...

### **corpus**

The principal amount of a debt instrument, or the underlying assets in a trust.

### **correction**

A reversal of the prevailing trend. The term is commonly used to describe...

### **correlation**

A relationship between two distinct variables.

#### **correlation coefficient**

A Correlation Coefficient is a number between -1 and 1, gauging the degree to...

#### **correspondency system**

The system through which loan correspondents originate and administer loans

#### **correspondent**

A bank, brokerage or other financial institution that performs services for...

#### **cosigner**

An individual other than the borrower who signs a promissory note and thereby...

#### **cost**

The total money, time and resources associated with a purchase or activity.

#### **Cost Accounting**

The process of identifying and evaluating production costs.

#### **cost basis**

Purchase price, including commissions and other expenses, used to determine capital gains and capital losses for tax purposes.

#### **cost of capital**

The opportunity cost of an investment; that is, the rate of return that a firm...

#### **cost of carry**

"The expenses borne while a position is being held; for example, interest on...

#### **cost of debt capital**

"The interest rate a firm is paying on all of its debt, such as loans and bonds.",

#### **cost of equity capital**

The rate of return required by a firm's common stockholders. ,

#### **cost of funds**

The interest cost that a financial institution must pay for the use of money.,

### **Cost Of Goods Sold**

"Abbreviated as COGS, which refers to an income statement figure which reflects...

### **Cost of Living Adjustment**

"Abbreviated as COLA, which refers to an annual adjustment in wages to offset...

### **cost of sales**

On an income statement, the cost of purchasing raw materials and manufacturing...

### **cost-of-living rider**

"An option that permits an insurance policy holder to purchase increasing term...

### **cost-push inflation**

"An option that permits an insurance policy holder to purchase increasing term...

### **cost/benefit analysis**

A technique designed to determine the feasibility of a project or plan by quantifying its costs and benefits.

### **Costa Rican Colon**

The currency of Costa Rica. ISO international currency code: CRC. Learn...

### **Costing System**

An accounting system established to monitor a firm's costs, providing management with information on operations and performance.

### **cottage industry**

"An industry where the creation of products and services is home-based, rather...

### **Council of Economic Advisers**

"A group of economic advisers appointed by the President to help formulate economic...

### **counterclaim**

A claim against the claimant in arbitration.,

### **countercyclical**

"Moving in the opposite direction of the overall economic cycle: rising when...

**countermand**

To cancel an order which has not yet been executed.,

**counteroffer**

An offer made in response to another offer.,

**counterparty risk**

Counterparty risk refers to the danger either side of an agreement will not...

**country risk**

When speaking of international investments, this refers to the added risk associated...

**coupon**

An offer made in response to another offer.,

**coupon bond**

"An unregistered, negotiable bond on which interest and principal are payable...

**coupon pass**

The purchase of treasury notes or bonds from dealers by the Federal Reserve.

**coupon rate/yield**

The interest rate stated on a bond, note or other fixed income security, expressed...

**covariance**

In statistics, the correlation between two variables times the standard deviation of each.

**covenant**

A clause in a contract that requires one party to do, or refrain from doing,...

**cover**

To repurchase a previously sold contract. Also known as short cover.

**coverage**

The tracking of a stock by an analyst. The initiation of coverage leads to the...

### **coverage initiated**

When a research firm begins coverage on a particular stock or sector.

### **coverage ratio**

A measure of a corporation's ability to meet a particular expense.

### **Coverdell Education Savings Account**

Abbreviated as ESA, refers to an investment vehicle designed to help parents...

### **covered arbitrage**

Arbitrage involving investments denominated in different currencies, using forward...

### **covered call**

The selling of a call option while simultaneously holding an equivalent position...

### **covered option**

An option contract backed by the shares underlying the option. The two types are covered call and covered put.

### **covered put**

The selling of a put option while being short an equivalent amount in the underlying security.

### **covered straddle**

A straddle constructed on shares of stock already owned by the holder. A covered...

### **CPA**

Acronym for Certified Public Accountant. An individual who has received state certification to practice accounting.

### **CPI Flash Estimate-Euro-zone**

An early estimate of Euro-zone inflation. The figure uses available data in...

### **crack spread**

A commodity-product spread involving the purchase of crude oil futures and the sale of gasoline and heating oil futures.

### **cramdown**

A bankruptcy court's enforcement of a reorganization plan despite the objections of some creditors.

### **crash**

A precipitous drop in market prices or economic conditions.

### **Crash of 1929**

The name for the period lasting from October 29th to November 13th in 1929 during...

### **Crash of 1987**

Refers to October 19, 1987, the day on which the DJIA fell 508 points (22%). Also known as Black Monday.

### **CRC**

The currency of Costa Rica. ISO international currency code: CRC. Learn...

### **CRD**

Acronym for Central Registration Depository. A computerized database with information...

### **credit**

1. In accounting, an entry which either reduces an asset or increases a liability....

### **credit agency**

A firm which collects information about the creditworthiness of individuals...

### **credit analysis**

The process of evaluating an applicant's loan request or a corporation's debt...

### **credit analyst**

One who performs credit analysis. Credit analysis is the process of evaluating...

### **credit balance**

The amount remaining in a cash account or margin account after all securities have been paid for

### **credit bureau**

An agency which collects and sells information about the creditworthiness of...

### **credit card**

Any card that may be used repeatedly to borrow money or buy products and services...

**credit check**

The process of evaluating an applicant's loan request or a corporation's debt...

**credit default swap**

A specific kind of counterparty agreement which allows the transfer of third...

**credit derivative**

A contract between two parties that allows for the use of a derivative instrument...

**credit enhancement**

The process of reducing credit risk by requiring collateral, insurance, or other...

**credit history**

A record of an individual's or firm's past borrowing and repaying behavior....

**credit instrument**

A promissory note or written evidence of a debtor's obligation.

**credit insurance**

A type of insurance protecting against generally large losses from unpaid accounts receivable.

**credit life insurance**

A type of insurance, often bought by mortgagors, in which the amount of the...

**credit limit**

The maximum amount of credit that a bank or other lender will extend to a customer,...

**credit line**

An arrangement in which a bank or vendor extends a specified amount of unsecured...

**credit order**

A sales order received without payment.

**credit rating**

A published ranking, based on detailed financial analysis by a credit bureau,...



**credit report**

A report containing detailed information on an individual's credit history,...

**credit risk**

The possibility that a bond issuer will default, by failing to repay principal...

**credit score**

A measure of credit risk calculated from a credit report using a standardized...

**credit scoring**

A statistical technique used to determine whether to extend credit (and if so,...

**credit spread**

A spread option position in which the price of the option sold is greater than the price of the option bought.

**credit squeeze**

Government measures designed to limit the supply of credit in the economy, in...

**credit union**

A non-profit financial institution that is owned and operated entirely by its...

**creditor**

An individual or organization that extends credit to others.

**creditworthiness**

A creditor's measure of an individual's or firm's ability to meet debt obligations.

**creeping tender offer**

A strategy in which a group of individuals gradually acquires target firm shares...

**critical mass**

The size at which a business or market undergoes a fundamental change in regard...

**CRM**

Acronym for Customer Relationship Management. Those aspects of a business strategy...

## **Croatian Kuna**

The official currency of Croatia. Learn more about the Croatian Kuna and Croatia at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **crop year**

The calendar year over which a commodity crop is produced. This is different...

## **cross-collateralization**

When collateral for one loan is also serving as collateral for other loans....

## **cross-hedging**

Hedging one instrument's risk with a different by taking a position is a related...

## **cross-selling**

The strategy of pushing new products to current customers based on their past...

## **crossed trade**

A practice in which a broker offsets buy and sell orders without recording the...

## **crossing**

A situation in which a broker acts as agent on both sides of a given transaction....

## **crossover fund**

A mutual fund that invests in both public and private equity.

## **crowd**

The group of brokers who perform securities transactions on an exchange floor....

## **crowding out**

A situation in which the government is borrowing heavily while businesses and...

## **crown corporation**

A corporation that was established by a country's government.

## **crush spread**

A commodity product spread involving the purchase of soybean futures and the...

## **CSD**

The currency of Serbia. ISO international currency code: CSD. Learn more about Serbia and the Serbian Dinar at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.gocurrency.com/csd)

## **CTA**

Acronym for Commodity Trading Advisor, which refers to an individual or firm...

## **Cuban Peso**

The currency of Cuba. ISO international currency code: CUP. Learn more about Cuba and the Cuban Peso at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.gocurrency.com/cup)

## **cumulative**

An arrangement in which a payment not made when due is carried over to the following...

## **cumulative dividend**

A dividend paid on cumulative preference shares, that the firm is liable for...

## **cumulative preferred**

A preferred stock on which dividends accrue in the event that the issuer does...

## **cumulative total return**

Actual, non-annualized performance over a given period of time.

## **cumulative voting**

A voting system that gives minority shareholders more power, by allowing them...

## **CUP**

1. The currency of Cuba. ISO international currency code: CUP. Learn...

## **cup and handle**

A pattern on a bar chart that is in the shape of the letter "U" over a period...

## **curb**

A temporary restriction in trading, in a particular security, generally to reduce...

## **curbs in**

The term used to describe when trading curbs are in effect.

### **curbs out**

The term used to describe when trading curbs are no longer in effect.

### **cure period**

A provision in a contract allowing a defaulting party to fix the cause of a default, for example a repayment grace period.

### **currency**

Currency: Any form of money, including paper notes and coins, which is issued...

### **currency convertibility**

The ability to exchange money for gold or other currencies. Some governments...

### **currency fluctuations**

Any changes in the value of one currency relative to another.

### **currency pair**

Because the value of one currency is only relevant when put in terms of another,...

### **currency risk**

The risk that a business' operations or an investment's value will be affected...

### **currency swap**

An arrangement in which two parties exchange specific amounts of different currencies...

### **Current Account**

The The Current Account summarizes the flow of goods, services, income and transfer...

### **Current Account - Australia**

Describes the flow of all goods and services, income, and transfer payments...

### **Current Account - Canada**

Summarizes the flow of goods and services, income payments, and transfers in...

### **Current Account - Euro-zone**

Summarizes the flow of goods, services, income and transfer payments in and...

### **Current Account - France - Euro-zone**

The French Current Account is the sum of the trade balance on goods and services,...

### **Current Account - Germany - Euro-zone**

The German Current Account acts as a gauge for how Germany's economy interacts...

### **Current Account - New Zealand**

Describes the flow of all goods and services, income, and transfer payments...

### **Current Account - UK**

Summarizes the flow of all goods, services, income, and transfer payments...

### **Current Account Balance - United States**

The Current Account Balance Summarizes the flow of goods, services, income and...

### **Current Account Total - Japan**

The Japanese current account balance, called the Current Account Total, summarizes...

### **current assets**

A balance sheet item which equals the sum of cash and cash equivalents, accounts...

### **current capital**

Current assets minus current liabilities. Current capital is the part of a firm's...

### **current coupon bond**

A bond with a coupon within 0.5% above or below current market rates.

### **current debt**

A balance sheet item which equals the sum of all money owed by a firm and due...

### **current delivery**

A form of futures contract that requires delivery of the underlying commodity...

### **current dollar GDP**

Current dollar GDP reflects Gross Domestic Product that has been controlled...

### **current dollars**

Value of an asset in terms of today's price level. For example, if a TV cost...

#### **current income**

Money that is regularly received from investments, such as dividends and interest.

#### **current issue**

1 Marketing Most recent issue of a periodical on sale. Current issues usually...

#### **current liabilities**

A balance sheet item which equals the sum of all money owed by a firm and due...

#### **current market value**

The largest amount any buyer is currently willing to pay for a bond. This amount...

#### **current maturity**

Current maturity is the amount of time between now and the maturity date of...

#### **current production rate**

The highest interest rate permitted on current GNMA mortgage-backed securities,...

#### **current ratio**

An indication of a firm's ability to meet short-term debt obligations; the higher...

#### **current yield**

In terms of investment returns, current yield divides the yearly income (dividends...

#### **cushion**

A characteristic of some callable bonds in which the bonds may not be called...

#### **CUSIP**

Acronym for Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures. The committee...

#### **CUSIP number**

A nine-character number that uniquely identifies a particular security. CUSIP...

#### **custodial account**

An account which is created for the benefit of a minor, generally at a bank,...

**custodian**

Entitlement to the supervision, guardianship, or custodianship of an individuals'...

**custody**

Entitlement to the supervision, guardianship, or custodianship of an individuals'...

**customary arrangement**

A procedure normally followed in a business situation, and which may carry as...

**customer**

A person, company, or other entity which buys goods and services produced by...

**customer protection rule**

An SEC rule requiring broker/dealers to establish separate reserve accounts...

**Customer Relationship Management**

Abbreviated as CRM. Those aspects of a business strategy which relate to techniques...

**customs**

Federal agency responsible for monitoring imported goods and collecting duties.

**cutoff point**

The cutoff point is where an investor decides whether a security is, or is not...

**CVE**

The currency of Cape Verde. ISO international currency code: CVE....

**cycle**

One complete up and down movement in economic or market conditions.

**cyclical**

A term used to express something that happens on a regular basis. Something...

**cyclical industry**

An industry which is sensitive to business cycles and whose performance is tied...

**cyclical stock**

The stock of a firm which is sensitive to business cycles and whose performance...

### **cyclical unemployment**

A change in unemployment levels that can be tied to cyclical economic changes...

### **CYP**

The currency of Cyprus. ISO international currency code: CYP. Learn...

### **Cypriot Pound**

The currency of Cyprus. ISO international currency code: CYP. Learn...

### **Czech Koruna**

The currency of Czech Republic. ISO international currency code: CZK.

### **CZK**

The currency of Czech Republic. ISO international currency code: CZK.

### **daily high**

The highest price achieved by a tradable security or commodity during a given day.,

### **daily low**

The lowest price achieved by a tradable security or commodity during a given day.,

### **daily trading limit**

"The highest and lowest prices that a commodity or security is allowed to reach...

### **daisy chaining**

Daisy Chaining is an illegal form of price manipulation where brokers create...

### **damages**

The financial compensation that is given to a plaintiff in response to injuries sustained or property damaged by another.,

### **Danish Krone**

The currency of Denmark. ISO international currency code: DKK. Learn...

### **date draft**



"A draft that matures a certain number of days after it is issued, regardless of the date it was accepted.",

### **date of issue**

Equities - the date on which a new stock is issued and started publicly trading,...

### **date of maturity**

The date at which a debt is due for repayment. With notes, drafts, acceptance...

### **date of payment**

This is the scheduled date for a mutual fund distributions or a bond interest...

### **date of record**

The date set by the issuer of a security in order to determine the holder.s...

### **dated date**

The effective date of a new securities issuance. This date is determined by...

### **dating**

Granting more generous credit terms to a customer. An example of this is extending...

### **dawn raid**

This term describes a raider's. instruction to one or more brokers to purchase...

### **DAX 100**

This is the price-weighted index of the one-hundred most heavily traded stocks in the German exchange.,

### **day loan**

A loan that a broker obtains in order purchase securities whose delivery pends...

### **day order**

An order to buy or sell a security which automatically expires if it is not executed during the same trading session.,

### **day trade**

The purchase and sale (or the short sale and cover) of the same security on...

### **day trader**

A very active trader who holds positions for a very short time and makes several...

### **day trading**

"Day Trading" refers to opening and closing positions within the same day. The...

### **daylight trade**

"This is when a trader purchases and sells a security on the same day. When...

### **days payable**

"This figure indicates the average amount of time a company requires to pay...

### **days receivable**

"This figure indicates the average amount of time a company's customers require...

### **Days Sales Outstanding**

This number is an indicator of whether a technology company is attempting to...

### **DCF**

This is a method of evaluating investments that takes the time value of money...

### **de facto**

Something that is treated as standard or official, even if it is not explicitly specified to be so.

### **de jure corporation**

A state chartered corporation that is legally entitled to do business. Such...

### **de-escalation clause**

A provision of a contract which specifies a price decrease in the event of certain...

### **dead cat bounce**

A quick upward advance in the price action following a previous overall downtrend...

### **deal**

This is a proposal, which, if agreed to, finances a business creation or expansion.

### **deal flow**

The rate at which funding institutions receive investment offers.

#### **deal stock**

The part of a company's stock that is rumored to be a takeover target.

#### **dealer**

An individual or entity that acts as a principal and stands ready to buy and...

#### **dealer bank**

A financial institution that can underwrite, buy or sell debt offered by the...

#### **dealer market**

A market whose transactions occur between principals, acting as dealers by purchasing...

#### **dealing desk**

A desk where transactions for buying and selling securities occur. Trading...

#### **death benefit**

The payment that a beneficiary receives from an annuity or insurance policy...

#### **debenture**

This is a form of unsecured debt. It is backed by the integrity of the borrower,...

#### **debenture stock**

This form of stock is issued under a contract which specifies payment amounts...

#### **debit**

When used in reference to accounting, this term describes an entry which results...

#### **debit balance**

Simply put, a negative balance - where the account holder owes money to their...

#### **debit card**

A card that accesses cardholders' funds immediately, through electronic transfer....

#### **debit note**

This note indicates how much money a person or company owes. It serves a similar function to an invoice.

### **debit spread**

A spread position where the price of the bought option is greater than the price of the sold option.

### **debt**

An amount borrowed or owed between two parties. Debt comes with the implied...

### **debt capital**

In terms of raising funds, debt capital refers to funds borrowed to a firm or...

### **debt consolidation**

The process of combining a number of loans and other liabilities into one loan....

### **debt financing**

Debt financing is the process where a firm sells bonds, bills, notes or other...

### **debt holder**

The holder of a promise to repay. In addition to interest the amount owed,...

### **debt instrument**

A written, or otherwise recorded promise to repay. Debt instruments enable the...

### **debt limit**

This is the maximum amount of debt that a state, city or local government is allowed to take on without voter approval.

### **debt market**

The market in which instruments of fixed-income debt are issued and traded....

### **debt ratio**

This ratio shows the extent to which a company relies on debt to finance assets....

### **debt retirement**

The repayment of a debt.

**debt security**

From the issuer's perspective, a debt security is a method of raising capital....

**debt service**

A series of periodic interest and principal payments on a debt.

**debt service coverage**

A measure of a company's or individual's ability to repay debt. Debt service...

**debt shelf**

This is a shelf registration for a bond offering.

**debt-equity swap**

A transaction where a corporation exchanges existing debt in the form of bonds...

**debt/asset ratio**

The debt/asset ratio shows how great a proportion of a company's assets are...

**debt/equity ratio**

This ratio measures a company's financial leverage. It is riskier to invest...

**debtor**

An individual or company that owes money to another individual or company as...

**debtor in possession**

A company that continues its operations while filing for and going through Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.

**debtor-in-possession financing**

This is when a company that is experiencing Chapter 11 bankruptcy incurs new debt.

**decedent**

A dead person.

**decile rank**

A rating system which uses a one to ten scale. In this scale, one is the best...

**decimalization**

This is the process of changing the recording of security prices from fractions to decimals.

**declaration date**

The date when a company's directors meet to announce the details of the next...

**declare**

To authorize the payment of dividends to shareholders.

**decline**

A decrease in a price or rate.

**declining balance method**

This is a rapid depreciation method. A depreciation rate is applied to the book...

**decreasing term life**

A type of life insurance for which premiums are fixed but the benefit from the plan decreases with each successive year.

**decree**

A court's decision.

**deductible**

An item or expense that may be subtracted from adjusted gross income in order...

**deduction**

An expense that is subtracted from adjusted gross income when finding taxable...

**deed**

A legal document that may be used to transfer ownership rights for a property.

**Deed of Release**

A deed that confirms the release of a property from a lien.

**Deed of Surrender**

A deed that transfers a property to another person's name for a specified temporary period.

## **Deed of Trust**

This document is used instead of a mortgage in some states. It conveys the title to the trustee rather than the borrower.

## **deep discount broker**

A brokerage that offers lower commissions than a discount broker, but also provides...

## **deep in the money**

An option that is so far in the money that the chances of it going out of the money prior to expiration are small.

## **deep market**

A market so large that a great number of shares can be transacted without strong affects on the price.

## **deep out of the money**

An option that is so far out of the money that the chances of it going in the money prior to expiration are small.

## **deep-discount bond**

A bond that sells at a significant discount (usually 20% or more) from face...

## **default**

A failure to make required debt payments by the time they are due. It may also...

## **default risk**

Default risk refers to the danger either side of an agreement will not live...

## **defeasance**

A provision in an instrument that nullifies it when certain events occur.

## **defendant**

The person who is charged and under trial in a legal action.

## **defensive interval**

A conservative estimate of a company's ability to meet its debts, found by calculating...

## **defensive investment strategy**

A portfolio allocation strategy that minimizes the risk of losing principal....

**defensive stock**

An illiquid stock that tends to remain stable under difficult economic conditions....

**defer**

To postpone an action, most often a payment, until a later date.

**deferred account**

An account that postpones taxes to a later date (the date of withdrawal). Examples...

**deferred annuity**

An annuity that allows a holder to move income payments to later dates.

**deferred billing**

The postponed billing of a credit customer.

**deferred charge**

An expenditure that is considered an asset until the time when the object of...

**deferred compensation**

An arrangement for a portion of an employee's income to be paid out at a date...

**deferred credit**

Deferred Credit refers to income or income items a business receives but has...

**deferred interest bond**

A bond that pays interest at a later date.

**deferred month**

The months in which futures trading is taking place, as apposed to the nearby month.

**deferred payment**

An incurred debt which will is repaid at some point in the future.

**deferred payment annuity**



An annuity by whose terms payments are made to the annuitant only after a specified period of time has passed.

### **deferred revenue**

Deferred Revenue refers to income or income items a business receives but has...

### **deferred share**

A share of stock that has last priority in regards to the company's remaining assets in the event of bankruptcy.

### **deferred tax**

A liability stemming from income that has already been earned for accounting purposes but has not been earned for tax purposes.

### **deficiency**

The difference between the tax charged by the IRS and the amount stated on a return.

### **deficiency letter**

An SEC letter stating that a preliminary prospectus for an offering must to be modified.

### **deficit**

The amount by which spending exceeds income over a period of time. This is also...

### **deficit net worth**

On a balance sheet, this is the excess of liabilities over assets that results...

### **deficit spending**

The amount by which spending exceeds income over a period of time. This is also...

### **defined benefit plan**

A company retirement plan whose terms are that an employee receives a specific...

### **defined contribution plan**

A company retirement plan, such as a 401(k) or 403(b), allowing an employee...

### **deflation**

A decline in general price levels, often caused by a reduction in the supply...

**deflator**

A statistical tool that converts current dollars into inflation-adjusted dollars,...

**defunct**

Out of business.

**del credere agency**

An agency, factor or broker who sells products and services for another party....

**delayed**

A description for something that is not up to the minute. It may used in reference...

**delayed opening**

A postponement of the start of the trading. Circumstances leading to such an...

**delinquent**

This a description for a payment that is not made on time.

**delist**

To remove a stock from an exchange due to a violation or a failure to meet certain requirements.

**deliverable grades**

The standard grades of commodities or instruments as determined by the government...

**delivery**

The transfer and receipt of ownership.

**delivery month**

The month of expiration for a futures contract. Delivery may take place during...

**delivery notice**

A formal notification of the delivery of products on a specified date.

**delivery point**

A location designated by a futures exchange for tendering and accepting the...

**delivery price**

The price at which deliveries on futures contracts are invoiced. This price is determined by the clearinghouse.

### **delivery vs. payment**

The delivery of securities in exchange for an asset, such as money. The other...

### **delivery vs. receipt**

The delivery of securities in exchange for an asset, such as money. The other...

### **delivery vs. repayment**

The delivery of securities in exchange for an asset, such as money. The other...

### **delta**

The change in the price of a call option for every one-point move in the price...

### **delta hedging**

An options strategy designed to reduce the risk associated with price movements...

### **delta spread**

A spread designed to create a delta equal to zero; this means that a small price...

### **DEM**

The former currency of German. ISO international currency code: DEM and...

### **demand**

Defined in economics as an individual's willingness to consume a good or service...

### **demand curve**

A graph showing the different quantities of a product that consumers are willing to buy at different prices.

### **demand deposit**

An account balance capable of being drawn upon on demand or without prior notice.

### **demand elasticity**

The percentage change in quantity demanded per a one percent change in price.

### **Demand Index**

Demand Index, DI, incorporates price and volume to give a ratio of buying pressure...

### **demand inflation**

Price increases resulting from excess of demand over supply in the economy....

### **demand loan**

A loan which is repayable on demand rather than on a specific date. This allows...

### **demand rights**

A contract that gives a shareholder the right to force a company to register his shares for later sale to the public.

### **demand-pull inflation**

The price for goods and services increases due to excessive demand meeting inadequate...

### **Democratic Republic Congo Franc**

The currency of The Democratic Republic of Congo. ISO international currency...

### **demographics**

Socioeconomic groups that may be divided by age, income, sex, education, occupation,...

### **demonetization**

Demonetization is the withdrawal from circulation of a particular form of currency....

### **demutualization**

A process that converts a mutually owned company into a shareholder-owned company;...

### **denationalization**

The government conversion of a nationalized industry or business to a privately...

### **denomination**

The face value of a security or currency.

### **Department of Housing and Urban Development**

This is a federal agency that encourages housing development. It is sometimes plainly referred to as HUD.

### **Department Store Sales - Japan**

The total value of goods sold by major department store outlets. As the first...

### **dependency ratio**

A measure of the portion of the population that is composed of dependents, people...

### **dependent**

A person who depends on the financial support of another individual.

### **depletion**

The exhaustion of a resource.

### **deposit**

Transaction involving the transfer of funds from one party to another for a...

### **deposit in transit**

A deposit that has been made but is yet to be posted by the bank and is therefore not reflected in the bank account balance.

### **deposit multiplier**

A value that expresses the ratio of bank reserves to bank deposits. If bank...

### **deposit slip**

This is a written notification that accompanies a bank deposit. It specifies...

### **depository receipt**

This is often called an ADR. It is a negotiable certificate issued by a U.S....

### **depository**

A bank or company holding security and funds deposited by others. Exchanges...

### **Depository Trust Company**

A central repository through which members electronically transfer stock and...

### **depreciated cost**

The original cost of an asset minus its accumulated depreciation. This is also called net book value or written-down value.

### **depreciation**

A noncash expense that reduces the value of an asset as a result of wear and...

### **depressed market**

A market containing more sellers than buyers. Low prices result from this excess...

### **depression**

A sustained period of economic decline. Specific definitions will vary, but...

### **depth of market**

The quantity of shares of a security that can be bought or sold without causing a noticeable change in price.

### **deregulation**

The removal of government controls from an industry or sector to allow for free...

### **derivative**

A financial instrument whose characteristics and value depend upon the characteristics...

### **derivative security**

A financial security whose characteristics and value are dependent on the characteristics and value of an underlying security.

### **descending bottoms**

This is a technical analysis term referring to a chart pattern in which each...

### **descending tops**

This is a technical analysis term referring to a chart pattern in which each...

### **Descending Triangle Chart Pattern**

With descending triangles, trend lines converge with a horizontal trend line...

### **Designated Order Turnaround**

This is often called DOT - the NYSE electronic system for order handling, permitting...

### **Desk (the)**

This term refers to the securities department at the New York Federal Reserve...

### **desktop ticker**

A tool for providing real time or delayed quotes on a computer screen.

### **Determination Letter**

This is a notice given by the IRS in order to communicate that a retirement account meets the requirements for qualification.

### **detrend**

The use of regressions and other statistical techniques in order to factor out the influence of time on a trend.

### **devaluation**

A large drop in the value of a currency in relation to gold or the currencies of other countries.

### **DEWR Skilled Vacancies - Australia**

Measures the monthly change in skilled job vacancies across Australia . Expressed...

### **diagonal spread**

An option strategy with two possible actions, a put and a call, with different expiration dates and strike prices.

### **Diamonds**

These are shares in a trust representing all thirty stocks in the Dow Jones...

### **differential**

A minor additional charge that is imposed by some brokers on odd-lot trades.

### **digested security**

A security that is purchased by an investor who is likely to hold it for an extended period of time.

### **digital money**

A form of electronic money that may be used to purchase goods and services over...

### **diluted earnings per share**

Earnings per share for common stock, preferred stock, unexercised stock options,...

### **diluted share**

Earnings per share for common stock, preferred stock, unexercised stock options,...

**dilution**

The change in earnings per share or book value per share that occurs if all...

**dilution of ownership**

A reduction in every current shareholder's fractional ownership that occurs...

**dilutive**

Something having the impact of reducing earnings per share.

**diminishing marginal returns**

An economic theory that states as additional inputs are put into production,...

**diminishing return**

This is when the allocation of resources results in a less than proportional in output.

**dip**

A small, short-term decline in price.

**direct cost**

A cost that can be directly attributed to the manufacturing of a product. This is the opposite of an indirect cost.

**direct deposit**

The deposit of funds directly into a bank account. Direct deposit is used when making payments such as paychecks and tax refunds.

**direct financing**

Financing that does not require underwriting.

**direct investment**

An investment that is great enough to affect a company's subsequent decisions....

**direct issuer**

This is a company that sells commercial paper directly to retail investors, rather than going through brokers.

**direct lease**



This is a contractual financing arrangement involving a lessor (often a bank)...

### **direct marketing**

The deliverance of promotional messages to potential customers on an individual basis as opposed to through a mass medium.

### **direct paper**

Commercial paper distributed by an issuer rather than by an underwriter.

### **direct participation program**

A program that provides direct cash flow and tax benefits to investors, often through a limited partnership.

### **direct placement**

An offering that is performed without the services of an underwriter and is usually exempt from SEC filing.

### **direct profit**

Sales revenues less direct costs.

### **Direct Public Offering (DPO)**

This is an initial offering in which IPO shares of stock are sold directly to investors, without the services of an underwriter.

### **direct purchase program**

This is an SEC-regulated program that enables a company to sell shares of stock...

### **direct rollover**

A distribution from a qualified pension plan such as a 401(k) plan or 403(b)...

### **direct sends**

This is when a bank sends a check directly to the drawee bank in order to speed up the clearing process.

### **Direct Stock Purchase Plan**

DSP is a commonly used acronym for this term. A DSP is an SEC-regulated program...

### **direct transfer**

This is the movement of tax-deferred retirement funds from one plan or custodian...

### **directed share program**

DSP is an acronym for direct share program. This program is a plan designed...

### **director**

One of several individuals who are elected by a corporation's shareholders to...

### **directorate**

Shareholder elected individuals who oversee the management of the corporation....

### **directors' indemnities**

Pledges of a company's creditors to protect the board of directors against liabilities.

### **dirty stock**

A stock that does not have all necessary endorsements, and does not meet all...

### **disability**

A person's inability to perform all or part of his occupational responsibilities due to an accident or illness.

### **disability insurance**

This is an Insurance policy that provides benefits in the event that a policyholder becomes incapable of working.

### **disbursement**

A payment in the discharge of a debt or expense.

### **disbursing agent**

This is an individual or institution that is responsible for handling dividend and interest payments for a corporation.

### **discharge**

To satisfy or dismiss the obligations of a previously incurred debt.

### **discharge of bankruptcy**

This is a court order that terminates bankruptcy proceedings and usually relieves the debtor of his obligation.

**discharge of lien**

This is the removal of a lien on real property after the satisfaction of the claim.

**disclaimer**

A statement that announces any risk associated with a product and relieves a...

**disclaimer of opinion**

This is an auditor's statement disclaiming his opinion regarding a company's...

**disclosure**

The admission of relevant information.

**discontinued**

This term describes something that has been stopped or is no longer in affect....

**discount**

The amount by which a bond's market price is less than its par value.

**discount bond**

Outside of the traditional, rather obvious laymen definition - Discount also...

**discount broker**

A brokerage that executes buy and sell orders at lower commission rates than...

**discount loan**

A loan whose interest and financing charges are subtracted from its face amount when the loan is issued.

**discount rate**

The interest rate charged to borrow directly from the Federal Reserve Bank...

**discount yield**

The yield on a security that is acquired at a discount.

**discounted**

This is when expected upcoming news affects a security's value.

### **discounted bond**

Outside of the traditional, rather obvious laymen definition - Discount also...

### **Discounted Cash Flow Analysis**

DCF is an acronym for discounted cash flow analysis. This is a method used when...

### **discrete compounding**

This is the addition of calculated interest to existing principal and interest...

### **discretion**

This is the right, rather than the obligation, to do something.

### **discretionary**

This is when something is optional rather than mandatory. This term is often...

### **discretionary account**

An account whose holder gives his broker or someone else the absolute or restricted...

### **discretionary expense**

An expense for either non-essential or especially expensive goods. Examples...

### **discretionary income**

This is an individual's left over income after expenditures on essential items such as food, clothing, and shelter.

### **discretionary order**

This is an order giving the right to determine when and at what price to execute a transaction to the broker.

### **discretionary trust**

A trust that provides an investor a wide variety of options.

### **dishonor**

Not to make a necessary payment.

### **disinflation**

A decrease in the rate of inflation; in other words, a reduction in the rate at which prices are increasing.

### **disintermediation**

The extraction of an intermediary, or middleman, from a transaction or communication....

### **disinvestment**

A decrease in capital investment.

### **dismal science**

This is a nickname for the field of economics. The name came about as a result...

### **disposable income**

The amount of income that an individual possesses after taxes have been assessed; this income is spent or saved.

### **disposition**

This is the exchange, sale, or loss of property, whether intentional or unintentional.

### **dissolution**

The conclusion of the legal life of a corporation. It may be caused by shareholder...

### **distress sale**

This is an urgent sale; thus prices are often significantly reduced.

### **distress termination**

A situation that comes about when a benefit plan lacks the funds necessary to...

### **distressed security**

A security of a company that is undergoing or expected to undergo bankruptcy...

### **distributing syndicate**

A group of investment banks which jointly underwrite and distribute a new security...

### **distribution**

A dividend or capital gain given to an investor.

### **distribution capability**

The ability to sell shares.

**distribution date**

The date when a mutual fund distribution, dividend, or bond interest payment...

**distribution network**

The intermediaries responsible for bringing goods to market. These intermediaries deliver goods from producers to end users.

**distribution period**

The period of time that begins with the declaration date and ends with the record...

**distribution stock**

Stock that is sold over a period of time, rather than in a single transaction....

**distributor**

A company that purchases open-end investment company shares directly from the fund in order to resell them to potential buyers.

**divergence**

Price divergence is a technical situation where indicators signal a different...

**diversifiable risk**

The risk of price change due to the unique circumstances of a specific security,...

**diversification**

An investment strategy designed to manage risk. Components of the portfolio...

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**diversified investment company**

A mutual fund or unit trust that invests in a wide variety of securities, and...

**divest**

To sell off a division of the company because it is either a poor fit within...

**divestiture**

A disposition or sale of an asset. A company will divest an asset that is not...

### **dividend**

"A taxable payment extracted from a company's current or retained earnings....

### **dividend capture**

This is when corporations buy and sell other corporations' stock to maximize...

### **dividend clawback**

An arrangement in which the sponsors of a project agree to use prior dividends...

### **dividend clientele**

Shareholders who want the company to follow a specific dividend policy. The desired policy is often the most tax advantageous.,,

### **dividend discount model**

A valuation model that estimates the present value of all future dividend payments.,,

### **dividend in arrears**

Dividends on current stock that are not paid currently but will be paid to the holder at a future date.,,

### **dividend notification**

A requirement that companies notify Nasdaq's Uniform Practice Department a minimum...

### **dividend payout ratio**

"Dividends paid divided by company earnings, expressed as a percentage, over...

### **dividend rate**

The rate at which a dividend pays out.,,

### **Dividend Reinvestment Plan**

"A type of plan that utilizes the funds gained through the accumulation of dividends, to invest in stocks.".,,

### **dividend requirement**

The amount of annual earnings a company is required to produce in order to pay...

### **dividend rollover plan**

The strategy of buying securities immediately before their ex-dividend dates...

### **dividend yield**

"This is the yield a company pays to its shareholders in the form of dividends....

### **dividends payable**

The dollar amount of dividends declared by a company's board of directors. The...

### **dividends-received deduction**

A deduction on dividends received stemming from a company's ownership in another company.,,

### **Division of Corporate Finance**

A department within the SEC that is responsible for the review of registration...

### **Division of Enforcement**

A department within the SEC responsible for enforcing securities legislation and investigating violations. ,,

### **Division of Investment Management**

"A department within the SEC responsible for regulating mutual funds, investment...

### **division of labor**

Division of labor refers to the process where individual employees and their...

### **Division of Market Regulation**

The Division of Market Regulation is a department within the United States Securities...

### **divisor**

Financial indexes are price weighted indicators calculated by dividing the...

### **DJF**

The currency of Djibouti. ISO international currency code: DJF. Learn more...

### **DJIA**

Short for the Dow Jones Industrial Average. The most widely used indicator of...



## **Djiboutian Franc**

The currency of Djibouti. ISO international currency code: DJF. Learn more...

## **DKK**

The currency of Denmark. ISO international currency code: DKK. Learn...

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## **documentation**

"Written information explaining the responsibilities, rights, and duties of each party of an agreement. ",,

## **Dogs of the Dow**

"This is an investment strategy that advises buying the ten DJIA stocks with...

## **doing business as (DBA)**

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## **dollar bond**

1 A dollar bond is the common name for municipal bonds with a large signal payment...

## **dollar cost averaging**

"An investment strategy that reduces the volatility with which securities, typically...

## **dollar drain**

Dollar drain refers to the situation where a country's imports exceed their...

## **dollar price**

"A bond priced at a percentage of par, rather than in terms of yield to maturity. ",,

### **dollar shortage**

This is when a country does not have the dollars necessary to import the desired...

### **dollar terms**

In quoting foreign exchange rates, Dollar terms refers to how much of a foreign...

### **dollar volume**

"This is the dollar amount of shares traded in a given period, for a security or exchange.",,

### **dollar-weighted rate of return**

"The rate of return that would make the present value of future cash flows plus...

### **domestic**

Pertaining to within a given country. Opposite of foreign.,,

### **domestic bond**

A bond denominated in the currency of the country where it's issued.,,

### **Domestic CGPI - Japan**

The Domestic Corporate Goods Price Index measures prices for goods purchased...

### **domestic corporation**

A U.S. corporation doing business in the state in which it is incorporated. Opposite of foreign corporation.,,

### **Domestic Demand - Germany - Euro-zone**

Measure of the amount of goods and services sought by German consumers. This...

### **domestic market**

The part of a nation's market that represents the systems of trading securities of entities located within that nation.

### **domicile**

An individual's place of permanent residence, for tax purposes.

### **Dominican Dollar**

The currency of Dominica. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

## **Dominican Republic Peso**

The currency of the Dominican Republic. ISO international currency code:...

## **donated stock**

Capital stock given back to the issuing corporation by a shareholder, often in exchange for products or services.

## **donee**

An individual or organization which receives a gift.

## **donor**

An individual who gives a gift through a trust or a charitable contribution.

## **DOP**

The currency of the Dominican Republic. ISO international currency code:...

## **DOT**

Abbreviation for Designated Order Turnaround, which is the NYSE electronic system...

## **dot-com**

A firm whose operations are entirely or primarily internet-based, or more specifically...

## **double auction market**

A system in which buyers enter competitive bidders and sellers enter competitive...

## **double bottom**

A technical analysis term used to describe a chart on which the price of a security...

## **double budget**

An accounting system that keeps capital expenses and operating expenses separate.

## **double exempt**

Free from both federal and state income tax liability, such as for a municipal bond.

## **double hedging**

The hedging of a cash market position by both a futures position and an option position.

**double indemnity**

A life insurance policy provision that calls for an additional payment, generally...

**double net lease**

A lease in which the lessee pays rent to the lessor, as well as all taxes and...

**double taxation**

The taxation of the same earnings at two levels. One common example is taxation...

**double top**

A technical analysis term for two successive rises to the same price level....

**double top breakout**

A technical chart pattern in which a stock price moves to a high level, then...

**double up**

The act of adding to an existing long or short position, after a move Opposite...

**double witching hour**

The final hour of the stock market trading session on the third Friday of all...

**double-declining balance depreciation method**

A method of accelerated depreciation, in which double the straight-line depreciation...

**double-entry bookkeeping**

An accounting technique which records each transaction as both a credit and...

**Dove**

Dovish refers to an economic outlook which generally supports lower interest...

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**Dow**

Short for the Dow Jones Industrial Average. The most widely used indicator of...

**Dow dividend theory**

An investment strategy that advocates purchasing the ten DJIA stocks with the...

### **Dow Jones Averages**

The oldest and most widely used measures of the overall condition of the stock...

### **Dow Jones Industrial Average**

Abbreviated as DJIA, which is the most widely used indicator of the overall...

### **down payment**

The part of the purchase price paid in cash up front, reducing the amount of the loan or mortgage.

### **down volume**

When a stock closes in negative territory on the day, the volume in that stock is c

### **downgrade**

A negative change in ratings for a security; two common examples are an analyst's...

### **downside**

The potential for loss for a given investment or activity.

### **downside deviation**

A value representing the potential loss that may arise from risk as measured...

### **downside protection**

A position that limits the potential loss that would result from a decline in...

### **downside risk**

The likelihood that a security or other investment will decline in price, or...

### **downsizing**

The reduction in the total number of employees at a firm through terminations, retirements, or spin-offs.

### **downtick**

A Downtick occurs when a security's transaction occurs at a lower price than...

### **downtrend**

Downward price movement of a security or the overall market over a period of...

**downturn**

A negative change in the economy, such as from expansion to recession.

**draft**

A document written by a person (drawer) to have an institution (drawee) to pay...

**draining reserves**

The actions of the Federal Reserve System, taken to decrease the money supply...

**drawback**

A rebate on taxes or duty paid for imported goods which are subsequently exported in the same form or a different form.

**drawdown**

A reduction in account equity from a trade or series of trades.

**drawee**

The party directed to pay the amount of a draft or check.

**drawer**

The party who draws the draft upon another party for payment.

**drawing account**

An account used to track withdrawals, such as withdrawals from a partnership or proprietorship by a partner or owner.

**drawn securities**

Securities called for redemption.

**dress up a portfolio**

The deceptive practice of some mutual funds, in which recently weak stocks are...

**DRIP**

Abbreviation for Dividend Reinvestment Plan, which is an investment plan offered...

**driver**

An aspect of a business that effects a change on another aspect of the business....

### **Dronning Maudland Krone**

The currency of Dronning Maudland. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter](#)

### **drop**

A fall in a price, index, or rate.

### **drop shipping**

The shipping of merchandise from a supplier directly to a retail store's customer,...

### **droplock security**

A floating-rate security which becomes fixed income if the rate to which it is pegged reaches a specified level.

### **DSO**

Abbreviation for Days Sales Outstanding. Accounts receivable divided by sales...

### **DSP**

Abbreviation for Direct Stock Purchase Plan. A SEC-regulated program which enables...

### **dual currency bond**

A Dual currency bond is debt which pays the principal in one currency upon redemption,...

### **dual life insurance**

A form of insurance which pays a death benefit only upon the death of the last...

### **dual listing**

The situation that arises when a security is registered for trading on more...

### **dual trading**

The practice by a broker of acting as an agent (purchasing and selling for customer...

### **dual-purpose fund**

A closed-end fund which distinguishes between common shareholders and preferred...

### **due bill**

A printed statement serving as evidence of the transfer of a security from the...

### **due date**

The date on which an obligation must be paid. Also known as law day.

### **due diligence**

The process of investigation, performed by investors, into the details of a...

### **due process**

The protocol of legal procedures.

### **due-on-sale clause**

A provision in a mortgage enabling the lender to demand full repayment if the borrower sells the mortgaged property.

### **dummy CUSIP**

An identification number that may be internally assigned to a security by a firm until an official CUSIP number is issued.

### **dumping**

1 In financial slang, dumping refers to selling securities with little regard...

### **durable goods**

Durable Goods are manufactured goods that generally offer a long utility (lasting...

### **Durable Goods Orders - United States**

The value of orders placed for relatively long lasting goods. Durable Goods...

### **Durable Power of Attorney**

A legal document that enables an individual to designate another person, called...

### **duration**

The change in the value of a fixed income security that will result from a 1%...

### **duration gap**

A method of attempting to quantify interest rate risk involving a comparison...

### **Dutch auction**



Also known as descending price auction, is a type of auction that uses a bidding...

### **dutch disease**

The deindustrialization of a nation's economy that occurs when the discovery...

### **Dutch Guilder**

The currency of the Netherlands from the 13th century until 2002, when it was...

### **duty**

1 Taxes on imported, exported or consumed goods. Duties serve as a source...

### **DVP**

Abbreviation for Delivery vs. Payment.

### **DVR**

Abbreviation for Delivery vs. Receipt.

### **dwarf**

Pool of mortgage-backed securities with a maturity of 15 years, issued by the Federal National Mortgage Association.

### **Dwelling Starts - Australia**

The number of construction starts on new homes in the past month. The figure,...

### **DZD**

The currency of the Algeria. ISO international currency code: DZD. Learn...

### **e-commerce**

The purchasing and selling of products and services by businesses and consumers...

### **e-mini**

A futures contract that can be traded electronically on the Chicago Mercantile...

### **each way**

Terms used in trading, referring to fees on both purchases and sales. Some...

### **EAFE Index**

Abbreviation for the Europe, Australia, and Far East Index from Morgan Stanley...

### **early exercise**

When an option or other financial security is exercised before the due date...

### **early retirement**

A retirement plan provision which allows an employee to retire before the firm's...

### **early withdrawal penalty**

A fee charged on fixed-term assets if money is withdrawn before a preset maturity...

### **earned benefit**

A benefit contingent on how long an employee has worked for an employer.

### **earned income**

Compensation from participation in a business, including wages, salary, tips,...

### **earned income tax credit**

A relief from the Social Security tax for working, low-income individuals. Congress...

### **earned surplus**

Earnings not paid out as dividends but instead reinvested in the core business...

### **earnest money**

A deposit paid by a hopeful buyer to bind a purchase. In the event that the...

### **earning asset**

An asset which provides income.

### **earnings**

Calculated by the following: Total Revenues minus cost of sales, operating expenses,...

### **Earnings Before Interest and Taxes**

Abbreviated as EBIT. A measure of a firm's earning power from ongoing operations,...

### **Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization**

EBITDA. An approximate measure of a company's operating cash flow based on...

## **Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and Rent**

EBITDAR. An approximate measure of a company's operating cash flow based on...

### **earnings credit rate**

The rate used by banks to determine the allowable credit they will provide for...

### **earnings estimate**

The expected quarterly or annual earnings of a given firm, as estimated by an...

### **earnings growth**

A measure of growth in a firm's net income over a specific period, often one...

### **earnings multiple**

The most common measure of how expensive a stock is. The earnings multiple is...

### **earnings multiplier**

A firm's estimated P/E ratio, adjusted for the current level of interest rates; used for purposes of valuation

## **Earnings per Share**

Abbreviated as EPS, refers to the Total earnings divided by the number of shares...

### **earnings report**

An official quarterly or annual financial document published by a public firm,...

### **earnings surprise**

An earnings report that differs from the consensus forecast, i.e. what analysts...

### **earnings yield**

In equities, earnings yield refers to the return dividends earn on a share,...

### **earnout**

An arrangement in which sellers of a business receive additional future payment, generally based on future earnings.

### **earnup**

An arrangement in which an acquirer of a firm provides financial incentives...

### **easement**

A right, giving individuals other than the owner permission to use a property...

### **East Caribbean Dollar**

The official currency of East Caribbean. Learn more about the East Caribbean Dollar and East Caribbean at [GoCurrency.com](http://GoCurrency.com)

### **East Timor Dollar**

The currency of East Timor. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter](#)

### **easy monetary policy**

A central bank policy designed to stimulate economic growth by lowering short...

### **eating stock**

The act of an underwriter of purchasing his or her own stock when he cannot...

### **EBIDTA**

Abbreviation for Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization,...

### **EBIT**

Abbreviation for Earnings Before Interest and Taxes, which is a measure of a...

### **EBITDA**

Abbreviation for Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization,...

### **EBITDA margin**

Equal to EBITDA divided by total revenue. EBITDA margin measures the extent to which cash operating expenses use up revenue.

### **EBITDAR**

Abbreviation for Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization...

### **ECB**

European Central Bank (ECB). The central bank empowered to manage monetary policy...

### **ECB Chief Economist Speaks - Euro-zone**

As Chief Economist and member of the Executive Board for the European Central...

### **ECB Governor Speaks - Euro-zone**

As a member of the European Central Bank Governing Council, ECB Governors are...

### **ECB President Speaks - Euro Zone**

The European Central Bank is the central bank of the European Monetary Union...

### **ECB Rate Announcement and Press Conference - Euro-zone**

The European Central Bank's decision to increase, decrease, or maintain interest...

### **ECI**

Abbreviation for Employer Cost Index. A quarterly report from the U.S. Department...

### **ECN**

Abbreviation for Electronic Communication Network, which is an electronic system...

### **Eco Watchers Survey - Japan**

The Economy Watchers Survey asks business-cycle sensitive workers their thoughts...

### **econometrics**

The application of statistical and mathematical methods in the field of economics...

### **economic**

Economics is the basically the study of how supply and demand impact scarce...

### **economic base**

The firms that provide jobs in a given community or geographic location.

### **Economic Calendar User Guide**

The Dailyfx Economic Calendarprepares traders for the most important economic...

### **economic cycle**

The predictable long-term pattern changes in national income. Traditional business...

### **Economic Data Release Schedule - United States**

The most important US economic reports are released by the US Government at...

### **economic growth**

A positive change in the level of production of goods and services by a country...

### **economic growth rate**

The pace at which economic growth increases during a given interval. The quantities...

### **economic indicator**

Any kind of statistical data showing general trends in the economy. Those with...

### **Economic Indicators for Australia**

Overview - There are thousands of economic reports released from Australia....

### **Economic Indicators for New Zealand**

Overview - There are thousands of economic reports released from New Zealand....

### **Economic Indicators for Switzerland**

Overview - There are thousands of economic reports released from Switzerland....

### **Economic Indicators for the United Kingdom**

Overview - There are thousands of economic reports released in the United...

### **Economic Indicators for the United States**

Overview - There are thousands of different reports released in the US relevant...

### **Economic Indicators from Canada**

Overview - There are thousands of economic reports released from Canada....

### **Economic Indicators from Japan**

Overview - There are thousands of different reports released in Japan relevant...

### **Economic Order Quantity**

Abbreviated as EOQ, refers to the amount of orders that minimizes total variable costs required to order and hold inventory.

### **economic rent**

The rent a real estate property would generate if leased.

### **economic risk**

In financing a project, the risk that the project's output will not generate...

### **economic sanctions**

Restrictions upon international trade and financial transactions that one country...

### **economic surplus**

Economic Surplus is the overall benefit a society composed of consumers and...

### **economic value**

The value of an asset deriving from its ability to generate income.

### **economic value added**

Abbreviated as EVA, refers to the monetary value of an entity at the end of...

### **economics**

Economics is the basically the study of how supply and demand impact scarce...

### **economist**

An individual who works in the field of economics.

### **economy**

Activities pertaining to the production and distribution of goods and services in a particular geographic region.

### **economy of scale**

Reduction in cost per unit resulting from increased production, realized through...

### **economy of scope**

The situation that arises when the cost of performing multiple business functions...

### **ECS**

(Also Ecuadorian Sucre) The former currency of the Ecuador. ISO international...

### **ECU**

Abbreviation for European Currency Unit, which is a composite monetary unit...

### **Ecuadorean Sucre**

(Also Ecuadorian Sucre) The former currency of the Ecuador. ISO international...

## **EDGAR**

Abbreviation for Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval, which is...

## **Edge Act**

Banking legislation allowing National Banks to perform foreign lending through government-chartered subsidiaries.

## **edict**

A statement or decree outlining an organization's position on some important matter.

## **education credit**

A tax credit available for education expenses, such as a Hope Credit or a Lifetime...

## **Education IRA**

The name for a tax-deferred investment vehicle, set up on or after January 1,...

## **EEK**

The ISO currency code for the Estonian Kroon. Learn more about the Estonian Kroon and Estonia at GoCurrency.com

## **effective age**

An appraiser's estimate of the physical condition of a building, in years.

## **effective annual interest rate**

The actual annual interest rate that accrues, after taking into consideration...

## **effective date**

The date on which an agreement, such as a contract or insurance policy, takes effect.

## **effective debt**

The net total of outstanding debt owed by a firm or individual. Effective...

## **effective duration**

The duration for a bond with an embedded option when the value is calculated...

## **effective net worth**



The value of shareholder's equity in a firm plus subordinated debt (debentures...

### **effective par**

The par value for preferred stock that would ordinarily correspond to a given dividend rate.

### **effective rate**

The yield on a debt as calculated from the purchase price. A more accurate measure...

### **effective tax rate**

The actual income tax paid divided by net taxable income before taxes, expressed as a percentage.

### **efficiency**

Market EfficiencyThe degree to which a market allows for price to reflect all...

### **efficiency ratio**

The total operating expenses divided by fee income plus tax equivalent net interest income.

### **efficient frontier**

The efficient frontier graph correlates a portfolio's risk profile to possible...

### **Efficient Market Theory**

The theory that all market participants receive and act on all of the relevant...

### **efficient portfolio**

A portfolio that provides the greatest expected return for a given level of...

### **EFT**

Abbreviation for Electronic Funds Transfer, which refers to any transfer of...

### **EGP**

The ISO currency code for the Egyptian Pound. Learn more about the Egyptian Pound and Egypt at GoCurrency.com

### **Egyptian Pound**

The official currency of Egypt. Learn more about the Egyptian Pound and Egypt at GoCurrency.com

## **EIA Crude Oil Stocks - United States**

Measure of inventories of crude oil stored for future use. The figure relies...

## **either-or order**

Two orders given to a broker, for which the execution of either one automatically...

## **El Salvador Colon**

The official currency of El Salvador. Learn more about the El Salvador Colon and El Salvador at GoCurrency.com

## **elastic**

See elasticity.

## **elasticity**

The degree to which a price change for a good or service results from a unit...

## **elective deferral**

An employer's contribution towards an employee's 401(k) plan on the employee's...

## **electronic commerce**

The purchasing and selling of products and services by businesses and consumers...

## **Electronic Communication Network**

Abbreviated as ECN, refers to

## **Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval**

EDGAR. The SEC's system used by all public companies to transmit required filings,...

## **Electronic Funds Transfer**

Abbreviated as EFT, refers to any transfer of funds that is initiated by electronic...

## **electronic wallet**

An encrypted storage medium holding credit card and other financial information...

## **elephant**

Informal for a large institutional investor such as a mutual fund or pension...

### **elevator pitch**

An entrepreneur's one-minute explanation of his or her business model, often...

### **eligibility requirements**

In insurance, qualifications required by an insurance company before coverage...

### **eligible accounts**

Accounts receivable that satisfy the lender's criteria as specified in a loan...

### **eligible list**

List of securities that a financial firm can purchase as investments, in accordance with its own policies or rules.

### **Elliott Wave Theory**

A technical analysis technique published by Ralph Elliott, which claims that...

### **elves**

How the host of PBS's ""Wall Street Week"" refers to the show's ten technical...

### **embargo**

A government prohibition against the shipment of certain products to a particular country for economic or political reasons.

### **embedded option**

An option that is a structured part of another instrument, (such as bank loan,...

### **embezzle**

To fraudulently appropriate an asset for one's own use.

### **emerging market**

A financial market of a developing country. Emerging markets are the equivalent...

### **Eminent Domain**

Eminent Domain refers to the right one government has to seize private property...

### **Emperor's Birthday - Japan**

The Emperor's Birthday on December 23 is a national holiday and the Japanese markets are closed for the day.

### **Empire State Manufacturing Survey - United States**

Survey assessing business conditions and expectations of manufacturing executives...

### **employee**

An individual who is hired to provide services to a firm on a regular basis...

### **employee contribution**

An individual's contribution to his or her own retirement plan, often tax-deferred.

### **Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974**

Abbreviated as ERISA, refers to the federal law which established legal guidelines...

### **Employee Stock Ownership Plan**

Abbreviated as ESOP, refers to a trust established by a corporate which acts...

### **Employee Stock Purchase Plan**

Abbreviated as ESPP, refers to a program that allows employees to purchase firm stock at a discount to its fair market value.

### **employee stock repurchase agreement**

Abbreviated as ESPP, refers to a program that allows employees to purchase firm stock at a discount to its fair market value.

### **Employer Cost Index**

Abbreviated as ECI, refers to a quarterly report from the U.S. Department of...

### **employer matching contribution**

The amount, if any, that a firm contributes to its employees' retirement accounts,...

### **Employment - (Non Farm Payrolls and Unemployment Rate) United States**

One of the most widely anticipated reports on the US economic calendar, the...

### **Employment Change - Australia**

Tracks the number of employed in Australia . The figure appears in the monthly...

### **Employment Change - Germany - Euro-zone**

Measures the change in the number of employed individuals in the German labor...

### **Employment Cost Index**

Abbreviated as ECI, refers to a quarterly report from the U.S. Department of...

### **Employment Level - Switzerland**

The number of paid employees working at least six hours each week. The headline...

### **Employment Reports By Country**

Overview - Employment Reports track trends in the labor market. Employment...

### **Employment Situation-Japan**

Employment Situation - Japan - The analysis of current conditions and...

### **encroachment**

A structure, or part of a structure, built on another individual's property.

### **encumbered**

Owned by one but another entity has a valid claim on the property or security.A...

### **endorsement**

A signature used to legally transfer a negotiable instrument.

### **endowment**

Assets, property or funds bestowed upon an individual or institution for a specific...

### **endowment insurance**

A type of life insurance that is payable to the insured if he/she is still living...

### **enhanced index fund**

A fund that aims to track an index, but also attempts to boost returns by straying...

### **enrolled agent**

A tax law specialist who passes a Treasury Department tax exam in order to become...

### **ensure**

To make certain.

### **enterprise**

Business or venture.

### **Enterprise Resource Planning**

Abbreviated as ERP, refers to an amalgamation of a firm's information systems...

### **enterprise value**

A measure of what the market believes a firm's ongoing operations are worth....

### **enterprise zone**

A designated geographical area in which businesses enjoy favorable tax credits, financing, and/or other incentives.

### **entitlements**

Benefits guaranteed to an individual, such as dividends for shareholders or government aid for those who qualify.

### **entity**

Thing; something in existence.

### **entrepreneur**

An individual who starts his or her own business.

### **entrepreneurship**

The assumption of risk and responsibility in designing and implementing a business strategy or starting a business.

### **entry barrier**

see barriers to entry

### **entry order**

An Entry Order is an order to enter the market at a specified price. Entry...

### **environmental fund**

A mutual fund which invests exclusively or predominantly in firms which are...

## **EOQ**

Abbreviation for Economic Order Quantity, which is the amount of orders that...

## **EPS**

Abbreviation for Earnings per Share, which is the total earnings divided by...

## **epsilon**

Technical analysis term equal to the average daily price change divided by the...

## **Equal Credit Opportunity Act**

A federal law prohibiting lenders from discriminating on the basis of the borrower's...

## **Equatorial Guinea**

The currency of Equatorial Guinea.

## **equilibrium**

Balance, for example when demand equals supply.

## **equilibrium price**

The market price at which the supply of an item equals the quantity demanded.

## **Equipment Investment - Germany - Euro-zone**

Measures the total value of German investments in equipment including machinery...

## **equitable owner**

Beneficiary of a property being held in a trust.

## **equities**

An instrument that signifies an ownership position, or equity, in a corporation,...

## **equity**

Equity has a variety of meanings in the financial world. 1. In stocks it refers...

## **equity capital**

Capital raised from owners.

## **equity financing**

Financing by selling common stock or preferred stock to investors.

**equity fund**

A mutual fund which invests primarily in stocks, generally common stocks.

**equity funding**

An investment which combines mutual fund shares and a life insurance policy.

**equity kicker**

A simple 'kicker' is a right, warrant or other incentive added to debt instruments...

**equity market**

see stock market.

**equity method**

An accounting method used to determine income derived from a firm's investment...

**equity mortgage**

A mortgage in which a lender offers a favorable interest rate in exchange for...

**equity multiplier**

Total assets divided by common stockholder's equity. This is a measure of leverage....

**equity option**

An option in which the underlier is the common stock of a corporation, giving...

**equity REIT**

A REIT which takes an ownership position in its real estate investments, as opposed to a mortgage REIT.

**equity risk premium**

The return that an individual stock or overall equity market offers in excess...

**equity securities**

see equity.

**equity security**



An instrument that signifies an ownership position (called equity) in a corporation,...

### **equity swap**

A swap for which payments on one or both sides are linked to the performance...

### **equity turnover**

A firm's annual sales divided by its average stockholders' equity. Equity turnover...

### **equity value**

see equity.

### **equity-indexed annuity**

Annuity whose interest payments are tied to the performance of a stock index....

### **equity-linked note**

A debt instrument whose return on investment is tied to the equity markets....

### **equivalent taxable yield**

The yield needed on a taxable investment in order to match the tax-free return...

### **ERISA**

Abbreviation for Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, which is the...

### **Eritrean Nakfa**

The official currency of Eritrea. Learn more about the Eritrean Nakfa and Eritrea at GoCurrency.com

### **ERN**

The ISO currency code for the Eritrean Nakfa. Learn more about the Eritrean Nakfa and Eritrea at GoCurrency.com

### **erosion**

When an innovation or technological breakthrough reduces the value of one or more of a firm's existing assets.

### **ERP**

Abbreviation for Enterprise Resource Planning, which is an amalgamation of a...

## **ESA**

Abbreviation for Coverdell Education Savings Account, which is an investment...

## **escalation clause**

A provision of a contract which calls for an increase in price in the event...

## **escalator clause**

A provision of a contract which calls for an increase in price in the event...

## **escheatment**

The process of turning over unclaimed or abandoned property to a state authority,...

## **escrow**

Documents, real estate, money, or securities deposited with a neutral third...

## **escrow account**

A trust account held in the borrower's name to pay obligations such as property taxes and insurance premiums.

## **escrow receipt**

A certificate which guarantees that the securities underlying an option contract...

## **escrowed to maturity**

The holding of proceeds from a new bond issue in an escrow account, to be used to pay off an existing bond issue at its maturity.

## **ESOP**

Abbreviation for Employee Stock Ownership Plan, which is a trust established...

## **ESP**

The ISO currency code for the Balearic Is Peseta.

## **ESPP**

Abbreviation for Employee Stock Purchase Plan, which is a program that allows...

## **estate**

All assets owned by an individual at death, to be distributed according to the...

## **estate planning**

The preparation of a plan of administration and disposition of one's property...

## **estate tax**

Tax imposed on the transfer of property from a deceased to his or her heirs, legatees or devisees.

## **estimated tax**

Estimated amount in taxes due to be paid in the coming year, short any tax credits. Corporations,...

## **Estonian Kroon**

The official currency of Estonia. Learn more about the Estonian Kroon and Estonia at GoCurrency.com

## **ETB**

The ISO currency code for the Ethiopian Birr. Learn more about the Ethiopian Birr and Ethiopia at GoCurrency.com

## **ETF**

Abbreviation for Exchange Traded Fund, which is a fund that tracks an index,...

## **ethical investing**

The act of investing in firms that operate ethically, provide social benefits,...

## **Ethiopian Birr**

The official currency of Ethiopia. Learn more about the Ethiopian Birr and Ethiopia at GoCurrency.com

## **EU**

Abbreviation for the European Union. The economic association of over a dozen...

## **EU Finance Ministers - Euro-zone**

EU Finance Ministers Meet monthly to discuss the current economic status of...

## **EUR**

The ISO currency code for the Euro-zone EuroLearn More about the Euro-zone, and the Euro.

## **Euro**

The name for the composite monetary unit that has replaced national currencies...

### **Euro-zone CPI Flash Estimate - Euro-zone**

An early estimate of Euro-zone inflation. The figure uses available data in...

### **Euro-Zone Economic Indicators**

Overview - There are thousands of economic indicators released in European...

### **Eurobond**

A type of bond issued and traded outside the country whose currency it is denominated...

### **Euroclear**

One of the leading clearing systems for eurobonds.

### **Eurocommercial paper**

The commercial paper issued in a Eurocurrency.

### **Eurocredit**

Lending done using Eurocurrency.

### **Eurocurrency**

The currency deposited by firms and federal governments in banks outside their...

### **Eurodollar**

An American dollar held by a foreign institution outside the U.S., generally...

### **Eurodollar bond**

A Eurobond denominated in U.S. dollars.

### **Eurodollar certificate of deposit**

A certificate of deposit that is issued by a bank outside the U.S. but denominated in U.S. dollars.

### **Euroequity issues**

Securities sold in several national markets simultaneously by an international syndicate.

### **European Central Bank**

European Central Bank (ECB). The central bank empowered to manage monetary policy...

### **European Community**

Economic and political alliance designed to foster trade and cooperation among its member countries.

### **European Currency Unit**

Abbreviated as ECU, which refers to a composite monetary unit consisting of...

### **European Depositary Receipt**

Abbreviated as EDR, refers to a negotiable certificate held in the bank of one...

### **European Monetary System**

The system established to encourage monetary stability in Europe, through the...

### **European terms**

In quoting foreign exchange rates, European terms refers to how many US Dollars...

### **European Union**

Abbreviated as EU, refers to the economic association of over a dozen European...

### **European-style option**

An option which can only be exercised for a short, specified period of time...

### **Euroyen**

Refers to Japanese yen traded in the Eurocurrency markets.

### **Euroyen bond**

Eurobond denominated in Japanese yen.

### **Eurozone**

The collective group of countries which use the Euro as their common currency.

### **EVA**

Abbreviation for Economic Value Added, which refers to the monetary value of...

### **evaluator**

An individual qualified by education, training, and experience to provide appraisals. Also known as appraiser.

**even lot**

The normal unit of trading of a security; 100 shares of stock or 5 bonds. Also...

**even spread**

In derivatives trading, an Even Spread is a position for which the long position...

**even up**

The elimination or reduction of a current long or short position by making an...

**event risk**

The probability that the rating of a bond will drop due to an event, such as...

**evergreen loan**

An Evergreen Loan is a loan that is continuously financed by the lender rather...

**eviction**

The lawful expulsion of an occupant from a property.

**ex-all**

The sale of a security without any associated privileges, such as dividends, warrants, or rights.

**ex-date**

In the context of stock splits, the date that the share price changes to reflect the split.

**ex-dividend**

A security which no longer carries the right to the most recently declared dividend;...

**ex-dividend date**

The first day of the ex-dividend period. The ex-dividend date was created to...

**ex-legal**

Class of municipal bond that does not have a legal opinion from a bond law firm...

**ex-pit transaction**

A commodities transaction which occurs away from the floor of the exchange where they are normally traded.

**ex-rights**

The purchase of stock without the right to purchase additional shares at a price below the current market price.

**ex-rights date**

The date on which the buyer of common stock is no longer entitled to rights that had been declared.

**ex-stock dividends**

A security which no longer carries the right to the most recently declared dividend;...

**ex-warrants**

The stock for which a buyer would not be entitled to the attached warrants.

**exact interest**

The interest as calculated on a 365-day-a-year basis, as opposed to interest...

**exante return**

The expected return of a portfolio, calculated from a proportional weighting...

**except-for opinion**

An auditor's opinion in which he/she is unable to audit certain of the firm's...

**exceptional item**

The costs that alter a firm's earnings during a given reporting period and which...

**excess accumulation**

The amount of a required minimum distribution that an IRA holder failed to remove...

**excess contribution**

The amount by which an IRA contribution exceeds the allowable limits, on which the IRS applies a penalty.

**excess distribution**

The amount of a retirement payment exceeding the allowable limits, on which a penalty is applied.

**excess insurance**

A type of insurance which applies to that portion of a loss or damage which exceeds a specified amount.

**excess profits tax**

Additional taxes levied on business income in times of national emergency, such as during a war.

**excess reserves**

The amount held by a bank above the reserve requirement.

**excess returns**

The returns in excess of those required by some asset pricing model, or a market...

**exchange**

Any organization, association or group which provides or maintains a marketplace...

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Any organization, association or group which provides or maintains a marketplace...

**exchange against actuals**

The exchange of a specified quantity of a cash commodity for an equivalent quantity...

**exchange distribution**

A trade on the exchange floor of a block of shares representing many buy and...

**exchange for futures**

The transfer of a cash commodity of a long futures position from the cash commodity...

**exchange for physical**

The exchange of a specified quantity of a cash commodity for an equivalent quantity...

**exchange fund**

An investment which enables individuals who have significant holdings in a single...

**exchange of spot**

The exchange of a specified quantity of a cash commodity for an equivalent quantity...

**exchange privilege**



A feature offered by some mutual fund families in which an investor is able...

### **exchange rate**

The rate at which one currency may be converted into another. Also known as...

### **exchange rate risk**

The risk that a business' operations or an investment's value will be affected...

### **exchange ratio**

The number of shares of the acquiring firm that a shareholder will receive for one share of the acquired firm.

### **exchange seat**

The membership on an exchange, a requirement for transacting business on that exchange. Also known as seat.

### **Exchange Traded Fund**

Abbreviated as ETF, refers to a fund that tracks an index, but can be traded...

### **exchange versus cash**

The exchange of a specified quantity of a cash commodity for an equivalent quantity...

### **exchange-traded option**

An option authorized by an exchange for trading. Also known as listed option.

### **exchangeable security**

A security that grants the holder the right to exchange the security for the common stock of a firm other than the issuer.

### **excise tax**

A Federal or state tax imposed on the manufacture and distribution of certain...

### **excluded risk**

A specific circumstance under which a given life insurance policy will not pay...

### **exclusion**

A loss or risk that a policy does not cover.

**exclusion ratio**

The amount of an annuity payment that is not subject to income tax when received,...

**exclusive**

Having the sole right to do something.

**exclusive listing**

A written contract in which a licensed real estate agent is given the sole right...

**execution**

The completion of an order to buy or sell securities.

**Execution Risk**

In processing a securities transaction (for example market order in foreign...

**executive indemnity insurance**

Insurance policy that protects a portion of an employee's income in the event...

**executor**

An individual or institution nominated in a will and appointed by a court to settle the estate of a deceased.

**exempt**

Not subject to taxation. More generally, to be free of restrictions or rules.

**exempt security**

A security which is not subject to certain SEC or Federal Reserve Board rules.

**exemption**

A direct reduction taken from taxable income for a specific reason, as allowed by the IRS.

**exercise**

To implement the rights of an option, by purchasing (in the case of call options)...

**exercise assignment**

The receipt of an exercise assignment notice by an option writer that requires...

**exercise limit**

A restriction on the number of option contracts of a single class which can...

**exercise notice**

The receipt of an exercise notice by an option writer that requires him/her...

**exercise price**

The specified price on an option contract at which the contract may be exercised,...

**exercise ratio**

The number of shares of common stock what would be received for each warrant exercised.

**exhaust price**

The price at which a client's position in a stock purchased on margin must be liquidated by his broker to meet a margin call.

**eximbank**

Export-Import Bank.

**Existing Home Sales - United States**

Records sales of previously owned homes in the United States . This report provides...

**exit**

The way in which an investor closes out a specific position, generally by converting it to cash.

**exit fee**

A sales charge or commission paid when an individual sells an investment, such...

**exit strategy**

The way in which an investor plans to close out an investment. For example,...

**expansion**

Growth, business expansion or economic recovery.

**expected family contribution**

A calculation representing the amount of money that a student and his or her...

**expected return**

An estimation of the value of an investment, including the change in price and...

**expenditure**

A payment, or the promise of a future payment.

**expense**

Any cost of doing business resulting from revenue-generating activities.

**expense ratio**

For a mutual fund, operating costs, including management fees, expressed as...

**expensed**

Having the characteristic of being charged to an expense account.

**experience rating**

A quantitative measure used by an insurance firm to determine how much a given...

**expiration**

Termination, end.

**expiration cycle**

The Expiration Cycle is a recurring cycle of months for which options for a...

**expiration date**

The date on which an option, right or warrant expires, and becomes worthless...

**expiration time**

The time of day at which an option expires on the expiration date. After this time, the option may no longer be exercised.

**expire**

To end.

**explicit interest**

The amount of money paid on a loan.

### **exponential moving average**

A moving average calculated by weighting recent values more heavily than older values.

### **export**

A country's exports reflect the value of goods and services that were...

### **export license**

A document indicating that a government has granted a licensee the right to export specified goods to specified countries.

### **Export Price Index (EPI) - Japan**

The Export Price Index tracks changes in the prices that Japanese firms receive...

### **Export Price Index - United States**

Tracks price changes of U.S. export goods. The figure is used to determine whether...

### **Export-Import Bank**

A independent bank, established by Congress, which encourages U.S. exports by...

### **Exports - Australia**

Goods and services produced domestically that are sold or awaiting sale outside...

### **Exports - Germany - Euro-zone**

Goods and services produced domestically that are sold or awaiting sale outside...

### **exposure**

The condition of being subjected to a source of risk.

### **express agreement**

A contract, either oral or written, which contains the intentions of the involved parties in words.

### **extended broad money**

One measure of the money supply that includes M2, plus large time deposits,...

### **extendible note**

Note whose maturity can be lengthened at the option of the issuer. These notes...

**extension**

The granting of additional time, as in a contract or the filing of a tax return.

**extension swap**

A swap in which an investor extends the maturity of his investment by selling...

**external financing**

External financing is the issuance of debt or equity in order to finance company...

**external funds**

The funds brought in from outside the firm, such as through a bond or equity offering.

**external market**

Sometimes referred to as the Euromarket, the external market consists of securities...

**externality**

The side effect on an individual or entity due to the actions of another individual...

**extraordinary item**

In financial accounting, and extraordinary item is a one-time event that materially...

**extrapolation**

Extrapolation is the prediction of values outside of the dataset used to produce...

**face amount**

The amount stated on an insurance policy, to be paid upon death or maturity.

**face value**

The nominal dollar amount assigned to a security by the issuer. For an equity...

**face-amount certificate**

A debt security issued by a type of mutual fund called a face amount certificate...

**facilitation**

The creation of a market. In the case of securities, this function is performed by market makers.

**fact book**

Any detailed information about a product's history.

### **factor**

A firm engaged in the business of financing accounts receivable, an activity known as factoring.

### **factoring**

The selling of a firm's accounts receivable, at a discount, to a factor, who...

### **factors of production**

The resources used in producing the goods and services created in an economy....

### **factory**

A building or a group of buildings designed to produce goods on an efficient,...

### **Factory Orders - German - Euro-zone**

Measures the total change in orders placed at domestic manufacturers. The figure...

### **Factory Orders - United States**

Dollar volume of new orders, shipments, unfilled orders and inventories as reported...

### **FAFSA**

Abbreviation for Free Application for Federal Student Aid, which refers to a...

### **fail-safe**

An action taken to avoid a disaster.

### **Fair Credit Reporting Act**

A Federal law providing individuals the right to examine their own credit history....

### **Fair Debt Collection Practices Act**

A 1977 federal law that serves to regulate collection agencies. The FDCPA outlines...

### **fair market value**

The price that an interested but not desperate buyer would be willing to pay...

### **fair value**

A valuation, in accordance with standard methodology, that is reasonable to...

### **fairly valued**

A stock or other investment which is perceived by a given investor to be trading close to its actual value.

### **fairness opinion**

The professional opinion of an investment bank, provided for a fee, regarding...

### **fake out**

A large, quick, temporary rise or fall in price.

### **Falkland Island Pound**

The official currency of the Falkland Islands. Learn more about the Falkland...

### **fallen angel**

A bond which was investment-grade when issued but which is now of significantly lower quality.

### **falling knife**

A stock whose price has been dropping quickly. The implication is that the investor...

### **family of funds**

A mutual fund firm offering many mutual funds, for various objectives. Generally,...

### **Fannie Mae**

FNMA or Fannie Mae. Originally set up by congress in 1938 to aid the US...

### **far month**

The month of an option contract or futures contract which has the latest delivery date. Also known as furthest month.

### **far option**

The part of an option spread which has the later expiration date. Opposite of near option.

### **Faroe Island Krone**

The currency of Faroe Island. Faroe Island uses a currency pegged one-to-one...

### **FASB**



Abbreviation for Financial Accounting Standards Board. Independent agency which establishes GAAP.

### **favorable balance of trade**

Having exports which exceed imports.

### **FCC**

Abbreviation for Federal Communications Commission. A U.S. government agency...

### **FDIC**

Abbreviation for Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. A federal agency that...

### **feasible**

Possible, doable.

### **Fed**

The 7-member Board of Governors that oversees Federal Reserve Banks, establishes...

### **Fed bias**

The way the Federal Open Markets Committee announces its perspective on the...

### **Fed Chairman**

The head of the Federal Reserve Board, who is named by the U.S. President from a list of candidates approved by the Senate.

### **fed funds**

Funds deposited by commercial banks at Federal Reserve Banks. By requiring banks...

### **Fed funds rate**

Federal Funds Rate (or Fed Funds Rate) - the interest rate banks charge...

### **Fed Governor Speaks - United States**

The seven members of the Board of Governors have voting power in all three monetary...

### **Fed pass**

Federal Reserve action designed to make more credit available by adding reserves to the banking system.

## **Fed President Speaks - United States**

There are 12 Federal Reserve Presidents, each from a different district of the...

## **Federal**

Relating to the national government or union of states. Originally, Federal...

## **Federal Call**

A Federal Reserve Board regulation that governs customer cash accounts and...

## **Federal Communications Commission**

Abbreviated as FCC, refers to a U.S. government agency charged with the task...

## **Federal Debt**

The amount by which a government's expenditures exceed its tax revenues. The...

## **Federal Deficit**

The amount by which a government's expenditures exceed its tax revenues. The...

## **Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation**

Abbreviated as FDIC, refers to a federal agency that insures deposits in member banks and thrifts up to \$100,000.

## **Federal funds**

Funds deposited by commercial banks at Federal Reserve Banks. By requiring banks...

## **Federal funds rate**

Federal Funds Rate (or Fed Funds Rate) - the interest rate banks charge...

## **Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation**

FHLMC or Freddie Mac. The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation is the government-chartered...

## **Federal Housing Administration**

FHA. The Federal Housing Administration is the government-agency whose primary...

## **Federal ID Number**

TIN, or Federal Tax ID Number. A TIN is a government issued number assigned to businesses for tax reporting purposes.

### **Federal Insurance Contributions Act**

FICA, as the Act is commonly referred, is a law requiring employers to withhold...

### **Federal National Mortgage Association**

FNMA or Fannie Mae. Originally set up by congress in 1938 to aid the US housing...

### **Federal Open Market Committee**

The Federal Reserve controls the cost and availability of money through actions...

### **Federal Reserve Bank**

One of 12 regional banks of the Federal Reserve System. The regional banks...

### **Federal Reserve Board**

The Board of Governors is a managing body of the Federal Reserve System. The...

### **Federal Reserve Discount Rate**

The interest rate charged to borrow directly from the Federal Reserve Bank...

### **Federal Reserve Note**

Essentially: American Cash. A Federal Reserve Notes is paper currency issued...

### **Federal Reserve requirement**

Banks accepts deposits, lending out a portion of those funds to borrowers...

### **Federal Reserve System**

The Federal Reserve is the central bank of the United States, setting monetary...

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The Federal Reserve is the central bank of the United States, setting monetary...

### **Federal Savings and Loan Association**

A federally chartered institution whose purpose is to collect savings deposits and provide residential mortgage loans.

### **Federal Surplus**

The federal government's budget surplus; that is, the extent to which government revenues exceed government spending.

### **Federal Tax Identification Number**

The Social Security number of an individual or the Employer Identification Number...

### **Federal tax lien**

A lien against all assets of a delinquent taxpayer.

### **Federal Trade Commission**

FTC. Federal agency whose purpose is to encourage free enterprise and prevent restraint of trade and monopolies.

### **Federation Internationale des Bourses de Valeurs**

FIBV. The organization of the world's stock markets, headquartered in Paris....

### **fee**

A charge for services rendered.

### **fee-based financial planning**

The financial planning services which are paid for on a flat fee or an hourly...

### **fee-for-service**

A health insurance plan that allows the holder to make almost all health care...

### **FFO**

Abbreviation for Funds From Operations. A financial measure used by REITs to...

### **FHA**

Abbreviation for Federal Housing Administration. A government agency whose primary...

### **FHA Loan**

A type of government mortgage that is insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA).

### **FHLMC**

Abbreviation for Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. Government-chartered...

### **fiat money**

Money which has no intrinsic value and cannot be redeemed for specie or any...

### **Fibonacci**

The Fibonacci sequence, named for its discoverer Leonardo Fibonacci, forms the...

### **Fibonacci Retracements & Arcs**

The Fibonacci sequence, named for its discoverer Leonardo Fibonacci, forms the...

### **FIBV**

Abbreviation for Federation Internationale des Bourses de Valeurs. The organization...

### **FICA**

Abbreviation for The federal law which requires employers to withhold a portion...

### **FICO score**

Acronym for Fair Isaac Credit Organization credit score.

### **fictitious credit**

A credit balance in a securities margin account representing short sale proceeds and the Regulation T margin requirement.

### **fidelity bond**

A debt obligation serving to protect an employer from loss in the event that...

### **fiduciary**

An individual, corporation or association holding assets for another party,...

### **FIFO**

Abbreviation for First In First Out. A method of valuing the cost of goods sold...

### **Fijian dollar**

The official currency of Fiji. Learn more about the Fijian dollar and Fiji at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **filing**

Depositing a document, generally a financing statement, in a public office and thereby making it available to the public.

### **filing status**

The types of taxpayers: single, married filing jointly, married filing separately,...

**fill**

To execute an order or buy or sell a security or commodity.

**fill or kill**

An order given to a broker that must immediately be filled in its entirety or,...

**FIM**

The ISO currency code for the Finnish Markka.

**FIN**

Abbreviation for Federal ID Number, which refers to a number assigned to a business for tax reporting purposes.

**final prospectus**

A document containing information on a new issue, including the delivery date,...

**finance**

A branch of economics concerned with resource allocation as well as resource...

**finance charge**

Any charge for credit.

**finance company**

A firm which makes loans to individuals and/or businesses.

**financial**

Pertaining to finance.

**Financial Accounting Standards Board**

Abbreviated as FASB, refers to an independent agency which establishes GAAP.

**financial advisor**

An individual or organization employed by an individual or mutual fund to manage...

**financial analyst**

An employee of a bank, brokerage, advisor, or mutual fund who studies firms...

### **financial asset**

A non-physical asset, such as a security, certificate, or bank balance. Opposite of non-financial asset.

### **financial capital**

Funds which are available to acquire real capital.

### **financial condition**

The status of a firm's assets, liabilities and equity positions at a specific...

### **financial futures**

A futures contracts based on financial instruments, such as Treasury Bonds, CDs, currencies or indexes.

### **financial institution**

Institution which collects funds from the public and places them in financial...

### **financial instrument**

An instrument having monetary value or recording a monetary transaction.

### **financial leverage**

In finance, leverage is the general term used to describe the ratio between...

### **financial market**

A market for the exchange of capital and credit, including the money markets and the capital markets.

### **financial needs approach**

The technique used to determine how much life insurance is required, by considering the future needs of the policy's beneficiaries.

### **financial planner**

An investment professional who helps individuals set and achieve their long-term...

### **financial planning**

An investment professional who helps individuals set and achieve their long-term...

**financial risk**

The possibility that a bond issuer will default, by failing to repay principal...

**financial statement**

A written report which quantitatively describes the financial health of a firm....

**financial structure**

The right side of a firm's balance sheet, detailing how its assets are financed, including debt and equity issues.

**financier**

One who makes a living participating in commercial financing activities.

**financing**

Providing the necessary capital.

**financing flows**

Cash flows generated through debt and equity financing.

**finder's fee**

A fee paid to someone who acts as an intermediary for a client in a transaction.

**fine paper**

Securities with little or no risk-free.

**finished goods**

Manufactured products which ready for sale and delivery to the marketplace.

**Finite-life REIT**

Abbreviated as REIT. REIT which plans to liquidate all of its holdings by a...

**Finnish Markka**

The former currency of Finland until 1 January 1999, when it was superseded...

**firewall**

The separation of banking and broker/dealer activities within the same financial...



**firm**

Any business, such as a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation.

**firm commitment lending**

A formal offer by a lender making explicit the terms under which it agrees to...

**firm commitment offering**

An arrangement in which an underwriter assumes the risk of bringing a new securities...

**firm order**

A client order which is not subject to cancellation, or an order to buy or sell for a broker-dealer's own account.

**firm price**

A price which is not negotiable.

**firm quotation**

Any round lot bid or offer from a Market Maker other than a nominal quotation.

**first board**

The delivery dates for futures as determined by the appropriate futures exchange.

**first call date**

The first date on which a callable bond may be redeemed, specified in its indenture.

**First In First Out**

Abbreviated as FIFO, refers to a method of valuing the cost of goods sold that...

**first mortgage**

The mortgage that has first claim in the event of a default.

**first notice day**

The first day that a buyer of a futures contract can be called upon to take delivery.

**first preferred stock**

Preferred stock which takes precedence over other preferred and common stock with regard to dividends and assets.

**first-mover advantage**

The edge that a firm gains by entering a particular market before any competitors.

**first-round financing**

The first investment in a firm made by external investors.

**fiscal**

Pertaining to money, especially government taxation and spending policies.

**fiscal agent**

A bank or trust firm which handles fiscal matters for a corporation, including...

**fiscal policy**

Fiscal policy is the deliberate change in a government's spending, taxation...

**fiscal year**

An accounting period of 12 months used by companies and government organizations...

**fixation**

The setting of a commodity's current or future price by a government.

**fixed**

Unchanging, set, not variable.

**fixed annuity**

An investment vehicle offered by an insurance firm, that guarantees a stream...

**fixed asset**

A long-term, tangible asset held for business use and not expected to be converted...

**fixed benefits**

Insurance payments to a beneficiary which are of a set, unchanging amount.

**fixed budget**

A budget which is made without regard to potential variations in business activity....

**fixed cost**

A cost that does not vary depending on production or sales levels, such as rent, property tax, insurance, or interest expense.

### **fixed expenses**

See fixed cost.

### **fixed income**

Fixed Income in finance refers to securities that offer constant and predictable...

### **fixed income equivalent**

A convertible security for which the market price of the common stock is so...

### **fixed investment trust**

See unit investment trust. Also known as unit investment trust or participating trust or fixed investment trust.

### **fixed premium**

Periodic, equal-sized payments made to an insurance firm for an insurance policy or annuity.

### **fixed rate**

A loan in which the interest rate does not change during the entire term of the loan. Opposite of adjustable rate.

### **fixed-charge coverage ratio**

Profits before income taxes and interest payments, divided by long-term interest, for a given period of time.

### **fixed-income arbitrage**

An investment strategy that involves exploiting the price differences in similar short-term bonds.

### **fixed-rate loan**

A loan in which the interest rate does not change during the entire term of...

### **Fixed-Rate Mortgage**

Fixed-Rate Mortgage (FRM) is a loan where the interest rate is locked for the...

### **fixtures**

In real estate, a part of a piece of property that is permanently attached so...

### **FJD**

The ISO currency code for the Fijan Dollar. Learn more about the Fijan Dollar and Fiji at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **FKP**

The official currency of the Falkland Islands. Learn more about the Falkland...

### **flag**

A technical analysis term referring to a chart pattern created when a steep...

### **flash**

The value of a security that is used when volume is so high that the tape cannot...

### **flat**

A price that is neither rising nor falling; Also known as sideways.

### **flat dollar**

A description of an absolute amount, as opposed to an amount determined as a function of another amount, such as a percentage.

### **flat rate**

A price per unit which remains constant regardless of the total number of units purchased.

### **flat tax**

A system in which all levels of income are taxed at the same rate.

### **flat yield curve**

A yield curve showing the same yield for short-maturity and long-maturity bonds. Also known as even yield curve.

### **flexible benefit plan**

A benefits plan that allows employees to select from a pool of choices, some...

### **flexible budget**

A set of revenue and expense projections at various production or sales volumes....

**flexible expense**

An expense that can be adjusted or eliminated, such as for luxury items, such as clothes or CDs.  
Opposite of flexible expense.

**flexible spending account**

A benefit offered to an employee by an employer which allows a fixed amount...

**flier**

A high-risk investment or business opportunity.

**flight to quality**

The flow of funds from riskier to safer investments in times of marketplace...

**flip-flop note**

A note which enables investors to switch between two different kinds of debt.

**flipping**

The practice of purchasing initial public offerings at the offering price and...

**float**

The number of shares of a security that are outstanding and available for trading by the public.

**floater**

A fixed income instrument which has a coupon rate or interest rate that varies...

**floating debt**

Continuously refinanced short-term debt for a firm's ongoing operations. The...

**floating exchange rate**

The currency exchange rate which is determined by free market forces, rather than being fixed by a government.

**floating lien**

A general lien against a set of assets, such as inventory or accounts receivable,...

**floating rate**

Any interest rate that changes on a periodic basis. The change is generally...

**floating security**

A security which is bought and held in street name with the expectation that it will be quickly resold at a profit.

**floating-rate bond**

A bond whose interest is pegged to a benchmark, such as the Treasury Bill rate, and adjusted periodically.

**floor**

The lowest possible price limit set by market makers, regulatory bodies or controlling...

**floor broker**

An exchange member who executes orders on the floor of an exchange on behalf...

**floor loan**

A minimum amount that a lender is willing to loan.

**floor trader**

An exchange member who executes orders on the floor for his or her own account. Also known as a local.

**flotation**

Going public to raise equity financing and to allow the original owners and early investors to realize some of their gains.

**flotation costs**

The costs of issuing a new security, including the money investment bankers...

**flow of funds**

For municipal bonds, a statement that specifies the priorities for which the...

**fluctuate**

To change in price, value, or rate.

**fluctuation limit**

The highest and lowest prices that a commodity or option is permitted to reach...

**FNMA**

FNMA or Fannie Mae. Originally set up by congress in 1938 to aid the US housing...

## **FOB**

Abbreviation for Free On Board, which refers to a shipping term which indicates...

## **focused fund**

A mutual fund that holds large positions in a small number of stocks. While...

## **FOK**

An order given to a broker that must immediately be filled in its entirety or,...

## **follow-on**

An offering of shares after a firm's initial public offering. Also known as subsequent offering.

## **FOMC**

Abbreviation for Federal Open Market Committee. A 12-member committee which...

## **FOMC Rate Decision - United States**

The announcement of whether the Federal Reserve has increased, decreased...

## **Food Price Index - New Zealand**

Measures the price change of food and food services purchased by households....

## **forbearance**

A lender's postponement of foreclosure in order to give the borrower time an opportunity to make up for overdue payments.

## **Forbes 500**

An annual listing by Forbes magazine of the top 500 public firms in the U.S. ranked by sales, assets, earnings, and capitalization.

## **forced conversion**

An action resulting in the calling in of a convertible security against the...

## **forecast**

An estimate future trends by examining and analyzing available information.

## **foreclosure**

The legal process by which an owner's right to a property is terminated, generally...

### **foreign corporation**

A corporation which was incorporated under the laws of a foreign country. Also known as alien corporation.

### **foreign currency option**

An option which gives the owner the right to buy or sell the indicated amount...

### **Foreign Debt**

The money one country owes to another country, as a result of loans and/or a negative balance of trade.

### **foreign direct investment**

Any kind of direct investment in productive assets by a firm incorporated in...

### **foreign exchange**

Foreign Exchange is the trade of one national currency and takes place "over...

### **foreign exchange rate**

The rate at which one currency may be converted into another. Also known as...

### **Forex**

FX and Forex refer to Foreign Exchange, the exchange of one currency for another....

### **forfeiture**

A loss of money, property, or privileges due to a breach of legal obligation,...

### **forgery**

An illegal modification or reproduction of an instrument, document, signature,...

### **Form 10-K**

An audited document required by the SEC and sent to a public firm's or mutual...

### **Form 10-Q**

An unaudited document required by the SEC for all U.S. public firms, reporting...

### **Form 3**



A document required by the SEC and the appropriate stock exchange to announce...

**Form 4**

A document required by the SEC and the appropriate stock exchange to announce...

**Form 8-K**

A document required by the SEC to announce certain significant changes in a...

**Form S-1**

A registration statement used in the initial public offering of securities.

**Form T**

A NASD-required form that is used by brokers to report equity transactions after the market's usual hours.

**formula investing**

An investment strategy which eliminates emotional decisions by following a specific...

**Fortune 500**

An annual list of the 500 largest industrial corporations in the U.S., published...

**forward**

A contract obligating one party to buy and another other party to sell a financial...

**forward averaging**

A method of calculating taxes on a lump-sum distribution from a qualified retirement...

**forward commitment**

A sale or purchase of a security at a specified price, with delivery and cash settlement to occur at a specified future date.

**forward contract**

A cash market transaction in which a seller agrees to deliver a specific cash...

**forward cover**

The purchase of a cash commodity in order to cover the obligation of a forward contract.

**forward deal**

A transaction consisting of a purchase or sale (often of foreign currency) with...

**forward differential**

The percentage difference, in annualized terms, between forward rates and spot rates.

**forward discount**

Condition in which a currency's forward price is lower than its spot price.

**forward exchange rate**

The exchange rate set today for a foreign currency transaction with payment or delivery at some future date.

**forward integration**

The expansion of a business' products and/or services to similiar areas in order...

**forward interest rate**

An interest rate which is specified now for a loan that will occur at a specified...

**forward P/E**

Also known as Price/earnings ratio, using earnings estimates for the next four quarters.

**forward price**

The price specified in a forward contract for a specific commodity. The forward...

**forward pricing**

The SEC requirement that open-end investment firms set their share price based...

**Forward Rate Agreement**

Abbreviated as FRA, which refers to a forward contract that specifies an interest...

**forward sale**

An agreement in which a lender sells a specific stream of future payment flows...

**forward trade**

A trade for which settlement occurs at a specified future date and price.

**forward trading**

An illegal activity in which a trader takes a position in equity in advance...

### **foundation**

An entity which exists to support a charitable institution, and which is funded by an endowment or donations.

### **Four Percent Model**

The Four Percent Model is a trend-following system which uses the Value Line...

### **Fourier analysis**

A mathematical analysis that attempts to find cycles within a time series of...

### **fourth market**

The direct trading of large blocks of securities between institutional investors...

### **FRA**

Abbreviation for Forward Rate Agreement, which refers to a forward contract...

### **fractional reserve banking**

A banking system in which only a fraction of the total deposits managed by a...

### **fractional share**

Less than a single share of stock. Fractional shares often result from stock...

### **franchise**

A form of business organization in which a firm which already has a successful...

### **franchise tax**

A tax, generally regressive, imposed by a state government on corporations chartered...

### **franchised monopoly**

A government-granted monopoly. The most important reason for the government...

### **fraud**

An intentional misrepresentation or concealment of information in order to deceive or mislead. It is illegal.

### **free and clear**

A title that is free of liens and legal questions as to ownership of the property....

### **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**

Abbreviated as FAFSA, refers to a form required by the government for application...

### **free bond**

A bond which is unpledged and can therefore be disposed of immediately.

### **free cash flow**

Operating cash flow (net income plus amortization and depreciation) minus capital...

### **free delivery**

A transaction in which securities are delivered before any payment is made....

### **free enterprise**

A business governed by the laws of supply and demand, not restrained by government...

### **free float**

Shares of a public firm that are freely available to the investing public.

### **free market**

A business governed by the laws of supply and demand, not restrained by government interference, regulation or subsidy.

### **free market price**

A price determined purely by the forces of supply and demand without interference...

### **Free On Board**

Abbreviated as FOB, refers to a shipping term which indicates that the supplier...

### **free riding**

The withholding of part of a new securities issue by a syndicate member, with...

### **free right of exchange**

The ability to transfer stocks from one party to another without incurring a fee.

### **free trade**

International business not restrained by government interference or regulation, such as duties.

### **FREIT**

Abbreviation for Finite-life REIT. REIT which plans to liquidate all of its...

### **French Franc**

The former currency of France until 1 January 1999, when it was superseded by...

### **French Guiana Franc**

The currency of French Guiana. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter](#)

### **French Pacific Island Franc**

The currency of The French Pacific Islands.

### **frequency**

In the context of advertising, the number of times an individual is exposed...

### **FRF**

The ISO currency code for the Andorran Franc.

### **friendly takeover**

A form of takeover supported by the management of the target firm. Opposite of hostile takeover.

### **friends and family offering**

An offering of stock to the friends and family of a pre-IPO startup in search...

### **fringe benefits**

A non-salary employee compensation.

### **FRM**

Acronym for Fixed-Rate Mortgage, refers to a mortgage in which the interest...

### **front money**

The cash used to start a business.

### **front office**

The revenue-generating sales force.

**front running**

An illegal activity in which a trader takes a position in an equity in advance...

**front-end load**

A sales charge paid when an individual buys an investment, such as a mutual...

**front-ending an order**

A block order in which the broker/dealer purchases a portion of the block and...

**frozen account**

A bank account whose funds may not be withdrawn until a lien is satisfied or an ownership dispute is resolved.

**frozen plan**

A retirement plan to which no new contributions are being made. Previous contributions...

**FT House Prices - UK**

Gauge for costs of homes in the United Kingdom. The FT House Price Index uses...

**FTC**

Abbreviation for Federal Trade Commission. Federal agency whose purpose is to...

**FTSE**

Abbreviation for The Financial Times Stock Exchange 100 stock index, a market...

**fulfillment**

Completion of a sales order.

**full**

Said of a bond trading with accrued interest.

**full coupon bond**

A bond with a coupon rate above, at or just slightly below current market interest...

**full disclosure**

An obligation to disclose all the facts relevant to a business transaction or...

**full faith and credit**

An unconditional commitment to pay interest and principal on debt, generally...

**full lot**

The normal unit of trading of a security; 100 shares of stock or 5 bonds. Also...

**full price**

The price of a bond including accrued interest.

**full ratchet**

In venture capital, an investor protection provision which specifies that options...

**full stock**

Stock with a par value of \$100.

**full surrender**

The distribution or withdrawal of the entire original investment account of...

**full trading authorization**

The ability of a broker to handle a client's account at the broker's discretion,...

**full-service brokerage**

A brokerage which, in addition to executing trades for its clients, also provides...

**fully depreciated**

Of an asset, having already allocated the maximum allowable amount for the purposes of depreciation.

**fully diluted earnings per share**

A common stock earnings per share that would result if all warrants and stock...

**fully distributed issue**

A new securities issue which has been completely resold to investors (not dealers).

**fully invested**

Having no cash or cash equivalents in one's portfolio.

**fully valued**

A stock whose value is recognized by the marketplace and factored into its price...

**functional**

Operational, working.

**fund**

To finance or underwrite.

**fund family**

A mutual fund firm offering many mutual funds, for various objectives. Generally,...

**fund manager**

The individual responsible for making decisions pertaining to any portfolio...

**fund of funds**

A mutual fund which invests in other mutual funds. Just as a mutual fund invests...

**fund supermarket**

A brokerage firm that provides access to a variety of mutual funds from different...

**fundamental analysis**

For a currency trader, fundamental analysis focuses on key underlying economic...

**fundamentalist**

An investor who utilizes fundamental analysis.

**fundamentals**

Any factor that could be considered important to the understanding of a particular...

**funded debt**

Any loans and obligations with a maturity of longer than one year; generally...

**funding**

The act of providing funds.



## **funds**

Money; or sometimes, money plus assets which could be converted to money.

## **Funds From Operations**

Abbreviated as FFO, refers to a financial measure used by REITs to define their...

## **fungible**

Having the characteristic of being interchangeable. The term is often used to...

## **furthest month**

The month of an option contract or futures contract which has the latest delivery date. Also known as far month.

## **future value**

The value at some point in the future of a present amount of money.

## **futures**

A standardized, transferable, exchange-traded contract that requires delivery...

## **futures commission merchant**

An individual or organization accepting orders to buy or sell futures or futures...

## **futures contract**

A standardized, transferable, exchange-traded contract that requires delivery...

## **futures option**

An option on a futures contract.

## **futures price**

The price at which the two participants in a futures contract agree to transact at on the settlement date.

## **FX**

FX is short form or trader jargon for Forex, or more specifically Foreign Exchange....

## **fx market hours**

Unlike most other trading markets, the FX market is open for trade 24 hours...

## **FX Words Feedback**

Thank you for your valuable feedback. We take all suggestions and questions...

### **G-7**

Abbreviation for the Group of Seven, or the seven largest industrialized countries,...

### **G-8**

The group of G-7 countries, plus Russia.

### **GAAP**

Acronym for generally Accepted Accounting Principles, which refers to a widely...

### **Gabon Franc**

The currency of Gabon. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **gaijin**

A Japanese term used to describe non-Japanese investors who invest in Japanese securities.

### **gain**

An increase in value of an asset. Opposite of loss.

### **Gambian Dalasi**

The currency of Gambia. Learn more about the Gambian dalasi and Gambia at GoCurrency.com

### **gamble**

To engage in an activity in which money is put at risk for the purpose of making...

### **gamma**

A measurement of how fast delta changes, given a unit change in the futures price.

### **GAO**

Acronym for General Accounting Office, which refers to the arm of Congress that...

### **gap**

The significant price movement of a security or commodity between two trading...

### **garage**

The section of the floor on the north side of the NYSE's main trading floor.

### **garbatrage**

A term used to describe rising prices and volume throughout a sector due to...

### **garnishing**

The situation in which an employer is instructed by a court to withhold some...

### **gather in the stops**

A type of trading strategy in which investors sell stocks to drive prices below...

### **GATT**

Acronym for General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which refers to the treaty...

### **GBP**

The ISO currency code for the British Pound.

### **GDP**

Gross Domestic Product - GDP Measures the value of goods and services produced...

### **GDP and Output Reports by Country**

Overview - GDP and output reports give insight into production levels and...

### **GDP Deflator - Japan**

Broad gauge of inflationary pressures. The GDP Deflator is different from the...

### **GDP implicit price deflator**

The current dollar GDP divided by constant dollar GDP. This ratio is used to account for the effects of inflation.

### **GDP Price Index - United States**

Measures changes in the prices of goods and services that are included in US...

### **GDR**

Acronym for Global Depositary Receipt, which refers to a negotiable certificate...

### **gearing**

In finance, gearing is the general term used to describe the ratio between an...

## **GEL**

The ISO currency code for the Georgia Lari.

## **general account**

A margin account provided to a customer by a particular brokerage. Regulation...

## **General Accounting Office**

Abbreviated as GAO, refers to the arm of Congress that investigates the performance...

## **General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade**

Abbreviated as GATT. Treaty organization affiliated with the United Nations...

## **general and administrative overhead**

The costs necessary for operations but not directly associated with developing a product or service.

## **general ledger**

A book of final entry summarizing all of a firm's financial transactions, through offsetting debit and credit accounts.

## **general lien**

A lien applied to all goods, not just the goods giving rise to the debt, owned...

## **general mortgage**

A mortgage which covers not a specific property, but all the mortgageable properties of the borrower.

## **General Obligation Bond**

A municipal bond secured by the taxing and borrowing power of the municipality issuing it.

## **general partner**

A partner with unlimited legal responsibility for the debts and liabilities of a partnership.

## **general partnership**

A business partnership featuring at least two partners in which each partner is liable for any debts taken on by the business.

## **General Securities Representative Examination**

The exam required for the Series 7 licens, a license required by those seeking...

## **Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**

Abbreviated as GAAP, refers to a widely accepted set of rules, conventions,...

## **generation-skipping transfer**

A trust or similar arrangement in which the beneficiary is two or more generations younger than the donor, for tax purposes.

## **geometric mean**

A figure in a set of positive data that is defined as the nth root of the product...

## **Georgia Lari**

The currency of Georgia.See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

## **German Import Price Index - German - Euro-zone**

Measures the change in prices for goods imported by Germany . The Import Price...

## **German Mark**

The former currency of German. ISO international currency code: DEM and...

## **GfK Consumer Confidence - German - Euro-zone**

Consumer Confidence measures the level of confidence households have in economic...

## **Ghana Cedi**

The currency of Ghana. Learn more about the Ghananian cedi and Ghana at GoCurrency.com

## **GHC**

The ISO currency code for the Ghana Cedi. Learn more about the Ghananian cedi and Ghana at GoCurrency.com

## **ghosting**

The collaboration among two or more market makers to manipulate a stock's price....

## **Gibraltar Pound**

The currency of Gibraltar.See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

## **GIC**

Acronym for guaranteed Investment Contract, which refers to the debt instrument...

## **gift tax**

A graduated tax assessed against a person who gives money or an asset to another person without receiving fair compensation.

## **gilt**

A bond issued by the UK government, and is the UK equivalent of a U.S. Treasury security.

## **gilt-edged**

The attribute of a stock of belonging to high-quality, blue chip companies.

## **Ginnie Mae**

The Government National Mortgage Association.

## **Ginnie Mae pass-through**

A fixed-income security that represents an undivided interest in a pool of federally...

## **Ginnie Mae trust**

A closed-end unit investment trust, investing in Ginnie Mae pass-throughs.

## **GIP**

The ISO currency code for the Gibraltar Pound.

## **give up**

A term used to describe a transaction between three brokers where one does not use his or her name.

## **Glass-Steagall Act**

A 1933 Congressional law that succeeded in authorizing deposit insurance and prohibiting commercial banks from owning brokerages.

## **global**

Having the quality of being international, worldwide.

## **global bond**

A bond issued and traded outside the country, in a foreign currency. Also known as Eurobond.

### **Global Depositary Receipt**

Abbreviated as GDR, which refers to a negotiable certificate held in the bank...

### **global fund**

A mutual fund investing in stocks or bonds throughout the world, including the U.S. Also known as world fund.

### **globalization**

Globalization is a broad term used widely to describe the cultural, economic,...

### **GLOBEX**

A global after-hours electronic trading system.

### **GMD**

The ISO currency code for the Gambian Dalasi. Learn more about the Gambian dalasi and Gambia at GoCurrency.com

### **GNF**

The ISO currency code for the Guinea Franc.

### **GNMA**

Acronym for Government National Mortgage Association, which refers to a government-owned...

### **gnomes**

Slang for the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's 15-year fixed-rate pass-through securities.

### **GNP**

Acronym for Gross National Product, which refers to the total value of all final...

### **goal**

An objective or target, generally driven by specific future financial needs.

### **going ahead**

A broker's trading for his or her own account before filling his/her customers'...

### **going concern**

The idea that a firm will continue to operate indefinitely, and will not go out of business and liquidate its assets.

### **going long**

The purchasing of an investment, mostly commonly referred to in the case of...

### **going private**

The repurchasing of all of a firm's outstanding stock by employees or a private investor. Opposite of going public.

### **going public**

The performing of an initial public offering. Opposite of going private.

### **going short**

Taking a short position. Opposite of going long.

### **going-concern value**

The value of a firm as an operating venture. The difference between the liquidation...

### **gold bond**

A bond backed by gold, often issued by gold mining companies.

### **gold brick**

An ostensibly intelligent investment that turns out to be worthless or fraudulent.

### **gold fixing**

The twice-daily setting of the price of gold by specialists in London, Paris,...

### **Gold Pool**

Representatives of seven countries who tried unsuccessfully to stabilize the...

### **gold standard**

A monetary system that backs its currency with a reserve of gold, and allows...

### **goldbug**

An investor who is generally bullish on gold prices, or who often invests in gold.



### **golden boot**

A financial incentive for a worker to retire early.

### **golden handcuffs**

The rewards and penalties designed to discourage key employees from leaving a firm.

### **golden handshake**

A large payment made by a firm to a senior executive upon termination of employment before his or her contract ends.

### **golden parachute**

A clause in an executive's employment contract specifying that he or she will...

### **goldilocks economy**

A term used to describe the U.S. economy of the mid- and late-1990s as neither too hot nor too cold.

### **good delivery**

A confirmation indicating that a certificate has the necessary endorsements...

### **good faith**

The observance of honorable intent in business relations and the avoidance of...

### **good faith deposit**

A deposit paid by a buyer to a seller to demonstrate intention to complete the purchase. Also known as earnest money.

### **Good Til Canceled**

Abbreviated as GTC, which refers to an order to buy or sell which remains in...

### **good title**

A title that is free of liens and legal questions as to ownership of the property....

### **goods**

Any form of products, or more specifically, products that economists feel satisfies a market need.

### **Goods and Services Imports - United States**

Measures the value of goods and services that enter the United States for sale...

### **goodwill**

An intangible asset which provides a competitive advantage, such as a strong brand, reputation, or high employee morale.

### **Government Bond**

Government debt backed by the credit worthiness and taxing power of a country...

### **government enterprise**

A government-sponsored business activity, such as a public utility.

### **government expenditure**

Also known as Government spending. Along with consumer and business spending,...

### **Government Expenditures - Euro-zone**

The value of spending by Euro-zone governments. Euro-zone Government Expenditures...

### **government mortgage**

A mortgage which is insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), or...

### **Government National Mortgage Association**

Abbreviated as GNMA or Ginnie Mae. A government-owned agency which buys mortgages...

### **Government Paper**

Any debt security, such as a Treasury Bill or a Ginnie Mae, either guaranteed by the issuer or backed by the U.S. government.

### **government securities**

Securities issued by a government to raise the funds necessary to pay for its expenses.

### **Government Securities Clearing Corporation**

Abbreviated as GSCC, refers to an affiliate of the National Securities Clearing...

### **Government Spending - Germany - Euro-zone**

Represents public expenditure by the German government. The government budget...

### **governments**

Any securities issued by the U.S. federal government or its agencies.

### **grace period**

The additional period of time a lender or insurance policy issuer provides for...

### **grade**

A quality rating, such as for a commodity.

### **graduated payment**

A repayment condition in which payments gradually increase at a predetermined...

### **graduated security**

A type of security which has moved from one exchange to another; often from AMEX or Nasdaq to NYSE.

### **graduated vesting**

A characteristic of some retirement plans that provides for accelerated benefits with increased age or years of service.

### **Graham and Dodd**

Benjamin Graham and David Dodd, the authors of the classic investing book Security Analysis.

### **grandfather clause**

An allowable continuance, based on practice prior to legislation, of a practice now forbidden by new legislation.

### **grant**

Any kind of funding for a nonprofit organization, generally for a specific project.

### **grant date**

The date on which an employee receives a stock option.

### **Grant Harding**

Developer. Genius.

### **grantee**

The recipient of a grant.

### **grantor**

The person from whom a grant is made or a trust is set up.

### **gratis**

Free, costing nothing, or done without fee, reward or consideration.Coming...

### **gratuity**

See tip.

### **graveyard market**

A type of bear market characterized by a reluctance to sell in the face of substantial...

### **gray knight**

A potential acquirer which outbids a white knight in pursuit of its own best...

### **GRD**

The ISO currency code for the Greek Drachma.

### **Great Depression**

The worldwide economic collapse following the stock market crash in 1929, in...

### **greater fool theory**

The belief held by one who makes a questionable investment, with the assumption...

### **Greek Drachma**

The currency of Greece until 1 January 1999, when it was superseded by the euro....

### **green investing**

The investment of environmentally-friendly projects.

### **green shoe**

A provision in an underwriting agreement which allows members of the underwriting...

### **greenback**

The slang term for U. S. paper currency. They are issued by the U. S. Department...

### **Greenland Krone**

The currency of Greenland. Greenland the Danish Krone. ISO international...

### **greenmail**

A premium paid to a raider to get him/her to terminate a takeover attempt.

### **Grenada Dollar**

The currency of Grenada.See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **gross**

The total amount before anything is deducted.

### **gross capitalized cost**

In car leasing, the price the buyer and the dealer have agreed to for the car,...

### **Gross Domestic Product**

Gross Domestic Product - GDP Measures the value of goods and services produced...

### **Gross Domestic Product (GDP) - Australia**

The market value of all final goods and services produced in Australia during...

### **Gross Domestic Product (GDP) - New Zealand**

A comprehensive measure of a New Zealand 's overall production and consumption...

### **Gross Domestic Product (GDP) - Switzerland**

Switzerland 's Gross Domestic Product is the value of all final goods and services...

### **Gross Domestic Product (GDP) - UK**

An indicator for broad overall growth in the United Kingdom. Robust UK GDP growth...

### **Gross Domestic Product - Euro-zone**

Measure of the total value of goods and services produced by Euro-zone nations....

### **Gross Domestic Product - GDP - United States**

The GDP for the United States is a gauge of the overall output (goods &...

### **Gross Domestic Product Quarterly (GDP) - Canada**

A comprehensive measure of a Canada 's overall production and consumption of...

### **Gross Domestic Product Quarterly (GDP) - France**

The Gross Domestic Product is a comprehensive measure of a France's overall...

### **Gross Domestic Product Quarterly (GDP) - Japan**

The Gross Domestic Product is a comprehensive measure of a Japan 's overall...

### **gross earnings**

An individual's taxable income prior to any appropriate adjustments are made.

### **gross estate**

The total value of a person's estate before any deductions are made for taxes,...

### **Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) - Euro-zone**

A measure of European investment in capital goods. Fixed capital investments...

### **gross income**

The pre-tax net sales minus cost of sales. Also known as gross profit.

### **gross lease**

A property lease in which the landlord agrees to pay all expenses which are...

### **gross margin**

The gross income divided by net sales, expressed as a percentage. Gross margins...

### **Gross National Debt**

The total amount of outstanding public and private debt in a country.

### **Gross National Product**

Abbreviated as GNP. GDP plus the income accruing to domestic residents as a...

### **gross proceeds**

The total amount generated from an initial public offering.

### **gross profit**

Calculated as sales minus all costs directly related to those sales. These costs...

### **gross profit margin**

The remains from sales after a firm pays out the cost of goods sold. To obtain...

**gross revenue**

The revenue minus cost of goods sold.

**gross sales**

The total invoice value of sales, before deducting for customer discounts, allowances, or returns.

**gross spread**

The difference between the price of a security paid by the underwriter and the...

**ground floor**

The first stage of a new venture or investment opportunity.

**ground lease**

A lease in which only the land is rented. Also known as land lease.

**group certificate**

A written notification confirming an employee's membership in a group plan and detailing the resulting benefits.

**group insurance**

A kind of insurance issued to a group, such as an employer, credit union, or...

**group IRA**

An IRA established by an employer for its employees or by a group representing employees for its members.

**group sale**

A securities sale shared (pro rata) by all syndicate members, as opposed to...

**growing equity mortgage**

Mortgage which has a fixed interest rate and increasing monthly payments.

**growth**

1 Economic growth is usually measured by the gross domestic product which considers...

**growth and income fund**

A mutual fund whose aim is to provide both growth and income, often by investing...

### **growth fund**

A mutual fund whose aim is to achieve capital appreciation by investing in growth...

### **growth industry**

An industry that is growing earnings and/or revenue faster than the overall...

### **growth investing**

An investment strategy that seeks out strong stocks. Specifically seeking companies...

### **growth rate**

Growth rates may measure the percentages change in revenue, net income, earnings...

### **growth stock**

The stock of a firm which is growing earnings and/or revenue faster than its...

### **growth strategy**

A strategy based on investing in companies and sectors which are growing faster...

## **GSCC**

Abbreviated as Government Securities Clearing Corporation. An affiliate of the...

## **GTC**

Abbreviated as Good Til Canceled. An order to buy or sell which remains in effect...

## **GTQ**

The ISO currency code for the Guatemala Quetzal. Learn more about the Guatemalan quetzal and Guatemala at GoCurrency.com

## **Guadaloupe Franc**

The currency of Guadaloupe. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

## **Guam Dollar**

The currency of Guam. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **guarantee**



To accept responsibility for an obligation if the entity with primary responsibility for the obligation does not meet it.

### **guarantee letter**

A letter from a commercial bank guaranteeing payment of the exercise price of a client's put option if and when it's exercised.

### **guaranteed bond**

A corporate bond whose principal and/or interest payments are guaranteed by a corporation other than the issuer.

### **guaranteed insurability**

An insurance policy in which the insurer is required to renew the policy for...

### **Guaranteed Investment Contract**

Abbreviated as GIC. Debt instrument issued by an insurance firm, generally in...

### **guaranteed renewable**

An insurance policy in which the insurer is required to renew the policy for...

### **guaranteed stock**

The preferred or common stock of one corporation whose dividends are guaranteed...

### **guarantor**

One who guarantees an obligation and has a legal duty to fulfill it.

### **guardian**

A person legally entrusted with the care of, and managing the property and rights of, another person, generally a minor.

### **Guatemalan Quetzal**

The currency of Guatemala. Learn more about the Guatemalan quetzal and Guatemala at [GoCurrency.com](http://GoCurrency.com)

### **Guernsey Pound**

The currency of Guernsey. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter](#)

### **guidance**

Any form of information, generally provided by a firm director, about the firm's outlook, especially in terms of earnings.

### **Guinea Franc**

The currency of Guinea. [Learn more about Currencies](#)

### **Guinea-Bissau Franc**

The currency of Guinea-Bissau. [Learn more about Currencies](#)

### **gun jumping**

The trading on information which has not yet be revealed to the public. Also known as jumping the gun.

### **gunslinger**

A portfolio manager.

### **Guyana Dollar**

The currency of Guyana. [Learn more about the Guyanese dollar and Guyana at GoCurrency.com](#)

### **GYD**

The ISO currency code for the Guyana Dollar. [Learn more about the Guyanese dollar and Guyana at GoCurrency.com](#)

### **haggle**

To negotiate or bargain.

### **haircut**

In the context of lending, the difference between the value of a loan and the...

### **Haitian Gourde**

The currency of Haiti. [Learn more about the Haitian Gourde and Haiti at GoCurrency.com](#)

### **half-life**

The future date on which half of a mortgage's principal will have been paid off.

### **hammering the market**

The selling of large amounts of a stock by speculators who believe that stock will soon fall.

### **hang out loan**

The balance remaining on a loan when the term ends.

### **Hang Seng Index**

The Hang Seng Index (HSI) is a compilation index of all the leading stocks in...

### **hard currency**

A currency in which investors have confidence, such as that of an economically and politically stable country.

### **hard dollars**

Paying a full-service brokerage for its non-trading services (such as research) with cash. opposite of soft dollars.

### **hard goods**

Products that aren't consumed or quickly disposed of, and can be used for several...

### **hard landing**

When the economy goes directly from a period of expansion to a recession. This...

### **Hart-Scott-Rodino Act of 1976**

An antitrust regulation requiring any investor seeking to acquire either a 15%...

### **hawk**

Hawkish refers to a negative (high) inflationary outlook and its effects on...

### **hawkish**

The term refers to the predatory, stern nature of the hawk. In finance, hawkish...

### **hazard insurance**

A type of insurance that covers property damage caused by fire, wind, storms,...

### **head and shoulders**

A technical analysis term referring to a chart formation in which a price exhibits...

### **head of household**

A tax filing status that can be used by a married or unmarried person who maintains...

### **health insurance**

Health Insurance is an insurance policy that pays for all or part of an individual...

### **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act**

Abbreviated as HIPAA. A law mandating that anyone belonging to a group health...

### **Health Maintenance Organization**

Abbreviated as HMO. A form of health insurance combining a range of coverages...

### **Heard & McDonald Island**

The currency of Heard Island and McDonald Islands. Heard Island and...

### **heavy industry**

An industry which is capital- and/or labor-intensive, such as automobile, industrial...

### **hedge**

A hedge is a type of protective investment designed to offset adverse price...

### **hedge clause**

A statement made to free oneself from responsibility. Also known as disclaimer.

### **hedge fund**

A fund, generally used by wealthy individuals and institutions, which is allowed...

### **hedge ratio**

The change in price of a call option for every one-point move in the price of the underlying security. Also known as delta.

### **hedge wrapper**

An options strategy in which a trader with a long position in the underlying...

### **hedged tender**

The short sale of some portion of the shares in a tender offer to protect against...

### **heir**

An individual who will receive assets upon the death of another (the decedent).

**held**

Something in one's portfolio or possession.

**held at the opening**

Having the condition in which a listed equity does not open for trading when...

**heterogeneous**

When items or entities in a group are different. Opposite of homogeneous.

**hiccup**

A brief market dip.

**hidden asset**

Asset not immediately apparent from a balance sheet.

**hidden load**

A sales charge which an investor pays often without realizing it, such as an...

**hidden tax**

An indirect tax levied on goods and/or services at some point during the production cycle and paid unknowingly by the consumer.

**high**

The greatest value that a security or currency hit during a specific period...

**high credit**

The maximum dollar amount of all loans an individual can have outstanding at...

**high yield**

The description of investments with high rates of return.

**high-flyer**

A stock that is trading at an ungenerally high valuation based on traditional...

**high-grade bond**

A bond with a rating of AAA or AA, the two highest ratings.

**high-low index**

Moving average of the number of stocks that reach new highs and lows each day,...

**high-ratio mortgage**

Mortgage whose amount is greater than 80% of the value of the mortgaged property.

**high-tech stock**

Stock in a technology sector, such as software, semiconductors, networking, or biotechnology.

**highly compensated employee**

For the purposes of retirement plans, an employee who owns 5% or more of a firm...

**highly confident letter**

A letter from an investment bank indicating that it is very likely that it will...

**highs**

Refers to stocks that have reached new 52-week high prices in the current or most recent trading session. opposite of lows.

**HIPAA**

Abbreviated as Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. A law mandating...

**historical**

Over a specific period of time in the past.

**historical cost**

An accounting principle requiring all financial statement items to be based on original cost.

**historical data**

Past information about a firm, used to help forecast the firm's future; for...

**historical trading range**

The highest and lowest prices a security or commodity has ever traded at.

**historical yield**

The yield that has been earned by a mutual fund, generally a money market fund, over a period of time.

### **hit the bid**

Situation in which a dealer agrees to sell at the highest price offered ("bid")...

### **HKD**

The ISO currency code for the Hong Kong Dollar. Learn more about the Hong Kong dollar and Hong Kong at GoCurrency.com

### **HMO**

Abbreviated as Health Maintenance Organization. A form of health insurance combining...

### **HNL**

The ISO currency code for the Honduras Lempira. Learn more about the Honduran lempira and Honduras at GoCurrency.com

### **hold**

Applied to a specific security, hold refers to an analyst' recommendation to...

### **holdback**

A contractual condition in which money is withheld until a specified event occurs.

### **holder**

One who is in possession of something, generally the purchaser and owner.

### **holder in due course**

An individual who acquires a negotiable instrument in good faith.

### **holder of record**

The name of an individual or entity that an issuer carries in its records as...

### **holding company**

A firm that owns enough voting stock in another firm to control management and...

### **holding period**

The length of time an asset was held (the time between the trade date of the...

### **holding the market**

The activity of placing and/or maintaining buy orders to create price support...

## **HOLDR**

A type of security created by Merrill Lynch and traded on the American Stock...

## **home equity**

The current market value of a home minus the outstanding mortgage balance.

## **Home Equity Conversion Mortgage**

Abbreviated as HECM. An arrangement in which a homeowner borrows against the...

## **home equity debt**

Debt secured by a primary residence or second home to the extent of the excess of fair market value over acquisition debt.

## **home equity line of credit**

A method of borrowing in which a homeowner may borrow against home equity as...

## **home equity loan**

A loan secured by a primary residence or second home to the extent of the excess...

## **home inspection**

An inspection of a prospective home done by a professional, soon after an offer...

## **Home Loans - Australia**

Tracks developments in the number and value of outstanding home loans in Australia...

## **Home Mortgage Disclosure Act**

A federal law requiring some financial institutions to disclose certain information...

## **home run**

A stock which has risen dramatically in price in a short period of time.

## **homeowner's insurance**

A type of insurance that combines liability insurance and hazard insurance. Required by most mortgage lenders.

## **homogeneous**

When items or entities in a group are similar. Opposite of heterogeneous.



## **Honduras Lempira**

The currency of Honduras. Learn more about the Honduran lempira and Honduras at GoCurrency.com

## **Hong Kong Dollar**

The currency of Hong Kong. Learn more about the Hong Kong dollar and Hong Kong at GoCurrency.com

## **Hope credit**

An education tax credit designed to reduce education costs in the first two...

## **horizon**

The length of time a sum of money is expected to be invested. Also known as investment horizon or time horizon.

## **horizontal acquisition**

An acquisition by one firm of another firm in the same industry.

## **horizontal market**

A market which meets a given need of a wide variety of industries, rather than...

## **horizontal merger**

Merger of two or more companies with similar product lines.

## **horizontal price movement**

The price movement that remains within a relatively narrow range over an extended...

## **horizontal spread**

An option strategy involving the purchase and sale of put options and call options...

## **hostile takeover**

A takeover which goes against the wishes of the target firm's management and board of directors. opposite of friendly takeover.

## **hot issue**

Stock, often an IPO, which is in great demand.

## **house**

A house has a number of meanings in the financial world. In economics, a house...

#### **house account**

Brokerage account created by a brokerage for its own use.

#### **house call**

A call from a broker to a customer (called a maintenance margin call) or from...

#### **house maintenance requirement**

Level of equity that a brokerage requires on a customer's margin account. Generally higher than the level required by NASD.

#### **house of issue**

The investment bank which acted (or will act) as the underwriter for a given securities issue.

#### **house poor**

The condition of having very little cash because nearly all of one's net worth is tied up in one's house.

#### **House Price Indexes - Australia**

Tracks changes in housing prices in Australia 's eight provincial capital cities:...

#### **house rules**

A broker/dealer's set of internal rules describing how customer accounts should...

#### **Household Consumption - Euro-zone**

Euro-zone Household Consumption reports the mean expenditure on individual consumption...

#### **housing bond**

A bond that is issued to finance a municipal construction project such as housing...

#### **Housing Industry Association New Home Sales - Australia**

The number of new dwellings sold in the past month. An increase in home sales...

#### **Housing Market**

The housing sector often leads the overall health of the economy. Home sales...

#### **Housing Market Index**

An index of several hundred home builders that measures demand for new homes....

## **Housing Reports By Country**

Overview - Housing Reports - At times, housing figures may be the most watched...

### **housing starts**

Gauges the change in the number of new houses beginning construction. Housing...

### **Housing Starts - Canada**

Reflects the rate of growth in housing construction. Housing Starts act as an...

### **Housing Starts - Japan**

The Housing Starts figure reflects the rate of growth in housing construction....

### **Housing Starts - United States**

Gauges the change in the number of new houses built in the United States. Housing...

### **Housing Starts 3M - France - Euro-zone**

The rate of growth in housing construction, usually expressed as a year on year...

## **HRK**

The ISO currency code for the Croatian Kuna. Learn more about the Croatian Kuna and Croatia at GoCurrency.com

## **HTG**

The ISO currency code for the Haiti Gourde. Learn more about the Haitian Gourde and Haiti at GoCurrency.com

## **HUD**

Abbreviated as Department of Housing and Urban Development. Federal agency responsible for encouraging housing development.

### **HUD-1 statement**

A document prepared by a closing agent describing a real estate transaction,...

## **HUF**

The ISO currency code for the Hungarian Forint. Learn more about the Hungarian Forint and Hungary at GoCurrency.com

## **Hulbert Financial Digest**

A rating service for advisory newsletters.

## **human capital**

The set of skills which an employee acquires on the job, through training and...

## **hung up**

Situation in which one or more of an investor's securities have fallen well...

## **Hungarian Forint**

The currency of Hungary. Learn more about the Hungarian Forint and Hungary at [GoCurrency.com](http://GoCurrency.com)

## **hunkering down**

The term used by traders to describe the act of aggressively selling off a large position in a stock.

## **hurdle rate**

The required rate of return in a discounted cash flow analysis, above which...

## **hush money**

A payment made to an individual to keep them from disclosing certain information to others. Often illegal.

## **hybrid annuity**

An annuity which combines features of a fixed annuity and a variable annuity.

## **hybrid REIT**

A type of Real Estate Investment Trust that generates income from rent and capital...

## **hyperinflation**

A period of rapid inflation that leaves a country's currency virtually worthless.

## **hypothecation**

The pledging of securities or other assets as collateral to secure a loan, such as a debit balance in a margin account.

## **hypothecation agreement**

A document signed by an individual wanting to open a margin account, in which...

### **I/O strip**

A security with cash flows based entirely on the monthly interest payments received...

### **Icelandic Krona**

The currency of Iceland. Learn more about the Icelandic krona. and Iceland at GoCurrency.com

### **identified shares**

The shares of a stock or mutual fund which have had their purchase price and...

### **idiosyncratic risk**

The risk of price change due to the unique circumstances of a specific security,...

### **idle**

The circumstance in which production has shut down or is simply not working,...

### **IDR**

The ISO currency code for the Indonesian Rupiah. Learn more about the Indonesian Rupiah and Indonesia at GoCurrency.com

### **IEP**

The ISO currency code for the Irish Punt.

### **IFO Business Climate Survey - Germany - Euro-zone**

One of the country's key business sentiment surveys. The survey is conducted...

### **illegal dividend**

A dividend that is declared but is in violation of the corporation's charter...

### **illiquid**

That which cannot quickly and easily be converted into cash, such as real estate, collectibles, and thinly traded securities.

### **ILS**

The ISO currency code for the Israeli Shekel. Learn more about the Israel Shekel and Israel at GoCurrency.com

**imbalance of orders**

A situation in which buy orders for a particular security greatly outnumber...

**IMF**

The IMF, or International Monetary Fund, was established after World War II...

**immediate payment annuity**

An annuity which is purchased with a single payment and which begins to pay out right away.

**immunity**

The ability to escape legal responsibilities.

**immunization**

The protection against interest rate risk by holding assets and liabilities of equal durations.

**impaired capital**

The situation in which the par value of a firm's stock exceeds the firm's total capital.

**impaired credit**

The result of a reduction in the credit rating of a borrower.

**impairment**

The amount by which stated capital is reduced by distributions and losses.

**imperfect market**

A market in which the public does not immediately receive full access to financial...

**implication**

A meaning or consequence implied by an action or statement.

**implied volatility**

A theoretical value designed to represent the volatility of the security underlying...

**implied warranty**

An unwritten warranty that results automatically from Federal or state laws. Such warranties are often legally enforceable.

## **import**

A country's imports reflect the value of goods and services that were purchased...

### **Import Price Index (IPI) - Japan**

The Import Price Index tracks changes in the prices of imported goods. The headline...

### **Import Price Index - German**

Measures the change in prices for goods imported by Germany. The Import Price...

### **Import Price Index - United States**

Tracks changes in the prices paid for goods imported to the United States ....

### **Imports - Australia**

Goods and services produced overseas that are sold or awaiting sale inside of...

### **Imports - Germany - Euro-zone**

Represents German domestic demand for foreign goods. The headline number is...

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Represents German domestic demand for foreign goods. The headline number is...

## **impose**

To create a condition, generally adverse, such as placing a tax, charge or fine on an item.

## **imprimatur**

An official permission to do something.

## **imputed interest**

The interest considered by the IRS for tax purposes to have been paid, even if no interest was actually paid.

## **imputed value**

The value of an asset that is not recorded in any accounts but is implicit in...

## **in and out**

The purchase and sale of a security within a short period of time, often a single trading session. opposite of buy and hold.

**in escrow**

See escrow.

**in intestacy**

The death of an individual without providing a legal will. Distribution is overseen...

**in kind**

Payment made in the form of goods and services, rather than cash..

**in lieu of**

Instead of, in place of.

**in line**

Near to what was expected, as with an earnings report that closely matches analyst expectations.

**in perpetuity**

Forever.

**in play**

Rumored to be vulnerable to a takeover attempt.

**in sympathy**

A price movement in one security which results from a change in the price of a similar security.

**in the black**

Profitable. Opposite of in the red.

**in the money**

Situation in which an option's strike price is below the current market price...

**in the red**

Losing money. Opposite of in the black.

**in the tank**

A very poor performance. Often used when prices for a security, sector or market are plummeting.



**in-house**

Having the characteristic of originating within a firm. In the case of securities...

**in-process research and development**

R&D costs incurred by a firm being acquired by another firm.

**in-service withdrawal**

A withdrawal from an employer-sponsored retirement plan by a participant who remains employed.

**inactive**

Said of an asset which is not continuously in use.

**inactive account**

A bank or brokerage account in which there have not been any transactions for...

**inactive asset**

An asset that is sometimes not being utilized, such as a backup power generator...

**inalienable**

Not assignable, not transferable.

**inc.**

Incorporated.

**incapacity**

Inability to act on one's own behalf.

**incentive**

A reward for a specific behavior, designed to encourage that behavior. Also known as inducement.

**incentive fee**

A fee paid as an incentive to the general partner of a hedge fund or, less frequently,...

**incentive stock option**

Abbreviated as ISO, refers to a type of employee stock option which provides...

**inception**

The date on which something was introduced or started, such as a mutual fund.

**inchoate**

Not completed, or recently begun.

**inchoate interest**

A future interest in a piece of real estate.

**incidental benefit**

A benefit provided to a retirement plan participant even though it is not mandated...

**income**

In the context of corporations, refers to total revenues minus cost of sales,...

**income bond**

A bond that promises to pay interest only when earned by the issuer; failure to pay interest does not result in default.

**income coverage**

Net income from a portfolio of investments divided by total interest payments and preferred dividends.

**income distribution**

The distribution of wages earned across a firm, industry, or country. Income...

**income exclusion rule**

An IRS rule which excludes certain items from taxable income, such as child...

**income fund**

A mutual fund which emphasizes current income in the form of dividends or coupon...

**income property**

Real estate developed or bought for the purposes of generating income.

**income replacement ratio**

The percentage of working income that an individual needs to maintain the same...

**income risk**

The possibility that the income provided by a fund will fluctuate due to changing interest rates.

**income statement**

An accounting of sales, expenses, and net profit for a given period.

**income stock**

A stock with a history of paying consistently high dividends.

**income stream**

The flow of money generated by a business.

**income tax**

Annual tax levied by the Federal government, most states, and some local governments,...

**incontestability clause**

A provision in a life insurance policy that prevents the insurer from revoking...

**incorporated**

A firm or firm that has been formed into a legal corporation by completing the required procedures.

**incorporation**

The process by which a business receives a state charter, allowing it to become a corporation.

**increasing returns to scale**

A reduction in cost per unit resulting from increased production, realized through...

**incremental**

Marginal, additional.

**incremental analysis**

A technique used in microeconomics by which very small changes in specific variables...

**incremental cost**

The cost associated with one additional unit of production. Also known as marginal cost.

**incremental cost of capital**

The average cost incurred for each additional unit of debt or equity issued.

**incubator**

A firm or facility designed to foster entrepreneurship and help startup companies,...

**indemnify**

To compensate someone for loss or damage.

**indemnity**

An expressed or implied contract to compensate an individual for loss or damage; for example, an insurance policy.

**indenture**

A written agreement between the issuer of a bond and his/her bondholders, generally...

**independent agent**

An insurance agent who represents multiple insurance companies, not just a single one.

**independent auditor**

A Certified Public Accountant who provides a firm with an accountant's opinion...

**independent broker**

NYSE member who executes orders for other brokers who temporarily have more orders than they can handle.

**independent contractor**

A person or business which provides goods or services to another entity under...

**index**

A statistical indicator providing a representation of the value of the securities...

**index arbitrage**

A type of strategy designed to profit from temporary discrepancies between the...

**index bond**

A bond whose cash flow is inflation-adjusted, by being linked to the purchasing power of a particular currency.

### **index fund**

A passively managed mutual fund that tries to mirror the performance of a specific...

### **index option**

An option whose underlying security is an index. If exercised, settlement is...

### **index-linked bond**

A bond which pays a coupon that varies according to some underlying index, generally the Consumer Price Index.

### **indexed loan**

A loan in which payments change in response to changes in an index such as the...

### **indexing**

A passive investment strategy in which a portfolio is designed to mirror the...

### **Indian Rupee**

The currency of India. Learn more about the Indian Rupee and India at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.gocurrency.com)

### **indicated dividend**

The total amount of dividends that would be paid on a share of stock over the...

### **indicated yield**

The yield corresponding to the indicated dividend.

### **indication of interest**

Orders for a new securities offering which are placed prior to final registration...

### **indicator**

Data which provide information about or predict the overall health of the economy...

### **indirect cost**

The cost not directly attributable to the manufacturing of a product. opposite of direct cost.

### **individual investor**

An individual who purchases small amounts of securities for him/herself, as...

### **individual policy pension trust**

A type of pension plan, frequently used for small groups, administered by trustees...

### **Individual Retirement Account**

Abbreviated as IRA. A tax-deferred retirement account for an individual that...

### **individual tax return**

A tax return filed by an individual, as opposed to a corporation.

### **Indonesian Rupiah**

The currency of Indonesia. Learn more about the Indonesian Rupiah and Indonesia at GoCurrency.com

### **inducement**

A reward for a specific behavior, designed to encourage that behavior. Also known as incentive.

### **industrial**

Anything having to do with the business of manufacturing products; excludes utility, transportation, and financial companies.

### **industrial espionage**

The spying on one's competitors to gain a competitive advantage. Often illegal.

### **industrial goods**

Goods or components produced for use primarily in the production of other goods.

### **Industrial New Orders - Euro-zone**

The value of new contracts for goods produced by the manufacturing sector. A...

### **industrial production**

Measures changes in the volume of output produced by the manufacturing, mining,...

### **Industrial Production - Euro-zone**

Measures the volume change of output of the manufacturing and energy sector....

### **Industrial Production - France - Euro-zone**

Measures the level of production of French industries. French Industrial Production...

#### **Industrial Production - German - Euro-zone**

Measures the per volume change in output from mining, quarrying, manufacturing,...

#### **Industrial Production - Japan**

The volume of items produced in Japan 's mining and manufacturing industries....

#### **Industrial Production - Switzerland**

Measures the level of production of Swiss manufacturing industries. The figure...

#### **Industrial Production - United States**

Measures changes in the volume of output produced by the manufacturing, mining,...

#### **Industrial Production UK**

A measure of the manufacturing output of the energy sector, factories, and mines....

#### **industrial revenue bond**

Bond used to finance the construction of manufacturing or commercial facilities for a private user.

#### **industry**

A basic category of business activity. The term industry is sometimes used to...

#### **inefficient market**

A condition in which the Efficient Market Theory does not apply because a security,...

#### **inefficient portfolio**

A portfolio that delivers an expected return that is too low for the amount...

#### **inelasticity**

Opposite of elasticity.

#### **ineligible accounts**

Accounts receivable that do not satisfy the lender's criteria as specified in a loan agreement. opposite of eligible accounts.

#### **inert**

Having no effect.

### **inflation**

The rate at which prices for goods and services rise, and, subsequently, purchasing...

### **inflation accounting**

The demonstration of the effects of inflation on financial statements, an FASB requirement for large companies.

### **inflation hedge**

An investment designed to protect against inflation risk. Such an investment's...

### **inflation rate**

The rate at which prices for goods and services rise, and, subsequently, purchasing...

### **inflation risk**

The possibility that the value of assets or income will decrease as inflation...

### **inflation-indexed security**

A security which promises a higher return than the rate of inflation if the security is held to maturity.

### **inflection point**

A point on a chart that marks the beginning of a significant move, either up or down.

### **inflexible expense**

An expense that cannot be adjusted or eliminated, such as a monthly car payment. opposite of flexible expense.

### **information asymmetry**

The condition in which at least some relevant information is known to some but...

### **information ratio**

In investing terminology, the ratio of expected return to risk, as measured...

### **information symmetry**

Condition in which all relevant information is known to all parties involved. opposite of information asymmetry.



**infrastructure**

The basic physical systems of a country's or community's population, including...

**infringement**

The violation of another's right.

**ingot**

A bar of metal, generally precious or semi-precious.

**inherent**

A natural part of, or a permanent feature of.

**inheritance**

Part of an estate, given to an heir.

**inheritance tax**

A tax imposed on the privilege of inheriting something, paid by the recipient.

**inherited IRA**

An IRA that becomes the property of someone other than the spouse of the deceased...

**initial interest rate**

The initial interest rate on an adjustable rate mortgage, generally for the first year. Also known as start rate.

**initial margin**

Amount of cash or eligible securities required by the Federal Reserve Board...

**Initial Public Offering**

Abbreviated as IPO, refers to the first sale of stock by a firm to the public.

**initiate coverage**

See coverage.

**injunction**

A court order requiring a person not to do something.

## **innovation**

The creation of new products and/or services.

## **INR**

The ISO currency code for the Indian Rupee. Learn more about the Indian Rupee and India at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **inside day**

A day in which the total price range of a security is entirely within the previous day's price range.

## **inside information**

Material information about a firm which is known by the firm's board of directors,...

## **inside market**

The highest bid and the lowest ask prices made by Nasdaq Market Makers for their...

## **inside spread**

The difference between the best bid and best ask being quoted by any Market Maker in a security. Also known as inside quote

## **insider**

A shareholder who owns more than 10% of a corporation, or an officer or director.

## **insider buying**

Buying of a firm's stocks by individual directors, executives or other employees....

## **insider report**

A report of all transactions in the shares of a firm made by officers, directors,...

## **insider selling**

Selling of a firm's stock by individual directors, executives or other employees....

## **insider trading**

Trading by insiders; or illegal trading by insiders who trade based on insider information.

## **Insider Trading sanctions Act of 1984**

An SEC act which outlines the criminal and civil penalties associated with various types of illegal insider trading.

### **insolvency**

The state of being insolvent.

### **insolvent**

Unable to meet debt obligations. opposite of solvent.

### **inspection**

Physical examination of a property or commodity to confirm that it meets the standards of the contract.

### **installment**

The regular periodic payment that a borrower agrees to make to a lender.

### **installment bond**

A set of bonds issued at the same time but having different maturity dates. Also known as serial bond.

### **installment loan**

A loan that is repaid with a fixed number of periodic equal-sized payments.

### **installment sales contract**

Contract in which the buyer takes possession of the property immediately but...

### **Instinet**

Abbreviation for Institutional Networks Corporation, which is the name for one...

### **institution**

An organization which is in the business of holding assets. Examples include banks, insurance companies, and investment companies.

### **institutional brokerage**

A brokerage which has institutions as its clients.

### **institutional financing**

Financing provided by an institution, as opposed to retail investors.

**institutional fund**

A mutual fund that targets pension funds, endowments, and other high net worth...

**institutional investor**

An entity with large amounts to invest, such as investment companies, mutual...

**institutional pot**

The part of a new issue which is set aside by the lead underwriter for distribution...

**institutional shares**

Mutual fund shares of a class available to institutional investors. Institutional...

**institutionalization**

The gradual domination of financial markets by institutional investors, as opposed to retail investors.

**instrument**

In general, any financial security such as a bond, stock, check, etc. Money...

**insurability**

Acceptability of an insurance applicant.

**insurable interest**

The beneficiary who would suffer loss if the event insured against occurs; without...

**insurance**

Insurance is a contract (referred to as a policy), where a person or entity...

**insurance agent**

Individual who is licensed by a state to sell insurance for one or more specific insurance companies.

**insurance broker**

An insurance broker acts as a representative of the insured or potentially insured....

**insurance carrier**

The firm issues, and assumes the risk of, an insurance policy.

**insurance claim**

A notification to an insurance firm requesting payment of an amount due under the terms of the policy. Also known as claim.

**insurance company dividend**

One of a series of periodic (generally annual) payments made to a cash value...

**insurance examiner**

The representative of a state insurance department assigned to participate in...

**insurance policy**

A protection against lost wages resulting from the death of the insured individual....

**insurance premium**

The periodic payment made on an insurance policy. Also known as premium.

**insured**

The person, group, or property for which an insurance policy is issued.

**insured account**

Account at a bank, savings and loan, credit union, or brokerage, the balance...

**insured bond**

A municipal bond insured against default by an insurance firm.

**insured mortgage**

A mortgage that is protected by mortgage insurance through the Federal Housing...

**insurer**

The party to an insurance arrangement who undertakes to indemnify for losses.

**intangible asset**

Any item of value that cannot be physically touched, such as a brand, franchise,...

**intellectual property**

Any type of intangible asset that consists of human knowledge and ideas. Some...

### **inter vivos**

The act of giving away without receiving compensation, such as a gift. There...

### **inter vivos trust**

A revocable trust created while the donor is still alive, to hold property for...

### **interbank market**

The Interbank Market is the market for currencies for Foreign Exchange - the...

### **Interbank Rate**

London Inter-Bank Offer Rate. The interest rate that the banks charge each other...

### **interchangeable bond**

Bond which can be converted from registered to coupon form, or vice versa, upon demand by the bearer, possibly for a fee.

### **intercommodity spread**

The purchase of a given delivery month of one commodity futures contract and...

### **interdelivery spread**

The purchase of one delivery month of a given futures contract and simultaneous...

### **interest**

Interest measures the cost of borrowing money from a lender and is usually...

### **interest assumption**

The anticipated rate of return on a portfolio or retirement plan's assets, used for actuarial purposes.

### **interest cover**

A firm's pretax operating income (or occasionally, cash flow) divided by its interest obligations, for a given period.

### **interest coverage**

A calculation of a firm's ability to meet its interest payments on outstanding...

### **interest coverage ratio**

A calculation of a firm's ability to meet its interest payments on outstanding...

### **interest deduction**

A tax deduction allowed for certain interest expenses, such as those on a home mortgage or a margin account.

### **interest expense**

An expense for interest on a loan made to an individual, corporation or other entity.

### **interest rate**

A rate that is paid on borrowed money. Interest rates are printed as a percentage...

### **interest rate cap**

A provision of an adjustable rate mortgage limiting how much interest rates may increase in a single adjustment period.

### **interest rate ceiling**

For an adjustable rate mortgage, the maximum interest rate that could be charged.

### **interest rate collar**

A security which combines the purchase of a cap and the sale of a floor to specify...

### **interest rate floor**

For an adjustable rate mortgage, the minimum interest rate that could be charged.

### **interest rate futures**

Futures contract whose underlying security is a debt obligation.

### **interest rate option**

Option contract whose underlying security is a debt obligation.

### **interest rate risk**

The possibility of a reduction in the value of a security, especially a bond,...

### **interest rate swap**

An exchange of interest payments on a specific principal amount. This is a counterparty...

### **interest warrant**

A firm's demand of payment of interest due on notes or debts.

### **interest-bearing**

The paying of interest.

### **interest-only loan**

A non-amortized loan in which interest is due at regular intervals until maturity,...

### **interest-only strip**

A security with cash flows based entirely on the monthly interest payments received from a mortgage pool.

### **interim**

The period between two actions, events, or dates.

### **interim dividend**

A dividend which is declared and distributed before the firm's annual earnings have been calculated; often distributed quarterly.

### **interim financing**

The short-term financing issued in anticipation of longer-term financing. Also known as interim borrowing.

### **interim statement**

A financial report covering less than one year, such as a quarterly report. Also known as interim report.

### **interlocking directorates**

Two boards of directors which share at least one director in common; illegal if the two companies are competitors.

### **intermarket spread**

The sale of a futures contract of a given delivery month on one exchange and...

### **Intermarket Trading System**

Abbreviated as ITS, refers to a computer network that connects several major...

### **intermediary**



A third party who facilitates a deal between two other parties.

### **intermediate goods**

Raw materials, such as steel, which will be transformed into another form.

### **intermediate-term**

2-10 years, generally used in reference to bonds. When used in technical analysis,...

### **internal audit**

An ongoing appraisal of the financial health of a firm's operations by its own...

### **internal expansion**

The growth of assets due to internal financing or appreciation, as opposed to external financing or acquisition.

### **internal financing**

The funds produced from a business' operations, as opposed to external financing, such as the issuance of debt or equity.

### **internal growth rate**

The maximum rate of growth a given firm is able to achieve without outside sources of funding.

### **internal market**

The mechanisms for issuing and trading securities within a nation, including its domestic market and foreign market.

### **Internal Rate of Return**

Abbreviated as IRR, refers to the rate of return that would make the present...

### **Internal Revenue Code**

All federal tax laws. Originally written in 1939, and thoroughly revised in 1954.

### **Internal Revenue Service**

The IRS is responsible for the collection, enforcement and to a degree the...

### **international**

Involving more than one country.

### **international fund**

A mutual fund which invests in stocks and bonds of companies outside of the U.S.

### **International Merchandise Trade - Canada**

The difference between imports and exports of goods. Merchandise Trade differentiates...

### **International Monetary Fund**

The IMF, or International Monetary Fund, was established after World War II...

### **International Organization for Standardization**

Abbreviated as ISO, refers to the world's largest standards developer. A non-governmental...

### **International Securities Identification Number**

Abbreviated as ISIN, refers to the unique international code which identifies...

### **International Securities Transactions - Canada**

The international flow of stocks, bonds, and money market funds to and from...

### **international trade**

International trade occurs when a security, a commodity or a service is transacted...

### **interpolation**

Interpolation is the prediction of values outside of the dataset used to produce...

### **interstate commerce**

The buying and selling of products and services across state borders.

### **intervals**

The schedule of strike prices for a given option.

### **intestate**

Dying without a legal will. Distribution is overseen by a probate court. Also known as in intestacy. opposite of testate.

### **intracommodity spread**

Spread in which a trader buys and sells futures contracts of a single commodity on a single exchange, but of different months.

**intraday**

Intraday refers to something that happens within the day or within the last...

**intrastate commerce**

The buying and selling of products and services within a single state.

**intrastate offering**

An over-the-counter securities offering limited to investors residing within...

**intrinsic value**

The actual value of a security, as opposed to its market price or book value....

**introducing broker**

A person or organization which is able to perform all the functions of a broker...

**Inventories - Australia**

Inventories - Australia Tracks unsold goods among Australian industrial firm....

**inventory**

A firm's merchandise, raw materials, and finished and unfinished products which...

**inventory financing**

A loan made to a manufacturer using its inventory as collateral. Inventory financing...

**inventory lien**

A claim against a firm's inventory as security for a loan.

**inventory turnover**

The ratio of a firm's annual sales to its inventory; or equivalently, the fraction...

**inventory turns**

see turnover.

**inverse floater**

A fixed income instrument which has a coupon rate or interest rate that varies...

**inverse relationship**

A relationship between two numbers in which an increase in the value of one...

**inverted market**

A futures market in which nearby month contracts are selling at higher prices...

**inverted scale**

A serial bond offering in which later maturities have lower yields than earlier ones.

**inverted yield curve**

An uncommon situation in which long-term interest rates have lower yields than...

**invest**

To engage in any activity in which money is put at risk for the purpose of making...

**invested capital**

See capitalization.

**investing**

In general terms, investment refers to the use of money in the hope of making...

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**investment adviser**

A person or organization employed by an individual or mutual fund to manage...

**Investment Advisers Act**

A 1941 Congressional law requiring all investment advisers to register with...

**Investment Advisor Act of 1940**

A law requiring investment advisors and firms providing investment advice to register with the SEC and adhere to SEC regulations.

**investment bank**

An individual or institution which acts as an underwriter or agent for corporations and municipalities issuing securities.

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An individual or institution which acts as an underwriter or agent for corporations and municipalities issuing securities.

### **Investment Bankers Association**

The trade association of the investment banking industry.

### **investment banking**

The division of banking encompassing business entities dealing with creation of capital for other companies.

### **investment banking group**

A group of investment banks which jointly underwrite and distribute a new security...

### **investment bill**

A bill of exchange purchased as an investment, with the intention of holding until maturity.

### **investment club**

A group of retail investors who pool some of their money and make joint investments....

### **investment company**

A firm that invests the pooled funds of retail investors for a fee. By aggregating...

### **Investment Company Act of 1940**

A set of Federal laws which regulate the registration and activities of investment companies, enforced by the SEC.

### **investment counsel**

A person or organization employed by an individual or mutual fund to manage...

### **investment flows**

Cash flows associated with the buying and selling of fixed assets and business interests.

### **investment fund**

A firm that invests the pooled funds of retail investors for a fee. By aggregating...

### **investment history**

The set of transactions conducted for a given customer by a given exchange member....

**investment horizon**

The length of time a sum of money is expected to be invested. An individual's...

**investment income**

An income from a portfolio of invested assets.

**Investment Lending - Australia**

The value of loans provided to individuals and corporations. An increase in...

**investment letter**

A letter establishing that the buyer of new securities in a private placement...

**investment management**

The process of managing money, including investments, budgeting, banking, and taxes. Also known as money management.

**investment manager**

see investment management.

**investment memorandum**

A letter that commits an individual to acquire a firm's securities and describes the terms of the deal.

**investment multiplier**

The change in national income which would result from a unit change in investment.

**investment objective**

The result desired by an investor or mutual fund, such as current income or capital appreciation. Also known as objective.

**investment philosophy**

The overall set of principles or strategies that guide an investor. Examples...

**investment policy**

A formal description of the investment philosophy that will be utilized for...

**investment property**

A property that is not occupied by the owner, generally purchased specifically...

**investment return**

The percentage change in value of the investment over a given period of time.

**investment security**

A security purchased for investment purposes, rather than for resale to customers.

**investment strategy**

An investor's plan of distributing assets among various investments, taking...

**investment trust**

A closed-end fund established to produce income through investments. They have...

**investment value**

The estimated price a convertible security would sell for on the open market...

**investment-grade bond**

A bond which is relatively safe, having a high bond rating such as BBB or above.

**investor**

An individual who commits money to investment products with the expectation...

**investor relations**

A department within a public firm that distributes information about the firm...

**investor's equity**

The balance of a margin account.

**invisible hand**

A term used by Adam Smith to refer to the natural force that guides free market...

**invisible venture capital**

Any form of venture capital from angel investors.

**invoice**

A bill issued by one who has provided products and/or services to a customer....

### **involuntary conversion**

Forced disposition of property due to condemnation, theft, or casualty.

### **involuntary liquidation**

Liquidation forced by Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

### **IOU**

Acronym for "I owe you,," which refers to what one person owes another.

### **IPO**

Acronym for Initial Public Offering, which refers to the first sale of stock by a firm to the public.

### **IQD**

The ISO currency code for the Iraqi Dinar.

### **IRA**

Acronym for Individual Retirement Account, which refers to a tax-deferred retirement...

### **IRA rollover**

A tax-free reinvestment of a distribution from a qualified retirement plan into...

### **Iranian Rial**

The currency of Iran. Learn more about the Iranian rial and Iran at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **Iraqi Dinar**

The currency of Iraq. Learn more about Currencies

### **Irish Punt**

The currency of the Republic of Ireland until 1 January 1999, when it was superseded...

### **ironclad**

Rigid, inflexible.

### **IRR**

Acronym for Internal Rate of Return, which refers to the rate of return that...

### **irredeemable bond**



Bond without a call feature or a redemption privilege. Opposite of callable bond.

### **irrevocable**

The incapacity to be undone.

### **irrevocable trust**

A trust that cannot be changed or canceled upon establishment without the consent...

### **IRS**

The IRS is responsible for the collection, enforcement and to a degree the...

### **ISIN**

Acronym for International Securities Identification Number. A unique international...

### **ISK**

The ISO currency code for the Iceland Krona. Learn more about the Icelandic krÃ³na. and Iceland at GoCurrency.com

### **ISM Manufacturing - United States**

ISM Manufacturing assesses the state of US industry by surveying executives...

### **ISM Non-Manufacturing - United States**

ISM Non-Manufacturing gauge of business conditions in non-manufacturing industries,...

### **ISO**

Acronym for Incentive Stock Option. A type of employee stock option which provides...

### **Israeli Shekel**

The currency of Israel. Learn more about the Israel Shekel and Israel at GoCurrency.com

### **issue**

A stock or bond which has been offered for sale by a corporation or government...

### **issue date**

The date on which a bond, insurance policy or stock offering is issued. Also known as date of issue.

### **issuer**

A firm or municipality offering, or having already offered, securities for sale...

### **Italian Lira**

The currency of Italy until 1 January 1999, when it was superseded by the euro....

### **itemized deduction**

An incurred expense which reduces an individual's taxable income, in accordance...

### **ITL**

The ISO currency code for the Italian Lira.

### **ITS**

Acronym for Intermarket Trading System. A computer network that connects several...

### **Ivey Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) - Canada**

A monthly measure of the change in purchases by corporate executives. One hundred...

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### **Ivory Coast Franc**

The currency of Ivory Coast.See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page](#) & [Currency Converter](#)

### **Jamaican Dollar**

The currency of Jamaica. Learn more about the Jamaican dollar and Jamaica at [GoCurrency.com](#)

### **January Effect**

In stock markets, January Effect refers to the general rise in share prices...

### **January Effect In FX**

In Foreign Exchange, the January Effect refers to the general tendency for major...

### **Japanese Candlestick Charting Explained**

Intro to Candles Bullish Reversals Bearish Reversals Continuation...

### **Japanese Yen**

The currency of Japan. Learn more about the Japanese yen and Japan at GoCurrency.com

### **Jeffrey Skilling**

Jeffrey Skilling served as CEO and one of the primary visionaries behind Enron's...

### **Jensen index**

An index that utilizes the capital asset pricing model (CAPM) in order to determine...

### **Jersey Pound**

The currency of Jersey. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **JMD**

The ISO currency code for the Jamaica Dollar. Learn more about the Jamaican dollar and Jamaica at GoCurrency.com

### **jobbie**

Jobbie, a financial term that may refer to anything that is, or that may become...

### **Jobless Claims Change - UK**

Measures the number of people who claim unemployment benefits, but are actively...

### **JOD**

The ISO currency code for the Jordanian Dinar. Learn more about the Jordanian dinar and Jordan at GoCurrency.com

### **John Lewis Weekly Department Sales - UK**

John Lewis is the largest department store group network in the U.K. It also...

### **Johnston Island Dollar**

The currency of Johnston Island (US Territory). See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **joint**

Of or relating to multiple parties on the same side of an agreement or transaction.

**joint account**

A type of account controlled and maintained by two or more people.

**joint and several liability**

A commitment for which multiple individuals are liable for payment.

**joint and survivor annuity**

An annuity issued on two individuals under which payments continue in whole...

**joint life annuity**

An annuity issued on two individuals under which payments continue in whole...

**joint mortgage**

A type of mortgage with multiple mortgagors.

**joint ownership**

The case in which two or more people share ownership of property, securities, or rights.

**joint return**

A U.S. income tax filing status, used by a married couple to combine income and deductions for the two individuals.

**Joint Stock Company**

A firm which has some features of a corporation and some features of a partnership....

**joint tax return**

See joint return.

**joint tenancy with right of survivorship**

The ownership of property by two or more people in which the survivors automatically gain ownership of the deceased's interest.

**joint venture**

A contractual agreement joining two or more parties for the purpose of executing...

**joint will**

A will that covers both the husband and the wife.

### **jointly and severally**

A type of agreement that delineates the responsibility for selling the securities in an underwriting.

### **Jonestown defense**

A particular case of poison pill, involving a firm's implementation of extreme...

### **Jordanian Dinar**

The currency of Jordan. Learn more about the Jordanian dinar and Jordan at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **journal**

An accounting record, outlining all business transactions. A journal details...

### **JPY**

The ISO currency code for the Japanese Yen. Learn more about the Japanese yen and Japan at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **judgment**

A formal decision issued by a court of law.

### **judgment lien**

The lien on the property of a debtor as a consequence of a court's judgment.

### **judicial foreclosure**

A foreclosure resulting from a court action rather than from the power of sale...

### **jumbo CD**

A particular type of CD with a very large denomination, generally \$1 million...

### **jumbo loan**

A loan of \$1 billion or more, or a loan exceeding the size limit established...

### **jumping the gun**

The trading of unrevealed information.

### **junior**

A claim or interest subordinate to others. Opposite of senior.

### **junior debt**

A type of debt that is either unsecured or has a lower priority than that of...

### **junior equity**

Another name referring to common stock, called junior because it is subordinate to preferred stock.

### **junior mortgage**

A mortgage ranking below another mortgage for payment in the event of the borrower's default.

### **junior refunding**

An exchange by holders of intermediate-term government bonds, which mature in...

### **junk bond**

A high-risk, high-yielding non-investment-grade bond with a low credit rating. Opposite of investment-grade bond.

### **jurisdiction**

The geographical area over which a court or government body has the power and right to exercise authority.

### **just title**

A title that is free of liens and legal questions with regard to ownership of...

### **just-in-time**

A strategy for inventory management, involving raw materials and components...

### **kangaroos**

Slang for Australian stocks.

### **kappa**

A value signifying the expected change in the price of an option that corresponds...

### **Kazakhstan Tenge**

The currency of Kazakhstan. Learn more about the Kazakhstan Tenge and Kazakhstan at GoCurrency.com

### **keiretsu**

A Japanese term describing a loose conglomeration of firms, organized around a single bank for their mutual benefit.

### **Keltner Channel**

Created by two bands plotted around a 20-period exponential moving average,...

### **Kenyan Shilling**

The currency of Kenya. Learn more about the Kenyan Shilling and Kenya at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **Keogh Plan**

A tax-deferred retirement plan for self-employed persons, and unincorporated businesses. Also known as self-employed pension.

### **KES**

The ISO currency code for the Kuwaiti Dinar. Learn more about the Kuwaiti Dinar and Kuwait at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **key person insurance**

Life insurance purchased by a firm or investor on the life of a key executive....

### **Keynesian Economics**

A branch of economic thought, propagated by the economist John Maynard Keynes....

### **KGS**

The ISO currency code for the Kyrgyzstan Som.

### **KHR**

The ISO currency code for the Cambodia Riel.

### **kickback**

An illicit, secret payment made in return for a referral which resulted in a transaction or contract.

### **kicker**

A simple 'kicker' is a right, warrant or other incentive added to debt instruments...

### **kill**

To cancel a placed, but not filed, order

### **killer bee**

An investment banker who devises strategies to aid a target firm in avoiding a hostile takeover.

### **KIR**

The currency of Kiribati. ISO international currency code KIR. The...

### **Kiribati Dollar**

The currency of Kiribati. ISO international currency code KIR. The...

### **kiting**

The illegal benefit from float (i.e. by depositing and drawing checks between accounts at two or more banks).

### **KMF**

The ISO currency code for the Comorian Franc. Learn more about the Comorian Franc and Comoros at GoCurrency.com

### **knock-out option**

A Knock-Out option is an exotic option, commonly used for commodities and currencies,...

### **Know Your Customer**

A guideline stated or implied by various securities regulatory bodies, requiring...

### **KPW**

The ISO currency code for the North Korean Won. Learn more about North Korea and the North Korean Won at GoCurrency.com

### **Krugerrand**

The gold coin minted by the Republic of South Africa.

### **KRW**

The ISO code for the South Korean won. Learn more about South Korea and the South Korean won at GoCurrency.com

### **Kuwaiti Dinar**

The currency of Kuwait. Learn More about Kuwait and the Kuwaiti Dinar at GoCurrencyCurrency Converter



## **KWD**

The ISO currency code for the Kuwaiti Dinar.

## **KYD**

The ISO currency code for the Cayman Islands Dollar. Learn more about the Cayman dollar and Cayman Islands at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **Kyrgyzstan Som**

The currency of Krygyzstan. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter](#)

## **KZT**

The ISO currency code for the Kazakhstan Tenge. Learn more about the Kazakhstan Tenge and Kazakhstan at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **L**

One of multiple measures of the money supply that includes M3 plus longer-term...

## **labor**

Work of any type for organizations or individuals, typically done for a wage...

## **labor burden**

The overall cost consisting of all indirect labor costs incidental to operations. Also known as indirect labor.

## **Labor Cash Earnings - Japan**

The average amount of pre-tax earnings per regular employee, including overtime...

## **Labor Costs - Euro-zone**

Euro-zone Labor Costs captures employers' total cost of employing a labor force....

## **labor force**

The total number of people employed or seeking employment in a particular country or region. Also known as work force.

## **labor relations**

The relationship between a firm's upper management and the rest of its employees.

## **labor-intensive**

Having or pertaining to the quality of requiring significant amounts of labor, rather than capital.

### **Labour Price Index - Australia**

Measures quarterly changes in Australian wages. Two versions of the Labor Price...

### **Labour Productivity - Canada**

The average productivity level of Canadian workers. Labour Productivity is calculated...

### **ladder strategy**

A strategy that seeks to reduce interest rate risk by creating a portfolio with...

### **Laffer Curve**

A curve assuming that for a given economy, there exists an optimal income tax...

### **laggard**

A stock that is underperforming.

### **lagging indicator**

An economic indicator that changes after the overall economy has changed.

### **laissez-faire**

The concept that an economic system should be driven by free market forces, in contrast to government intervention.

### **LAK**

The ISO currency code for the Laos New Kip. Learn more about Laos and the Laos Kip at GoCurrency.com

### **lambda**

The value representing the expected percentage change in the price of an option...

### **land banking**

The practice of attaining land and holding it for future use.

### **land contract**

An installment contract written and agreed upon between a buyer and a seller, for the sale of property.

### **land lease**

A lease in which only the land is rented. Also known as ground lease.

### **landlocked**

A lot without direct access to a public thoroughfare.

### **landlord**

The name denoted for somebody who rents property to another party, called a tenant. Also known as lessor.

### **Laos New Kip**

The official currency of Laos. Learn more about Laos and the Laos Kip at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **lapse**

A period during which a right, privilege, or insurance policy is not in effect due to a failure to act.

### **lapsed option**

An option that has expired without being exercised.

### **large cap**

Large cap refers to over \$5 billion capitalization. Firms are generally classified...

### **Large Retailers' Sales - Japan**

The total value of goods sold in large department stores, chain convenience...

### **last**

The most recent trade of a security.

### **Last In First Out**

Abbreviated as LIFO. A method of valuing inventory in which the items acquired last are treated as the ones sold first.

### **last sale**

The most recent price during a trading session, or the price of the final transaction after the market closes.

### **last trading day**

The final day during which trading in a particular option contract is permitted.

### **last-sale reporting**

The electronic notification by a market maker to NASD of the price and number...

### **Latvian Lat**

The currency of Latvia Learn more about the Latvian Lat and Latvia at GoCurrency.com

### **launch**

The process of introducing a new good or service into the market. Also known as rollout.

### **launder**

To disguise the source of illegal or secret funds or profits, usually by transmittal...

### **law day**

The date on which an obligation must be paid. Also known as due date.

### **law of demand**

The economic principle that if the supply is held constant, an increase in demand leads to an increased market price.

### **law of large numbers**

The statistical fact that it becomes harder and harder to maintain a given level...

### **law of one price**

An economic principle, stating that in an efficient market, a security must...

### **law of supply**

An economic principle, stating that if demand is held constant, an increase...

### **lawful money**

Money having legal tender status.

### **Lawrence Kudlow**

Lawrence Kudlow serves as anchor of CNBC's business news show 'Kudlow & Company'...

### **layoff**

The cutback of jobs, generally when a firm is experiencing financial difficulties.

## **LBO**

Acronym for Leveraged Buyout. Takeover of a firm or controlling interest in...

## **LBP**

The ISO currency code for the Lebanese Pound. Learn more about the Lebanese Pound and Lebanon at GoCurrency.com

## **lead investor**

A firm's principal provider of capital, such as the entity that originates and structures a syndicated deal.

## **lead manager**

The commercial or investment bank which has primary responsibility for organizing...

## **lead time**

The amount of time between the placing of an order and the receipt of the goods ordered.

## **lead underwriter**

A commercial or investment bank, with the primary responsibility of organizing...

## **leaders**

The highest-performing securities over a given time period. Opposite of laggard.

## **Leading Economic Index - Japan**

A composite of 12 major leading indices for Japan . Movements in these indicators...

## **leading indicator**

A leading indicator is an economic gauge that records changes before the overall...

## **Leading Indicators - Canada**

A composite index designed to forecast developments in the Canadian economy....

## **Leading Indicators - United States**

US Leading Indicators is a composite index designed to forecast trends in the...

## **Leading Indicators KoF Switzerland**

Swiss KoF Leading Indicators A composite of business surveys from various sectors...

### **leading the market**

The movement in advance of the market as a whole (i.e. a stock that begins to decline before a bear market).

### **leakage**

The intentional or unintentional release of information before it is made available to the general public.

### **LEAPS**

Acronym for Long-Term Equity Anticipation Securities. Long-term stock options...

### **lease**

A written agreement under which a property owner allows a tenant to use the property for a specified period of time and rent.

### **lease-purchase agreement**

A type of lease in which the lessee can apply lease payments toward the purchase of the property if he or she chooses.

### **leaseback**

An arrangement in which one party sells a property to a buyer and the buyer...

### **leasehold**

The right to hold or use property for a fixed period of time at a given price,...

### **leasehold improvement**

An improvement of a leased asset that increases the asset's value. The expense...

### **Leasing**

See lease

### **Lebanese Pound**

The official currency of Lebanon. Learn more about the Lebanese Pound and Lebanon at GoCurrency.com

### **ledger**

An accounting book of final entry where transactions are listed in separate accounts.

### **leg**

Leg refers to one side of an option spread, and may be long or short.

### **legacy**

The property transferred by a will.

### **legal**

Having the characteristic of meeting the requirements under law.

### **legal age**

The age at which a person is legally permitted to enter into contracts without...

### **legal assets**

Any property that can be used for the repayment of a debt.

### **legal entity**

An individual or organization which is legally permitted to enter into a contract,...

### **legal list**

A list of legal investments for savings banks and trust funds, as determined...

### **legal monopoly**

A firm granted by the federal government the exclusive rights of offering a...

### **legal risk**

A description of the potential for loss arising from the uncertainty of legal...

### **legal tender**

A country's currency that must be accepted as payment for a debt.

### **legatee**

The recipient of a legacy.

### **legislative risk**

The risk that a new law or a change in an existing law could have a significant impact on an investment.

### **lemon**

A good that has low quality, but does not meet expectations, or fails to function as promised.

### **lend**

To provide the use of money or something else of value, with the understanding...

### **lender**

A private, public or institutional entity which makes funds available to others to borrow.

### **lender of last resort**

A type of lender that provides money to a bank facing unusually heavy withdrawals.

### **lending**

See lend.

### **lending at a rate**

The uncommon brokerage practice of paying a client interest on the credit balance resulting from a short sale.

### **Lesotho Loti**

The currency of Lesotho. Learn more about the Lesotho Loti and Lesotho at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **lessee**

An individual who leases a property from its owner. Also known as tenant.

### **lessee member**

A person who leases the use of an exchange membership from another member.

### **lessor**

A property owner who rents to another party, called a tenant. Also known as landlord.

### **letter of comment**

A letter sent by the SEC to a firm planning a securities offering, suggesting...

### **letter of credit**



Abbreviated as L/C, refers to a binding document that a buyer can request from...

### **letter of intent**

A letter from one firm to another acknowledging a willingness and ability to...

### **letter security**

A security sold directly by the issuer to an investor, bypassing SEC registration.

### **letters patent**

An instrument issued by a governing body, granting a right or conveying title to a private individual or organization.

### **letters testamentary**

Documents issued by the court detailing that an individual, bank, or organization...

### **Level I quotes**

The quotes of the best bid and ask prices for a given Nasdaq or OTCBB stock.

### **Level II quotes**

The quotes of the bid and ask prices for each individual market maker for a...

### **Level III quotes**

The Level II quotes combined with the ability to enter quotes, execute orders,...

### **level load**

The sales charge that does not vary depending on how long the investor held the investment.

### **level playing field**

An environment in which all companies in a given market must follow the same rules and are given an equal ability to compete.

### **level premium insurance**

A policy for which the premiums do not change for the entire duration of the...

### **level term insurance**

A particular life insurance policy whose face value does not change but whose premiums gradually rise over time.

## **leverage**

In context, leverage and margin refer to the same thing. When a trader opens...

## **leverage ratio**

See leverage.

## **Leveraged Buyout**

Abbreviated as LBO, refers to the takeover of a firm or controlling interest...

## **leveraged investment company**

An investment firm whose charter permits it to borrow money for its investing activities.

## **leveraged lease**

A type of lease in which the lessor puts up some of the money required to purchase...

## **leveraged recapitalization**

A tactic utilized by the target of a hostile takeover in which a firm makes...

## **levy**

To collect, often in the context of a tax.

## **liabilities**

The plural of liability.

## **liability**

An obligation that legally binds an individual or company to settle a debt....

## **liability insurance**

An insurance coverage, protecting against claims alleging that one's negligence...

## **liability swap**

An interest rate swap designed to alter the cash flow characteristics of an...

## **liable**

Having the characteristic of being legally responsible

## **libel**

Defamation by written or printed words, pictures, or in any form other than by spoken words or gestures.

### **Liberian Dollar**

The currency of Liberia. Learn more about the Liberian dollar and Liberia at [GoCurrency.com](#)

### **LIBOR**

Acronym for London Inter-Bank Offer Rate. The interest rate that the banks charge...

### **Libyan Dinar**

The currency of Libya. Learn more about the Libyan Dinar and Libya at [GoCurrency.com](#)

### **license**

The permission to engage in a certain activity, granted by the appropriate authority.

### **licensing**

The granting of consent to use intellectual property rights, such as trademarks, patents, or technology, under defined conditions.

### **Liechtenstein Franc**

The currency of Liechtenstein. Liechtenstein uses the Swiss Franc,...

### **lien**

The legal claim of one person upon the property of another person to secure...

### **lien affidavit**

An affidavit outlining all liens against a property or stating that no such liens exist.

### **lienee**

An individual owning property on which another party (lienor) possesses a right of lien.

### **lienor**

An Individual holding a lien.

### **life annuity**

A type of annuity that continues to pay out as long as the annuitant is still living.

### **life cycle**

The following stages through which a product passes: research and development,...

### **life expectancy**

The length at which a given person is expected to live.

### **life expectancy method**

A type of annuity distribution method that determines payments from life expectancy charts.

### **life insurance**

A type of insurance that is paid to a beneficiary upon the death of the policyholder.

### **lifecycle fund**

A highly diversified mutual fund intended to remain appropriate for investors...

### **lifetime cap**

A limit on the amount that the payments of an adjustable rate mortgage can increase...

### **lifetime learning credit**

A tax credit intended to reduce education costs in any year, and claimed once per year.

### **LIFFE**

Acronym for London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange. The three largest UK futures markets.

### **LIFO**

Acronym for Last In First Out. A method of valuing inventory in which the items...

### **like-kind exchange**

An exchange of similar investment assets, on which gains may be tax-deferred.

### **limit**

A Limit, is an order to close a trade when the market moves a specified amount...

### **limit down**

The maximum price drop allowed on a futures contract in a single trading day.

### **limit entry**

An Entry Order is an order to enter the market at a specified price.Entry orders...

#### **limit move**

The greatest price change permitted for a given futures contract in a single...

#### **limit order**

A Limit, is an order to close a trade when the market moves a specified amount...

#### **limit order book**

A record of unexecuted limit orders which is maintained by specialists. These...

#### **limit order information system**

An electronic system, providing subscribers with information about securities being traded on participating exchanges.

#### **limit price**

The price specified in a limit order.

#### **limit up**

The maximum price increase permitted on a futures contract in a single trading day.

#### **limit-on-close order**

An order to buy or sell a specific amount of stock at the close, but only under...

#### **limited company**

Abbreviated as Ltd. A particular business structure used in Europe and Canada,...

#### **limited discretionary account**

A particular agreement in which a client has given his broker the ability to make certain types of trades without prior consent.

#### **limited liability**

A type of investment in which a partner or investor cannot lose more than the amount invested.

#### **Limited Liability Company**

Abbreviated as LLC, and refers to a type of firm, authorized only in certain...

#### **Limited Liability Partnership**

Abbreviated as LLP, and refers to another name for a Limited Liability Firm, often used by professional associations.

### **limited partner**

See limited partnership

### **limited partnership**

A business organization with at least one general partners, who manage the business and assume legal debts and obligations.

### **limited risk**

A type of investment in which a partner or investor cannot lose more than the amount invested.

### **line of credit**

An agreement in which a bank or vendor extends a predetermined amount of unsecured...

### **linear chart**

The standard chart type, on which a given distance always represents the same absolute change in price.

### **linear regression**

A statistical technique in which a straight line is fitted to a set of data...

### **link share**

Link Sharing - (or Reciprocal Link Exchange) is the practice of exchanging links...

### **linkage**

The ability to buy or sell a contract on one exchange and then later sell or buy the same contract on another exchange.

### **liquid**

1 Liquid Market - the degree to which market participants are willing to buy...

### **liquid market**

1 Liquid Market - the degree to which market participants are willing to buy...

### **liquidate**

To convert (inventory, securities, or other assets) into cash

### **liquidated damages**

The amount required to satisfy a loss resulting from breach of contract.

### **liquidation**

See liquidate.

### **liquidation preference**

Liquidation preference specifies the pecking order of creditors during bankruptcy...

### **liquidation value**

The estimated amount of money that an asset or firm could quickly be sold for, if it were to decide to liquidate.

### **liquidity**

1 Liquid Market - the degree to which market participants are willing to buy...

### **liquidity agreement**

An agreement that allows an asset holder to convert his/her asset into cash.

### **liquidity event**

The manner in which an investor plans to close out an investment. For example,...

### **liquidity ratio**

The total dollar value of cash and marketable securities divided by current...

### **liquidity risk**

The risk resulting from the difficulty of selling an asset. Some assets are...

### **List of Candlestick Patterns**

[View Introduction to Candlestick Patterns](#)[View List of Bullish Candlestick Reversals...](#)

### **list price**

See Manufacturer's suggested retail price.

### **listed**

Having the characteristic of being traded on a major exchange, such as NYSE or AMEX. opposite of over-the-counter.

### **listed option**

An option authorized by an exchange for trading. Also known as exchange-traded option.

### **listing**

The acceptance of a security for trading on a registered exchange.

### **listing requirements**

The set of conditions implemented by a given stock exchange upon firms that want to be listed on that exchange.

### **Lithuanian Litas**

The currency of Lithuania. Learn more about the Lithuanian Litas and Lithuania at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **litigate**

Take legal action to settle a dispute in a court of law.

### **Little Board**

See American Stock Exchange.

### **living benefits**

Living Benefits are an insurance option where policy holders may access benefits...

### **living trust**

A type of trust created for the trustor and administered by another party while...

### **living will**

A document outlining the life-prolonging measures one does, and does not, want...

### **LKR**

The ISO code of Sri Lanka. Learn more about Sri Lanka and the Sri Lankan Rupee at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **LLC**

Acronym for Limited Liability Firm, which refers to a type of firm, authorized...

### **LLP**



Acronym for Limited Liability Partnership. Another name for a Limited Liability...

### **LMV**

Acronym for Long Market Value. The current market value of stocks held (i.e....

### **load**

A sales charge added to the purchase and/or sale price of some mutual funds and annuities. opposite of no-load.

### **load fund**

A mutual fund which carries a load. opposite of no-load fund.

### **load-adjusted return**

The return on a mutual fund adjusted downward to reflect any sales fees, whether front-end or back-end.

### **loading**

An amount an insurance company adds to the basic premium to cover the expense...

### **loan**

An arrangement in which a lender gives money or property to a borrower, and...

### **loan commitment**

A formal offer by a lender explicating the terms under which it agrees to lend...

### **loan consent agreement**

An agreement, required by the SEC, authorizing a securities broker to lend securities carried for a customer's account.

### **loan note**

A form of vendor finance or deferred payment, where the purchaser acts as a...

### **loan schedule**

A listing of the amounts of principal and interest, due dates, and balance after payment for a given loan.

### **loan sharking**

Charging an illegally high interest rate on a loan. also called usury.

**loan stock**

An unsecured stock delivered to an entity that has furnished a loan for a firm, and earns interest at a fixed rate.

**loan value**

The quantity of money that a lender is willing loan a borrower.

**loan-deposit ratio**

The amount of a bank's loans divided by the amount of its deposits at any given...

**loan-to-cost**

Abbreviated as LTC, which refers to the ratio of the price paid for an asset...

**loan-to-value**

Abbreviated as LTV, which refers to the ratio of the fair market value of an...

**loan-value ratio**

The quantity borrowed divided by the appraised value of the collateral, expressed as a percentage.

**local**

A futures trader who trades mostly for his or her own account.

**local bill**

A printed confirmation of transactions and open orders sent by a broker to a customer.

**lock-in**

A commitment by a lender, guaranteeing a given interest rate for a predetermined period of time. Also known as rate lock.e

**lock-limit**

A system in which prices may move only up to a certain amount in either direction in a given session.

**lockbox**

A service offered by banks to firms in which the firm receives payments by mail...

**locked in**

A situation in which an investor is reluctant to sell a particularly profitable investment due to the tax consequences.

### **locked market**

A market for a stock in which the bid price equals the ask price, resulting in the bid/ask spread to be zero.

### **lockup period**

An interval during which an investment may not be sold. In the case of an IPO,...

### **logarithmic chart**

A market for a stock in which the bid price equals the ask price (in other words, the bid/ask spread is zero).

### **logistics**

A chart for which the price scale (usually on the vertical axis) is skewed so...

### **lognormal distribution**

A probability distribution in which the log of the random variable is normally...

### **London Inter-Bank Offer Rate**

Abbreviated as LIBOR, and refers to the interest rate that the largest international banks charge each other for loans.

### **London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange**

LIFFE. The three largest UK futures markets.

### **long**

A trader is in a LONG POSITION when she buys a currency pair. Shorting is the...

### **Long Bond**

A 30-year bond, which is the longest and most widely traded maturity bond issued by the U.S. Treasury.

### **long hedge**

Buying futures to hedge against the sale of a cash commodity. also called buying hedge.

### **long leg**

The part of an option spread indicating a commitment to purchase the underlying security.

### **Long Market Value**

Abbreviated as LMV, which refers to the current market value of stocks held...

### **long position**

The state of actually owning a security, contract, or commodity. also called long. opposite of short.

### **long squeeze**

Situation in which investors who hold long positions feel the need to sell into...

### **long straddle**

A straddle in which a long position is taken in both a put and a call option....

### **long-term**

In the context of bonds, long-term refers to more than 10 or years.

### **long-term assets**

On a balance sheet, the value of a firm's property, equipment and other capital...

### **long-term care insurance**

An insurance policy that provides benefits for the chronically ill or disabled over a long period of time.

### **long-term debt**

Loans and obligations with a maturity of longer than one year; usually accompanied...

### **Long-Term Equity Anticipation Securities**

Abbreviated as LEAPS, which refers to long-term stock options or index options,...

### **long-term gain or loss**

A capital gain or loss on an investment held for at least some minimum amount of time, generally a year and a day.

### **long-term lease**

A lease of more than ten years.

**long-term mortgage**

A mortgage lasting more than 40 years. These can be considerably more expensive...

**look-ahead bias**

The utilization of information in a simulation that would not be available during...

**look-through earnings**

Propagated by Warren Buffet, this concept for analyzing investments judges an...

**lookback option**

A call or put option whose strike price is not determined until the option is...

**loophole**

A flaw in the law, which allows one to circumvent the law's intention without actually breaking that law.

**loose credit**

A central bank policy designed to stimulate economic growth by lowering short...

**loss**

A decline in the value of an investment.

**loss carryover**

A capital loss that is not deductible in the current year because it exceeds...

**loss leader**

A good or service sold at a substantial discount in order to generate additional sales.

**lot**

Multiple shares held or traded together, usually in units of 100.

**Lou Dobbs**

Anchor and editor of "Lou Dobbs Tonight," Louis Earl Dobbs started his media...

**low**

Low is the lowest price a security has reached during a certain period of time....

### **low grade**

A bond rating of B or lower, indicating some uncertainty as to the issuer's ability to meet the bond's obligations.

### **lows**

Stocks which have reached new 52-week low prices in the current or most recent trading session. opposite of highs.

### **loyalty program**

A program with the objective of lowering the turnover among users of a product...

### **LRD**

The ISO currency code for the Liberian Dollar. Learn more about the Liberian dollar and Liberia at GoCurrency.com

### **LSL**

The ISO currency code for the Lesotho Loti. Learn more about the Lesotho Loti and Lesotho at GoCurrency.com

### **LTC**

Acronym for Loan-To-Cost. The ratio of the price paid for an asset to the value of the loan that will finance the purchase.

### **ltd**

Limited firm. A particular business structure used in Europe and Canada, where...

### **LTL**

The ISO currency code for the Lithuanian Litas. Learn more about the Lithuanian Litas and Lithuania at GoCurrency.com

### **LTV**

Acronym for Loan-To-Value. The ratio of the fair market value of an asset to...

### **lucrative**

Profitable.

### **lucrative title**

Title obtained as a gift or at a price significantly below the market price.

## **LUF**

The ISO currency code for the Luxembourg Franc.

## **lump sum**

A single payment for the total amount due, as opposed to a series of periodic payments.

## **lump sum distribution**

A single distribution all at once, rather than as a series of payments over time.

## **luxury tax**

A tax levied on goods considered to be outside of the basket of necessities (i.e. expensive cars and yachts).

## **LVL**

The ISO currency code for the Latvian Lat. Learn more about the Latvian Lat and Latvia at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **LYD**

The ISO currency code for the Libyan Dinar. Learn more about the Libyan Dinar and Libya at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **M1**

The Fed has defined three monetary aggregates (M1, M2 and M3) to measure the...

## **M2**

The Fed has defined three monetary aggregates (M1, M2 and M3) to measure the...

## **M3**

The Fed has defined three monetary aggregates (M1, M2 and M3) to measure the...

## **M3 - Euro-zone**

The broadest measure of money supply in use by Euro-zone nations. It includes...

## **M3 Supply - New Zealand**

The broadest monetary aggregate, accounting for all New Zealand Dollars in...

## **Macau Pataca**

The currency of Macau. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

## **Macauley Duration**

In 1938, Frederick R. Macauley defined Duration as the total weighted average...

## **MACD**

The moving average convergence divergence (MACD) uses two exponential moving...

## **MACD Histogram**

The MACD Histogram is useful for anticipating changes in trend. Overview The MACD...

## **Macedonia Denar**

The currency of Macedonia, ISO currency symbol MKD. Learn more about Macedonia and the Macedonian Denar at GoCurrency.com

## **Machine Orders - Japan**

The total value of machinery orders placed at major manufacturers in Japan...

## **Machine Tool Orders - Japan**

Tracks trends in machine tool orders placed by major manufacturers in Japan...

## **macro**

The word macro means large, or relating to an entire system. When pertaining...

## **macro-hedge**

A macro-hedge is an investment technique designed to reduce or eliminate the...

## **macroeconomics**

Macroeconomics studies the overall aspects and workings of a national economy...

## **MACRS**

MODIFIED ACCELERATED COST RECOVERY SYSTEM (MACRS) is a modification of the Accelerated...

## **MAD**



The ISO code for Morrocco Dirham. Learn more about Morrocco and the Morrocco Dirham at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **Madagascar**

Currency in Madagascar: Malagasy franc (MGF).

## **Madeira Escudo**

Previously the currency of Madeira. Madeira is part of Portugal and is fully...

## **maintenance**

Maintenance, also referred to as "minimum maintenance" or "maintenance requirement",...

## **maintenance bond**

The maintenance bond is the set minimum value that the trader must maintain...

## **maintenance call**

The maintenance call, also called a margin call, is a demand by the broker/dealer...

## **maintenance fee**

A charge assessed on some types of brokerage accounts, such as asset management...

## **major medical insurance**

A comprehensive type of insurance that covers the remaining medical expenses...

## **majority ownership**

Ownership of a sufficient number of a coporation's voting shares to control...

## **majority shareholder**

A person or one of a small group of shareholders who owns more than 50% of the...

## **make a market**

To be willing and capable to buy or sell a particular security as a dealer.

## **make whole provision**

A provision that allows a borrower to prepay the remaining fixed rate term debt,...

## **maker**

The manufacturer of a product. Also known as producer.

### **making delivery**

See delivery

### **Malawi Kwacha**

The official currency of Malwai. Learn more about Malawi and the Malwai Kwacha at GoCurrency.com

### **Maldives Rufiyaa**

The currency of Maldives.See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **Mali Republic Franc**

The currency of Mali.See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **malpractice**

Improper or immoral conduct, negligence or breach of duty in the performance...

### **Maltese Lira**

The currency of Malta.See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **managed account**

An account for which the holder gives his or her broker the authority to buy...

### **managed economy**

An economy, directed by a governing body.

### **management**

The decision-making unit of a business.

### **management buyin**

The purchase of a controlling interest of a firm by an outside investor who leaves management unchanged.

### **management buyout**

The purchase of a controlling interest of a firm by an outside investor who leaves management unchanged.

### **management company**

The firm that organizes, manages, and administers a mutual fund.

### **management fee**

A fee paid to a mutual fund's managers in exchange for their services, which...

### **management's discussion**

Section in a quarterly or annual report in which the firm's executives describe the prior period and the current outlook.

### **manager**

The person responsible for the overall strategy and the specific buying and...

### **managing underwriter**

A commercial or investment bank with the main responsibility of organizing a...

### **mandate**

A direct order.

### **manifesto**

A written declaration of intent or principles.

### **manipulation**

Any attempt to affect or control the price of a security through trading. Illegal.

### **Manufacturing Activity Report - New Zealand**

A report released by Business New Zealand commenting on the PMI, the New Zealand...

### **Manufacturing I/S Ratio - Canada**

The ratio of inventory to shipments at Canadian manufacturing firms. By examining...

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### **manufacturing overhead**

All manufacturing costs outside than direct labor and materials.

### **Manufacturing PMI - Euro-zone**

The Euro-zone Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) assesses business...

### **Manufacturing PMI - UK**

A monthly guage of manufacturing activity and future outlook. The CIPS PMI is...

### **Manufacturing Purchasing Manager Index (Survey) - German - Euro-zone**

Gauge for overall performance of the German manufacturing sector. Through asking...

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### **Manufacturing Purchasing Manager Index-German**

Manufacturing Purchasing Manager Index (survey) - German Gauge for overall performance...

### **Maple Leaf**

A Canadian gold coin.

### **margin**

Margin is a good faith deposit that a trader puts up as collateral to hold a...

### **margin account**

A type of account in which the brokerage lends the client cash with which to...

### **margin agreement**

A document signed by an individual in need of opening a margin account. Also known as hypothecation agreement.

### **margin buying**

A technique involving the purchase of securities with borrowed money. The amount...

### **margin call**

A call from a broker to a client (a.k.a. a maintenance margin call) or from...

### **margin creep**

The inclination of many firms to focus only on the high-margin, high-end products, even if clients have become value-oriented.

**margin loan**

A loan from a broker to a client that functions as a margin account, which may be used for any purpose.

**margin rate**

The interest rate charged by a broker.

**margin requirement**

The quantity of money that an investor must deposit in a margin account before...

**marginable stock**

A stock approved for buying on margin.

**marginal**

Having a very small quantity.

**marginal analysis**

A technique, in microeconomics, where minimal changes in certain variables are...

**marginal cost**

The additional cost of one extra unit of production. Also known as incremental cost.

**marginal lender**

A lender who refuses to make the loan in the case that the interest rate is lowered.

**marginal propensity to consume**

An economic term, relating to the consumption changes in response to an incremental change in disposable income.

**marginal rate**

The tax rate paid on the last dollar of one's income (a.k.a. the marginal tax rate).

**marginal revenue**

The additional revenue associated with one extra unit of production.

**marginal tax rate**

See marginal rate

**marginal utility**

The additional benefit gained from the consumption of one additional unit of a good or service.

**marital deduction**

A tax benefit that allows one spouse to transfer upon death an unlimited amount of property directly to his or her spouse.

**mark-to-market**

The recording of the price or value of a security or account on a daily basis.

**markdown**

The price differential between the highest current bid price among dealers and...

**market**

An open place or a covered building where buyers and sellers convene for the sale of goods; a marketplace

**market analysis**

The examination of market trends, with the goal of predicting.

**market basket**

See basket

**market breadth**

The proportion of the overall market that is participating in the market's up or down move. Also known as breadth.

**market cap**

See capitalization

**market capital**

See capitalization. Also known as market capitalization.

**market capitalization**

Abbreviated as MCAP, market capitalization refers to the aggregate value of...

**market conversion price**

The price that an investor effectively pays for common stock through the purchasing...

**market economy**

A system of allocating resources based only on the interaction of market forces,...

**market if touched order**

A mandate that becomes a market order if and when the specified price is reached.

**market index**

An index used to measure price changes of an overall market, such as the stock...

**market inefficiency**

A condition in which current prices do not reflect all the publicly available...

**market letter**

An advisory newsletter sent by a brokerage to its clients, providing market commentary and investment recommendations.

**market maker**

A brokerage or bank that maintains a firm bid and ask price in a given security...

**market maker spread**

The difference between the price at which a market maker is willing to buy a...

**market neutral**

An investment strategy that attempts to produce the same profit regardless of...

**market not held order**

A market order, where the floor trader has the discretion to execute the order when he or she feels it is best.

**market on close order**

A buy or sell order, executed as near as possible to the end of the day.

**market on open order**

A buy or sell order in which the broker is to execute the order at the market's...

**market opening**

See open.

**market order**

A buy or sell order in which the broker is to execute the order at the best...

**market portfolio**

A concept used in Modern Portfolio Theory, referring to a hypothetical portfolio...

**market price**

A security's last reported sale price or its current bid and ask prices (i.e....

**market rate**

The prevailing interest rate available at any given time.

**market research**

The collection of data, regarding consumers, market niches, and the effectiveness of marketing programs.

**market return**

The overall return on the market as a whole, called the market portfolio. Used in the CAPM.

**market risk**

The risk associated to an entire class of assets or liabilities. Also known as systematic risk.

**market segmentation**

A marketing strategy that targets a group of clients with specific characteristics.

**market share**

The proportion of the total sales of a given type of good or service attributed to a given firm.

**market surveillance**

The department responsible for investigating and preventing illicit trading practices on the Nasdaq market.

**market timer**

Someone who believes that he or she can predict the future direction of a market.

**market timing**



The attempt to predict future market directions, by way of examining recent...

### **market value**

The last reported sale price of a security, or the current bid and ask price...

### **Market Volatility Index**

Abbreviated as VIX. An index designed to track market volatility as a discrete...

### **market-share weighted index**

A type of stock index in which every stock affects the index in proportion to its number of outstanding shares.

### **market-value weighted index**

A type of stock index in which each stock affects the index in proportion to...

### **marketability**

A measure of the likelihood that a security can be purchased and sold. High...

### **marketable securities**

Securities that can be easily converted into cash, resulting in them to be sold at a reasonable price very quickly.

### **marketable security**

Securities that can be easily converted into cash, resulting in them to be sold at a reasonable price very quickly.

### **marketing**

The process by which goods and services are advertised to the marketplace.

### **markup**

The gap between the lowest current offering price among dealers and the higher...

### **marriage penalty**

A penalty in which most married people collectively pay more in taxes, whether...

### **married filing jointly**

A tax filing status where a married couple files a single tax return, with the...

### **married filing separately**

A case in which a married couple is filing two separate tax returns, one for each individual.

### **married put**

The purchase of a put option on a stock, and protects against a decline in the price of the underlying stock.

### **Martinique Franc**

The currency of Martinique.See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **mass customization**

The mass production of goods catering towards individual specifications.

### **Mass Index**

The Mass Index is a range oscillator that uses changes in daily trading price...

### **mass market**

An extensive, non-targeted demographic.

### **mass production**

The production of a good on a large scale.

### **master limited partnership**

An investment combining the tax benefits of a limited partnership with the liquidity of publicly traded securities.

### **master notes**

The commercial paper issued by large, creditworthy firms to banks.

### **master policy**

An insurance policy issued to an employer, creating a group insurance plan.

### **match**

Two balancing transactions.

### **matched book**

A type of dealer's account in which borrowing costs equal the interest earned on loans.

### **matched maturities**

Maturities whose assets and liabilities have equal maturities, used in order to reduce interest rate risk.

### **matching funds**

A type of employer contribution to an employee retirement fund, where employee...

### **matching orders**

The illicit action of simultaneously entering identical or nearly identical...

### **material information**

The information pertaining to the affect a stock's price after it becomes known...

### **material news**

The information pertaining to the affect a stock's price after it becomes known...

### **materiality**

See material information.

### **matrix trading**

The swapping of bonds, designed to profit from unusual yield curve differentials between bonds of different ratings or classes.

### **mature economy**

A type of economy in which the population has stabilized or is in decline.

### **mature market**

A market that has reached a state of equilibrium marked by the absence of significant growth or innovation.

### **matured**

Having the characteristic of being due for payment, or completed.

### **maturity**

The date on which a debt becomes due for payment. Also known as maturity date.

### **maturity basis**

A bond's interest divided by its maturity value.

### **maturity date**

The date at which a debt is due for repayment. With notes, drafts, acceptance...

### **maturity gap**

A method of attempting to quantify interest rate risk by comparing the potential...

### **maturity value**

The amount that will be collected at the time a security is redeemed at its...

### **Mauritania Ouguiya**

The currency of Mauritania.See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **Mauritius Rupee**

The currency of Mauritius.See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **maven**

An expert or pundit.

### **maximum price fluctuation**

The largest price change permitted for a given futures contract in a single...

### **May Day**

May Day refers to May 1, 1975, the date on which fixed minimum brokerage commissions...

### **MBA Mortgage Applications - United States**

Gauges demand for mortgage application in the US . Tracking new home mortgages...

### **MBIA**

Acronym for Municipal Bond Insurance Association. A group of insurance companies...

### **MBS**

Acronym for Mortgage-Backed Security. Security backed by a pool of mortgages,...

### **McClellan Oscillator**

A short to mid-term leading indicator, based on a market Index (NYSE, etc),...

## **McClellan Summation Index**

A short to mid-term leading indicator, based on a market Index (NYSE, etc),...

## **MDL**

The ISO currency code for the Moldova Lei. Learn more about Moldova and the Moldovan Leu at GoCurrency.com

## **mean**

The mathematical average of a data set. Both technical and fundamental analysts...

## **mean return**

In the context of security analysis, meant return refers to the average expected return of a given investment or portfolio.

## **media buy**

The purchasing of advertisements from a firm that operates media properties.

## **media kit**

An packet containing information about a particular business or product.

## **median**

A statistical term, determined by arranging the values in order and then selecting...

## **mediation**

An informal and voluntary process intended to resolve conflicts, without resorting to any formal arbitration or litigation.

## **Medicaid**

A federal and state-funded program, paying for medical care for those who are unable tot afford it.

## **Medicare**

A federal program that provides transfer payments for certain health care expenses for people aged 65 or older.

## **medium of exchange**

Any unit that is widely accepted in exchange for the goods and services offered to consumers in a given market (i.e. currency)

### **medium-cap**

A firm with a market capitalization of over \$1 billion, but below \$5 billion....

### **medium-term**

A period of time referring to 2-10 years, often used in reference to bonds. Also known as intermediate-term.

### **medium-term bond**

A period of time referring to 2-10 years, often used in reference to bonds. Also known as intermediate-term.

### **MedPay**

A type of auto insurance, paying for medical and funeral expenses resulting...

### **member bank**

A bank belonging to the Federal Reserve System; or more generally, a bank that...

### **member firm**

A broker in which at least one of the general partners is a member of an exchange,...

### **member's rate**

A discounted commission rate charged to an exchange member who is not a member of the clearing association.

### **members' short sale ratio**

The percentage of short sales in a given week, associated with NYSE member accounts....

### **Merc**

An exchange in which financial futures, foreign currency futures, commodity...

### **merchandise**

Of or pertaining to retail products.

### **Merchandise Trade Balance Monthly - Japan**

The Merchandise Trade Balance is a measure of "visible" trade, which is trade...

## **merchant**

An individual who profits by purchasing items at wholesale prices and sell them at retail prices.

## **merchant bank**

A British term for an investment bank.

## **merger**

The integration of two or more entities into one, through a purchase acquisition or a pooling of interests.

## **Mexican Peso**

The currency of Mexico. Learn more about Mexico and the Mexican Peso at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **mezzanine debt**

A type of debt that incorporates equity-based options, such as warrants, with...

## **mezzanine financing**

A late-stage venture capital, often the final round of financing prior to an IPO.

## **mezzanine level**

A term used to describe venture capital, referring to a firm that is somewhere between startup and IPO.

## **MGA**

The ISO currency code for the Madagascar.

## **micro**

The word micro means small, or referring to one item in a system. When pertaining...

## **micro cap**

Having the characteristics of being under \$250 million capitalization.

## **micro-hedge**

A Micro-Hedge is a risk mitigating technique, where an investor reduces or eliminates...

## **microeconomics**

A branch of economics, studying the behavior of small economic units (i.e. individual...

**micropayment**

An electronic transaction consisting of the transfer of a small quantity of money.

**mid cap**

Falling in the range of \$1 billion to \$5 billion capitalization.

**middle office**

The Middle Office is the group of employees in a financial services company...

**middleman**

An intermediary between a manufacturer and a consumer.

**Midway Island Dollar**

The currency of Midway Island. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter](#)

**milestone**

A significant achievement; an intermediate goal.

**mill**

Referring to one tenth of a penny; often used in property tax assessment.

**mill rate**

The tax per dollar of assessed value of property. The rate is expressed in ""mills""...

**Milner analysis**

A technical analysis technique which relies on relative strength.

**minimum distribution**

The minimum annual required distribution amount for an IRA holder who reaches...

**minimum fluctuation**

The smallest possible movement, either up or down, in the price of a security. Also known as tick.

**minimum maintenance**

Quantities of cash and/or securities deposited in a brokerage account to fulfill...



### **minimum payment**

The smallest sum of money that can be paid on a revolving charge account to avoid a penalty.

### **minimum wage**

The smallest hourly wage that an employee may be paid in exchange for his labor, as stipulated by federal law.

### **minimum yield**

A yield to call or yield to maturity, depending on which is lower.

### **minor child**

A person who has not yet reached the legal age, generally considered to be 18.

### **minority interest**

See minority ownership.

### **minority ownership**

Having the characteristics of owning less than 50% ownership of a corporation's...

### **mint ratio**

The price of an ounce of gold divided by the price of an ounce of silver.

### **minus tick**

A stock market transaction (or sometimes, a quote) at a price lower than the...

### **minus yield**

The condition in which a convertible bond is selling at a premium higher than the interest yield on the bond.

### **minutes**

The official record, regarding a corporate meeting.

### **Minutes of FOMC Meeting - United States**

The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) began publishing the minutes for its...

### **Miquelon Franc**

The currency of Miquelon. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **misery index**

An index combining both the unemployment rate and inflation rate, and used to gauge consumer confidence.

### **mitigate**

To reduce the impact and affects of an incident.

### **mixed account**

An account with a long position in one or more securities and a short position in one or more other securities.

### **mixed cost**

A cost combining both fixed and variable elements.

### **mixed market**

A market with no clear trend, with about the same number of advancing and declining stocks.

### **MKD**

The ISO currency code for the Macedonia Denar. Learn more about Macedonia and the Macedonian Denar at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **MLM**

Acronym for Multi-Level Marketing. A sales system under which the salesperson...

### **MMK**

The ISO code for Myanmar Kyat. Learn more about Myanmar and the Myanmar Kyat at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **MNT**

The ISO code for the Mongolian Tugrug. Learn more about Mongolia and the Mongolian Tugrug at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **mob spread**

The yield spread between tax-free municipal bonds and treasury bonds with the same maturity.

### **mode**

A statistical term, referring to an average found by determining the most frequent value in a group of values.

### **model**

A theoretical representation of a system that permits the investigation of the...

### **modeling**

The designing and analyzing a mathematical representation of an economic system,...

### **modern portfolio theory**

The overall investment strategy that attempts to construct an optimal portfolio...

### **Modified ACRS**

Abbreviated as MACRS. Depreciation methods applied to assets placed in service...

### **modified book value**

The book value on a firm's balance sheet after assets and liabilities are adjusted...

### **modified cash basis**

The bookkeeping practice of recording sales and expenses on an accrual basis...

### **modified duration**

Modified Duration is a formula used to express the measurable change in a securities'...

### **modified pass-through**

A pass-through that promises timely interest payments, and principal payments...

### **modus operandi**

Refers to the standard operating procedure.

### **mogul**

A powerful and wealthy business person. Also known as tycoon.

### **Moldova Lei**

The The currency of Moldova. Learn more about Moldova and the Moldovan Leu at GoCurrency.com

### **Momentum**

Momentum is the measure of the speed of price change, which can sometimes serve...

### **momentum indicator**

A type of technical analysis indicator that seeks to predict future market trends based on recent price and volume data.

### **momo play**

Slang An investment executed based solely on momentum, without regard for fundamentals.

### **Monaco Franc**

The currency of Monaco.

### **monetarist**

An economist who considers money supply to be the most important factor in macroeconomic stability.

### **monetary**

Of or pertaining to money. The word is often used in the context of macroeconomics (i.e. monetary policy and monetary indicators).

### **Monetary Base - Japan**

Currency supplied by the Bank of Japan. The Monetary Base includes all banknotes...

### **monetary indicator**

An indicator of the effect that the money supply has on the economy, and are...

### **monetary policy**

The policy enacted by a central bank in order to control money supply in their...

### **Monetary Policy Money And Interest Rates - By Country**

Overview - Monetary policy, money and interest rates reports, coincidentally,...

### **monetary reserve**

A governing body's stockpile of foreign currency and precious metals, useful...

### **monetizing debt**

The paying off of government debt by printing more money, often leading to inflation.

## **money**

Legal tender or cash.

## **money at call**

A debt which must be paid upon demand.

## **money center bank**

A large bank in a major financial center that borrows from and lends to governments,...

## **money factor**

An interest rate divided by 2400. The money factor is used to calculate the...

## **money flow**

Money Flow is a technical indicator used with exchange-traded securities to...

## **Money Flow Index**

Money Flow is a technical indicator used with exchange-traded securities to...

## **Money Flow, Using - Article by Curious Investor**

Using Money Flow Article by Dan Hung of The Curious Investor Money Flow on bigcharts.com...

## **money management**

1. The management of a client's investments by a financial services company....

## **money manager**

A person responsible for the financial portfolio of an individual or other entity,...

## **money market**

The market for short-term debt securities (i.e. banker's acceptances, commercial...

## **money market account**

A savings account, sharing many of the characteristics of a money market fund....

## **money market deposit account**

A savings account, sharing many of the characteristics of a money market fund....

### **money market fund**

An open-end mutual fund, investing solely in money markets. These funds invest...

### **money market hedge**

The borrowing and lending in multiple currencies, (i.e. to eliminate currency...

### **money market mutual fund**

An open-end mutual fund, investing solely in money markets. These funds invest...

### **money order**

A financial instrument, issued by a bank or other financial institution, allowing...

### **money purchase pension plan**

A defined, contribution plan in which the amount of contributions each employee...

### **money supply**

The total supply of money in circulation in a given country's economy at a specific...

### **Money Supply M2 + CD - Japan**

Measure of the money supply used by the Bank of Japan. The figure includes...

### **Mongolian Tugrug**

The currency of Mongolia. Learn more about Mongolia and the Mongolian Tugrug at GoCurrency.com

### **monopolistic competition**

A type of competition in microeconomics in which several or many sellers each...

### **monopoly**

A type of competition in microeconomics in which a single firm owns all or nearly...

### **monopsony**

A type of market structure in microeconomics in which there is only one client...

### **Monte Carlo**

An analytical technique in which a large number of theoretical simulations are...

## **Monthly and Annual Wholesale Price Index - Germany - Euro-zone**

Measures changes in the prices paid by retailers for finished goods. Growth...

## **Monthly and Annual Wholesale Price Index-Germany**

Monthly and Annual Wholesale Price Index - Germany Measures changes in the prices...

## **Monthly Budget Statement - United States**

Monthly report of the deficit or surplus held by the U.S. government. The report...

## **monthly statement**

A monthly report sent by a brokerage to each of its clients, outlining details...

## **Montserrat Dollar**

The currency of Montserrat.See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

## **Moodys**

One of the most prominent credit rating agencies in the U.S.

## **MOP**

The ISO currency code for the Macau Pataca.

## **moral hazard**

The risk that the presence of a contract will have an affect on the behavior...

## **moral obligation bond**

A type of state-issued municipal bond that is backed by a moral but not a legal, obligation.

## **moral suasion**

The application of pressure by an authority figure in order to get members to adhere to a policy.

## **moratorium**

A period of time during which a certain activity is not permitted or required.

## **morning loan**

A bank loan to a broker for the purchase of securities, Also known as day loan.

## **Morningstar Rating System**

A system created by Morningstar Inc, that ranks mutual funds based on their...

### **Moroccan Dirham**

The official currency of Morocco. Learn more about Morocco and the Morocco Dirham at GoCurrency.com

### **mortality tables**

Actuarial tables used in the insurance industry in order to predict the life...

### **mortgage**

A loan used to finance the purchase of real estate, generally with specified payment periods and interest rates.

### **mortgage banker**

A banker who sells, and services mortgages in the secondary mortgage market.

### **mortgage banking**

The packaging of mortgage loans for sale to investors.

### **mortgage bond**

A type of bond that is secured by a mortgage on a property, and backed by real estate or physical equipment that can be liquidated.

### **mortgage broker**

An individual or firm that brings borrowers and lenders together for the purpose of loan origination.

### **mortgage debt**

A debt created by a mortgage and secured by the mortgaged property.

### **mortgage insurance**

Insurance protecting a credit lender against the loss from a mortgagor's default,...

### **mortgage interest deduction**

A federal tax deduction awarded for interest paid on a mortgage used to buy,...

### **mortgage lien**

A legal claim against a mortgaged property, which must be paid when the property is sold.



**mortgage life insurance**

An insurance policy guaranteeing the lender of the full payment of the mortgage...

**mortgage loan**

A mortgage loan refers to a debt instrument, in which a real-estate property...

**mortgage note**

A note that offers a mortgage as proof of a debt, and describes the terms under which the mortgage is to be repaid.

**mortgage pass-through security**

A security consisting of a group of residential mortgage loans, which are all...

**mortgage pool**

A group of related financial instruments, such as mortgages, combined for resale...

**mortgage rate**

'Mortgage' refers to a debt instrument, in which a real-estate property is able...

**mortgage REIT**

Abbreviated as REIT, refers to investments in mortgages; some also borrow money...

**mortgage risk**

The likelihood that a mortgagor will fail to make timely principal and interest...

**mortgage servicing**

The administering of a mortgage, including the calculation of the principal...

**mortgage-backed certificate**

A security backed by a pool of mortgages, Also known as mortgage-backed securities.

**mortgage-backed securities**

The plural of mortgage-backed security

**mortgage-backed security**

Abbreviated as MBS, refers to a security backed by a pool of mortgages, such...

### **mortgagee**

The creditor or lender in a mortgage agreement.

### **mortgager**

The individual borrowing in a mortgage agreement. Also known as mortgagor.

### **mortgagor**

The individual borrowing in a mortgage agreement.

### **most active**

The stocks on an exchange with the highest volume over a given period, generally a single trading session.

### **most distant month**

The month of an option contract or futures contract with the latest delivery date. Also known as far month or furthest month.

### **movement**

Change or fluctuations in price, value, or rate. For example, we would say EURUSD...

### **Moving Average Convergence/Divergence**

The moving average convergence divergence (MACD) uses two exponential moving...

### **Moving Average Example**

Moving Averages, Historical Examples The top chart below shows an example of how...

### **Moving Averages**

What is a moving average? Moving averages simply measure the average price or...

### **Mozambique Metical**

The currency of Mozambique. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter](#)

### **Mr. Market**

Warren Buffett's idea that the stock market is a single individual (Mr. Market),...

### **MRO**

The ISO currency code for the Mauritania Ouguiya.

### **MRQ**

Acronym for Most recent quarter, the last completed quarter.

### **MSCI**

Acronym for Morgan Stanley Capital International, a firm that constructs a variety...

### **MSRP**

Acronym for Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price, most commonly used to refer to new cars.

### **MTL**

The ISO currency code for the Maltese Lira.

### **Multi-Level Marketing**

Abbreviated as MLM, which refers to a sales system under which the salesperson...

### **multinational**

A firm that operates in more than one nation.

### **multiple**

A ratio, generally greater than 1. Sometimes used to mean price/earnings ratio.

### **multiple capital structure**

The separation of a firm's common stock into multiple classes (i.e. Class A...

### **Multiple Listing Service**

Abbreviated as MLS, which refers to a group of brokers joined together in a...

### **multiplier**

In economic terms, a number indicating the magnitude of a particular macroeconomic...

### **multiplier effect**

The concept that the magnitude of the overall change in GDP resulting from a...

### **muni**

Abbreviation for municipal bond.

### **muni fund**

Abbreviation for municipal bonds, these bond funds are popular among investors...

### **municipal**

Of or pertaining to city government, as opposed to state or national government. F

### **municipal bond**

A bond issued by a state, city, or local government, where the revenue is used...

### **municipal bond fund**

A mutual fund, investing in municipal bonds. Also known as muni fund.

### **municipal bond insurance**

An insurance policy underwritten by a private insurance firm, and guaranteeing a municipal bond in the event of default.

### **Municipal Bond Insurance Association**

Abbreviated as MBIA, refers to a group of insurance companies which insure payment of principal and interest on certain bonds.

### **municipal investment trust**

A unit investment trust that invests in municipal bonds and passes the income, generally tax-free, to its shareholders.

### **municipal note**

The short-term municipal bond with a maturity of one year or less.

### **municipal revenue bond**

A bond issued by a municipality to finance a specific public works project and...

### **MUR**

The ISO currency code for the Mauritius Rupee.

### **mutual association**

A savings and loan organization, working as a cooperative owned by its members.

### **mutual company**

A firm whose profits are distributed proportionately to the amount of business each participant does with the firm.

### **mutual exclusion doctrine**

A doctrine stipulating that interest earned on federal debt will not be taxed...

### **mutual fund**

An open-ended fund operated by an investment firm, which raises money from shareholders...

### **mutual fund custodian**

Any entity, generally a bank or trust firm, that holds and safeguards securities...

### **mutual fund symbol**

A ticker sign for a mutual fund.

### **mutual improvement certificate**

A tax-free certificate issued by a local government to finance a specific public...

### **mutual life insurance company**

A life insurance firm owned by its policyholders, with the policyholders sharing the firm's surplus earnings.

### **Mutual Savings Bank**

A savings bank that is owned and operated for the benefit of its depositors.

### **MVR**

The ISO currency code for the Maldives Rufiyaa.

### **MWK**

The ISO currency code for the Malawi Kwacha. Learn more about Malawi and the Malwai Kwacha at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **Myanmar Kyat**

The official currency of Myanmar. Learn more about Myanmar and the Myanmar Kyat at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **MYR**

The ISO currency code for the Malaysian Ringgit. Learn more about Malaysia and the Malaysian Ringgit at GoCurrency.com

### **MZM**

The ISO currency code for the Mozambique Metical. Learn more about...

### **NAD**

The ISO currency code for the Namibian dollar. Learn more about Oman and the Namibian dollar at GoCurrency.com

### **NAFTA**

Acronym for North American Free Trade Agreement, which refers to a 1994 agreement...

### **NAHB Housing Market Index - United States**

A timely gauge of home sales and expectations for future home building. Based...

### **NAIC**

Acronym for National Association of Investors Corporation, which refers to a...

### **naked call**

A short call option position in which the writer does not own the corresponding...

### **naked option**

See uncovered option.

### **naked position**

The holding of unhedged securities against market risk.

### **naked put**

A short put option position, where the writer does not have the corresponding...

### **named fiduciary**

The individual officially designated as being responsible for a financial account or activity.

### **named peril coverage**

An Insurance policy that covers only losses resulting from causes explicitly...

### **Namibia Dollar**

The official currency of Namibia. Learn more about Oman and the Namibian dollar at [GoCurrency.com](http://GoCurrency.com)

### **NAPM index**

Acronym for National Association of Purchasing Managers index.

### **NAREIT**

Acronym for National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts. A national trade organization for REITs.

### **narrow market**

A market with a small number of bid and ask offers, and characterized by low...

### **narrow money**

An exclusive measure of the money supply that includes all coins, currency held...

### **NASD**

Acronym for National Association of Securities Dealers, which refers to a self-regulatory...

### **NASD Regulation**

Acronym for NASDR, which refers to an independent subsidiary of the NASD that...

### **Nasdaq**

A computerized system established by the NASD to facilitate trading by providing...

### **Nasdaq Composite Index**

A market-value weighted index of all common stocks listed on Nasdaq, created...

### **Nasdaq Small Cap Market**

The market for securities of smaller, less-capitalized companies (small caps)...

### **NASDR**

Acronym for NASD Regulation, which refers to an independent subsidiary of the...

### **National Association of Investors Corporation**

Abbreviated as NAIC, refers to a non-profit organization designed to help investors create or join investment clubs.

### **National Association of Purchasing Managers index**

Abbreviated as NAPM Inde, refers to the measure of the health of the manufacturing...

### **National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts**

Abbreviated as NAREIT, refers to the national trade organization for REITs.

### **National Association of Securities Dealers**

Abbreviated as NASD, refers to a self-regulatory securities industry organization...

### **National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations system**

Abbreviated as Nasdaq, refers to a computerized system established by the NASD...

### **National Australia Bank Business Survey - Australia**

A survey of the current state of the business sector in Australia . Based on...

### **National Balance Sheet - UK**

The combined statement of the balance sheets of all of the various sectors of...

### **National Bank**

A federally chartered bank, which is a member of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

### **National Consumer Price Index (CPI) - Japan**

The key gauge for inflation in Japan . Simply put, inflation reflects a decline...

### **National Credit Union Administration**

An independent federal agency, responsible for supervising the credit union system and insuring member accounts.

### **National Debt**

The amount owed by the government. The national debt reflects the accumulated...

### **National Deficit**

The amount of additional debt generated by the government. The amount at which...

### **National Futures Association**



Abbreviated as NFA, refers to the private-sector, self-regulatory agency of the futures industry, established in 1981.

### **national income**

The income earned by a nation's people, including labor and capital investment. Also known as GDP.

### **National Market Advisory Board**

The independent board that advises the SEC in creating a national exchange market system.

### **National Market System**

The trading system for over-the-counter stocks under the sponsorship of NASD and Nasdaq.

### **National Securities Clearing Corporation**

Abbreviated as NSCC, refers to the securities clearing organization owned jointly...

### **National Securities Trade Association**

Abbreviated as NSTA, refers to an organization of brokers and dealers who participate in the over-the-counter markets.

### **nationalization**

The process of the government claiming ownership of an industry or firm. Opposite of denationalization.

### **Nationwide Consumer Confidence - UK**

Survey that queries economic participants on their current and future expectations...

### **Nationwide House Prices - UK**

Gauge for costs of homes in the United Kingdom . Mortgage data is used to provide...

### **natural monopoly**

An industry where the most efficient production is through a monopoly, usually...

### **natural resources**

Any kind of resource in nature that can be used to create wealth (i.e. oil, coal, water, and land).

### **Nauru Island Dollar**

The currency of Nauru Island. Although the country is independent, Nauru...

## **NAV**

Acronym for Net Asset Value, refers to the dollar value of a single mutual fund...

## **NBNZ Business Outlook - New Zealand**

A monthly measure of New Zealand business confidence. A representative sample...

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A monthly measure of New Zealand business confidence. A representative sample...

## **near money**

Very liquid assets, meaning that they can easily be converted into cash (i.e. bank deposits and Treasury Bills)

## **near option**

The part of an option spread with the earlier expiration date. Opposite of far option.

## **near term**

Refers to a time nearby, generally within the next few weeks or months.

## **nearby month**

The futures delivery month with the soonest delivery date, or the option delivery...

## **negative amortization**

A gradual increase in mortgage debt that occur when the monthly payment is insufficient...

## **negative carry**

The condition, where the cost of borrowing money exceeds the return obtained...

## **negative equity**

The disparity between the value of an asset and the outstanding portion of the...

## **negative pledge clause**

A covenant in a bond agreement whereby the borrower agrees not to pledge any...

## **Negative Sloping Triagle**

With descending triangles, trend lines converge with a horizontal trend line...

## **Negative Volume Index**

Abbreviated as NVI, refers to an index that tries to determine what experienced...

## **negative yield curve**

An uncommon situation in which long-term interest rates have lower yields than...

## **negligence**

The failure to act.

## **negligible**

A very small or insignificant quantity.

## **negotiable**

The ability to be sold or transferred to another party as a form of payment.

## **negotiable certificate of deposit**

A type of CD with a very large denomination, generally over \$1 million. These...

## **negotiable instrument**

A transferable, signed document that promises to pay the bearer a sum of money...

## **Negotiable Order of Withdrawal**

Abbreviated as NOW, refers to an interest-bearing checking account at a bank or savings and loan.

## **negotiable security**

A security that can be transferred or sent to another party (i.e. coupon bonds,...

## **negotiated commission**

A broker's commission, which is negotiated based on the details of the trades that are performed.

## **negotiated market**

A market where each transaction is negotiated between a buyer and a seller.

## **negotiated underwriting**

A form of underwriting in which the purchase price and the public offering price are determined through negotiations.

## **Neil Cavuto**

FOX news anchor Neil Cavuto appears on "Cavuto on Business" and Fox's flagship...

## **Nellie Mae**

The largest non-profit provider of parent and student education loan funds in the United States.

## **Nepalese Rupee**

The official currency of Nepal. Learn more about Nepal and the Nepalese Rupee at GoCurrency.com

## **nest egg**

Assets set aside in expectation for a large future expense (i.e. a college education or retirement).

## **net**

Net value measures the liquid value of an asset after being adjusted for expenses,...

## **Net Asset Value**

Abbreviated as NAV, refers to the dollar value of a single mutual fund share,...

## **net assets**

Calculated by taking total assets minus total liabilities of an individual or...

## **net book value**

The net value of an asset, equal to its original cost (its book value) minus...

## **net capital**

The net worth of a firm, minus deductions taken for any assets that might not...

## **net capital ratio**

The SEC requirement that all broker/dealers maintain a ratio of no more than...

## **net capital requirement**

The SEC's requirement that member firms and non-member securities broker/dealers...

## **net cash flow**

A measure of a firm's financial health, which is calculated by the following:...

### **net change**

The difference between the close of a security or commodity on one trading day...

### **Net Change in Employment - Canada**

The net change in the number of people employed in Canada . Increases in employment...

### **net current assets**

An indication of how much capital is being generated or used up by day-to-day...

### **Net Domestic Product**

A measure of a country's national accounts to estimate how much the country...

### **net earnings**

A measure of a firm's performance, and calculated by the following: gross sales...

### **net estate**

The part of an estate which remains after deducting all administration fees.

### **Net Foreign Security Purchases (TIC) - United States**

&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull; Measures Capital Flow into U.S. Denominated Assets&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

### **net income**

In the context of business, net income refers to what remains after subtracting...

### **net income multiplier**

A measure for judging how effective an asset is at generating income, compared...

### **net interest margin**

The difference between interest income and interest expenses, generally expressed as a percentage of average earning assets.

### **net investment**

Calculated by the following: the level of investment minus equipment depreciation.

### **net lease**

A property lease in which the lessee agrees to pay all expenses which are normally...

### **net liquid assets**

Calculated by the following: a firm's liquid financial assets minus its current liabilities.

### **net margin**

An indication of how effective a firm is at cost control. Calculated by the...

### **Net Operating Income**

Abbreviated as NOI, which refers to income after deducting for operating expenses...

### **net operating margin**

A measure of how profitably the firm is operating, and calculated by the following:...

### **net position**

The difference between total open long and open short positions in a given security held by an individual.

### **Net Present Value**

Abbreviated as NPV, which refers to the present value of an investment's future...

### **net proceeds**

The amount of money received from a sale, after subtracting transaction costs....

### **net profit**

A measure often referred to as the bottom line, net profit is calculated by...

### **net profit margin**

The net profit margin is an indicator comparing companies in the same industry,...

### **net quick assets**

Net quick assets is calculated by the following: cash, accounts receivable, and marketable securities, minus current liabilities.

### **net sales**

Net sales is calculated by the following: gross sales minus returns, discounts, and allowances.

### **net surplus**

Net surplus is calculated by the following: profits remaining after subtracting...

### **net tangible assets**

Net tangible assets is calculated by the following: assets minus goodwill.

### **net transaction**

A transaction for which no fees or commissions are warranted.

### **net volume**

Net volume is calculated by the following: Uptick volume minus downtick volume...

### **net worth**

In the context of a firm, net worth is calculated by the following total assets...

### **net yield**

The rate of return on an investment after taking into account all expenses (i.e. commissions, costs of purchase, and taxes).

### **Netherlands Antillean Guilder**

The official currency of Netherland Antilles Learn more about Nepal and the Antilles Guilder at GoCurrency.com

### **neutral**

Having the quality of being neither bullish nor bearish.

### **neutral hedge**

A hedge that combines positions in various investments to create a risk-free...

### **neutral hedge ratio**

The change in price of a call option for every one-point move in the price of...

### **neutral spread**

Any profit-maximizing spread designed to create a change of zero, meaning that...

### **New Car Registrations - Euro-zone**

Tracks the number of cars registered for the first time in the Euro Zone. Consumption...

### **new high**

An upper level where price action has been able to establish. For example, if...

### **New Home Sales - United States**

Records sales of newly constructed residences in the United States . The figure...

### **New Housing Price Index - Canada**

A component of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) that measures changes in prices...

### **new issue**

The premier of a security; the security must comply with SEC regulations.

### **new low**

A lower level where price action has been able to establish. For example, if...

### **New Motor Vehicle Sales - Australia**

Tracks automobile sales in Australia . Though motor vehicle sales are a small...

### **New Motor Vehicle Sales - Canada**

The number of new cars, vans, trucks, and buses sold in Canada. It is used as...

### **New Romanian Leu**

The currency of Romania.See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **New Turkish Lira**

The currency of Turkey.

### **New York Futures Exchange**

Abbreviated as NYFE, refers to an exchange on which trading occurs for Treasury Bond futures and some currency futures.

### **New York Stock Exchange**

Abbreviated as NYSE, refers to the oldest and largest stock exchange in the...

### **New Zealand Dollar**

The ISO currency code for the New Zealand dollar. Learn more about...

### **news ticker**

A ticker machine providing scrolling, up-to-the-minute news stories.



### **news wire**

A ticker machine providing scrolling, up-to-the-minute news stories. Also known as news ticker.

### **newsletter**

A publication providing financial advice, such as market commentary or investment...

### **Next Day Settlement**

A transaction in which settlement occurs the day after the trade is made. For...

### **next month**

In the context of futures trading, the month immediately after the nearby month.

### **NFA**

Acronym for National Futures Association. The private-sector, self-regulatory...

### **NGN**

The ISO currency code for the Nigerian Naira. Learn more about Nicaragua and the Nigerian Naira at GoCurrency.com

### **Nicaraguan Cordoba**

The official currency of Nicaragua. Learn more about Nicaragua and the Nicaraguan Cordoba at GoCurrency.com

### **niche**

A focused sector of a market, capable of being targeted.

### **NIESR GDP Estimate - UK**

An unofficial estimate of UK GDP that comes out one month before the official...

### **Nieuwe Dollar**

The currency of Nieuwe. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **Nifty Fifty**

The term denoted for fifty blue chip stocks, which were so popular prior to...

### **Niger Republic Franc**

The currency of Niger. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

## **Nigerian Naira**

The official currency of Nigeria. Learn more about Nicaragua and the Nigerian Naira at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **Nikkei Index**

The index of 225 leading stocks traded on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

## **Nine-Bond Rule**

The NYSE stipulation requiring that orders for nine or fewer bonds be sent to the floor for one hour to seek a market.

## **NIO**

The ISO currency code for the Nicaraguan Cordoba. Learn more about Nicaragua and the Nicaraguan Cordoba at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **NLG**

The ISO currency code for the Dutch Guilder.

## **NM**

Acronym for not meaningful.

## **no book**

A situation that arises when there is little or no interest in buying or selling a particular security.

## **no limit order**

A mandate to buy or sell a predetermined quantity of a given security, without...

## **no quote**

The stipulation that no market makers are making an inside market at the moment.

## **No-Action Letter**

An SEC letter indicating that no civil or criminal action will be taken against an individual engaging in a particular activity.

## **No-Fault**

A type of automobile insurance system used in some states to discourage lawsuits,...

## **no-lien affidavit**

A written document by a property owner affirming that the property does not have any liens or mortgages on it.

### **no-load**

Having no sales charge. Opposite of load.

### **no-load fund**

A mutual fund without a sales or redemption charge, selling and redeeming its...

### **no-load stock**

A stock available through a direct purchase program.

### **NOI**

Acronym for Net Operating Income. Income after deducting for operating expenses...

### **noise**

The price and volume fluctuations that do not provide meaningful information about the market's direction.

### **NOK**

The ISO currency code for the Norwegian krone. Learn more about Norway and the Norwegian krone at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.gocurrency.com)

### **nominal**

A quantity that is not adjusted for inflation.

### **nominal asset**

An asset that does not have any intrinsic value (i.e. currency).

### **nominal capital**

The par value of shares of stock a corporation has issued.

### **nominal GDP**

Nominal GDP reflects Gross Domestic Product in today's prices. As opposed to...

### **nominal quotation**

The bid and ask prices given by a market maker to indicate valuation, but not...

**nominal rate**

The declared interest rate on a bond, without taking into account inflation.

**nominal value**

The value of a share, in absolute terms, at the time that it is issued.

**nominal yield**

The ratio, expressed as a percentage, of the amount of income earned from a fixed-income security to the security's par value.

**nominee**

The name of the individual, bank or brokerage that receives transferred securities.

**Non Active Money**

Money and coins that are not circulated in the hands of consumers and businesses....

**Non EU Trade Balance - UK**

A gauge of Britain's trade with countries outside of Europe. The headline figure,...

**Non Resident Bond Holdings - New Zealand**

The monetary value of bonds held by non residents of New Zealand . Non Resident...

**non-callable**

Having the characteristic of being unable to be redeemed prior to maturity....

**non-callable bond**

A bond that cannot be redeemed before it matures. Also known as bulletbond.

**non-cash expense**

An income statement expense for which no cash was spent (i.e. amortization or depreciation).

**non-compete agreement**

A contract that prohibits participation in a certain market by a firm or individual under predetermined conditions.

**non-conforming loan**

A loan that does not meet, or conform, to the standards of the lender. Opposite of conforming loan.

**non-contributory plan**

A type of pension plan that is fully funded by the employer, in contrast to the employee.

**non-cumulative preferred**

A preferred stock for which unpaid dividends do not accumulate. Opposite of cumulative preferred.

**non-deliverable forward**

A cash-settled contract on a non-convertible or lightly traded foreign currency....

**non-disclosure agreement**

A contract that restricts the release of confidential information or proprietary knowledge under predetermined circumstances.

**non-equity option**

A type of option that provides the shareholder with the option to buy or sell...

**Non-Farm Productivity and Unit Labor Costs - United States**

Report on the efficiency of industrial workers. Key figures released in this...

**non-financial asset**

Any kind of physical asset with an intrinsic value (i.e. real estate or personal property). Opposite of financial asset.

**non-insured plan**

A structured type of pension plan that is not guaranteed by the provider.

**non-interest-bearing note**

A type of bond that does not pay coupons, and is sold at a discount to its face...

**non-investment property**

Any form of property that does not generate income. Opposite of investment property.

**non-profit organization**

An incorporated organization, created for educational or charitable reasons,...

**non-qualified retirement plan**

A retirement plan that does not meet the IRS (or ERISA) requirements for favorable...

**non-qualified stock option**

Abbreviated as NSO, refers to a type of employee stock option which is less...

**non-resident alien tax**

A tax withheld on income distributed to foreign individuals or corporations from sources within the U.S., (i.e. mutual funds).

**non-revolving credit card**

A credit card that requires the borrower to pay off the full balance at the end of each month.

**non-statutory stock option**

A type of employee stock option that is beneficial for the employer from a tax...

**nonaccredited investor**

An investor who does not meet the SEC's regulation of an accredited investor.

**noncompetitive bid**

A strategy of purchasing treasury bills in which an investor agrees to buy a...

**noncurrent asset**

An asset that cannot be easily convertible to cash or not expected to become...

**noncurrent liabilities**

A debt that is not due to be paid within the next year. Opposite of current liabilities.

**nondeductible contribution**

The funds contributed to a qualified retirement plan, and not deductible for tax purposes. These contributions are voluntary.

**nondiscretionary trust**

A trust in which the trustee does not have the right to determine how and when...

**nondiversifiable risk**

A type of risk that is not dependent on the class of assets or liabilities,...

**nonelective contribution**

Any type of contribution to a cash or deferred arrangement, outside of an elective deferral.

**nonforfeitable benefit**

Any form of benefits that are vested, meaning that they belong fully to the employee and may not be rescinded.

**nonjudicial foreclosure**

The power to foreclose on a property without court approval.

**nonledger asset**

An asset not carried on the general ledger. Examples include uncollected and...

**nonlegal**

An investment that is not on a given state's legal list and unacceptable as an investment for savings banks.

**nonmember firm**

A type of firm in which none of the general partners or executives of a corporation...

**nonparticipating life insurance policy**

A type of life insurance policy which does not pay dividends.

**nonperforming asset**

A loan or lease that fails to meet its originally stated principal and interest payments.

**nonperiodic distribution**

Any non-recurring distribution of funds to an employee from a retirement plan.

**nonproductive loan**

A commercial bank loan that does not directly increase the economy's output,...

**nonpublic information**

Any kind of information about a firm that is not known by the public, and upon...

**nonrecourse debt**

A debt for which the borrower is not personally liable.

**nonrecurring charge**

A charge occurring one time.

**nonrefundable**

The condition in a bond indenture that restricts the ability of the issuer to retire the bond via the refunding of the bond.

**nonrenewable**

Lacking the characteristic of being reusable.

**Nonstock Corporation**

A type of non-profit corporation that does not have capital stock (i.e. an educational...

**nonvoting stock**

A type of stock that does not allow for the owner to vote on corporate matters, such as the election of the board of directors.

**NOPAT**

Acronym for Net Operating Profit After Tax, which refers to an estimate of what...

**normal distribution**

A statistical term referring to a bell-shaped probability distribution, which is centered on some mean (M).

**normal market**

In the context of non-interest rate futures, normal market refers to a situation...

**normal retirement age**

The predetermined age in a retirement plan from which point, employees may begin...

**normal yield curve**

The case in which long-term debt instruments have higher yields than short-term...

**normalized earnings**

The earnings of an entity after being adjusted for economic cycles.

**North Africa Peseta**



A currency used in North Africa. See [GoCurrency Currencies Pages](#)

### **North American Free Trade Agreement**

Acronym for NAFTA, which refers to a 1994 agreement reached by the United States,...

### **North Korean Won**

The official currency of North Korea. Learn more about North Korea and the North Korean Won at [GoCurrency.com](#)

### **Norwegian Krone**

The official currency of Norway. Learn more about Norway and the Norwegian krone at [GoCurrency.com](#)

### **nostro account**

A banking term to describe an account that an individual holds with a bank in...

### **not rated**

In the context of a security or firm, refers to the quality of having not been...

### **not-for-profit organization**

An integrated organization that exists for educational or charitable reasons,...

### **notarize**

The process of having a notary public witnessing a person signing a document.

### **Notary Public**

An individual who is authorized by the State to notarize certain documents.

### **note**

A short-term debt security, generally with a maturity of five years or less.

### **note loan**

An unsecured loan.

### **notice**

An official declaration of a legal action or intent to take a legal action.

### **Notice of Default**

A formal advisory given to a borrower, declaring that a default has occurred and that legal action may be taken.

### **Notice of Sale**

The notice that a lender is obligated to provide before foreclosure sale of collateral.

### **notice period**

The period of time before the expiration of a futures contract during which the buyer may be called upon to accept delivery.

### **notional**

See notional principal amount.

### **notional principal amount**

In the context of an interest rate swap, the specified amounts on which the exchanged interest payments are based.

### **notional value**

The value of a derivative's underlying assets at the spot price. In the context...

### **notorious possession**

The occupation of real estate owned by another, without permission.

### **novation**

The substitution of a new contract for an old one; or the substitution of one party in a contract with another party.

### **NOW**

Acronym for Negotiable Order of Withdrawal. An interest-bearing checking account at a bank or savings and loan.

### **NPR**

The ISO currency code for the Nepalese Rupee. Learn more about Nepal and the Nepalese Rupee at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **NPV**

Acronym for Net Present Value. The present value of an investment's future net...

## **NSCC**

Acronym for National Securities Clearing Corporation. Securities clearing organization...

## **NSO**

Acronym for Non-Qualified Stock Option. A type of employee stock option which...

## **NSTA**

Acronym for National Securities Trade Association. An organization of brokers...

## **null and void**

No longer valid or enforceable.

## **numismatics**

The practice of coin collecting.

## **NVI**

Acronym for Negative Volume Index. An index that tries to forecast what experienced...

## **NYFE**

Acronym for New York Futures Exchange. An exchange on which trading occurs for Treasury Bond futures and some currency futures.

## **NYSE**

Acronym for New York Stock Exchange. The oldest and largest stock exchange in...

## **NYSE Composite Index**

A market-value weighted index of all stocks on the NYSE.

## **NZD**

The ISO currency code for the New Zealand dollar. Learn more about...

## **OASDI**

Acronym for Old age, survivors, and disability insurance, which refers to the...

## **objective**

The desired result by an investor or mutual fund, such as current income or...

**obligation**

Any debt, written promise, or obligation.

**obligation bond**

A mortgage bond whose face value is greater than the value of the underlying...

**obligor**

A person or firm that owes debt to another individual or firm, as a result of...

**obsolescence**

The loss in the utility of an asset as a result of the development of improved...

**OCC**

Acronym for Options Clearing Corporation, which refers to the organization that...

**occupancy agreement**

An agreement that permits a buyer to occupy a property prior to escrow closing.

**occupation**

Any job or profession.

**occupational hazard**

A working condition that has the potential to lead to illness or death.

**October Effect**

The false perception of the idea that the stock market tends to do poorly in October.

**odd lot**

Having the quality of holding less than 100 shares of a stock, or less than...

**odd lot buy/sell ratio**

An indicator of small-investor sentiment, and calculated by the following: Amount...

**odd-lot theory**

A technical analysis theory based on using odd-lot trading behavior as a contrary...

**OECD**

Acronym for Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which refers...

### **OECD Leading Indicator - Euro-zone**

A measure of the economic outlook for the Euro-zone. As one of the most respected...

### **OEM**

Acronym for Original Equipment Manufacturer, which refers to a producer that...

### **OEX**

Acronym for the Standard & Poor's 100, an index of stocks whose options trade on the Chicago Board Options Exchange.

### **of record**

As shown by the record.

### **off the books**

Quantities of payments for which no formal record is kept.

### **off-balance-sheet financing**

Any kind of financing from sources outside of debt and equity offerings (i.e....

### **off-board**

Any form of financing originating from sources other than debt and equity offerings...

### **off-floor order**

An order placed by a client with a broker that does not occur on the floor of an exchange.

### **off-the-run Treasuries**

Any form of treasury securities that are traded in a secondary market, as opposed to the set most recently issued to investors.

### **offer**

The lowest price for which an investor or dealer is willing to sell a given...

### **offering**

The process of making available a new securities issue to the public via an underwriting. Also known as public offering.

**offering circular**

A legal document offering securities or mutual fund shares for sale, as required...

**offering date**

The specified date on which an offering will become available to the public.

**offering price**

The ask price, or the price at which the first investors are able to purchase shares.

**offering scale**

The prices, or yields to maturity, at which different maturities of a serial bond issue are offered to the public.

**Office of Thrift Supervision**

The agency of the U.S. treasury department, responsible for monitoring the savings and loan industry.

**officer**

An executive of a firm who shares legal liability for his or her firm's actions.

**official**

See authorized.

**Official Reserve Assets - Japan**

The wealth controlled by the Bank of Japan. Japan holds enormous reserves of...

**offset**

The elimination or reduction of a current long or short position by making a...

**offshore company**

A firm incorporated in a country where there are minimal government control and low tax rates.

**OID**

Acronym for Original Issue Discount, which refers to the discount from par value at the time a bond is issued.

**old age, survivors, and disability insurance**

The official name for Social Security.

### **oligopoly**

A type of market in microeconomic theory, where a small number of participants...

### **oligopsony**

A type of market with a small number of buyers.

### **Omani Rial**

The currency of Oman. Learn more about Oman and the Omani Rial at [GoCurrency.com](https://GoCurrency.com)

### **omit**

To leave out.

### **omitted dividend**

A dividend that was initially expected, but not declared, generally due to financial difficulties. Also known as passed dividend.

### **omnibus account**

A type of account that one futures commission merchant carries for another....

### **OMR**

The ISO currency code for the Omani Rial. Learn more about Oman and the Omani Rial at [GoCurrency.com](https://GoCurrency.com)

### **on account**

The condition of being in partial payment of a debt.

### **on balance**

The overall effect.

### **On Balance Volume**

On Balance Volume can be used to either confirm the current price trend or warn...

### **on budget**

The condition of being within anticipated costs, as for a project.

### **on close**

A market order or limit order to be executed before the close of a trading session,...

**on consignment**

See consignment.

**on demand**

The condition of being present when needed.

**on margin**

See buying on margin.

**on open**

An order to buy or sell a given equity at the price, when the market opens....

**on order**

The condition of being ordered but not yet paid for.

**on spec**

The condition of working without any guarantee of a salary, with the hope of winning future business.

**on the close order**

An order to buy or sell a given number of shares in a given stock at that day's closing price.

**on the opening**

An order to buy or sell a given equity at the opening price. If the transaction...

**on-floor order**

An order that is placed by a member of an exchange for his or her own account.

**on-the-run Treasuries**

The most recent set of Treasury securities of a given maturity.

**on-the-spot loan**

A preapproved line of credit, bypassing the need for a credit history report.

**one man picture**



A price quote, consisting of a bid and ask, stemming from a single market maker.

### **one time charge**

An expense that a given firm acknowledges in a single reporting period, but claims is unlikely to reoccur in the future.

### **one-share one-vote rule**

The restriction on NYSE, AMEX, and Nasdaq companies that prohibits them from...

### **online banking**

Very simply, online banking refers to the performance of banking activities...

### **online broker**

A brokerage that provides trading services to its clients over the Internet.

### **online trading**

The increasingly popular activity of buying and selling financial securities...

### **OPEC**

Acronym for Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which refers to a...

### **open**

The initial price of a given security or commodity in a trading session. Also known as opening.

### **open economy**

An economy that is largely free of trade restrictions.

### **open ended**

The quality of having no set limit, either in time or money.

### **open interest**

The total number of futures contracts or option contracts that have yet to be exercised, expired, or fulfilled by delivery.

### **open market**

An market accessible to all investors or consumers.

### **open market operation**

The buying and selling of government securities by a central bank (i.e. the Federal Reserve Bank in the U.S.).

**open mortgage**

A mortgage that can be paid off prior to maturity without penalty. In general,...

**open order**

An order to buy or sell securities, which have not been executed or canceled....

**open outcry**

A method used at public auction in which verbal bids and offers are made in...

**open position**

A position that has yet to be closed.

**open repo**

A repo that can be terminated by either party at any time, and contains an unspecified repurchase date.

**open shop**

A firm or factory for which employment is not restricted to a particular trade union membership.

**open trade equity**

The unrealized gain or loss on an open position.

**open-end credit**

An agreement by a particular bank, stipulating its lending of a specific amount...

**open-end fund**

A type of fund operated by an investment firm, which raises money from shareholders...

**open-end lease**

A lease that calls for an additional payment, the amount of which will depend...

**open-end management company**

An investment firm that sells mutual funds to the public.

**open-end mortgage**

A type of mortgage in which the mortgagor is allowed to re-borrow against principal, once that has been paid in full.

### **opening**

See open.

### **opening bell**

The beginning of a trading session on an exchange.

### **opening block**

The initial transaction of a given security after the opening bell; generally,...

### **opening purchase**

A transaction in which the buyer's intention is to create or increase a long...

### **opening sale**

A transaction in which the seller's intention is to establish or increase a...

### **opening transaction**

The trade, either long or short, that starts a position, whether long or short.

### **operating**

Having the quality of working or functioning.

### **operating asset**

An asset that contributes to the regular income from a firm's operations.

### **operating cash flows**

A measure of a firm's cash flows, calculated by the following: [Net profit +...

### **operating costs**

The day-to-day expenses that a firm must incur. Also known as operating expenses.

### **operating cycle**

The average time between purchasing or acquiring inventory and receiving cash proceeds from its sale.

### **operating expense**

The day-to-day expenses that a firm must incur (i.e. an office electricity bill).

**operating income**

A measure of a firm's earning power from ongoing operations, calculated by the...

**operating lease**

A lease for which the lessee acquires the property for only a small portion...

**operating leverage**

The percentage of fixed costs in a firm's cost structure. Generally, the higher...

**operating margin**

The operating income divided by revenues, expressed as a percentage.

**operating profit**

A measure of a firm's earning power from ongoing operations, calculated by the...

**operating profit margin**

The operating profit for a certain period divided by the total revenues for...

**operating rate**

The percentage of total production capacity of some entity, such as a country or a firm being utilized at a given time.

**operating ratio**

A firm's operating expenses as a ratio of its operating revenues.

**operating surplus**

An estimated measure of a firm's operating cash flow based on data from the...

**operation**

A unit or function within a firm.

**operational risk**

The risk associated with the possibility of systems failure in a given market.

**operationally efficient market**

A market in which investors can obtain transactions and related services at...

### **opinion of title**

A legal document confirming that a property title is clear and marketable.

### **opportunity cost**

The cost associated with passing up the next best choice when making a decision....

### **opportunity risk**

The risk that a more profitable opportunity may surface after an irreversible decision has been made.

### **OPRA**

Acronym for Options Prices Reporting Authority, which refers to a subscription...

### **opt**

To choose or decide.

### **optimization**

The putting together of a portfolio in such a way that return is maximized for...

### **optimize**

To position an economic entity such that it functions at an optimal level despite the constraints to which it might be subjected.

### **optimum capacity**

The production capacity at which cost per unit is minimized. This is generally...

### **option**

A privilege sold by one party to another that offers the buyer the right, but...

### **option account**

A brokerage account that is approved for options trading.

### **option chain**

A comprehensive listing of the set of options available for a particular security....

### **option contract**

See option

### **option exchange**

The physical or virtual site at which options are traded.

### **option holder**

An individual who has purchased an option, but has yet to exercise or sell it.

### **option income fund**

A type of mutual fund that attempts to increase current income by continual option writing.

### **option margin**

A margin requirement, as specified by Regulation T, that depends upon the type...

### **option pool**

The shares set aside at a private firm for possible issuance to employees at a later date.

### **option premium**

The amount per share that an option buyer pays to the seller, affected by the...

### **option price**

See option premium.

### **option pricing curve**

A graphical model of the price of an option as a function of time.

### **option series**

A set of options of the same class, strike price, and maturity. Also known as series or series of options.

### **option spread**

See spread.

### **option writer**

The seller of an option contract. Also known as grantor or writer.

### **optionable stock**

A stock on which listed options may be traded.

### **optional dividend**

The dividend payment that the shareholder can choose to receive as either cash or stock.

### **optionee**

An individual who holds of an option.

### **Options Clearing Corporation**

Abbreviated as OCC, refers to the organization that handles clearing of the...

### **Options Prices Reporting Authority**

Abbreviated as OPRA, refers to a subscription service that disseminates inside quotations and last sale data for options.

### **or better**

The condition on an order, requiring the broker to buy at or below the specified...

### **order**

A request from a client to a broker to change a position on a security. The...

### **order book official**

The member of an exchange who maintains a book of public orders and sees that the appropriate transactions are executed.

### **order flow**

The total small securities orders that brokers send to dealers, often in exchange for cash payments.

### **order imbalance**

A case in which buy orders for a specific security outnumber sell orders, or...

### **order ticket**

A form completed by a Registered Representative of a brokerage, upon the receipt...

### **ordinance**

A local law or edict.

**ordinary income**

Any form of income outside than capital gains.

**ordinary interest**

The interest, as calculated on a 360-day-a-year basis.

**ordinary loss**

Any form of loss other than a capital loss.

**org chart**

A graphical representation depicting the hierarchy of authority within a firm,...

**organization**

A firm, business, firm, or association.

**Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries**

Abbreviated as OPEC, refers to a collective of countries founded in 1960 that...

**organizational chart**

A graphical representation depicting the hierarchy of authority within a firm, and each official's respective responsibilities.

**organized labor**

A group of employees represented by a union. Also known as labor.

**original cost**

The total costs associated with the purchase of an asset, in accounting terms.

**original equipment manufacturer**

Abbreviated as OEM, refers to a producer that provides a product to its clients,...

**Original Issue Discount**

Accumulation Bonds do not make regular payments of interest â?? instead accumulating...

**original issue stock**

Securities issued when a firm is first incorporated.



### **original margin**

The amount of cash or required securities required by the Federal Reserve Board...

### **original maturity**

The amount of time between a bond's issue date and its maturity date, as opposed to its current maturity.

### **original principal balance**

The total amount of principal owed on a mortgage prior to its payment.

### **origination fee**

A fee charged by a lender for processing a loan application, expressed as a percentage of the mortgage amount.

### **originator**

The first investment bank to propagate a proposed new securities issue, and often becomes the lead underwriter for that offering.

### **orphan stock**

A stock that has been largely disregarded by research analysts, but may be undiscovered bargains. Also known as wallflower.

### **oscillator**

An oscillator is a type of technical analysis indicator, bound by an upper...

### **OTC**

Acronym for Over-the-Counter, which refers to a security that is not traded...

### **OTC Bulletin Board**

An electronic quotation system, used for unlisted, over-the-counter securities.

### **otc market**

See over the counter.

### **OTCBB**

Acronym for OTC Bulletin Board.

### **other current assets**

On a balance sheet, the value of non-cash assets due within one year.

**other income**

The income from activities other than normal business operations (i.e. investment...

**other long term liabilities**

The value of leases, future employee benefits, deferred taxes and other obligations...

**out of the money**

A call option whose strike price is higher than the market price of the underlying...

**out-of-cash date**

The date at which a firm with a high burn rate will run out of funds if the current burn rate remains constant.

**out-of-favor**

An unpopular stock, industry, or investment.

**outcry**

Method of public auction in which verbal bids and offers are made in the trading...

**outgo**

Expenses.

**outlay**

Expenditure.

**outperform**

See performer.

**outside broker**

A broker who is not a member of a major exchange, or a broker who trades over-the-counter securities.

**outside director**

A member of a corporation's board of directors who is not an employee of the...

**outside financing**

The act of financing through the issuance of debt or equity. Also known as outside financing. Opposite of internal financing.

### **outside market**

An over-the-counter market.

### **outsourcing**

A firm's process of shifting labor to employees that are not full-time workers of the firm.

### **outstanding**

The state of being remaining, in existence. Outstanding debt refers to debt yet to be paid.

### **outstanding check**

A valid check that has been cashed, but not returned to the original financial institution for processing.

### **outstanding stock**

The shares of a firm's stock that have been issued and are in the hands of the public. Also known as shares outstanding.

### **over the counter market**

See over the counter.

### **over-55 home sale exemption**

An exemption granted by the IRS, allowing an individual over the age of 55 to...

### **Over-the-Counter**

Acronym for OTC. A security that is not traded on an exchange, due to an inability...

### **overadvance**

A loan in advance of sales that enables a firm's management to build its inventory prior to peak sales periods.

### **overage**

In excess. Also known as surplus.

### **overallotment**

In the context of an offering, the sale of more securities than available, in anticipation that some orders may not be confirmed.

### **overbought**

A technical analysis term referring to a stock that has risen too much and/or is too expensive.

### **overbought/oversold indicator**

A technical analysis tool that attempts to identify when prices have moved too...

### **overdraft**

The amount by which withdrawals exceed deposits, or the extension of credit...

### **overdraft protection**

A checking account feature in which a person has a line of credit to write checks...

### **overdue**

The state of being unpaid after the payment due date.

### **overhang**

A block of securities or commodities contracts large enough to put downward...

### **overhead**

The fixed, ongoing administrative expenses of a business that are not attributed...

### **overhead ratio**

The ratio of operating expenses to the sum of taxable equivalent net interest...

### **overheating**

The economic situation in which rapid growth provokes the fear of a rise in...

### **overissue**

The situation in which the issuer offers a greater quantity of securities than authorized to offer.

### **overlapping debt**

A situation where more than one authority in a geographic area have the ability to tax the same residents.

### **overlying mortgage**

A type of mortgage that is considered junior, having a subordinate claim to a senior mortgage on the same real estate.

### **overnight repo**

A repo with a term of one day.

### **oversold**

A technical analysis term, referring to a stock that has fallen too far and/or is underpriced.

### **oversubscribed**

A term used to describe a new stock issue in which the buyers want more shares than are available.

### **Overtime Earnings - Japan**

The average earnings per employee for time worked in excess of scheduled working...

### **overtrading**

The excessive trading in a client's account by a broker, seeking to maximize...

### **overvalued**

Having the quality of being perceived as too expensive. Opposite of undervalued.

### **overweight**

See overweighted.

### **overweighted**

Having the quality of putting too much emphasis on one thing relative to other...

### **overwithholding**

A situation, where an individual has had too much income tax withheld from his...

### **overwriting**

The strategy of selling call or put options in quantity, in hope that they will not be exercised.

### **owe**

To be indebted.

### **own**

The state of having the legal right to a property.

### **owner financing**

A home-financing technique in which a buyer borrows from the seller, as opposed...

### **owner of record**

The name of an individual or entity that an issuer carries in its records as the registered holder of the issuer's securities.

### **owner's equity**

The total assets minus total liabilities of an individual or firm. Also known...

### **owner-employee**

A sole proprietor or any individual who has ownership of at least one-fifth...

### **P&L**

Acronym for profit and loss statement.

### **P/E ratio**

Acronym for price/earnings ratio, which refers to a common measure of the degree...

### **PAB**

The ISO currency code for the Panamanian Balboa. Learn more about Panama and the Panamanian Balboa at [GoCurrency.com](http://GoCurrency.com)

### **Pacific Rim**

The Far Eastern countries and markets bordering the Pacific Ocean, consisting...

### **package mortgage**

A type of mortgage, including the furniture and other personal property in addition to the house.

### **paid**

A payment made on an obligation.

### **paid up**

The case in which all payments due have been paid.

### **paid-in capital**

The capital received from investors for stock, equal to capital stock plus paid-in capital. Also known as contributed capital.

### **paid-in surplus**

The price paid by investors per share at issue minus the par value per share,...

### **painting the tape**

The illicit practice of traders buying and selling a specific security among...

### **pairs trade**

The establishment of a long position in one stock and a short position in another...

### **Pakistani Rupee**

The official currency of Pakistan. Learn more about Pakistan and the Pakistani rupee at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **Panamanian Balboa**

The official currency of Panama. Learn more about Panama and the Panamanian Balboa at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **panic**

The sudden, widespread fear of economic or market collapse.

### **paper**

A short-term debt security.

### **paper asset**

An asset that is not readily usable or convertible to cash.

### **paper dealer**

A dealer who buys commercial paper, and resells it at a lower interest rate, in order to realize a profit.

### **paper gold**

A measure of a country's reserve assets in the international monetary system. Also known as Special Drawing Rights (SDR).

### **paper loss**

A loss that has occurred, but not realized through a transaction, (i.e. a stock...

### **paper profit**

A profit that has occurred, but not realized through a transaction, (i.e. a...

### **paper trading**

The making of simulated, moneyless transactions to practice or test theories.

### **paper trail**

The recorded documents that outline a process, activity, or event.

### **Papua N. G. Kina**

The official currency of Papua New Guinea. Learn more about Papua New...

### **par**

The face value of a bond. Generally \$1,000 for corporate issues, with higher...

### **par bond**

A bond selling at its face value.

### **par value**

The face value of a bond. Generally \$1,000 for corporate issues, with higher...

### **Parabolic SAR**

Parabolic SAR was developed by Welles Wilder. It is a time/price trend following...

### **Paraguay Guarani**

The official currency of Paraguay. Learn more about Paraguay and the Paraguayan Guarani at GoCurrency.com

### **parallel importing**

The case in which an importer finds a cheaper price of a good or equivalent...

### **parallel loan**

An arrangement in which two companies in different countries borrow each other's...

### **parent company**



A firm that owns enough voting stock in another firm to control management and...

### **Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students**

Abbreviated as PLUS, refers to a non-need-based loan made to the parents of...

### **Pareto's Law**

A rule of thumb that twenty percent of a population earns eighty percent of its income.

### **pari passu**

A term in venture capital term sheets, indicating that one series of equity...

### **Paris Club**

A term used to describe the point at which a debtor nation meets with creditor nations to renegotiate its official debt.

### **parity**

Equality, as in amount

### **parity price**

A price for a commodity that is pegged to another price.

### **parking**

The putting of assets into a safe investment (i.e. a money market account),...

### **partial release**

A mortgage provision permitting some of the pledged collateral to be released if certain requirements are met.

### **partial spinoff**

The case in which a parent firm sells a minority share of a child firm. Also known as carve-out.

### **partial surrender**

The removal of a portion of the original cash balance of an insurance policy or annuity.

### **partially amortized loan**

A loan that is partially repaid by amortization during one portion of the term, and partially repaid at the end of the term.

**participating dividend**

The dividend paid on participating preferred stock. This is an unusual dividend...

**participating GIC**

A type of GIC in which the policyholder is not guaranteed a specific return,...

**participating insurance**

An insurance policy that pays a dividend to its holder.

**participating preferred**

A preferred stock which, in addition to a regular dividend, also pays an additional dividend.

**participating trust**

An SEC-registered investment firm that purchases a fixed, unmanaged portfolio...

**participation**

An ownership interest in a mortgage or other loan.

**participation certificate**

A type of financing in which an individual buys a share of the lease revenues...

**participation loan**

A loan made by more than one lender.

**Participation Rate - Australia**

The seasonally-adjusted proportion of the entire population that is currently...

**partition**

A divide that separates.

**partner**

An individual who is a member of a partnership.

**partnership**

A type of business organization in which two or more individuals manage and...

**party**

In finance, a party is an entity involved in a transaction or agreement....

**pass-through**

A security signifying pooled debt obligations, passing income from debtors to...

**pass-through coupon rate**

The interest rate paid on a pass-through security.

**passbook**

A book issued by a bank or savings institution in order to record deposits,...

**passive income**

The income originating from real estate and business investments, where the...

**passive investor**

An investor who does not play an active role in the daily activities of a particular business.

**passive loss**

The case in which passive income is negative.

**passive management**

A money management strategy that attempts to match the return and risk characteristics...

**passive market-making**

A process that permits a market maker to be both the underwriter and buyer of a firm's securities in a secondary public offering.

**past-due balance method**

A technique for calculating finance charges in which no interest is charged...

**patent**

The exclusive right granted by a government to an inventor to manufacture, use,...

**patent pending**

A statement issued by the U.S. Patent Office, informing the applicant that a patent has been applied for, but not yet granted.

**patronage dividend**

A taxable distribution made by a cooperative to its members.

### **pattern**

The formation on a technical analysis chart, outlining recent price movements. Also known as trading pattern.

### **pattern day trader**

An SEC title applying to any individual who buys and sells a particular security...

### **pawn broker**

A small lender who lends money at a high interest rate, and holds some of the borrower's personal goods as collateral.

### **pay**

The process of compensating a party for the delivery of goods or services....

### **payable date**

The date on which a dividend will be paid to its shareholders.

### **payables**

An item on a balance sheet, which equals the sum of all money owed by a firm....

### **payback**

The break-even point of an investment.

### **payback period**

The amount of time needed to break even on an investment.

### **paydown**

The repayment of part of an outstanding loan balance.

### **payee**

An individual who receives a form of payment (i.e. cash, check, money order, or promissory note).

### **payer**

An individual who makes a payment.

**paying agent**

An agent who makes dividend payments to stockholders or principal and interest payments to bondholders.

**payment**

The partial or complete discharge of a financial obligation in the form of the transfer of funds, assets, or services.

**payment date**

The date on which a dividend, mutual fund distribution, or bond interest payment...

**payment for order flow**

The practice by the securities industry of providing a monetary incentive for...

**payment in kind**

A payment made in the form of goods and services, as opposed to cash.

**payment-in-kind security**

A bond paying interest in the form of additional bonds, or a preferred stock...

**payoff diagram**

A chart of the profits and losses for a particular options strategy prepared...

**payout**

The expected financial return from an investment over a given period of time....

**payout period**

The dividends per share, divided by earnings per share.

**payout ratio**

The dividends paid divided by firm earnings over some period of time, expressed...

**payroll**

1 Total amount a business pays periodically for its workers. 2 List of employees,...

**PBGC**

Acronym for Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, which refers to a federal...

## **PCE Deflator, (Personal Consumption Expenditure Deflator) - United States**

A measure of inflation based on changes in personal consumption. Unlike the...

### **peace dividend**

The reallocation of spending from defense purposes to peacetime purposes (i.e. housing, education, and social projects).

### **peak**

The highest price, value or rate reached.

### **PEG ratio**

A stock's price to earnings ratio divided by its year-over-year earnings growth rate

### **pegging**

The holding of prices or exchange rates over some time period.

### **PEN**

The ISO currency code for the Peruvian Sol. Learn more about Peru and the Peruvian Sol at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **penalty**

A fee imposed as a consequence for a violation of a rule.

## **Pending Home Sales - United States**

Tracks residential housing contract activity of existing single-family homes....

### **pennant**

In technical analysis, refers to a chart pattern occurring when the trading...

### **penny stock**

Stocks that trade at market prices below one dollar per share. Usually, any...

### **penny stock, SEC definition**

The term "penny stock" generally refers to low-priced (below \$5), speculative...

### **pension**

A fixed amount, other than wages, paid at regular intervals to a person or to...

### **pension benefit**

A payout from a retirement plan, generally distributed to the employee as an annuity.

### **Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation**

Abbreviated as PBGC, refers to a federal corporation established under ERISA,...

### **pension fund**

A fund set up for a pension plan.

### **pension plan**

A fixed amount, other than wages, paid at regular intervals to a person or to...

### **pension reversion**

The conclusion of a pension plan, undertaken by a firm with an overfunded pension plan in order to reclaim the surplus assets.

### **people pill**

A type of poison pill action in which most or all of the current management...

### **per**

Signifying, for each.

### **per capita**

Statistically accepted as average per person. Per Capita is used to quantify...

### **per capita income**

Per Capita Income is derived by dividing total personal income (in the US, an...

### **per diem**

Occurring daily. The phrase is latin for 'per day', and is often used when referring to daily employee expenses or reimbursements.

### **per se**

by, of, for, or in itself; intrinsically.

### **per stirpes**

A method for distributing the estate of a deceased individual, which specifies...

**percent held by institutions**

The percentage of outstanding common shares being held by institutional investors (i.e. pension plans).

**perfect capital market**

A market without any arbitrage opportunities.

**perfect competition**

A type of market in microeconomic theory in which no single firm has market control over prices.

**perfect hedge**

A hedge that eliminates the risk of another investment.

**perfect title**

A title that is free of liens and legal questions as to ownership of the property,...

**perfecting title**

The correction of flaws or defects in a title.

**performance**

The results of activities of an organization or investment over a given time period.

**performance bond**

A bond issued by an insurance firm to guarantee satisfactory completion of a project by a contractor.

**Performance of Manufacturing Index (PMI) - New Zealand**

A measure of business sentiment for the New Zealand Manufacturing sector. The...

**performance-based compensation**

A fee paid to the general partner of a hedge fund as an incentive; the amount...

**peril**

Anything with the potential of causing loss.

**period**



An interval of time.

**periodic payment plan**

The process of making regular contributions, generally monthly, to a mutual...

**perk**

Abbreviation for perquisite, refers to an employee benefit or incentive.

**Perkins loan**

A need-based, low-interest loan available to students as opposed to their parents....

**permanent capital**

The sum of common stock, preferred stock, and retained earnings.

**permanent financing**

A long-term debt or equity financing plan, generally used to purchase or develop...

**permanent life insurance**

A type of life insurance encompassing a death benefit similar to a term life...

**permission marketing**

A marketing technique that requires the approval of the client to which the technique is targeting.

**permit**

A document providing for the legal authorization to conduct an activity.

**perpendicular spread**

The act of purchasing options with the same expiration dates but different strike prices.

**perpetual**

The quality of having no expiration date.

**perpetual inventory**

Perpetual Inventory is an inventory accounting system which allows firms to...

**perpetuity**

See in perpetual.

## **Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE) - United States**

Comprehensive measure of how much consumers spend each month, counting expenditures...

## **Personal Consumption Expenditures**

Abbreviated as PCE, refers to those funds spent on goods and services targeted...

## **personal exemption**

An amount excluded from taxable income, granted to any taxpayer who cannot be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer.

## **Personal Financial Specialist**

Abbreviated as PFS, refers to a certified public accountant who also offers...

## **personal guarantee**

A promise made by an entrepreneur, obliging him to personally repay debts on which his corporation defaults.

## **personal identification number**

Abbreviated as PIN, refers to the code used by an individual so that he can access his bank account at an ATM machine.

## **personal income**

An individual's aggregate earnings from wages, passive incomes, and investment interest and dividends.

## **Personal Income - United States**

Broad gauge of employee earnings in the US . Personal Income measures the pre-tax...

## **Personal Injury Protection**

Abbreviated as PIP, refers to an extension of car insurance available in some...

## **personal interest**

The interest accrued on personal loans and consumer purchases.

## **personal property**

Any form of property, other than real estate, owned by an individual. Also known as chattel.

## **Peruvian New Sol**

The official currency of Peru. Learn more about Peru and the Peruvian Sol at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **petrodollars**

Any payment to oil-producing countries, especially those in the Middle East, and deposited in Western banks.

### **petty cash**

A small amount of cash left readily available by a business for incidental expenses.

### **PFS**

Acronym for Personal Financial Specialist. A Certified Public Accountant who...

### **PGK**

The ISO currency code for the Papua New Guinea Kina. Learn more about...

### **phantom income**

Any reportable or taxable income that does not generate cash flow (i.e. taxable income from zero coupon bonds).

### **phantom option plan**

A form of bonus compensation for an employee, where the employee receives a...

### **Philadelphia Fed Survey - United States**

Survey conducted by the Philadelphia Fed questioning manufacturers in the Third...

### **Philippines Peso**

The currency of Philippines. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page](#) & [Currency Converter](#)

### **phone switching**

The capability of transferring money between funds in the same mutual fund family by telephone request.

### **PHP**

The ISO currency code for the Philippines Peso.

### **physical commodity**

The commodity delivered to the contract buyer at the completion of a commodity...

### **physical market**

A type of market in which commodities, such as grain, gold, crude oil, or RAM...

### **physical option**

The right to purchase a physical commodity, as opposed to a stock, index, or...

### **physicals**

The commodity delivered to the contract buyer at the completion of a commodity...

### **pickup**

The value gained in a bond swap for which the bond purchased has a higher yield than the bond sold.

### **pickup bond**

A type of callable bond that has a high coupon rate and whose callable date...

### **piggyback loan**

The case in which two lenders participate in the same loan.

### **piggyback registration rights**

The rights of an investor to register and sell his or her unregistered stock in the event that the firm conducts an offering.

### **PIN**

Acronym for Personal Identification Number. The code used by an individual so...

### **Pink Sheets**

A daily listing of bid and ask prices for the major over-the-counter stocks,...

### **pink slip**

An employee's notice of termination.

### **pip**

Pip or "percentage in point," refers to the very last digit of a currency price....

### **PIPE**

Acronym for Private Investment in Public Equity, refers to a transaction in...

## **pipeline**

The flow of upcoming underwriting deals.

## **pit**

A circular area on the exchange's floor where the trading of a specific futures contract or option contract occurs.

## **Pitcairn Is Dollar**

The currency of Pitcairn. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter](#)

## **pitch**

The set of activities intended to persuade someone to buy a product or take a specific course of action.

## **PITI**

Acronym for principal, interest, taxes, and insurance, the four components of a mortgage payment.

## **pivot point**

A technical indicator determined by averaging a particular stock's high, low,...

## **PKR**

The ISO currency code of Pakistan. Learn more about Pakistan and the Pakistani rupee at [GoCurrency.com](#)

## **placed-in-service date**

The date on which an asset becomes available for use by a particular business.

## **placement**

The act of selling new securities.

## **plaintiff**

The party that files a lawsuit.

## **plan asset**

An asset in a retirement plan that serves as an investment vehicle for participating employees.

## **plan sponsor**

An employer who sets up a pension plan.

**planning**

The process of making plans, developing strategies, and outlining the logistics of a situation.

**plant**

A long-term, tangible asset held for business use and not expected to be converted...

**plateau**

A formation on a data analysis chart in which a price experienced very little up or down movement during a given time period.

**play**

A speculative investment.

**playback**

The recording of a firm's quarterly earnings announcement.

**pledge**

See pledging.

**pledging**

The offering of assets to a lender to be used as collateral for a loan.

**PLN**

The ISO currency code for the Polish Zloty.

**plow back**

The action of a firm reinvesting its earnings into building its core business,...

**plunge**

A sudden, acute decline in a security's price or an overall market.

**PLUS loan**

Acronym for Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students.

**plus tick**

A stock market transaction (or sometimes, a quote) at a price higher than the...

### **plus tick rule**

SEC rule requiring short sales to be made only on an uptick or zero-plus tick....

### **PMI**

Acronym for Private Mortgage Insurance. Mortgage insurance provided by nongovernment...

### **PMI Services (Survey) - German - Euro-zone**

Gauge for the overall performance of the German service sector. The Services...

### **PMV**

Acronym for Private Market Value. The value of a firm if each of its parts were...

### **point**

Price changes are normally quoted in percentage points and are often denoted...

### **point of sale**

Abbreviated as POS, refers to the physical location at which goods are sold to clients.

### **point-and-figure chart**

A chart which plots price movements only, without measuring the passage of time.

### **points**

Finance charges paid by the borrower at the beginning of a loan. One point is 1% of the loan amount.

### **poison pill**

Any tactic by a firm designed to avoid a hostile takeover. One example is the...

### **policy**

A contract of insurance, describing the term, coverage, premiums and deductibles. Also known as insurance policy.

### **policy limit**

Maximum lifetime benefit of a given insurance policy; often \$1 million, although some policies have no limit.

### **policy loan**

A loan made by an insurance firm to a policyholder on the security of the cash value of the policy

### **policy surrender**

The early termination of an insurance product by the policyholder.

### **policyholder**

The owner of an insurance policy; generally, but not always, the insured.

### **Polish Zloty**

The currency of Poland. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **political risk**

The risk of loss when investing in a given country caused by changes in a country's...

### **Ponzi scheme**

A pyramid scheme.

### **pool**

Group of related financial instruments, such as mortgages, combined for resale...

### **pool factor**

Outstanding mortgage pool principal divided by the original principal balance, and expressed as a decimal between 0 and 1.

### **pooled fund**

Any fund in which multiple investors contribute assets and hold them as a group....

### **pooling of interests**

One method of accounting for a firm merger, in which the balance sheets of the...

### **population**

A group of individuals or items that share one or more characteristics from which data can be gathered and analyzed.

### **portability**



The ability of an employee to retain benefits, such as a pension plan or insurance coverage, when switching employers.

## **PORTAL**

The NASD's system for secondary trading of unregistered securities in transactions...

## **portfolio**

A collection of investments all owned by the same individual or organization....

## **portfolio insurance**

A strategy of hedging a stock portfolio against market risk by selling stock...

## **portfolio management**

An individual who controls the assets of a mutual fund. The portfolio manager...

## **portfolio manager**

An individual who controls the assets of a mutual fund. The portfolio manager...

## **portfolio theory**

see modern portfolio theory.

## **portfolio tracking**

Monitoring a collection a stocks, whether held in a real or imaginary portfolio,...

## **portfolio turnover**

The rate of trading activity in a fund's portfolio of investments, equal to...

## **Portuguese Escudo**

The official currency of Portugal. Learn more about Portugal and the Portuguese Escudo at [GoCurrency.com](http://GoCurrency.com)

## **POS**

Acronym for Point Of Sale. The physical location at which goods are sold to clients.

## **position**

The total amount of a security that the trader is either long or short that...

## **position limit**

The maximum number of listed option contracts on a single security which can...

**position trader**

Commodities trader who, unlike most traders, takes a long-term, buy and hold...

**positioning**

In the FX markets, positioning refers to the placement of a trade in reference...

**positive carry**

Condition in which the cost of financing an investment is less than the return...

**Positive Sloping Triangle**

With ascending triangles, trend lines converge with a horizontal trend line...

**Positive Volume Index**

Abbreviated as PVI, refers to an index that tries to determine the actions of...

**positive yield curve**

A case in which long-term debt instruments have higher yields than short-term...

**possession**

The control and occupancy of property.

**post**

The site at which transactions in the listed stocks occur.

**post-money valuation**

The valuation of a firm following its latest round of funding, and equivalent...

**postdate**

To put a future date on a document or check, postponing when it becomes effective or negotiable.

**posting**

The process of transferring entries from a journal of original entry to a ledger book.

**pot**

The portion of a new issue, set aside by the lead underwriter for distribution...

**pour-over will**

A provision in a will, outlining that certain assets are to be transferred (poured over) to a trust.

**power**

The capability to act with force.

**power of appointment**

A right, granted in a written instrument such as a will or trust, permitting...

**Power of Attorney**

A legal document allowing a person to assign another person, called the attorney...

**PPI**

Producer Price Index - PPI - measures changes in the selling price producers...

**PPO**

Acronym for Preferred Provider Organization. A health care organization composed...

**Pre-Budget Report - UK**

A Pre-Budget Report (PBR) is delivered by the Chancellor to the House of Commons...

**pre-depreciation profit**

The profit prior to consideration of non-cash expenses.

**pre-existing conditions**

The medical conditions existing before a health insurance policy was issued.

**pre-money valuation**

A firm's valuation right prior to its latest round of financing.

**pre-syndicate bid**

A bid entered before the effective date of a secondary offering, made to stabilize the price during distribution.

**pre-tax profit margin**

The net profit before taxes, divided by net sales.

**prebilling**

The issuance of an invoice prior to the good or service being provided.

**precedence**

The right to precede in order, rank, or importance; priority

**precious metals**

Any of the following metals: gold, silver, platinum, and palladium.

**predatory lending**

Any kind of fraudulent, deceptive, discriminatory, or unfavorable lending practices.

**predatory pricing**

An anti-competitive measure employed by a firm in order to protect market share...

**preempt**

To act in advance; to prevent.

**preemptive right**

The right of current shareholders to maintain their fractional ownership of...

**preference shares**

A class of ownership in a corporation that has a higher claim on the assets...

**preferred debt**

A type of debt that takes precedence over other debts.

**Preferred Provider Organization**

Abbreviated as PPO, refers to a health care organization composed of physicians,...

**preferred shares**

A class of ownership in a corporation that has a higher claim on the assets...

**preferred stock**

A class of ownership in a corporation that has a higher claim on the assets...

**preforeclosure sale**

A procedure in which a lender permits a mortgagor to avoid foreclosure by selling...

**preliminary official statement**

The initial document published by an underwriter of a new municipal securities offering.

**preliminary prospectus**

The initial document published by an underwriter of a new issue of stock, and...

**premature distribution**

The withdrawal before the age of 59 ½, from a qualified retirement plan; generally accompanied by a penalty.

**premise**

The underlying rationale or basis for an argument.

**premises**

A tract of land including its buildings.

**premium**

The amount by which a bond or stock sells above its par value.

**premium bond**

A bond whose selling price exceeds its par. Opposite of discounted bond.

**premium income**

The income received from selling an option.

**premium over bond value**

The absolute difference between the market price of a convertible bond and the...

**premium over conversion value**

The absolute difference between the market price of a convertible security and the price at which it is convertible.

**premium raid**

An offer to purchase shares in a firm from current shareholders at a premium...

**prepaid interest**

The interest paid before it is earned.

**prepayment**

The payment of all or part of a debt preceding its due date.

**prepayment penalty**

A penalty sometimes burdened on a borrower who makes a prepayment.

**prepayment privilege**

A clause in certain loans, permitting the borrower to pay off the debt prior...

**prepayment risk**

The likelihood that homeowners will pay off their mortgage loans early (i.e....

**prepayment speed**

The average rate at which mortgage holders are expected to pay off their loans....

**prequalification**

The act of determining how much a prospective home buyer might be eligible to borrow before he or she has applied for a loan.

**prerefunding**

The issuing of a longer-maturity bond in order to pay off an earlier bond, in...

**preretirement survivor annuity**

A condition of a retirement plan that permits the dependents of a vested employee...

**present value**

The current value of one or more future cash payments, after taking into consideration...

**preservation of capital**

A conservative investment strategy characterized by a desire to avoid risk of loss.

**President**

The highest ranking officer in a corporation, following the Chairman of the...

### **pretax**

The price before the levying of taxes.

### **previous balance method**

A technique used to calculate finance charges on a credit card account, taking...

### **price**

The value or cost of an asset, typically expressed in monetary terms. For...

### **Price and Volume Trend**

The Price and Volume Trend (PVT) is a cumulative total of volume adjusted according...

### **price change**

The change in the price of a security from one day's close to the next day's close.

### **Price Channel**

Bound by a lower and upper trendline, the price channel is a continuation pattern...

### **price discovery**

The process of determining market prices by virtue of market interactions between buyers and sellers in a free marketplace.

### **price divergence**

Situation where indicators suggest trend in a different direction than price...

### **price efficiency**

The level to which the prices of assets reflect the available marketplace information.

### **price fixing**

Establishing the price of a good or service, as opposed to permitting it to be determined naturally through free market forces.

### **price gap**

A significant price movement of a security or commodity between two trading sessions. Also known as gap.

### **price index**

Any index that tracks inflation by measuring price changes (i.e. the Consumer Price Index and the Producer Price Index).

**price leadership**

An economic term referring to a situation in which a market leader sets the...

**price limit**

The highest and lowest prices that a commodity or option is allowed to reach...

**price persistence**

The change in price of a stock over a period of time relative to that of a market...

**price range**

The lowest and highest prices reached by a given security over a specified period...

**price risk**

The risk associated with a given security or physical commodity.

**price skimming**

A pricing technique designed to allow a business to charge each potential client...

**price spread**

An option strategy utilizing the simultaneous purchase and sale of options of...

**price support**

The minimum government-set price for a good, supported by payments to producers...

**price to book ratio**

A stock's capitalization divided by its book value. The value is the same whether...

**price to cash flow ratio**

A stock's capitalization divided by its cash flow for the latest fiscal year....

**price to earnings**

See price/earnings ratio.

**price to earnings ratio**



A common measure of the degree of expensiveness of a stock. The P/E ratio is...

### **price to sales ratio**

The ratio of a stock's capitalization to its sales over the trailing 12 months....

### **Price Value of a Basis Point**

Abbreviated as PVBP, which refers to the change in the price of a given bond if the required yield changes by one basis point.

### **Price Wages and Sales Reports by Country**

Overview - Price, wage and sales reports give insight into inflationary...

### **price-earnings ratio**

A common measure of the degree of expensiveness of a stock. The P/E ratio is...

### **price-weighted index**

A stock index, where each stock affects the index in proportion to its price per share.

### **price/earnings ratio**

A common measure of the degree of expensiveness of a stock. The P/E ratio is...

### **priced out**

A condition in which the market has already altered the price of a security as a result of a specific piece of news or information.

### **Primary Dealer**

A title given by the Federal Reserve System to commercial banks or dealers who...

### **primary distribution**

The original sale of a firm's securities in which the proceeds from the sale are received directly by the firm.

### **primary earnings per share**

The earnings per share, including common stock, stock options, and some convertible debt.

### **primary exchange**

The main exchange, where a given stock is listed. The stock may trade on other...

**primary instrument**

A financial instrument whose value is not derived from that of another instrument,...

**primary listing**

The main exchange, where a given stock is listed. The stock may trade on other...

**primary market**

The market for new securities issues, and purchased directly from the issuer.

**primary offering**

The original sale of a firm's securities, in which the proceeds from the sale...

**prime**

The interest rate that commercial banks charge their most reliable borrowers...

**prime accounts**

Any form of accounts received that satisfy the lender's criteria as specified...

**prime broker**

A broker who acts as a settlement agent, provides custody for assets, provides...

**prime brokerage**

The specialized brokerage services provided by brokers to specific clients who need non-standard services.

**prime paper**

Commercial paper with a very high credit rating.

**prime rate**

The interest rate that commercial banks charge their most reliable borrowers...

**prime rate fund**

The mutual fund that attempts to match the return of the prime rate, by investing in high quality corporate debt.

**principal**

The amount borrowed, or the part of the amount borrowed but unpaid. Also known as principal amount.

### **principal amount**

The amount borrowed, or the part of the amount borrowed but unpaid. Also known as principal.

### **principal balance**

The outstanding balance of principal on a mortgage, which does not include interest or other charges.

### **principal risk**

The risk of losing the amount invested due to bankruptcy or default. There is...

### **principal shareholder**

The shareholder who owns more than ten percent of a firm's outstanding shares.

### **principal-agent relationship**

The arrangement that exists when one person acts on behalf of another (i.e....

### **principle**

A rule or ethical standard.

### **prior lien bond**

A bond with a higher claim than other bonds from the same issuer.

### **prior preferred stock**

A preferred stock which has a higher claim than other preferred stock from the same issuer.

### **prior redemption privilege**

A clause in certain loans, permitting the borrower to pay off the debt prior...

### **prioritization of debt**

The preferred treatment of one debt over another.

### **private**

Opposite of public.

### **private banking**

The providing of banking services to very wealthy individuals and families....

### **private company**

A firm whose shares are not traded on the open market. Opposite of public firm.

### **Private Consumption - Germany - Euro-zone**

Represents household spending on all goods and services. Fluctuations in Private...

### **private corporation**

See private firm.

### **private debt**

Any form of debt owed by individuals and businesses within a given country.

### **private equity**

A type of equity security of firms that are not listed on a public exchange.

### **private funds**

Private sector funds available without government involvement or support.

### **Private Investment in Public Equity**

Abbreviated as PIPE, which refers to a transaction in which accredited investors...

### **private letter ruling**

A letter sent by the IRS in response to a request for clarification or interpretation of a tax law.

### **private limited partnership**

A limited partnership with less than 35 limited partners, and thus able to avoid SEC registration.

### **Private Market Value**

Abbreviated as PMV, refers to the value of a firm if each of its parts were...

### **Private Mortgage Insurance**

Abbreviated as PMI, refers to mortgage insurance provided by nongovernment insurers...

### **Private New Capital Expenditures and Expected Expenditures - Australia**

The value of actual and expected purchases of new capital. Capital purchases...

**private placement**

The sale of securities directly to institutional investors, such as banks, mutual...

**private sector**

The part of a nation's economy which is not controlled by the government.

**private sector pass-through**

Mortgage-backed securities issued by a non-governmental financial institution.

**Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995**

Abbreviated as PSLRA, refers to the act of legislation that made significant...

**privately held corporation**

See private firm.

**privatization**

The repurchasing of all of a firm's outstanding stock by employees or a private...

**privilege**

A special right granted to somebody.

**privilege dealer**

A dealer of options.

**privileged bond**

A convertible bond that has attached warrants.

**privity**

Any kind of private or secret knowledge.

**pro forma**

A description of financial statements that have at least one hypothetical condition built into the data.

**pro rata**

Calculated in proportion to a given rate. In financial terms, this term is most...

## **probability distribution**

A curve displaying all the values that the random variable can take and the likelihood that each will occur.

## **probate**

The review or testing of a will before a court of law to ensure that the will is authentic.

## **proceeds**

Any form of money received through a sale or loan.

## **procure**

To acquire or obtain.

## **producer**

The entity that manufactures a product. Also known as maker.

## **Producer and Import Prices - Switzerland**

Tracks inflation in producer and import prices in Switzerland . The headline...

## **Producer Price Index**

Producer Price Index - PPI - measures changes in the selling price producers...

## **Producer Price Index (Input) - UK**

A monthly survey that measures change in input prices as incurred by UK manufacturers....

## **Producer Price Index (Output) - UK**

A monthly survey that measures the price changes of goods produced by UK manufacturers....

## **Producer Price Index (PPI) - Australia**

Measures changes in the selling prices received by producers. Because PPI analyzes...

## **Producer Price Index (PPI) - Euro-Zone**

Measures changes in the selling prices of goods and services used by Euro-zone...

## **Producer Price Index (PPI) - United States**

Measures changes in the selling prices producers charge for goods and services,...

## **Producer Prices - France - Euro-zone**

Measures changes in producer prices. Producer prices, also known as "factory...

## **Producer Prices - Germany - Euro-zone**

Measures the change in the prices paid by domestic producers. Producer prices,...

## **product**

The final output of the manufacturing process, offered to the marketplace to satisfy a specific need or want.

## **product line**

A set of related products sold by a single firm.

## **productive**

Producing or tending to produce goods and services having exchange value..

## **productivity**

Producing or tending to produce goods and services having exchange value.

## **productivity report**

A release of economic data outlining the output each unit of labor is producing...

## **profession**

An occupation, especially one that requires further education.

## **profile**

A summary of a firm's products and operations.

## **profit**

The positive gain resulting from an investment or business operation after subtracting for all expenses. Opposite of loss.

## **profit and loss statement**

An official quarterly or annual financial document published by a public firm, showing earnings, expenses, and net profit.

## **profit center**

A business unit or department that is treated as a distinct entity enabling...

**profit margin**

The post-taxes net profit divided by total sales revenue, for a given 12-month period, expressed as a percentage.

**profit motive**

The primary objective for which firms strive to achieve.

**profit ratio**

The post-taxes net profit divided by total sales revenue, for a given 12-month period, expressed as a percentage.

**profit warning**

An announcement made by a public firm following its earnings announcement indicating...

**profit-sharing**

An agreement in which an employer shares some of its profits with its employees....

**profit-taking**

The strategy utilized by investors of selling when prices, with the hope of securing gains.

**profitability**

Having the ability to earn a profit.

**profiteer**

An individual who aims for high profits, often at the expense of others.

**program**

The stated policy or course of action followed by an individual or institution regarding its financial matters.

**program trading**

A type of computer-driven and automatically-executed program to trade securities,...

**progressive tax**

A tax system in which those who earn higher incomes pay a higher percentage...



**project**

A set of related tasks which have a specific goal.

**projected maturity date**

The expected date on which the final payment of a collateralized mortgage obligation must be received.

**projection**

A quantitative estimate of future, economic, or financial performance.

**promissory note**

A document signed by a borrower promising to repay a loan under agreed-upon terms. Also known as note.

**promotion**

An activity (i.e. a sale or advertising campaign) that is designed to increase visibility or the sale of a product.

**proof**

Any form of evidence that substantiates a claim.

**proof of concept**

Any form of evidence that demonstrates that a business model or idea is feasible.

**prop trading**

A proprietary trader is one who is involved with transactions with a securities...

**property**

Something at the disposal of a person, a group of persons, or the community.

**property assessment**

The process of assigning a value on an asset for the purpose of taxation. Also refers to the tax itself. A

**property damage coverage**

A type of insurance policy that pays for damage caused to the property of others,...

**property inventory**

A written record of personal property owned, along with price paid and current value, and used for tax or insurance purposes.

### **property tax**

A local tax levied on property owned, such as real estate or automobiles. Generally federal income tax-deductible.

### **proportional representation**

A method of shareholder voting in which the members are not required to vote...

### **proportional tax**

A system, where all levels of income are taxed at the same rate. Also known as flat tax.

### **proposal**

A formal description of the creation or termination of a contract. A proposal...

### **proprietary trading**

Any kind of transaction made by a securities firm that affects the firm's account, but not the accounts of its clients.

### **proprietor**

A self-employed owner of an unincorporated business (also known as a proprietorship), or an owner of real estate.

### **proprietorship**

A business structure in which an individual and his or her firm are considered a single entity for tax and liability purposes.

### **prorata**

Having the quality of occurring on a proportional basis.

### **prorate**

The quality of allocating proportionately.

### **prospect**

The potential of a given client.

### **prospectus**

A legal document providing securities or mutual fund shares for sale, required...

### **prosperity**

Having the quality of financial well-being.

### **protectionism**

The government's placing of duties or quotas on imports, in order to protect domestic industries from global competition.

### **protective put**

A put option purchased for an underlying security, previously owned by the holder...

### **protective put buying**

The purchasing of put options whose underlying security is already held in the same portfolio.

### **protest**

A statement that expresses disagreement with a payment, and reserves the right to recover it later.

### **prototype plan**

A type of retirement plan prepared by a bank, securities firm, or other financial institution that may be adopted by an employer.

### **provision**

Any clause or stipulation in an agreement (i.e. acceleration, accidental death...

### **provision for income taxes**

An earnings report item estimating current year tax liability.

### **provisional call feature**

A feature in a convertible issue enabling the issuer to call the issue if the price of the stock reaches a certain price.

### **proximo**

Occurring in the following month.

### **proxy**

A written authorization given by a shareholder for someone else, generally the...

### **proxy contest**

A strategy that a firm may take in the case of a hostile takeover. A proxy contest...

### **proxy fight**

A strategy that a firm may take in the case of a hostile takeover. A proxy contest...

### **proxy statement**

A document that the SEC requires a firm to send to its shareholders that provides...

### **proxy vote**

A vote that is cast by one entity on behalf of another. In the context of securities,...

### **Prudent Expert Act**

The revised version of the prudent man rule required by ERISA to guide managers of pension and profit sharing portfolios.

### **Prudent Investor Act**

The primary rule for which professional money management, as stated by Judge...

### **Prudent Man Rule**

The primary rule for which professional money management, as stated by Judge...

### **PSA**

Acronym for Public Securities Association, which refers to a trade organization...

### **PSLRA**

Acronym for Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which refers to...

### **PTE**

The ISO currency code for the Portuguese Escudo. Learn more about Portugal and the Portuguese Escudo at GoCurrency.com

### **public**

Having shares available to retail investors in the open market.

### **public bond**

A bond, issued by a U.S. government-sponsored agency, and allowing certain groups...

**public book**

A record kept by an exchange member of the limit orders that have not yet been...

**public company**

A firm that has issued securities through an offering, and are now traded on...

**public domain**

Anything that is openly available to everyone and not subject to copyright protection.

**public employee**

An employee of the state.

**public equity**

Equity capital invested in a public firm.

**Public Finances - UK**

The amount of money financed to the UK government. A higher value indicates...

**public float**

The portion of a firm's outstanding shares that is in the hands of public investors,...

**public goods**

An exception to the free-market system marked by two characteristics. First,...

**public limited partnership**

A limited partnership that is registered with the SEC and is offered to the general public through broker/dealers.

**public offering**

The making available of a new securities issue to the public through an underwriting. Also known as offering.

**public offering price**

Abbreviated as POP, refers to the price at which a new securities offering is made upon availability to the public.

**public ownership**

See public firm.

### **public purpose bond**

A type of municipal bond which exempt from federal income taxes, provided the...

### **public record**

Something recorded in a publicly accessible place.

### **public relations**

Any kind of efforts to establish and maintain a firm's image with the public.

### **public sector**

The part of the economy concerned with providing basic government services.

### **Public Sector Net Borrowing - UK**

The amount of new debt held by the UK governments. In the long run, the public...

### **Public Securities Association**

Abbreviated as PSA, refers to a trade organization of dealers, brokers, and bankers who underwrite and trade securities offerings.

### **public utility**

An organization providing a basic service to the public, such as water, energy, transportation, or telecommunications.

### **public works project**

A government project created for good of its citizens.

### **publicity**

A spread of information that attracts attention to a firm, product, person, or event.

### **publicly held**

A firm that has previously issued securities through an offering, and which...

### **publicly traded**

A firm that has previously issued securities through an offering, and which...

### **publicly-traded fund**

A fund with a fixed number of outstanding shares, and behaves more like stock...

### **Puerto Rico Dollar**

The currency of Puerto Rico. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page](#) & [Currency Converter](#)

### **punitive damages**

Any form of compensation in excess of actual damages, used to punish the offender.

### **purchase**

To obtain ownership of a security or other asset in exchange for money or value. Also known as buy.

### **purchase acquisition**

A type of accounting method used in any merger not treated as a pooling of interests.

### **purchase agreement**

A legal agreement detailing a sale of property, including price and terms.

### **purchase order**

The written authorization for a supplier to ship products at a specified price,...

### **purchase outright**

The payment of the full purchase price, in cash.

### **purchase-money mortgage**

A home-financing technique in which a buyer borrows from the seller instead...

### **purchaser**

An individual who acquires by the payment of money or its equivalent

### **purchasing power**

The value of money, as measured by the quantity and quality of products and services it can buy. Also known as buying power.

### **purchasing power parity**

The theory that, in the long run, identical products and services in different...

**purchasing power risk**

The potential risk of loss in the value of cash due to inflation.

**pure competition**

A market characterized by a large number of independent sellers of standardized products.

**pure index fund**

A portfolio that is managed as to perfectly match the performance of the overall market.

**pure lease**

An equipment lease, generally for a short term, in which the lessee does not...

**pure monopoly**

A market, where one firm has control over the entire market for a product, generally...

**pure no-load fund**

A mutual fund that does not require a sales or redemption charge or a 12b-1 fee.

**pure play**

A firm devoted to only one industry, or a firm whose stock price is highly correlated...

**purpose loan**

A loan backed by securities and used for purchasing other securities, in accordance with Federal Reserve Board margin requirements.

**purvey**

To furnish or provide.

**purview**

The range of control or expertise.

**put**

An option contract that gives the holder the right to sell a certain quantity...

**put bond**

The uncommon type of bond, allowing for the bondholder to redeem the bond at...



### **put option**

An option contract that gives the holder the right to sell a certain quantity...

### **put provision**

A relatively uncommon feature of a bond that allows the holder to redeem the...

### **put ratio backspread**

A type of investment strategy, where an investor combines long and short puts to create a spread with little risk of loss.

### **put swaption**

A swaption in which the buyer has the right to enter into a swap as a floating-rate payer.

### **put warrant**

A security that provides the holder with the right to sell the underlying security at a specified price.

### **put/call ratio**

The put volume divided by call volume for a specific period of time.

### **PVBP**

Acronym for Price Value of a Basis Point, which refers to the change in the...

### **PVI**

Acronym for Positive Volume Index. An index that tries to determine the actions...

### **PYG**

The ISO currency code for the Paraguayan Guarani. Learn more about Paraguay and the Paraguayan Guarani at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **pyramid**

The idea that a portfolio should be built on a solid base of low-risk investments with a smaller amount of high-risk investments.

### **pyramid scheme**

An illegal investment scheme, where investors are promised impossibly high returns...

### **pyramiding**

The use of profits earned on open positions to purchase additional securities.

## **QAR**

The ISO currency code of Qatar. Learn more about Qatar and the Qatari Riyal at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **Qatari Riyal**

The official currency of Qatar. Learn more about Qatar and the Qatari Riyal at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **QQQ**

The former ticker symbol of the Nasdaq 100 Trust. Also known as "cubes" or the...

## **qualification period**

Initial period on an insurance policy during which an insurance company will...

## **qualified**

Fitting specified criteria. Although this is a general definition it may be applied...

## **qualified institutional investor**

Entity investing at a high volume that is permitted to trade private placement...

## **qualified joint and survivor annuity**

An annuity that pays at one level for the duration of the lifetime of the participant...

## **qualified lead**

A prospective customer who demonstrates interest and meets customer criteria. This...

## **qualified opinion**

A statement on the front page of a financial statement of an accountant or auditor's...

## **qualified retirement plan**

A plan that meets certain requirements that make it eligible for certain tax...

## **qualified trust**

An employee benefit or retirement plan that is eligible for favorable tax treatment...

## **qualifying annuity**

A tax-deferred system of payments from an insurance company to a client that...

### **qualifying ratios**

Figure by which a mortgage lender determines the maximum mortgage amount a particular...

### **qualifying share**

A unit of common stock that must be owned by a person to make them eligible...

### **qualitative analysis**

Securities evaluation using subjective, non-quantifiable information. This type...

### **qualitative research**

Information obtained for the purpose of analysis that is not used for the purpose...

### **quality**

A degree or grade of excellence. This may refer more specifically to a measure...

### **quality assurance**

The activity of collecting evidence to satisfy all concerned parties that the...

### **quality control**

A method of quality assurance, usually involving random inspections. This term...

### **quality cost**

Loss of profit due to the inefficiency of flawed systems, procedures, products,...

### **quality spread**

The difference between yields on Treasury securities and non-Treasury securities...

### **quant**

An expert in the application of mathematics and related subjects in quantitative...

### **quantise**

To denominate an asset or liability in a currency that it not the one in which...

### **quantitative analysis**

The use of numerical or measurable information in evaluating a security, company,...

**quanto option**

A derivative denominated in one currency that settles in another.Quanto is short...

**quarter**

One three-month period of four into which the year is divided on the financial...

**quarterly**

Interval of every three months on which certain financial events occur.This...

**quarterly report**

A document recording significant events, changes, and financial results that...

**quasi-public corporation**

A privately owned company with a public mandate.This mandate includes specific...

**quick assets**

An item that can easily be converted into cash in a short period of time. These...

**quick ratio**

Measure of a company's short-term liquidity.This is also known as a quick asset...

**quick turn**

The purchase and sale of a security over a very brief period of time.An example...

**quid**

Slang term for the British pound.This implies one unit of the currency. It...

**quid pro quo**

An equivalent substitution by mutual agreement.Literally, this means 'something...

**quiet period**

Time span during which an issuer cannot comment publicly on an initial public...

**quiet title**

An equitable action to determine the true claims to a property over which the...

**quitclaim deed**

A deed that transfers whatever interest or title a grantor may have, without warranty.

### **quorum**

Minimum number of people who must be present (physically or by proxy) in order for a decision to be binding.

### **quota**

An allotment or limited amount.

### **quotation**

The highest bid or lowest ask price available on a security at any given time. Also known as quote.

### **quote**

The highest bid or lowest ask price available on a security at any given time.

### **quote size**

The number of shares that are being offered for purchase at the bid price, often...

### **quote ticker**

A scrolling display of current security prices and/or volumes.

### **R&D**

Acronym for Research And Development. Discovering new knowledge about products,...

### **r-squared**

Statistical measure of correlation between a portfolio's performance and the...

### **raid**

A trader's attempt to force down the price of a particular security, generally by heavy selling. Also known as bear raid.

### **raider**

An individual or entity attempting to acquire enough equity in a target firm...

### **raincheck**

A seller's commitment to sell an out-of-stock item at the advertised price as soon as it becomes available.

### **rainmaker**

An employee who creates a significant amount of new business to a firm. This...

### **raise**

An increase in salary. A raise is given to an employee by an employer. It may...

### **rally**

A substantial rise in the price of a currency, stock, commodity, bonds, or overall...

### **ramp up**

To increase, as with activity or production.

### **random walk theory**

An investment theory which claims that market prices follow a random path up...

### **range**

Range refers to the area between high and low prices a currency pair tends to...

### **Range Expansion Index (REI)**

The Range-Expansion Index (REI) is a technical indicator derived from historical...

### **range trading**

A strategy that involves buying as price moves to lower support levels, and...

### **ranking**

Comparison of an investment's performance to others over a given time period.

### **rate**

Rate - A value describing one quantity in terms of another quantity. 1 Most...

### **rate card**

A price list for advertising time or space.

### **rate covenant**

A covenant in a municipal revenue bond that specifies how it will be determined...

### **rate lock**

A commitment by a lender guaranteeing a specified interest rate for a specified period of time. Also known as lock-in.

### **Rate of Change**

ROC is a momentum indicator that measures velocity and also leads the price...

### **rate of exchange**

The rate at which one currency may be converted into another. Generally, one...

### **rate of return**

The annual rate of return on an investment, expressed as a percentage of the total amount invested. Also known as return.

### **rate-improvement**

A fixed-rate mortgage provision which gives the borrower a one-time option to...

### **ratify**

To approve or confirm.

### **rating**

See bond rating, credit rating, stock rating.

### **rating service**

A firm that publishes ratings for securities such as preferred stock and debt...

### **ratio**

The value of one item relative to another. Commonly taking the form of a fraction...

### **ratio analysis**

The study and interpretation of the relationships between various financial variables, by investors or lenders.

### **ratio calendar combination**

An options strategy in which a trader has a ratio calendar spread using calls and a ratio calendar spread using puts, simultaneously.

### **ratio calendar spread**

An options strategy using either puts or calls, in which one buys long-term...

### **ratio spread**

An options strategy using either puts or calls, in which one buys some options and then sells a different amount of options.

### **ratio write**

An options strategy in which a trader writes multiple option contracts per 100 shares of stock owned or shorted.

### **raw land**

Undeveloped, unused land.

### **raw materials**

Unfinished goods consumed by a manufacturer in providing finished goods. Classified...

### **Raw Materials Price Index (RMPI) - Canada**

Measures the prices paid by Canadian manufacturers for key raw materials, including...

### **RBA Governor Speaks - Australia**

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) has a target inflation of 2 to 3 percent....

### **RBA Rate Decision - Australia**

Meeting eleven times a year, the Reserve Bank of Australia stands as the central...

### **RBNZ Rate Decision - New Zealand**

The decision to change or maintain New Zealand 's Official Cash Rate. The RBNZ...

### **reach**

The fraction of a specific market category, demographic group or niche that...

### **reaction**

A reversal of the prevailing trend in price movement for a security. The term...

### **reading the tape**

Attempting to predict short-term price changes by examining price and volume information as it comes across the ticker tape.

### **Reaganomics**



Economic program utilized during the Reagan administration, which emphasized...

**real**

Adjusted for inflation.

**real asset**

An asset that is intrinsically valuable because of its utility, such as real...

**real capital**

Capital, such as equipment and machinery, which is used to produce goods. Real...

**real economic growth rate**

The economic growth rate adjusted for inflation.

**real estate**

Piece of land and any structures that are (more or less) permanently attached...

**real estate agent**

A licensed salesperson working for a real estate broker. If the agent sells...

**real estate broker**

An individual licensed to arrange the buying and selling of real estate for a fee.

**Real Estate Investment Trust**

Abbreviated as REIT, refers to a corporation or trust that uses the pooled capital...

**Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduit**

Abbreviated as REMIC, refers to an investment-grade mortgage bond that separates...

**real estate owned**

Abbreviated as REO. Property which is in the possession of a lender as a result of foreclosure or forfeiture.

**real GDP**

Real GDP reflects Gross Domestic Product that has been controlled for the effects...

**real income**

Income of an individual, organization, or country, after taking into consideration...

**real interest rate**

The current interest rate minus the current inflation rate.

**real rate of return**

Rate of return after adjusting for inflation.

**real wages**

Income of an individual, organization, or country, after taking into consideration...

**real-time**

Current, as with quotes or news. Opposite of delayed.

**real-time trade reporting**

A requirement that market makers report each trade in a Nasdaq security to Nasdaq within 90 seconds of execution.

**realize**

To make something real from a transaction, such as to get the profit from an investment that has appreciated by selling it.

**realized**

Having been reflected in a transaction, such as a conversion of goods into cash,...

**realized profit**

A capital gain or loss that is realized, for example a capital gain or loss...

**reallocation**

In securities underwriting, the amount paid to a broker/dealer who is not part...

**realtor**

A real estate agent who is a member of the National Association of Realtors.

**realty**

A piece of land, including the air above it and the ground below it, and any...

**rebalancing**

Making adjustments to counteract the fact that different assets have performed...

**rebate**

Partial return of a payment. This may also refer to a deduction from an amount...

**rebound**

A rally following a decrease in price.

**recalculation method**

A distribution calculation method for retirement accounts in which each year's distributions are based on current life expectancy.

**recall**

The return of a product to its manufacturer for repair or replacement, generally due to defects or safety concerns.

**recapitalization**

Restructuring of a company's debt and equity combination. This is essentially...

**recapture**

A contract stipulation that permits the seller of an asset to at least partially...

**recast earnings**

A recalculation of earnings based on the assumption that certain expenses could...

**receipt**

A written acknowledgement which grants legal validation to a repayment of all or part of a debt.

**receivables**

Receivables refers to money, goods or services owed from one entity to another....

**receivables turnover**

The average duration of an account receivable, equal to total credit sales divided...

**receive against payment**

Provision of some institutional sell orders stipulating that only cash will...

**receive versus payment**

Provision of some institutional sell orders stipulating that only cash will...

**receivership**

A form of bankruptcy in which a firm can avoid liquidation by reorganizing with the help of a court-appointed trustee.

**recession**

A period of general economic decline, spread across the whole economy for longer...

**recharacterization**

An action consisting of reversing the conversion of an IRA from one type to...

**reciprocal of European terms**

Quoting exchange rates in terms of how many units of the foreign currency equal...

**reckoning**

Settling an account.

**recognize**

The recording of a revenue or expense item in given accounting period.

**recommendation**

An opinion given by an analyst to his/her clients about whether a given stock...

**recompense**

To repaying

**reconciliation**

Adjusting one's checkbook balance to match a bank statement.

**reconstitution**

An adjustment or series of adjustments resulting in additions to and/or deletions...

**reconveyance**

The transferring of a title back to its previous owner.

**record**

To register, file or write down information about a transaction or event.

**record date**

Date, set by the issuing in order to be eligible to receive a declared dividend...

**recoup**

To recover all or part of a loss.

**recourse loan**

A loan for which an undersigner is liable for payment if the borrower defaults.

**recovery**

A period in a business cycle following a recession, during which the GDP rises.

**red flag**

A sign of a problem.

**red herring**

same as preliminary prospectus. Its name comes from the warning, printed in...

**red ink**

Deficit, loss.

**redeem**

See redemption.

**redeemable**

Able to be redeemed prior to maturity. The term generally applies to bonds and...

**redeemable bond**

A bond which the issuer has the right to redeem prior to its maturity date,...

**redeemable shares**

Shares that may be redeemed at the option of the issuer and/or the shareholder.

**redemption**

The return of an investor's principal in a security, such as a bond, preferred...

**redemption date**

The date on which a bond matures or is redeemed, On the redemption date, the...

**redemption fee**

A sales charge or commission paid when an individual sells an investment, such...

**redemption period**

The period during which a borrower may reclaim the title and possession of property by paying the debt it secured.

**redemption price**

The price, specified at issuance, at which a bond or preferred stock can be redeemed by the issuer. Also known as call price.

**redlining**

Illegal practice of discriminating based on geographic location when providing loans or insurance coverage.

**reduced paid-up insurance**

A form of insurance available as a non-forfeiture option, providing for continuation...

**REFCORP**

Resolution Funding Corporation. The organization created by Congress in 1989...

**refinancing**

Paying off an existing loan with the proceeds from a new loan, generally of...

**reflation**

The intentional reversal of deflation through a monetary action by a government

**refund**

The return of retail goods by a customer for his/her money back.

**refunding**

Issuing a bond to retire an existing bond.

**refurbish**

Renovate, clean up.

### **region**

A part or section of a country or the world.

### **regional bank**

A bank that operates in one region of a country, as opposed to a money center bank, which operates nationally and globally.

### **regional exchange**

An SEC-registered stock exchange which focuses on listing stocks of corporations...

### **regional fund**

Mutual fund which invests in one specific region of a country or the world.

### **register**

To formally record a transaction or event.

### **registered**

Having formally submitted a document to, and received approval for a specific...

### **registered bond**

A bond issued with the name of the owner printed on the face of the certificate....

### **Registered Company**

A corporation that has filed a registration statement with the SEC prior to releasing a new stock issue.

### **registered coupon bond**

A bond whose principal, but not interest, is registered. Because of this, the...

### **Registered Investment Adviser**

Abbreviated as RIA, which refers to an investment advisor registered with the SEC. No certification is required.

### **registered options principal**

An employee of a brokerage firm who observes and regulates options exposure...

## **Registered Representative**

An individual who is licensed to sell securities and has the legal power of...

## **Registered Retirement Savings Plan**

Abbreviated as RRSP, refers to the tax-advantaged retirement planning instrument...

## **registered security**

Security that cannot be transferred or delivered to another party. Opposite of negotiable security.

## **registrar**

The organization, generally a bank or a trust firm, that maintains a registry...

## **registration**

The filing process a firm performs, in accordance with SEC regulations, prior...

## **Registration Statement**

A carefully prepared set of documents, including a prospectus, which is filed with the SEC prior to an initial public offering.

## **regression**

A technique used to discover a mathematical relationship between two variables using a set of individual data points.

## **regression analysis**

A statistical technique used to find relationships between variables for the purpose of predicting future values.

## **regression equation**

A statistical technique used to explain or predict the behavior of a dependent...

## **regressive tax**

A tax that takes a larger percentage of the income of low-income people than of high-income people.

## **regular-way delivery**

Delivery of securities in a transaction on the third business day after the...

## **regulated investment company**



"Investment firm eligible under IRS Regulation M to pass capital gains, dividends...

### **regulation**

A rule designed to control the conduct of those to whom it applies. Regulations are official rules, and have to be followed.

### **Regulation A**

"An SEC regulation that governs offerings of \$1,500,000 or less, which qualify for simplified registration.".,

### **Regulation D**

An SEC regulation that governs private placement exemption.,,

### **Regulation FD**

"SEC regulation adopted in 2000 that eliminated the practice of selective disclosure....

### **Regulation G**

A Federal Reserve Board regulation that governs the extension of credit for...

### **Regulation Q**

A Federal Reserve Board regulation that limits the interest rate that banks can pay on savings deposits. .,

### **Regulation T**

A Federal Reserve Board regulation that governs customer cash accounts and the...

### **Regulation U**

A Federal Reserve Board regulation that limits the amount of credit a bank can extend to customers for buying on margin.,,

### **Regulation Z**

"A federal law requiring lenders to fully disclose in writing the terms and...

### **regulatory agency**

A government organization that monitors firms operating in a regulated industry.,,

### **regulatory requirements**

"The restrictions, licenses, and laws applicable to a product or business, imposed by the government. ",,

### **regulatory risk**

The risk associated with the potential for laws related to a given industry,...

### **rehypothecation**

The pledging of securities in customer margin accounts as collateral for a brokerage's bank loan.,,

### **reimbursement**

"Paying back for out-of-pocket expenses, such as by an employer or an insurance firm.",,

### **reinstate**

Restore a past-due loan to a current status.,,

### **reinsurance**

"The sharing of insurance policies among multiple insurers, to reduce the risk for each.",,

### **reinvestment**

"Using the dividends, interest, or profits from an investment to buy more of...

### **reinvestment date**

"The first day of the ex-dividend period. The reinvestment date was created...

### **reinvestment privilege**

The privilege some mutual funds give to their shareholders to use income and/or...

### **reinvestment risk**

The risk resulting from the fact that interest or dividends earned from an investment...

### **REIT**

"Acronym for Real Estate Investment Trust. A corporation or trust that uses...

### **rejection**

The denial of insurance coverage or credit.,,

### **relative strength**

"A stock's price change over a period of time relative to that of a market index,...

### **Relative Strength Index**

RSI is basically a more advanced version of the basic momentum indicator....

### **relative volatility**

The standard deviation of an investment's or portfolio's return divided by the...

### **release clause**

Provision in a mortgage allowing for the freeing of part of a property from...

### **release letter**

"Letter sent by the lead underwriter in an offering to the other syndicate members, describing the final terms of the offering.",,

### **release of liability**

An agreement in which a lender terminates a borrower's obligation for the payment of a debt.,,

### **reload option**

An employee stock option granted upon the exercise of an option using shares...

### **relocate**

Move. ,,

### **remainder**

The amount left in an estate or trust after expenses and prior beneficiaries have been paid.,,

### **remaining maturity**

The amount of time left until a bond becomes due.,,

### **remaining principal balance**

"The amount of principal which, as of a given date, has not yet been paid on a mortgage.",,

### **remargining**

Payment of additional cash or securities to meet minimum maintenance requirements in a margin account.,,

### **REMIC**

Acronym for Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduit. An investment-grade mortgage...

### **remise**

"To give up, release, or quitclaim interest in real estate.".,

### **remit**

To make a payment by any non-credit means. Examples of remittance include cash, check and electronic transfer.

### **remittance**

See remit.

### **remuneration**

Compensation.

### **renegotiable rate**

An adjustable rate involving a renewable short-term balloon loan, in which the...

### **renewable**

A natural resource that can replenish itself over time. Opposite of nonrenewable.

### **rent**

Payment, generally monthly, for use of space or property.

### **rent control**

Any form of government restriction, applicable to rental units in certain areas,...

### **renter's insurance**

A type of home insurance that protects the holder against accidents, damages,...

### **rentier**

Individual living off of income from fixed investments.

### **REO**

Acronym for Real Estate Owned. Property which is in the possession of a lender as a result of foreclosure or forfeiture.

### **reorganization**

The action that may allow a firm to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Reorganization...

### **repatriation**

Capital flow from a foreign country to the country of origin. This generally...

### **replacement cost**

The amount it would cost to replace an asset at current prices. If the cost...

### **replacement cost accounting**

An accounting method which allows for additional depreciation on some part of...

### **replacement cost insurance**

Insurance which replaces lost, stolen or destroyed property by paying current market prices, rather than depreciated value.

### **replacement value**

The value of an asset as determined by the estimated cost of replacing it.

### **replevin**

A court action to recover possession of collateral.

### **repo**

A contract in which the seller of securities, such as Treasury Bills, agrees...

### **Reports and Records**

Financial information, such as monthly balance sheets, income statements, and...

### **repossession**

The taking back of property by a lender or seller from the borrower or buyer, generally due to default.

### **representative**

One who is authorized to act on behalf of another, such as an executor or a trustee.

### **repudiate**

Deny or reject.

### **repurchase agreement**

A contract in which the seller of securities, such as Treasury Bills, agrees...

### **Request For Proposal**

Abbreviated as RFP, refers to an invitation for providers of a product or service...

### **Required Minimum Distribution**

Abbreviated as RMD, refers to the minimum annual required distribution amount...

### **required rate of return**

The required rate of return in a discounted cash flow analysis, above which...

### **required reserves**

The amounts that banks are required to keep on deposit at a Federal Reserve Bank, as determined by reserve ratios.

### **requisition**

A written request to buy something.

### **rescheduled loan**

A bank loan which was restructured, generally by lengthening the maturity, in order to avoid default.

### **rescind**

To cancel a contractual agreement.

### **rescission**

The cancellation or annulment of a transaction or contract by mutual consent or by law.

### **research**

The process of gathering information for the purpose of initiating, modifying...

### **research and development**

Abbreviated as R&D. Discovering new knowledge about products, processes, and...

### **research department**

Department in a full-service brokerage in which analysts study markets and securities and issue recommendations.

**reseller**

One who buys goods from a manufacturer and resells them to customers unchanged.

**reservation**

An advanced order, generally without full payment.

**reserve**

The amount in assets kept in case of urgent need for liquidity. For central...

**Reserve Bank of Australia Bulletin Board**

A bulletin board that lists all statistical data published by the Reserve Bank...

**reserve ratio**

Banks accepts deposits, lending out a portion of those funds to borrowers...

**reserve requirement**

As the name suggest, this is the amount banks are required to hold in receive....

**reset frequency**

The frequency with which a adjustable rate changes.

**residential mortgage**

A type of mortgage of a residential property; up to \$1 million is federal and...

**residential property**

Property which is zoned for single-family homes, multi-family apartments, townhouses, condominiums, and/or co-ops.

**residential rental property**

Real property for which 80% or more of the gross income is from dwelling units.

**residual**

Having the characteristic of remaining

**residual security**

Security that could potentially dilute earnings per common share, such as preferred...

**residual value**

The amount a firm expects to be able to sell a fixed asset for at the end of its useful life.

**resistance**

The price level in which a currency pair has difficulty trading above. At resistance,...

**resolution**

An official document representing an action on the part of the board of directors of a corporation.

**Resolution Funding Corporation**

Abbreviated as REFCORP, refers to the organization created by Congress in 1989...

**resource**

An individual, asset, material, or capital which can be used to accomplish a goal.

**resource allocation**

The process of allocating resources among the various projects or business units.

**restitution**

Compensation for loss or injury.

**restraint of trade**

Illegally interfering with free marketplace participation. Regulated by the Federal Trade Commission.

**restricted account**

A margin account which has less equity than is required by Regulation T. Purchases...

**restricted fee patent**

Restricted fee patent refers to the legal relationship between two parties,...

**restricted security**

Any kind of securities that have limited transferability, generally issued in a private placement.

**restricted stock**

A type of stock which is acquired through an employee stock option plan or other...



**restricted surplus**

A portion of a firm's retained earnings not legally available for dividend payment.

**restrictive covenant**

A portion of a firm's retained earnings not legally available for dividend payment.

**restructure**

To reorganize a firm's operations.

**restructuring**

See restructure.

**resume**

A brief written summary of an individual's education, work experience, and accomplishments,...

**resyndication limited partnership**

Limited partnership in which existing properties are sold to new partners, for tax benefits of existing partners.

**retail**

The selling directly to consumers.

**retail banking**

Retail banking refers to the offering of basic banking products to the general...

**retail brokerage**

A brokerage most of whose customers are retail investors rather than institutional investors.

**retail investor**

An individual who purchases small amounts of securities for him/herself, as...

**retail lending**

Lending to private individuals, as opposed to institutions.

**retail price**

Price charged to store customers.

## **Retail Price Index**

A measure of inflation used primarily in the UK for wage bargaining and other...

## **Retail Prices Index (RPI) - UK**

Retail Price Index measures changes in the prices of goods and services bought...

## **Retail Sales - Canada**

Gauges sales at Canadian retail outlets. The report serves as a direct gauge...

## **Retail Sales - German - Euro-zone**

Measures changes in sales of the German retail sector. Given that consumption...

## **Retail Sales - UK**

Measures the change in the volume of sales by retailers in the United Kingdom...

## **retail sales index**

A monthly measurement of all goods sold by retailers based on a sampling of...

## **Retail Trade - Australia**

Measure of the total sales of goods and services by retail stores in Australia....

## **Retail Trade - Euro-zone**

The total value of goods and services sold each month at retail outlets. The...

## **Retail Trade - New Zealand**

Tracks changes in New Zealand retail sales. As consumption contributes heavily...

## **Retail Trade Monthly - Japan**

The total value of goods and services sold each month at retail outlets. The...

## **retained earnings**

Earnings not paid out as dividends but instead reinvested in the core business...

## **retainer**

A partial fee paid in advance for professional services.

## **retender**

The right of a holder of certain futures contracts, who has received a notice...

### **retention rate**

Retained earnings divided by total after-tax earnings, expressed as a percentage.

### **retire**

To pay off a debt.

### **retirement**

The period of an individual's life during which he/she is no longer working, or the commencement of that period.

### **Retirement Equity Act of 1984**

An amendment to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 providing...

### **retracement**

A reversal movement, in price action, that counters a previous advance or decline...

### **retreat**

Drop in price level following a rise. Opposite of rally.

### **retroactive**

Effective as of an earlier date than the date enacted.

### **return**

The annual return on an investment, expressed as a percentage of the total amount invested. Also known as rate of return.

### **return of capital**

A distribution of cash resulting from depreciation tax savings, the sale of...

### **Return on Assets**

Abbreviated as ROA, refers to a measure of a firm's profitability, equal to...

### **Return on Capital**

Abbreviated as ROC, refers to a measure of how effectively a firm uses the money...

### **Return on Capital Employed**

Abbreviated as ROCE. A measure of the returns that a firm is realizing from...

### **Return on Equity**

Abbreviated as ROE, refers to a measure of how well a firm used reinvested earnings...

### **Return on Invested Capital**

ROIC is a calculation used to assess the profitability of a firm by determining...

### **Return on Investment**

Abbreviated as ROI, refers to a measure of a corporation's profitability, equal...

### **Return on Sales**

Abbreviated as ROS, refers to a measure of a firm's profitability, equal to...

### **Return on Total Assets**

Abbreviated as ROTA, refers to a measure of how effectively a firm uses its...

### **Reunion Franc**

The currency of Reunion. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **revaluation**

A change, generally an increase, in a country's fixed exchange rate.

### **revenue**

A measure of the total amount of money a firm receives within a given amount...

### **revenue anticipation note**

Security issued in anticipation of future revenue which will be used for repayment.

### **revenue bond**

Bond issued by a municipality to finance a specific public works project and...

### **Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993**

Law designed to reduce the federal budget deficit by raising taxes and reducing...

### **revenue ruling**

An IRS tax decision resulting from an interpretation of an unclear regulation.

### **revenue sharing**

The splitting of operating profits and losses between the general partner and...

### **reversal**

Change in the general direction of a market, such as a rally. Also known as trend reversal.

### **reversal arbitrage**

A riskless transaction consisting of the short sale of a security, the purchase...

### **reverse acquisition**

One way for a firm to become publicly traded, by acquiring a public firm and...

### **reverse conversion**

The method by which a brokerage earns interest on its customers' stock holdings...

### **reverse leverage**

Negative cash flow.

### **reverse merger**

The acquisition of a public firm by a private firm, allowing the private firm...

### **reverse mortgage**

An arrangement in which a homeowner borrows against the equity in his/her home...

### **reverse repo**

A purchase of securities with an agreement to resell them at a higher price...

### **reverse repurchase agreement**

A purchase of securities with an agreement to resell them at a higher price...

### **reverse split**

A stock split which reduces the number of outstanding shares and increases the...

### **Reverse Take-Over**

Abbreviated as RTO, refers to when a firm buys out a larger firm, but could...

### **reverse-annuity mortgage**

An arrangement in which a homeowner borrows against the equity in his/her home...

#### **revert**

To return to a previous condition.

#### **revisionary trust**

Irrevocable trust that becomes a revocable trust after a specified period of...

#### **revocable trust**

A trust that may be altered or terminated during the grantor's lifetime. Since...

#### **revocation**

The act of recalling or terminating a previously granted power of attorney....

#### **revoke**

To cancel or annul.

#### **revolving collateral**

revolving collateral

#### **revolving line of credit**

An agreement by a bank to lend a specific amount to a borrower, and to allow...

#### **RFP**

Acronym for Request For Proposal. An invitation for providers of a product or...

#### **rho**

The dollar change in a given option's price that results from a 1% change in interest rates.

#### **RIA**

Acronym for Registered Investment Adviser. Investment advisor registered with the SEC. No certification is required.

#### **rich**

Well to do, earning a high level of income or retaining a high level of wealth compared to others.

#### **Richmond Fed Manufacturing Survey - United States**

Assesses regional manufacturing conditions for the Richmond Fed District. Based...

### **RICS House Price Balance - UK**

Gauge for costs of homes in the United Kingdom. The figure is based on surveyors'...

### **rider**

An amendment to a contract or policy.

### **right**

A privilege allowing existing shareholders to purchase shares of an issue of...

### **right of first refusal**

The right of a party to match the terms of a proposed contract with another party.

### **right of recourse**

The right to recover a bad debt.

### **right of redemption**

The right of a property owner to redeem his/her real estate from foreclosure...

### **right of rescission**

The right of a consumer to nullify a contract within three business days of signing it without paying a penalty or down payment.

### **right of survivorship**

Ownership of property by two or more people in which the survivors automatically...

### **Right to Know**

Laws that make government or corporate data and records available to the public...

### **rights issue**

See right.

### **rights offering**

Offering of common stock to investors who currently hold shares which entitle...

### **ring**

A demarcated area on the exchange floor where traders and brokers execute trades.

### **rising bottoms**

A technical analysis term for a chart pattern in which each successive low price is higher than the previous one.

### **risk**

The possibility of loss in absolute terms, or relative to expectations. Examples...

### **risk adjusted return**

A measure of how much an investment returned in relation to the amount of risk it took on.

### **risk arbitrage**

The use of an arbitrage, usually associated with risk.

### **risk capital**

The funds made available for startup firms and small businesses with exceptional...

### **risk disclosure document**

A document outlining the risks involved in futures trading (i.e. one may lose...

### **risk management**

The process of analyzing exposure to risk and determining how to best handle such exposure.

### **risk neutral**

Someone who is indifferent to risk, meaning someone who is completely indifferent...

### **risk premium**

The reward for holding a risky investment rather than a risk-free one.

### **risk rate**

The rate of return required to attract capital to an investment.

### **risk seeking**

Someone who is attracted to risk, meaning an investment with a lower expected...

### **risk tolerance**



An investor's ability to handle declines in the value of his/her portfolio.

### **risk transfer**

The shifting risk from one party to another; examples include purchasing insurance coverage or issuing debt.

### **risk-averse**

The act of investing conservatively.

### **risk-free asset**

An asset whose future return is known with certainty, barring complete changes in the market.

### **risk-free return**

A theoretical interest rate that would be returned on an investment, if it were...

### **risk/return trade-off**

The relationship between risk and return, in which one must be willing to accept...

### **riskless arbitrage**

A risk-free transaction consisting of purchasing an asset at one price and simultaneously...

### **riskless asset**

An asset whose future return is known with certainty, barring complete changes in the market. Also known as risk-free asset.

### **riskless rate of return**

A theoretical interest rate that would be returned on an investment which was...

### **riskless transaction**

A transaction that guarantees a profit to whoever initiates it (i.e. riskless arbitrage).

### **RMD**

Acronym for Required Minimum Distribution, which refers to the required distribution...

### **ROA**

Return on Assets. A measure of a firm's profitability, equal to a fiscal year's...

### **road show**

A series of meetings with potential investors and brokers, conducted by a firm...

## **ROC**

Acronym for Return on Capital, which refers to a measure of how effectively...

## **ROCE**

Acronym for Return on Capital Employed, which refers to a measure of the returns that a firm is realizing from its capital.

## **ROE**

Acronym for Return on Equity, which refers to a measure of how well a firm used...

## **ROI**

Acronym for Return on Investment, which refers to a measure of a corporation's...

## **ROIC**

ROIC is a calculation used to assess the profitability of a firm by determining...

## **ROL**

The ISO currency code for the Romanian Leu.

## **roll down**

The act of closing out one option position and open another one of the same class but a lower strike price.

## **roll forward**

The act of closing out one option position and open another one of the same class but a later expiration date.

## **roll over**

Rollover refers to the interest traders may earn or be charged daily, for positions...

## **roll up**

The act of closing out one option position and open another one of the same class but a higher strike price.

## **rollout**

The process of introducing a new product or service into the marketplace. Also known as launch.

## **rollover**

A tax-free reinvestment of a distribution from a qualified retirement plan into...

## **rollover mortgage**

A Mortgage for which the unpaid balance is refinanced every few years at then-current...

## **Romanian Leu**

The official currency of Romania. Learn more about Romania and the Romanian Leu at [GoCurrency.com](http://GoCurrency.com)

## **RON**

The ISO code for the Romanian Leu. Learn more about Romania and the Romanian Leu at [GoCurrency.com](http://GoCurrency.com)

## **Ron Insana**

Anchor of CNBC's "Street Signs," Ron Insana is an accredited financial journalist....

## **ROS**

Acronym for Return on Sales, which refers to a measure of a firm's profitability,...

## **ROTA**

Acronym for Return on Total Assets, which refers to a measure of how effectively...

## **rotation**

The movement of money by one investor or the overall market from one or more...

## **Roth IRA**

Roth IRA refers a type of individual retirement plan that offers a number of...

## **round lot**

The normal unit of trading of a security; 100 shares of stock or 5 bonds. Also...

## **round of funding**

The stage of financing a start-up firm is in. The usual progression is from startup to first round to mezzanine to pre-IPO.

## **round turn**

A complete futures transaction, including both entry and exit. Also known as round trip.

### **royalty**

A payment made for the use of property, especially a patent, copyrighted work,...

### **RPI**

Acronym for Retail Price Index, which refers to an inflationary indicator that...

### **RRSP**

Acronym for Registered Retirement Savings Plan, which refers to. A tax-advantaged...

### **RSI**

Acronym for Relative Strength Index, which refers to a technical analysis indicator...

### **RTO**

Acronym for Reverse Take-Over. When a firm buys out a larger firm, but could...

### **RUB**

The ISO code for the Russian Ruble. Learn more about Russia and the Russian Ruble at [GoCurrency.com](http://GoCurrency.com)

### **rubber check**

A check which a bank returns because it is not payable due to insufficient funds. Also known as bounced check.

### **Rule 10b-6**

A regulation formally known as the Employment of Manipulative and Deceptive Practices...

### **Rule 12b-1 fee**

An extra fee charged by some mutual funds to cover promotion, distributions,...

### **Rule 13d**

An SEC rule requiring disclosure by anyone acquiring a beneficial ownership...

### **Rule 144**

Securities and Exchange Commission rule that sets the conditions under which restricted

### **Rule 15c3-1**

Securities and Exchange Commission rule that sets the conditions under which restricted

### **Rule 19c3**

An SEC rule that permits member firms to make off board trades in securities...

### **Rule 405**

A guideline stated or implied by various securities regulatory bodies which...

### **Rule 415**

An SEC rule allowing for shelf registrations of securities which will be issued...

### **Rule of 72**

The estimation of doubling time on an investment, for which the compounded annual...

### **Rule of 78**

A formula used to determine rebates on interest for installment loans; since...

### **Rules of Fair Practice**

Any set of rules established by NASD to protect the best interests of the securities investor.

### **rumortrage**

A trading based on a rumor of a takeover.

### **run**

A situation in which many customers try to withdrawal their bank deposits simultaneously...

### **run rate**

The result of extrapolating financial data, collected from a period of time less than one year to a full year.

### **run up**

A sudden, unexpected increase in price.

### **running ahead**

A broker's trading for his own account before filling his/her customers' orders,...

### **Russell 2000**

The most commonly used of a series of market-value weighted indices published...

### **Russian Ruble**

The official currency of Russia. Learn more about Russia and the Russian Ruble at [GoCurrency.com](#)

### **rust belt**

The area in the Midwest part of the U.S. where manufacturing is largely unmodernized.

### **Rwanda Franc**

The official currency of Rwanda. Learn more about Rwanda and the Rwandan Franc at [GoCurrency.com](#)

### **RWF**

The ISO code for the Rwandan Franc. Learn more about Rwanda and the Rwandan Franc at [GoCurrency.com](#)

### **S Corporation**

A form of corporation, allowed by the IRS for most companies with 75 or fewer...

### **S&L**

Savings and Loan. A federally or state chartered financial institution that...

### **S&P 500**

Standard & Poor's 500. A basket of 500 stocks that are considered to be widely...

### **S&P phenomenon**

Tendency of stocks to increase in price upon being added to the S&P 500, as index funds buy for their portfolios.

### **safe**

The state of being free from risk.

### **safe harbor**

The capability of a firm's management personnel to discuss a particular firm's...

### **SAIF**

Abbreviation for Savings Association Insurance Fund, which refers to an entity...

### **salable**

Having the characteristic of being able to be sold.

### **salary**

A wages received at regular intervals, either weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly.

### **salary freeze**

A situation in which a particular firm temporarily stops offering salary raises to employees due to budget constraints.

### **salary reduction**

The tax-deferred contributions withheld from an employee's salary in order to financially maintain a retirement plan.

### **Salary Reduction Simplified Employee Pension Plan**

Abbreviated as SARSEP Plan. An alternative to a 401k plan, available solely...

### **sale**

A transaction that involves the exchange of goods and/or services for money.

### **sale and leaseback**

An arrangement in which one party sells a property to a buyer, only for the...

### **sales**

The aggregate dollar amount gained through the distribution of goods and services.

### **sales charge**

A fee charged by an intermediary for his service in facilitating a transaction...

### **sales fee**

A fee charged by an intermediary for his service in facilitating a transaction...

### **sales force**

The group of persons employed in order to facilitate the selling process.

### **sales ledger**

A record of sales, calculated daily.

### **sales tax**

A tax levied by a given state or city government on the retail price of an item, and collected by the retailer.

### **Sallie Mae**

See Student Loan Marketing Association.

### **salvage value**

The estimated value of an asset after it is unable to perform its initial functional use.

### **Same Day Funds Settlement**

A type of settlement that is made on the same day as the transaction. This replaced...

### **same-store sales**

In the context of retail, same-store sales refer to stores which have been open...

### **Samoa (American) Dollar**

The currency of Samoa. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter](#)

### **Samoa (West) Tala**

The currency of Western Samoa. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter](#)

### **sample**

A small portion of a product offered, free of charge, to potential customers.

### **San Marino Lira**

The currency of San Marino. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter](#)

### **sandbag**

A type of leasing arrangement in which an entity leases property from one party...

### **sandwich lease**

A leasing arrangement in which an entity leases property from one party and...

### **Santa Claus rally**



The rise in stock prices that frequently occurs in the week following Christmas, in anticipation for the January effect.

### **Sao Tome Dobra**

The currency of Sao Tome. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **SAR**

The ISO currency code for the Saudi Riyal. Learn more about Saudia Arabia and the Saudi Arabian Riyal at GoCurrency.com

### **SARSEP**

Acronym for Salary Reduction Simplified Employee Pension Plan. An alternative...

### **satellite operation**

A branch of a larger firm that is physically separated from its corporate headquarters.

### **satisfaction of debt**

A document issued by the lender after the full repayment of a debt.

### **saturation**

Saturation is a term used to describe a good or commodity with a larger market...

### **saucer**

In the context of technical analysis, used to describe a chart on which the...

### **Saudi Riyal**

The currency of Saudi Arabia. Learn more about Saudia Arabia and the Saudi Arabian Riyal at GoCurrency.com

### **saving**

Calculated by the following formula:  $\text{Income} - \text{Consumption} = \text{Savings}$ .

### **savings account**

A type of deposit account offered at a bank or savings and loan, which pays...

### **Savings and Loan**

A federally or state established financial institution that takes deposits directly...

### **Savings Association Insurance Fund**

An entity created in 1989, and provides deposit insurance to thrifts. Also known as SAIF.

### **savings bank**

A banking organization that accepts customer deposits and funds mortgages.

### **Savings Bond**

Treasury securities for individual investors. US Savings Bonds are a registered,...

### **savings deposits**

Accounts that offer interest and can be withdrawn upon demand. Savings deposits...

### **savings element**

The accumulated cash value of a life insurance policy.

### **Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees**

Abbreviated as SIMPLE. A retirement plan sponsored by firms with fewer than...

### **savings rate**

The percentage of savings of a population, calculated by dividing the overall savings by disposable income.

### **SBA**

Acronym for Small Business Administration.

### **SBD**

The ISO code for the Solomon Islands. Learn more about Solomon Islands and the Solomon Dollar at GoCurrency.com

### **SBIC**

Acronym for Small Business Investment Firm. A private investment firm licensed...

### **scalability**

The quality of being able to function effectively as its size increases.

### **scale**

The standard wage levels for a given type of job, measured by firms, unions, and the government.

### **scale order**

The execution of a sale or purchase in parts, at specified price levels.

### **scalp**

The practice of trading quickly for small gains, often holding a position for less than a day.

### **scarcity**

Having the characteristic of being short in supply

### **SCC**

Acronym for Stock Clearing Corporation. The clearinghouse for the NYSE.

### **scenario**

The set of future events.

### **schedule**

See tax schedule.

### **Schedule 13d**

The form that must be filed, corresponding to Rule 13d.

### **Schedule C**

The section in the NASD bylaws that outlines membership requirements and procedures.

### **scienter**

The practice of knowingly transacting a fraudulent securities deal.

### **SCOR**

Acronym for Small Corporate Offering Registration. An over the counter sale...

### **scorched-earth policy**

A reaction to a seizure attempt that involves liquidating valuable assets and...

### **SCR**

The ISO currency code for the Seychelles Rupee. Learn more about Seychelles and the Seychelles Rupee at GoCurrency.com

### **screening**

The initial assessment of job candidates or investment opportunities based on a given set of criteria.

### **scrip**

A certificate representing a fraction of a share of stock

### **scripophily**

The collection of old stock and bond certificates.

### **SDD**

The ISO currency code for the Sudanese Dinar. Learn more about Sudan and the Sudanese Dinar at GoCurrency.com

### **SDR**

Special Drawing Right. An artificial currency unit based upon several national...

### **seasonality**

The cyclicity in the business sector from one season to the next.

### **seat**

The holding of membership on an exchange, which is a requirement for transacting...

### **SEC**

A United States government agency, created in 1934, with the responsibility...

### **SEC EDGAR**

The SEC's system in order to transmit required filings, such as quarterly reports...

### **SEC fee**

The SEC-fee is a small charge (one cent per several hundred dollars) issued...

### **SEC filing**

A document, often containing financial data, that a firm delivers to the SEC and, thereby, to the public.

### **second mortgage**

A mortgage on real estate that has already been pledged as collateral for a...

### **second preferred stock**

A preferred stock with rights subordinate to those of other preferred stock.

### **second-to-die insurance**

A type of insurance that pays a death benefit only upon the death of the last...

### **secondary distribution**

The offering of a large unit of a security by a current shareholder. Also known as secondary offering.

### **secondary listing**

Any listing of a security on an exchange other than its primary exchange. Secondary...

### **secondary market**

A market in which an investor purchases a security from another investor rather...

### **secondary mortgage market**

A type of market, where existing mortgages and mortgage-backed securities are traded.

### **secondary offering**

The offering of a large unit of a security by a current shareholder. Also known as secondary offering.

### **secondary research**

The examination or study of someone else's research (either primary or secondary).

### **secondary stock**

A firm's stock that is inferior in quality, yields a higher risk, or having smaller market capitalization.

### **Section 529 plan**

A state-sponsored program designed to help parents finance education expenses....

### **sector**

A particular subset of a market, society, industry, or economy.

### **sector fund**

A mutual fund, which invests fully or predominantly in a single economic sector, and thus, are generally riskier.

### **sector rotation**

The movement of investment between distinct economic sectors. Also known as rotation.

### **secular**

In the long term, in contrast to temporary or cyclical.

### **secured**

The state of being backed by a pledge of collateral. Opposite of unsecured.

### **secured bond**

A Secured Bond is a type of bond backed by an asset from the issuer, which...

### **secured credit card**

A credit card linked to a savings account. The funds contained in the account...

### **secured loan**

A loan which is backed by assets belonging to the borrower in order to decrease...

### **securities**

More than one security

### **Securities Act of 1933**

The first Congressional law regulating the securities industry, and requiring registration to discourage fraud and deception.

### **Securities Acts Amendments of 1975**

A Congressional law, calling for the establishment of a National Market System,...

### **securities analyst**

An employee of a bank, brokerage, advisor, or mutual fund who utilizes technical...

### **Securities and Exchange Commission**

A United States government agency, created in 1934, with the responsibility...

### **securities exchange**

See exchange.

### **Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

The act which established the SEC.

### **securities fraud**

A crime in which investing or trading laws are violated.

### **Securities Industry Association**

Acronym for SIA. The main trade organization and lobbying group for broker and...

### **Securities Investor Protection Corporation**

Acronym for SIPC. A non-profit membership corporation established by Congress,...

### **securities lending**

A loan of a security from one broker/dealer to another, who must eventually...

### **securities loan**

The loan of securities by one broker to another.

### **securitization**

The process of integrating similar instruments, such as loans or mortgages, into a single negotiable security.

### **securitize**

See securitization.

### **security**

Any form of a tradable contract that carries a specified value. A security represents...

### **security analysis**

An examination and technical evaluation of the various factors affecting the value of a security.

### **security deposit**

A quantity of money paid prior to a transaction to protect a seller or renter against damage or non-payment.

### **security interest**

The right of the creditor to take all or part of a property offered as security.

### **security loan**

A loan backed by the pledge of collateral.

### **security market line**

The relationship between an investment's hurdle rate and its market risk.

### **SEDOL**

Acronym for The Stock Exchange Daily Official List number, which refers to a...

### **seed capital**

A quantity of money used for the initial investment in a project or startup firm. Also known as seed financing or seed money.

### **seek a market**

The action of a buyer searching for a seller, or vice-versa.

### **segment**

A part of a market.

### **segregation of securities**

A series of SEC regulations stipulating that accounts holding customer funds be kept separate from brokerage firm accounts.

### **seigniorage**

The profit that results from the gap in the cost of printing money and the face value of that money.

### **SEK**

The ISO currency code for the Swedish Krona. Learn more about Sweden and the Swedish Krona at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **selective disclosure**



The revelation by a public firm of material information to a selected group...

### **self insurance**

The establishment of reserves for future losses instead of purchasing insurance.

### **self-amortizing mortgage**

A type of mortgage in which all principal is paid off in a specified period...

### **self-directed retirement account**

A type of retirement account in which an investor designates an account custodian,...

### **self-employed**

A classification of employment in which an individual who operates a business...

### **self-employed pension**

A tax-deferred qualified retirement plan designated for self-employed individuals...

### **self-employment tax**

A social Security tax paid by the self-employed.

### **Self-Regulatory Organization**

Acronym for SRO, which refers to a non-governmental organization with the responsibility...

### **self-supporting bond**

A type of bond sold to finance a project whose revenues will be used to pay off the interest and principal on that bond.

### **sell**

Sell: The process of liquidating an asset held in the market. The purpose of...

### **sell limit order**

A mandate to a broker to sell a specified quantity of a security at or above a specified price (called the limit price).

### **sell order**

Specific instructions made by an individual to a broker, bank, market maker,...

### **sell plus**

An order to sell a specified amount of stock as long as the price of the trade...

**sell short**

A trader is in a SHORT POSITION when she sells a currency pair. Longing is the...

**sell the book**

A mandate by an investor to a broker to sell as much of its current position...

**sell-side analyst**

An analyst employed by a brokerage firm in order to manage clients' accounts....

**seller financing**

A home-financing technique, where the buyer borrows from the seller rather than...

**seller liability**

The requirement of a seller to disclose a product's faults to the buyer.

**seller's market**

A market that is dominated by the sellers, rather than the buyers.

**seller's points**

A lump sum paid by the seller to the buyer's creditor to reduce the cost of the loan to the buyer.

**selling flat**

The action of selling a security when the price is neither rising or falling; Also known as sideways.

**selling group**

A group of investment bankers who aid a union or an underwriter in the sale of a new securities issue

**selling hedge**

The sale of a futures or options contract to prevent the possibility of a decline in the price of that security.

**selling short**

A trader is in a SHORT POSITION when she sells a currency pair. Longing is the...

### **selling short against the box**

A short sale of a given security, where the seller does own but does not want...

### **selling the spread**

The action of selling when an option sold has a higher premium than the option bought.

### **Selling, General and Administrative Expenses**

SG&A. Income statement item which combines salaries, commissions, and travel...

### **selloff**

A sudden drop in price as a result of widespread selling.

### **Senegal Franc**

The currency of Senegal. Learn more about currencies at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **senior**

The reception of priority in a debt claim in the event of liquidation. opposite of junior.

### **senior debt**

A type of debt that has priority for repayment in a liquidation.

### **senior refunding**

The exchange of bonds for other bonds with longer maturity durations. Opposite of junior refunding.

### **senior security**

A security that has priority over other securities, with respect to claims or bankruptcy liquidation.

### **sensitivity**

The degree of exposure of a security to market risk.

### **sensitivity analysis**

The investigation into how projected performance varies along with changes in...

### **sentiment**

A gauge of the mood from investors, consumers or businesses. Analysts will often...

## **SEP Plan**

A type of retirement program for self-employed people or owners of companies...

## **separate account**

A pooled fund created by an insurance firm which is segregated from the general...

## **separate tax returns**

See married filing separately.

## **sequential**

Having the characteristic of a regular sequence of parts.

## **Sequential Analysis**

An indicator designed to identify market exhaustion using price patterns. It...

## **Serbian Dinar**

The currency of Serbia. ISO international currency code: CSD. Learn more about Serbia and the Serbian Dinar at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **serial bond**

A set of bonds issued at the same time but having different maturity dates. Also known as installment bond.

## **serial correlation**

The correlation of a variable with itself over successive time intervals. Technical...

## **series**

Options of the same class, strike price, and maturity. Also known as option series or series of options.

## **Series 3**

The license required to sell commodity futures.

## **Series 6**

A test that registers an individual to transact a limited set of securities.

## **Series 63**

The Uniform Securities Agent State Law License required by some states to be a stockbroker.

### **Series 7**

The General Securities Registered Representative License, which is required...

### **series bond**

A single bond issue offered to the public on multiple dates.

### **Series EE bond**

A Savings Bond issued at a discount from par with a fixed rate of interest, established at the time of purchase.

### **series fund**

A mutual fund whose prospectus allows for the creation of multiple portfolios.

### **Series HH bond**

A type of bond that is sold in amounts from \$500 to \$10,000. They may be redeemed...

### **Series I Bond**

An inflation-indexed savings bond offered by the U.S. government. Series I bonds...

### **service contract**

A contract offered by a retailer in exchange for maintaining and repairing a product beyond its manufacturer's warranty coverage.

### **service fee**

A part of a mutual fund's 12b-1 fee, not to exceed 0.25%, which compensates financial planners for shareholder services.

### **service mark**

A design, symbol, logo, or other mark used to establish the identity and image of a service.

### **servicer**

An organization that collects principal and interest payments from borrowers.

### **Services PMI - Euro-zone**

The Euro-zone Services Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) assesses business conditions...

## **Services PMI - UK**

A monthly gauge of the UK service sector that takes into account business outlook....

### **session**

A period of trading activity from the time a market opens until the time that it closes. Also known as the trading session.

### **settle**

To pay a bill; make a financial arrangement

### **settlement**

The finalizing of the sale of a property, as its title is transferred from the seller to the buyer. Also known as closing.

### **settlement costs**

The fees and expenses associated with the sale of a property, or the transfer of a title.

### **settlement date**

The date by which an executed securities transaction must be settled, by paying for a purchase or by delivering a sold asset.

### **settlement options**

The different ways in which a benefit may be paid when an individual covered...

### **settlement price**

The closing range of prices after a trading session, which are then in turn,...

### **settlement sheet**

A document prepared by a closing agent, explicating a real estate transaction,...

### **settlor**

An individual who creates an inter vivos trust.

### **severability**

A clause in a contract that permits that any portion of the contract deemed...

### **severally but not jointly**

A type of agreement that establishes the responsibility for selling the securities in an underwriting.

### **severalty**

The ownership of real estate by a single individual.

### **severance pay**

A payment made to a employee who is recently terminated.

### **Seychelles Rupee**

The currency of Seychelles. Learn more about Seychelles and the Seychelles Rupee at GoCurrency.com

### **SG&A**

Acronym for Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Income statement item...

### **SGD**

The ISO currency code for the Singapore Dollar. Learn more about Singapore and the Singapore Dollar at GoCurrency.com

### **shakeout**

The consolidation of an industry or sector, where the smaller and weaker competitors are acquired or driven out of business.

### **share**

A certificate representing one unit of ownership in a corporation, mutual fund, or limited partnership.

### **share appreciation mortgage**

A type of mortgage in which a borrower receives an interest rate below the market...

### **share price**

The price of one share of stock.

### **share repurchase plan**

A program through which a corporation purchases back its own shares in the open...

### **shareholder**

Somebody who owns shares of stock in a corporation or mutual fund.

### **shareholder of record**

The name of an individual or entity that an issuer carries in its records as...

### **shareholder value**

The value that a shareholder is able to obtain from his/her investment in a...

### **shareholders' equity**

The total assets minus total liabilities of an individual or firm. Also known as owner's equity or net worth or net assets.

### **shareholders' letter**

A part of a firm's annual report in which the management discusses the firm's...

### **shares authorized**

The maximum number of shares of stock that a particular firm is permitted to issue, specified in the firm's charter.

### **shares outstanding**

The shares of a firm's stock that have been issued and are in the hands of the public. Also known as outstanding stock.

### **shark repellent**

Any corporate activity that is utilized to discourage a hostile takeover.

### **Sharpe ratio**

A risk-adjusted measure, calculated by using the standard deviation and excess...

### **shelf life**

The maximum amount of time that a given item can remain in a salable condition on a retailer's shelf.

### **shelf offering**

The registration of a new issue, which can be prepared up to two years in advance. Also known as called shelf registration.

### **shelf registration**



The registration of a new issue, which can be prepared up to two years in advance.

### **shelf velocity**

The speed at which a good moves from a manufacturer's inventory to a distributor to a customer.

### **shell**

A firm with no real assets or operations.

### **shelve**

To put off or aside from consideration; to postpone

### **Shipments - Japan**

The total value of products shipped by the mining and manufacturing industries....

### **shock absorber**

Any of a number of procedures implemented by a major stock or commodity exchange when a certain index falls.

### **shop**

A small store that sells retail goods.

### **short**

A trader is in a SHORT POSITION when she sells a currency pair. Longing is the...

### **short bond**

A type of bond with a maturity of less than one year.

### **short coupon**

A bond interest payment covering less than the usual six-month period, often the bond's first coupon.

### **short cover**

The repurchasing of a previously sold contract. Also known as cover.

### **short hedge**

The sale of an options contract to protect against the possibility a decline...

### **short interest**

The total number of shares of a security that have been sold short and not yet repurchased.

#### **short interest ratio**

The proportion calculated by taking the short interest divided by average daily...

#### **short leg**

The part of an option spread indicating a commitment to sell the underlying security.

#### **short market value**

The total value of all securities that have been shorted in a given account....

#### **short position**

A trader is in a SHORT POSITION when she sells a currency pair. Longing is the...

#### **short purchase**

The repurchasing of a formerly sold contract. Also known as short cover or cover.

#### **short sale**

A trader is in a SHORT POSITION when she sells a currency pair. Longing is the...

#### **short sale rule**

The SEC regulation that stipulates short sales to be made only on an uptick...

#### **short sell**

See short sale.

#### **short squeeze**

A situation in which the price of a stock rises quickly, and investors who sold...

#### **short straddle**

A straddle in which a short position is taken in both a put and a call option....

#### **short swing profits**

The profits earned within six months of a trade.

#### **short swing rules**

A regulation that restricts firm insiders from making short swing profits. The...

### **short-term**

Often referring to one year or less, often used to refer to bonds or loans. Opposite of long-term.

### **short-term gain or loss**

A capital gain or loss on an investment which was held for less than a period of time, usually one year or less.

### **short-term reserves**

Investments in interest-bearing bank deposits, money market instruments, and...

### **shortfall**

An amount, which is lower than (i.e. worse than) expected or required.

### **shorting**

The process of undertaking a short sale.

### **shorting against the box**

A short sale of a given security, where the seller does own but does not want...

### **SHP**

The ISO currency code for the St. Helena Pound.

### **shrinkage**

The discrepancy of inventory recorded on a firm's records, and the inventory on hand, due to theft, loss or accounting error.

### **shutdown**

The stoppage of production by a firm.

### **SIA**

Acronym for Securities Industry Association. The main trade organization and...

### **SIC**

Acronym for Standard Industrial Classification. 4-digit codes used to categorize and uniquely identify business activities.

### **sideways**

A price that is neither rising or falling; Also known as flat

### **Sierra Leone Leone**

The currency of Sierra Leone. Learn more about Sierra Leone and the Sierra Leone's Leone at GoCurrency.com

### **sight draft**

A draft that is payable on demand.

### **sight letter of credit**

A letter of credit that is payable as soon as the required documents have been presented.

### **signal**

A term used in technical analysis to connote a trigger to initiate a trade....

### **signature guarantee**

An authentication of a signature in the form of a stamp or seal by a bank, a...

### **signature loan**

A type of loan that is not backed by collateral, but rather the faith of the borrower. Also known as an unsecured loan.

### **significant order**

An order to purchase or sell securities that is large enough to affect the market price.

### **silent partner**

A business partner who provides capital but does not actively participate in the management of operations.

### **SIMPLE**

Acronym for Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees. A retirement plan sponsored...

### **SIMPLE 401(k) Plan**

A type of retirement plan sponsored by firms with less than 100 employees, which...

### **simple interest**

The interest calculated on a principal sum, as opposed to compounded on earned interest.

## **SIMPLE IRA**

See Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees.

## **simple moving average**

The mean value, as calculated over a continuing previous period of fixed length.

## **Simplified Employee Pension IRA**

Acronym for SEP IRA. A type of retirement program for self-employed people or...

## **simulation**

The use of a theoretical mathematical model to recreate a situation, often repeatedly,...

## **sin tax**

An excise tax levied on products considered vices (i.e. tobacco and alcohol).

## **Singapore Dollar**

The currency of Singapore. Learn more about Singapore and the Singapore Dollar at [GoCurrency.com](http://GoCurrency.com)

## **single**

The filing status of an individual who is not married on December 31 of the year for which the return is filed.

## **single option**

A put or call option held by itself, rather than multiple options as used in a spread or straddle.

## **single stock futures**

A single transaction equivalent to the simultaneous sale of a put and purchase...

## **single-employer plan**

A retirement plan under the control of one firm.

## **single-entry bookkeeping**

An accounting method in which transactions are recorded as a single entry, rather...

## **single-life annuity**

An annuity that provides income benefits for one, individual person.

### **single-payment loan**

A loan whose principal is due in total with a single payment at maturity.

### **Single-Premium Deferred Annuity**

Acronym for SPDA. A tax-deferred investment plan in which an individual makes...

### **single-premium life insurance**

A type of whole life insurance, requiring one initial lump sum payment.

### **sinker**

A bond whose interest and principal payments are made via a sinking fund.

### **sinking fund**

A type of fund, where a firm sets aside money over time, in order to retire...

### **SIPC**

Acronym for Securities Investor Protection Corporation, which refers to a non-profit...

### **SIT**

The ISO currency code for Slovenia. Learn more about currencies at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **site**

The position or location

### **SKK**

The ISO currency code for the Slovakia Koruna. Learn more about currencies at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **skyrocket**

A sudden, sharp rise in price, value, or rate.

### **slander**

A malicious, false, and defamatory statement or report

### **sleeper**

A stock that is trading at an unusually low valuation based on traditional measures such as price/earnings ratio.

## **slippage**

The difference between the price a trader expects to be filled at, and the price...

## **SLL**

The ISO code for the Sierra Leone's Leone. Learn more about Sierra Leone and the Sierra Leone Leone at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **SLMA**

Acronym for Student Loan Marketing Association.

## **Slovakia Koruna**

The currency of Slovakia. Learn more about currencies at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **Slovenian Tolar**

The currency code of Slovenia. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page](#) & [Currency Converter](#)

## **slump**

A short period of economic or financial weakness.

## **Small Business Administration**

A Federal agency which makes loans to small businesses.

## **Small Business Confidence - Japan**

A measure of small businesses optimism. As small businesses tend to be more...

## **Small Business Investment Company**

SBIC. A private investment company licensed by the Small Business Administration...

## **small cap**

A maximum amount ranging from \$250 million to \$1 billion capitalization.

## **small cap stock**

See small cap.

## **small corporate offering registration**

Acronym for SCOR. An over the counter sale of securities that allows for up...

### **small investor**

An individual who purchases small amounts of securities for himself, as opposed...

### **Small Order Execution System**

Also known as SOES, an automated system that bypasses brokers when processing small order agency executions of Nasdaq securities.

### **smart money**

A reference to experienced investors and traders, who tend to spot trends and...

### **smokestack industry**

A basic manufacturing industry (i.e. the automobile, steel, rubber, paper, and chemical industry).

### **SNB Chief Economist Speaks - Switzerland**

The speeches of the Chief Economist for the Swiss National Bank have heavy influence...

### **SNB Quarterly Monetary Policy Assessment - Switzerland**

States the central bank's views on developments in the Swiss economy, current...

### **SNB Three-Month Target Libor Rate - Switzerland**

The target interest rate set by the Swiss National Bank (SNB). Adjusting the...

### **snowballing**

A situation in which the exercise of stop orders in a declining (or advancing)...

### **social responsibility**

The belief that businesses should contribute to the overall welfare of their communities.

### **Social Security**

The comprehensive US federal program of benefits providing workers and their...

### **Social Security Tax**

A federal tax levied in order to fund the Social Security programs.

### **socialism**

A type of economic system, where cooperation rather than competition is valued,...



### **socially conscious investing**

The practice of investing in firms that operate ethically, provide social benefits, and are sensitive to the environment.

### **socially responsible fund**

A type of mutual fund that only invests in firms that meet certain ethical and moral standards.

### **SOES**

Acronym for Small Order Execution System. An automated system that bypasses...

### **soft commodity**

A label for a set of commodities, generally including cocoa, sugar, and coffee....

### **soft currency**

A nation's currency unacceptable in the exchange for currency of other countries, due to unrealistic exchange rates.

### **soft dollars**

The payments to a full-service brokerage in exchange for its services in terms...

### **soft landing**

The avoidance of inflation and high interest rates during the period of a recession.

### **soft loan**

A loan with accommodating repayment terms.

### **soft market**

A market with more sellers than buyers. Low prices result from this excess of...

### **softs**

The label given to a set of commodities, usually including cocoa, sugar, and coffee.

### **sole proprietor**

See sole proprietorship.

### **sole proprietorship**

A type of business structure in which an individual and his/her firm are considered...

## **Solomon Island Dollar**

The official currency of the Solomon Islands. Learn more about Solomon Islands and the Solomon Dollar at [GoCurrency.com](#)

## **solvency ratio**

Any of several formulas used to gauge a firm's ability to meet its long-term...

## **solvent**

Having the characteristic of being able to pay all debt obligations as they become due. Opposite of insolvent.

## **Somali Shilling**

The official currency of Somalia. Learn more about Somalia and the Somolian Shilling at [GoCurrency.com](#)

## **sophisticated investor**

An investor who has sufficient knowledge and experience with investing.

## **Sortino ratio**

A variation of the Sharpe ratio which differentiates harmful volatility from...

## **SOS**

The ISO code for the Somalian Shilling. Learn more about Somalia and the Somali Shilling at [GoCurrency.com](#)

## **source**

The origin of revenues, products and services, or financing.

## **South African Rand**

The ISO currency code for the South African Rand. Find more on South Africa, the Rand at [GoCurrency.com](#)

## **South Korean Won**

The official currency of South Korea. Learn more about South Korea and the Korean Won at [GoCurrency.com](#)

## **sovereign debt**

A debt instrument guaranteed by a governing body.

### **Spanish Peseta**

The currency of Spain until 1 January 1999, when it was superseded by the euro....

### **SPD**

Acronym for Summary Plan Description. A document containing a comprehensive...

### **SPDA**

Acronym for Single-Premium Deferred Annuity. A tax-deferred investment plan...

### **SPDR**

Acronym for Standard and Poor's Depository Receipt. The shares of a security...

### **SPE**

Acronym for special purpose entity.

### **special dividend**

A nonrecurring dividend that is exceptional in terms of either size or date issued.

### **Special Drawing Right**

Abbreviated as SDR. An artificial currency unit based upon several national...

### **Special Drawing Rights**

SDR. An artificial currency unit based on multiple national currencies, and...

### **special endorsement**

An endorsement of a check authorizing payment to an entity other than the entity...

### **special purpose entity**

A business interest formed solely in order to accomplish a particular task or tasks, and used for accounting purposes.

### **special situation**

A stock that one believes is about to rise for some particular reason.

### **special use property**

An income-producing property, which is designed for a specific use.

### **special-purpose bond**

A municipal bond which is repaid from taxes collected from those who benefit...

### **specialist**

A stock exchange member who makes a market for certain exchange-traded securities,...

### **specialist market**

A market which arises when limit orders cannot be filled using available market...

### **specialist unit**

A specialist authorized by an exchange to act as both the principal and agent for other brokers in maintaining a stable market.

### **specialist's book**

A chronological record of a specialist's inventory of securities and orders. Also known as book.

### **specialized fund**

A type of mutual fund investing in the securities of a particular industry, sector, type of security or geographic region.

### **specialty fund**

A type of mutual fund investing primarily in the securities of a particular...

### **specie**

A kind of money with intrinsic value (i.e. gold and silver coins).

### **speculation**

Speculation is the practice of selecting investments (exposing one's self to...

### **speculative**

Speculation is the practice of selecting investments (exposing one's self to...

### **speculator**

One who engages in speculation. Speculation is the practice of selecting investments...

### **Speed Resistance Line**

Speed Resistance, or Speedlines, are a combination of percentage retracements...

### **Spider**

The shares of a security designed to track the value of the S&P 500. Spiders...

### **spike**

A sudden, temporary rise or fall in price of large magnitude.

### **spinoff**

An independent firm created from an existing part of another firm through a...

### **split**

An increase in the number of outstanding shares of a firm's stock, such that...

### **split commission**

A commission received by the broker who executed the transaction and the investment professional.

### **split coupon bond**

A type of bond, which pays no coupons, is sold at a deep discount to its face value, and matures at its face value.

### **split offering**

A type of municipal bond, which is part serial bond and part term maturity bond.

### **split order**

A large order which is broken into smaller pieces to be executed one at a time to avoid affecting the market price.

### **split rating**

A security that is rated differently by two or more major rating agencies.

### **split-adjusted price**

The price per share of a stock following the splits.

### **sponsor**

The general partner who organizes and sells the limited partnership.

## **Sponsored ADR**

An ADR, which is issued with the cooperation of the firm whose stock will underlie the ADR.

## **sponsorship**

Advertising, often for a specific event, program, or project.

## **spoofing**

Stock market manipulation in which a trader with a position in a stock places...

## **spot**

Literally means for immediate delivery. In the FX market transactions in...

## **spot commodity**

A commodity traded on the spot market, with the expectation that the buyer will take delivery

## **spot market**

A market in which commodities, such as grain, gold, crude oil, or RAM chips,...

## **spot month**

The closest delivery month on a futures contract.

## **spot price**

The present delivery price of a given commodity being traded on the spot market. Also known as cash price.

## **spot rate**

The theoretical yield on a zero-coupon Treasury.

## **spot trading**

A type of trading that involves cash sales for immediate delivery.

## **spousal IRA**

A traditional IRA or Roth IRA set up by a married person in the name of his...

## **spousal remainder trust**

A trust in which income-producing property is placed in the trust by the grantor...

## **spread**

The Spread refers to the difference between the sell and buy price for a security....

## **spread option**

The purchase of one option and the simultaneous sale of a related option, such...

## **Spread Trading - Futures vs FX**

Futures - In Futures Spread Trading the trader simultaneously buys (longs)...

## **sprinkling trust**

A living trust or will in which the trustee has discretion over how the trust's...

## **squeeze**

A period characterized by tight monetary policy, when interest rates are high and borrowing is difficult.

## **SRD**

The ISO code of the Suriname Dollar. Learn more about Surinam and the Suriname Dollar at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **SRG**

The ISO currency code for the Surinam Guilder.

## **Sri Lankan Rupee**

The official currency of Sri Lanka. Learn more about Sri Lanka and the Sri Lankan Rupee at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **SRO**

Acronym for Self-Regulatory Organization. A non-governmental organization which...

## **St. Helena Pound**

The currency of St. Helena. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page](#) & [Currency Converter](#)

## **St. Kitts Dollar**

The currency of St. Kitts. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page](#) & [Currency Converter](#)

## **St. Lucia Dollar**

The currency of St. Lucia. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **St. Pierre Franc**

The currency of St. Pierre. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **St. Vincent Dollar**

The currency of St. Vincent. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **stability**

resistance to change; continuance without change

### **stabilization**

The situation in which an underwriter\ tries to prevent a recent offering from...

### **stable**

A price or rate that does not fluctuate rapidly.

### **Stafford loan**

A need-based government loan made to university-bound students rather than their parents.

### **stagflation**

The unfavorable situation characterized by high inflation and high unemployment.

### **staggered board of directors**

A board of directors only a part of which is elected each year, often to discourage takeover attempts.

### **staggered maturities**

The act of holding a portfolio of bonds which includes some short-term, some...

### **stagging**

The practice of buying initial public offerings at the offering price and then...

### **stagnation**

A state of economic inactivity

### **stake**



The amount of a security either owned (a long position) or owed (a short position)...

### **stakeholder**

Any party that has an interest or stake in a firm.

### **stamped security**

A security which has been stamped to show that some feature of it has changed since its issuance, such as the maturity date.

### **standard**

A technologies or product that has achieved a level of market saturation such...

### **Standard & Poor's 100**

S&P 100. Of the firms in the S&P 500, the 100 which have the largest market capitalization.

### **Standard & Poor's 500**

S&P 500. S&P 500.

### **Standard & Poor's Depositary Receipt**

The shares of a security designed to track the value of the S&P 500. Spiders...

### **standard costing**

A management tool used to estimate the overall cost of production, assuming normal operations.

### **standard deduction**

A fixed deduction allowed to taxpayers who do not itemize.

### **Standard Deviation**

A statistical term used in a wide range of price indicators, a standard deviation...

### **Standard Industrial Classification**

SIC. 4-digit codes used to categorize and uniquely identify business activities.

### **standard mileage rate**

A fixed rate allowed by the IRS for business transportation expenses in place of deducting actual expenses.

### **standard of living**

The financial health of a population, as measured by the quantity of consumption by the members of that population.

**standard payment calculation**

The monthly payment required to repay the remaining balance of a mortgage in...

**standby commitment**

The commitment by an underwriter to purchase for resale any part of a new issue...

**standby loan commitment**

A formal offer by a lender, explicating the terms under which it agrees to lend...

**standing order**

The consent to make regular periodic shipments of a specified product.

**start rate**

The initial interest rate on an adjustable rate mortgage, most often referring to the first year.

**startup**

A new business venture that is in its earliest stage of development.

**state bank**

A bank organized under a state, rather than a federal, charter.

**stated value**

The value assigned to a firm's no-par stock by its board of directors, for accounting purposes.

**statement**

A written declaration, such as of financial data.

**statement of additional information**

In the context of mutual funds, a document which contains detailed information...

**Statement of Cash Flows**

See cash flow statement.

**statement of condition**

A quantitative summary of a firm's financial condition at a specific point in...

### **statistical arbitrage**

An attempt to profit from pricing inefficiencies that are identified through the use of theoretical mathematical models.

### **statistically significant**

The condition in which a sample size is large enough to be considered representative of the overall population being studied.

### **status quo**

The existing condition or state of affairs.

### **statute**

A legislative act or law.

### **Statute of Limitations**

A state law limiting the amount of time within which legal action may be taken.

### **statutory**

Having been enacted by legislation.

### **statutory consolidation**

A merger, where a new corporate entity is created from the two merging companies, which cease to exist.

### **statutory investment**

An investment in which a fiduciary is authorized to make, according to state laws.

### **statutory merger**

A merger in which one of the merging companies continues to exist as a legal...

### **statutory stock option**

A type of employee stock option that provides tax advantages for the employer that a non-qualified stock option does not.

### **statutory voting**

A system in which shareholders voting for the board of directors may not give...

## **STD**

The ISO currency code for the Sao Tome Dobra.

## **step down**

To resign from a position

## **step up in basis**

The change in the value of an asset inherited upon the owner's death. The taxable...

## **step variable costs**

The variable costs which change dramatically at certain points because they...

## **step-down lease**

A lease providing for specified rent decreases at certain future dates. Opposite of step-up lease.

## **step-up bond**

A type of bond that pays one coupon rate for an initial period followed by a higher coupon rate.

## **step-up lease**

A type of lease providing for specified rent increases at certain future dates. Opposite of step-down lease.

## **step-up warrant**

A call warrant which includes one or more increases in the strike price, occurring on specified dates.

## **sterilization**

The practice of using open market operations to counteract the effects of exchange...

## **stickiness**

The degree to which the existing use of a product or service encourages its...

## **stipulate**

To specify or require something, as in a written contract or formal agreement.

## **stochastic**

The stochastic oscillator is based on the assumption that as prices increase,...

## **Stochastic Oscillator**

The stochastic oscillator is based on the assumption that as prices increase,...

### **stock**

The capital raised by a corporation through the issuance and distribution of shares.

### **stock association**

A savings association organized as a capital stock corporation.

### **stock bonus plan**

A profit-sharing plan that delivers benefits to employees in the form of stock rather than cash.

### **stock buyback**

See buyback.

### **stock certificate**

A document reflecting legal ownership of a specific number of stock shares in...

## **Stock Clearing Corporation**

SCC. The clearinghouse for the NYSE.

### **stock consolidation**

A reverse stock split.

### **stock dividend**

A type of dividend paid as additional shares of stock rather than as cash. If...

### **stock exchange**

An exchange on which shares of stock and common stock equivalents are bought...

### **stock fund**

A mutual fund that invests primarily in stocks.

### **stock index**

An index of market prices of a particular group of stocks, such as the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq Composite Index.

### **stock ledger**

A record of each shareholder's ownership in a corporation.

### **stock life insurance company**

A life insurance firm owned by shareholders who share in its earnings, in contrast to a mutual firm, which is owned by policyholders.

### **stock list**

A department of a stock exchange which monitors listed firms to make sure they...

### **stock loan**

The loan of securities by one broker to another, such as to cover a customer short sale. Also known as securities loan.

### **stock market**

General term for the organized trading of stocks through exchanges and over-the-counter.

### **stock market crash**

A steep drop in market prices or economic conditions. Also known as crash.

### **stock market index**

See stock index.

### **stock option**

An option in which the underlier is the common stock of a corporation, giving...

### **stock option plan**

A program within a firm whereby employees are allowed to buy a specific number...

### **stock power**

A power of attorney enabling a person other than the owner to transfer stock ownership to another party. S

### **stock purchase plan**

A trust established by a firm, which acts as a tax-qualified, defined-contribution...

### **stock rating**

An evaluation of a stock's expected performance and/or its risk level as judged by a rating agency such as Standard and Poor's.

### **stock screening**

See screening

### **stock split**

An increase in the number of outstanding shares of a firm's stock, such that...

### **stock swap**

An acquisition in which the acquiring firm uses its own stock to pay for the acquired firm.

### **stock symbol**

A ticker symbol denoting a particular stock.

### **stock ticker**

See ticker.

### **stockbroker**

An intermediary who deals primarily with transactions involving stocks.

### **stockholder**

An investor who owns shares of common stock in a corporation or mutual fund....

### **stockholder of record**

The name an issuer uses in its records for an investor who is the registered...

### **stockholders' equity**

The balance sheet quantity of a company's common stock equity. This quantity...

### **stockpile**

The storage of materials or assets for later use.

### **stop and reverse**

A signal to buy the opposite position upon the closing of a position due to a stop.

### **stop entry**

An Entry Order is an order to enter the market at a specified price.Entry orders...

**stop order**

A market order to close a position if a specified stop price is reached.

**stop payment**

An instruction for a bank not to honor the payment of a check before it has been cashed.

**stop price**

In a stop order, this is the indicated price.

**stop-limit order**

An order to buy or sell a certain quantity of a certain security at a specified...

**stop-loss**

A Stop Loss is an order to close a trade when the market moves a specified amount...

**stopped out**

This is when a position is closed due to the execution of a stop order.

**storage**

This is the expense that is incurred when storing commodities from one delivery...

**store**

The location where final retail sales are made.

**story stock**

A stock whose price is volatile at a given time because of expected company news.

**straddle**

This is when an investor purchases or sells an equal number of puts and calls,...

**straight bond**

A type of bond that will pay back the principal upon its maturity date and certain...

**straight line depreciation**

A method for adjusting asset value which assumes the asset loses an equal amount...



**straight paper**

Uninsured notes, bills of exchange, and banker's acceptances.

**straight value**

This is the approximate open market price for a security lacking convertibility....

**stranded asset**

An asset whose market value is less than its book value because it has become...

**strangle**

This is when an investor purchases or sells an equal number of puts and calls,...

**strap**

This is an option contract where an investor is long in one put option and two...

**strategic alliance**

This is an agreement between two or more individuals or entities to cooperate...

**strategic buyout**

An acquisition that is made because of operational benefits from two companies...

**strategic planning**

The preparation of a strategy that aids a company in achieving its long term goals.

**strategy**

A methodology used to achieve goals.

**street broker**

A broker who is not a member of the exchange.

**street name**

This term applies to securities held in the name of a brokerage instead of the...

**strike**

This is a work stoppage undertaken by the labor force of a firm in opposition...

**strike index**

The price of an underlying stock index pertaining to a buyer's index option.

### **strike price**

The purchase or sale price of underlying stock that an option holder sees upon the exercising an option contract.

### **strip**

A bond that is issued by the U.S. Treasury for which interest and repayment...

### **strong basis**

An insignificant difference between cash prices and futures. An investor who...

### **strong dollar**

This term is used to describe the dollar when it can be exchanged for increasing...

### **structural inflation**

Planned inflation that is caused by a government's monetary policy.

### **structure**

This term refers to the proportions of debt and equity that are used to finance a company.

### **structured finance**

Non-standard lending arrangements offered by institutions to companies who have unique financing needs.

### **structured note**

This is a debt security with multiple special features, such as making payments...

### **structured portfolio strategy**

A strategy that shapes a portfolio in a way that allows it to generate profits...

### **structured settlement**

A lawsuit settlement where payments are made in intervals, rather than in one lump sum.

### **Student Loan Marketing Association**

This is commonly known as Sallie Mae. It is a federally established and publicly...

### **style**

The investment strategy a mutual fund relies upon in order to realize its goals.

### **Subchapter M**

This IRS law regulates conduit theory.

### **Subchapter S Corporation**

This is a form of corporation that the IRS allows for most firms with less than...

### **subcontractor**

An individual or company hired by a general or prime contractor to perform a specific task as part of the overall project.

### **subindex**

A group of stocks that are included in a larger index, but are also tracked as if they were a separate index.

### **sublimit**

A limit for a subset of items that are also subject to an overarching group...

### **submortgage**

This is when a mortgage lender promises a mortgage as collateral for his own loan.

### **subordinated**

This is when somebody's position is reduced to that of a junior in priority of claim.

### **subordinated debt**

This type of debt is not secured or is subordinated in priority to that of another...

### **subordination clause**

This is a clause found in some mortgages. It allows previous mortgages on the...

### **subpoena**

This is an order for an individual to testify in a court of law.

### **subrogate**

To accept a claim or right against one party from another party that previously...

### **subscribe**

This is when an investor agrees to purchase stock in a new issue.

### **subscription price**

This is the set price for a new securities offering to the public.

### **subscription privilege**

This is the opportunity current shareholders have to maintain their fractional...

### **subscription right**

This is the current shareholders' right to maintain their proportional ownership...

### **subscription warrant**

This is a document entitling the holder to buy a specific amount of bond or...

### **subsequent offering**

An offering of shares that follows a company's initial public offering. Such an offering is also called a follow-on.

### **subsidiary**

A firm for which a holding company owns the majority of the voting stock.

### **subsidy**

Financial assistance that the government provides to individuals or groups.

### **succession**

A documented transfer of a decedent's assets and rights to his heirs.

### **Sudanese Dinar**

The currency of Sudan. Learn more about Sudan and the Sudanese Dinar at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **sue**

To bring legal action against a person or entity.

### **suicide pill**

This is an extreme version of the poison pill defense; a target company takes...

### **Suitability Rules**

A stated or implied regulatory guideline that many security bodies apply to...

### **Sum-of-the-Years'-Digits Method**

A method for calculating the depreciation of an asset that has greater depreciation...

### **summary annual report**

A document that reveals the annual results of a retirement plan and is distributed...

### **summary plan description**

This is a document containing a comprehensive description of a retirement plan....

### **sunk cost**

A cost that has already been incurred and cannot be recovered regardless of...

### **sunrise industry**

A quickly growing industry that is expected to become prominent in the future.

### **sunset industry**

A slowly growing, declining, industry. Such an industry is considered to be irrelevant to the future.

### **sunshine laws**

State and federal laws that require the majority of regulatory meetings and decisions to be publicized.

### **super sinker bond**

A bond with long-term coupons coupled with a short-term maturity. Such a bond...

### **supercede**

To rise in power, authority, validity, or importance, replacing a previously superior entity.

### **supervisory analyst**

A New York Stock Exchange member firm research analyst who has passed a special...

### **supplemental agreement**

An agreement whose main purpose is to modify a previous agreement, usually by adding additional conditions.

### **supplier**

A company that supplies products to another company. Such a company is often called a vendor.

### **supply**

The total amounts of a good or service available in a market at different price...

### **supply chain**

The members of a chain of suppliers that is responsible for the delivery and production of a particular good.

### **supply curve**

A graph that depicts the hypothetical supply of a product or service at different...

### **supply elasticity**

The percentage amount by which supply changes in response to a one percent change...

### **supply-side economics**

An economic theory which holds that reducing tax rates, especially for businesses...

### **support**

A price level in which a currency pair has difficulty falling below. At support,...

### **surcharge**

A fee that is charged in addition to another charge.

### **surety**

This is a pledge, guarantee, or bond regarding the performance of an individual or a company.

### **surety bond**

A bond issued by an entity on behalf of another party. This bond guarantees...

### **Surinam Guilder**

The official currency of Surinam. Learn more about Surinam and the Suriname Dollar at GoCurrency.com

### **Suriname Dollar**

The currency of Suriname. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

### **surplus**

This is an excess of any sort. It is also called an overage.

### **surrender charge**

A fee that is charged when one terminates an annuity contract prior to its maturity.

### **surrender value**

The amount of cash one receives upon cancelling his insurance policy. Surrender...

### **surtax**

A tax that is only applicable to certain individuals and is charged in addition...

### **surveillance department**

A department that monitors the activity of a trading exchange, confirming that it meets exchange and SEC regulations.

### **Survey of Manufacturing - Canada**

Monthly report on Canada's manufacturing sector. The data shows the current...

### **survivor benefit**

The payment a beneficiary receives from an annuity or insurance policy when...

### **survivorship**

This is when a survivor automatically gains ownership of a decedent's property...

### **survivorship bias**

Not including failed companies in performance studies because they no longer...

### **survivorship insurance**

A type of insurance that is applied to more than one person at a time. It pays...

### **suspended trading**

A temporary trading stoppage in a particular security for a specific reason,...

### **SVC**

The ISO currency code for the El Salvador Colon. Learn more about the El Salvador Colon and El Salvador at GoCurrency.com

## **SVME Manufacturing PMI - Switzerland**

Tracks trends in the Swiss Manufacturing sector. The Purchasing Manager's Index...

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## **swap**

An exchange of different streams of payments over a given period of time, in...

## **swap rate**

The difference between the forward exchange rate and the spot rate of a currency....

## **swaption**

An option on a swap. Such an option is most often given with interest rate swaps.

## **Swaziland Lilangeni**

The currency of Swaziland Lilangeni. See GoCurrency World Currencies Page & Currency Converter

## **sweat equity**

Equity that is acquired by a company and attributed to the hard work of its executives.

## **Swedish Krona**

The currency of Sweden. Learn more about Sweden and the Swedish Krona at GoCurrency.com

## **sweep account**

A brokerage account whose cash balance is automatically transferred into a high...

## **sweetener**

A feature of a debt obligation or preferred stock which is included in order...

## **Swing Index**

This momentum indicator is used primarily as a component of the Accumulative...

## **swing loan**

This loan is short-term financing. Borrowers often take out a subsequent long...



### **swing trade**

A trading strategy that attempts to create profits by holding positions for...

### **Swiss Franc**

The currency of Switzerland. ISO international currency code: CHF. The...

### **switching**

To move money between mutual funds that may be within a fund family or in different fund families.

### **switching costs**

The costs a customer incurs when moving from one supplier or marketplace to...

### **symbol**

A combination of letters used to uniquely identify a stock or mutual fund listed...

### **Symmetrical Triangle Chart Pattern**

With symmetrical Triangles, trend lines converge with the support line is ascending...

### **syndicate**

A group of investment banks that jointly underwrite and distribute a new security...

### **syndicate bid**

A bid that a syndicate makes in order to stabilize the price of a Nasdaq security prior to a secondary offering occurs.

### **syndicate manager**

The commercial or investment bank which is primarily responsible for organizing...

### **syndicate member**

An investment bank, brokerage, or bank that participates in a syndicate.

### **syndication**

Information provided for simultaneous publication in several periodicals or web sites.

### **synergy**

This is when multiple parties coordinate mutually beneficial arrangements.

### **synthetic lease**

A transaction that appears to be a lease from an accounting standpoint, but...

### **synthetic put**

This occurs when somebody short sells a security and buys it long upon its call....

### **synthetic stock**

Multiple assets are combined to form a synthetic stock. For example, a synthetic...

### **SYP**

The ISO code for the Syrian Pound. Learn more about Syria and the Syrian Pound at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **Syrian Pound**

The official currency of Syria. Learn more about Syria and the Syrian Pound at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **systematic investment plan**

This plan provides for a system of repetitive investments. Using such a plan,...

### **systematic risk**

This is when an entire class of assets or liabilities is subject to the same...

### **systemic risk**

This is when an entire class of assets or liabilities is subject to the same...

### **SZL**

The ISO currency code for the Swaziland Lilangeni. Learn more about currencies at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **T+3**

This refers to the fact that securities transactions must usually be settled within three days of the execution date.

### **T-Bill**

A short-term obligated investment that is backed by the U.S. government. These...

### **tacit**

When something is unspoken but understood as a result of physical symbolism.

### **tactics**

Strategic actions taken in order to solve specific problems or accomplish certain goals.

### **Taft-Hartley Act of 1947**

<http://www.fxwords.com/t/taft-hartley-act-of-1947.html>

### **tailgating**

This is when a broker places the same orders as a customer, hoping to profit...

### **Taiwan Dollar**

The name of the Taiwan currency.

### **Tajikistan Somoni**

The currency of Tajikistan. Learn more about currencies at [GoCurrency.com](http://GoCurrency.com)

### **take a bath**

Slang terminology for incurring a significant loss on an investment.

### **take a flier**

This is when one invests in a high-risk business opportunity or security, called a flier.

### **take a position**

Enter into the market. See position

### **take delivery**

To accept or receive products, securities certificates, or physical commodities after a purchase.

### **take profits**

This is when investors sell their stocks while prices are rising in order to...

### **take-home pay**

The pay an employee actually receives after accounting for bonuses, taxes, health care premiums, and retirement savings plans.

### **take-or-pay contract**

An agreement between a buyer and a seller where the buyer pays some amount to...

### **takeover**

To acquire control of a corporation, called a target, by stock purchase or exchange....

### **takeover target**

The company that is being subjected to an either friendly or hostile takeover.

### **tangible asset**

An asset that has a physical form. Examples of tangible assets are cash, equipment,...

### **tangible net worth**

The value of a person or a corporation, not including any intangible assets.

### **Tankan Survey - Japan**

The Tankan Survey queries firms on the prevailing business climate and is conducted...

### **Tanzanian Shilling**

The currency of Tanzania. Learn more about Tanzania and the Tanzanian Shilling at [GoCurrency.com](http://GoCurrency.com)

### **tape**

This is a service that provides quote and volume figures for all transactions...

### **tape is late**

This is when real time quotes are delayed due to the great trade volume of a...

### **target**

An aim or an end goal that is worked towards.

### **target price**

The price at which a holder of a stock plans to sell the stock.

### **targeted repurchase**

This is when a target company repurchases its own stock at a significant premium in order to prevent a hostile takeover.

### **tariff**

A tax imposed on a product upon when it is imported into a country.

**task force**

A small team that is responsible for achieving specific goals on a short-term assignment.

**tax**

A fee that is charged by a government on a product, income, or activity. A tax...

**tax anticipation note**

Securities that tend to be short-term and are issued in anticipation of future...

**tax audit**

An examination and verification of a company's documents, financial records,...

**tax base**

The taxable value of assets, investments, or income. Many different assets have tax bases related to their assessed values.

**tax basis**

The purchase price used to determine capital gains and capital losses for tax...

**tax bracket**

This is the level of taxation a given individual experiences. It is evident...

**tax credit**

This is a dollar-for-dollar reduction of an individual's tax liability, rather...

**tax deduction**

An expense that is subtracted from adjusted gross income when calculating taxable...

**tax deferral**

This is when somebody chooses to pay for present taxes in the future. Differed...

**tax equivalent yield**

The pretax yield that an investment needs to have in order to provide the yield...

**tax evasion**

Not paying taxes, failing to report, or reporting inaccurately. Tax evasion...

**tax haven**

A country whose tax policies are favorable for foreign businesses and individuals.

**tax identification number**

This is an individual's Social Security or a business's Employer Identification Number.

**tax lien**

This is when the federal government enforces the liquidation of an individual's...

**tax loss carryback**

A technique that makes it possible for a company to receive a tax refund by...

**tax loss carryforward**

This is the application of current year losses or credits to a future year. This tax loss is also called a carryforward.

**tax lot**

The tax implications of a set of transactions involving a particular security...

**tax planning**

To plan business decisions paying consideration to the tax implications of any...

**tax preference item**

This Item often subjects taxpayers to alternative minimum taxes.

**tax rate**

The percentage of an entity's income, goods, services or assets that is paid...

**Tax Reform Act of 1986**

This act mandated many significant changes to the U.S. tax system.

**Tax Reform Act of 1993**

A law that increased tax rates in order to decrease the federal budget deficit....

**tax refund**

The government's return of any excess taxes that may have been paid in a previous period.

#### **tax revenue anticipation note**

A short-term debt that is taken on to improve cash flow and is secured by future...

#### **tax return**

This refers to the form that is filed in order to collect any excess tax payments from the previous period.

#### **tax roll**

This is a list of all taxable property within a given area.

#### **tax sale**

Selling an asset for which taxes have not been paid for a period of time.

#### **tax schedule**

An IRS forms used to itemize deductions, dividend and interest income, capital...

#### **tax shelter**

Tax shelters are investments or activities that reduce one's taxable income....

#### **tax shield**

The reduction of income tax liabilities through allowed deductions on taxable...

#### **tax swap**

An attempt to crystallize capital losses through the sale of a security that...

#### **tax tables**

People with incomes below \$100,000 use these tables in order to determine the quantitative values of their tax burdens.

#### **tax-advantaged**

To have any form of tax benefits.

#### **tax-deductible**

This is when an item or expense is subtracted from adjusted gross income, reducing...

#### **tax-deferred**

This term is used in reference to taxes on income and capital gains that can...

### **tax-efficient**

Such items are subject to less taxation than other similar investments.

### **tax-exempt**

Something that is not taxed.

### **tax-exempt bond**

A bond that is issued by the government; its interest payments are not subject...

### **tax-free bond fund**

This is a tax-free mutual fund that specializes in municipal bonds.

### **tax-managed fund**

A mutual fund that attempts minimize the taxation for its investors.

### **taxable event**

Any transaction or event that has tax implications.

### **taxable income**

This is a person's gross income less any non-taxable deductions such as for retirement funds.

### **taxable wage base**

This figure indicates the greatest dollar amount of wages that is subject to...

### **taxation**

The government acquisition of funds from a person's wages and assets.

### **taxes**

Multiple fees levied on individuals and corporations responsible for funding government actions.

### **Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997**

A new piece of tax legislation signed into law by President Clinton on August 5, 1997.

### **TD ARCS**

Developed and trade marked by Tom DeMark, TD Arcs combine a percentage retracement...



## **TD Securities Inflation - Australia**

A monthly estimate of inflation in the Australian economy. The report replicates...

### **tear sheet**

This is an alternate named used for Standard & Poor's Stock Reports. These...

### **teaser rate**

A low but temporary introductory rate assessed on an adjustable rate mortgage...

### **technical analysis**

The art of forecasting price movements through the study of chart patterns,...

### **technical analyst**

A person who invests based on technical information. This type of analyst is also called a technician.

### **technical decline**

Decreasing security prices caused by technical factors that affect security...

### **technical indicator**

A short-term trend that analysts can use to forecast future price movements...

### **technical rally**

Increasing security prices caused by technical factors that affect security...

### **technicals**

Short-term trends that analysts use to predict minor fluctuations of securities and/or commodities.

### **technician**

A person who bases investment decisions on technical analysis. This person attempts...

### **TED spread**

The difference between the rate for three month Treasury Bills and the rate...

### **telemarketing**

The act of soliciting customers for the sale of a product or service over the telephone.

**temp**

A temporary or contract employee. Temps usually receive fewer benefits than permanent employees.

**ten-bagger**

A stock which rises to a value ten times as great as its original value.

**tenancy**

The possession and use of real estate that is owned by another party.

**tenancy at will**

A tenancy arrangement under which the tenant occupies real estate, with the...

**tenancy by the entirety**

This type of joint tenancy of property provides the right of survivorship and is only available to married couples.

**tenancy in common**

A type of joint tenancy of property that does not provide the right of survivorship;...

**tenant**

An entity, such as an individual or a business, which possesses real estate...

**tender**

A notice from a futures contract seller, requesting the delivery of the money or goods agreed upon in a futures contract.

**tender offer**

A takeover bid that publicly invites shareholders to sell their stock, often at a price above the market price.

**tenure**

A person's duration of employment with a given company.

**term**

The period of time assigned as the lifespan of any investment. When referring...

**term bond**

A set of bonds that are issued and mature at the same time. Most corporate bonds are term bonds.

#### **term CD**

A CD with a maturity date that is at minimum one year after the date the CD is issued.

#### **term certain method**

A distribution calculation method based on life expectancy and used in relation...

#### **term deposit**

A savings account or CD that is held by a financial institution, usually a bank,...

#### **term insurance**

Insurance that only provides protection for a specified period of time. There...

#### **term life insurance**

Term Life Insurance refers to a traditional life insurance policy, set to expire...

#### **term loan**

A loan that is repaid through regular periodic payments. The most common repayment term is ten years.

#### **term repo**

A short period loan with a term of more than one day.

#### **term sheet**

A document summarizing the details of a potential venture capital investment....

#### **term to maturity**

The amount of time left on the term of a bond before it matures.

#### **term trust**

A closed-end fund conditioned upon a fixed termination or maturity date.

#### **terminal value**

The value of an item at the end of a specified time period. Some examples of...

#### **terminate**

To end or discontinue an agreement or position. This term is used most often in relation to contracts.

### **Termination Statement**

In asset-based lending, this is the statement that the lender signs to signify...

### **terms**

The specific conditions and exact details of an agreement or contract of any sort.

### **Terms of Trade Index - New Zealand**

Measures how favorable New Zealand 's terms of trade are. The terms of trade...

### **Tertiary Industry Index - Japan**

Evaluates the monthly change in output produced by Japan's service sector....

### **test**

Test - A term used in technical analysis for price movement when it approaches...

### **testament**

A legally enforceable declaration containing instructions regarding the disposal...

### **testamentary trust**

A trust that is embedded in a will. It only takes effect after the death of the grantor.

### **testate**

To have a legally valid will at the time of death. Someone who dies without such a will is intestate.

### **testator**

Somebody who has a legally valid will.

### **testimony**

A statement given by a competent witness under oath. Such a statement often serves as a piece of evidence.

### **Thai Baht**

The name of the Thai currency.

## **THB**

The ISO currency code for the Thai Baht.

## **The Street**

An informal name for Wall Street that is often used in reference to the major markets as a larger composite entity.

## **theoretical value**

This is the hypothetical price of an option as calculated by the Black-Scholes...

## **theta**

The ratio of the change in an option's price to the amount of time that has...

## **thin market**

A market is thin when there are few bids and offers. Such a market condition...

## **thinly traded**

This refers to the infrequent or low volume trading of a security.

## **third market**

Over-the-counter trading of listed securities among institutional investors...

## **third party**

A party that is directly involved in a transaction or agreement in addition to the principals.

## **Third World**

Nations whose economies are still in their economic developmental stages. These...

## **thrift**

An organization formed for the purpose of holding deposits for individuals....

## **tick**

This is the smallest possible movement in the price of a security. A tick may also be called a minimum fluctuation.

## **tick test**

Restrictions on when a short trade may be executed. According to these restrictions,...

**ticker**

A scrolling display of current security prices and/or volumes.

**ticker symbol**

A combination of letters used to uniquely identify a stock or mutual fund listed and traded on an exchange.

**ticker tape**

A scrolling line that provides quote and volume information for select securities...

**ticket**

A form that is completed by a Registered Representative of a brokerage upon...

**tier**

A class of securities.

**tight market**

A market characterized by high volume and small spreads.

**tight monetary policy**

A central bank policy designed to curb inflation by increasing the reserves...

**tight money**

A central bank policy designed to curb inflation by increasing the reserves...

**time decay**

The ratio of the change in an option's price to the decrease in its time to...

**time deposit**

A savings account or CD held in a financial institution, usually a bank. It...

**time draft**

A draft that is payable at a specified time in the future, or under particular circumstances.

**time horizon**

The expected length of time of an investment prior to liquidation. It is also called the investment horizon.

### **time note**

A promissory note specifying the repayment date or dates, as opposed to simply recording a promise to pay back loans.

### **time order**

An order to execute a specified transaction at a precise time. If the order...

### **time premium**

The amount by which an option's premium is greater than its intrinsic value. This is also referred to as time value.

### **time spread**

An option strategy involving the purchase and sale of put options and call options...

### **time stop**

An instruction to exit a position after a specific time period has passed if...

### **time to market**

The period of time that is necessary to get a product to marketplace.

### **time value**

The amount by which an option's premium exceeds its intrinsic value. This is also called a time premium.

### **time value of money**

The idea that a dollar now is worth more than a dollar in the future because...

### **time-sharing**

The renting of a single piece of real estate, often a vacation home, to many...

### **times interest earned**

This is a measure of the creditworthiness of a company. It is equal to Earnings...

### **timing the market**

Attempting to predict future market directions by examining recent price and...

### **tip**

An optional payment that supplements a required payment. Such a payment is supposed...

### **TIPS**

An acronym for Treasury Inflation-Protected Security. This security is identical...

### **title**

A legal document that provides evidence of ownership.

### **title binder**

A temporary insurance binder for a piece of real estate that is pending closing and the issuance of a permanent title.

### **title company**

A company that exams and insures title claims, usually for real estate, on behalf of its customers.

### **title defect**

Any encumbrance or claim that might invalidate a title to a property; a cloud on title.

### **title insurance**

This insurance protects a lender or property owner against loss in the event of a property ownership dispute.

### **title search**

The process of examining all relevant records to confirm that the seller of...

### **TJS**

This is the ISO currency code for the Tajikistan Somoni. Learn more about currencies at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **TMM**

This is the ISO currency code for the Turkmenistan Manat. Learn more about currencies at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **TND**

The ISO currency code for the Tunisian Dinar. Learn more about Tunisia and the Tunisian Dinar at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **toehold purchase**



To buy less than 5% of a company's outstanding stock as a possible precursor...

### **Togo Republic Franc**

The name of the Togo currency.

### **Tokelau Dollar**

The name of the Tokelau currency.

### **Tokyo Condominium Sales - Japan**

The annualized change in the value of condominiums sold each month within the...

### **tombstone**

This term refers to an advertisement that an investment bank places in a business...

### **ton**

This is an informal term for \$100 million in bonds.

### **Tonga Pa'Anga**

The name of the Tonga currency.

### **top**

This is the highest price a security reaches over a given period of time. It is also the opposite of bottom.

### **top hat plan**

A nonqualified retirement plan which is limited to select employees. This plan...

### **top line**

This term refers to the total revenues figure which appears at the top of an income statement.

### **top out**

The plateau that occurs at the conclusion of a rally and signifies the end of a trend of increasing prices.

### **top-down**

This investing strategy begins with an analysis of the overall performance of...

### **tort**

A civil unlawful act other than a breach of contract. Tort usually refers to...

#### **total asset turnover**

This is a figure derived by dividing net sales by total assets. This figure...

#### **total assets**

All current and long-term assets owned by a person, company, or other entity.

#### **total cost**

In economics, this is the sum of fixed costs, variable costs, and semi-variable costs.

#### **total return**

The return on an investment. This includes income from dividends and interest,...

#### **total return index**

An index that calculates the performance of a group of stocks. In this calculation,...

#### **tout**

To promote a particular security in an aggressive manner. This is usually done...

#### **tracking**

To monitor a group of stocks in order to learn how the prices move or to profit...

#### **tracking error**

When indexing or using any other benchmarking strategy, this is the amount by...

#### **tracking stock**

Common stock issued by a parent company that tracks the performance of a particular...

#### **trade**

A transaction of a good, service or security. Although widely accepted as the...

#### **trade association**

An organization of individuals or firms who organize themselves with the objective of promoting common interests.

#### **trade balance**

A country's trade balance reflects the difference between exports and imports...

#### **Trade Balance - Australia**

The trade balance figure is simply the difference between the amount of export...

#### **Trade Balance - Euro-zone**

The difference between exports and imports of Euro-zone goods and services....

#### **Trade Balance - Germany - Euro-zone**

The difference between the value of exports and imports in Germany. Trade Balance...

#### **Trade Balance - Japan**

The difference between the total value of exports and the total value of imports....

#### **Trade Balance - Switzerland**

The difference between the total value of Swiss exports and imports. Due to...

#### **Trade Balance - UK**

The difference between exports and imports of British goods and services. The...

#### **Trade Balance - United States**

The US Trade Balance refers to the difference between exports of goods and services...

#### **trade barrier**

Any government policy or regulation that restricts international trade (i.e. import quotas, tariffs).

#### **trade credit**

A firm's open account arrangements with its vendors.

#### **trade date**

The date on which the transaction occurs. The trade date ranges from one to...

#### **trade deficit**

A negative balance of trade (i.e. imports exceed exports). Also known as a trade gap

#### **trade house**

A particular firm that that mediates the sale of commodities.

**trade journal**

Any publication printed with the intention of target marketing to a specific industry or type of business.

**trade name**

The official name denoted to a product or service.

**trade secret**

Any mechanism that provides a firm with a competitive advantage (i.e. a formula, system, tool).

**trade show**

An exhibition of a specific industry's goods and services.

**trade surplus**

A positive balance of trade (i.e. exports exceed imports).

**trade-in allowance**

A deduction in the price of a new item as a result of the handover of an old item.

**trademark**

A specific symbol or design that legally identifies a firm and/or its products,...

**trader**

One who buys and sells goods, services, or securities.

**trading**

The buying and selling of securities or commodities for the purpose of gaining profit.

**trading authorization**

A client's permission granting his or her brokerage the power of attorney in making trades.

**trading costs**

The costs associated with a transaction, including both the commission and the bid/ask spread.

**trading curb**

An ad hoc temporary impediment to trading to reduce dramatic price movements of a certain security (i.e. the tick test).

### **trading dividends**

The practice by some corporations of buying and selling other corporations'...

### **trading floor**

The site of a trading transaction.

### **trading halt**

A temporary stoppage of trading in a particular security for a specific reason,...

### **Trading Index**

TRIN. A market indicator calculated by the following: Arms Index = [(# of advancing...

### **trading on the equity**

A business endeavor involving the borrowing of funds to increase capital investment....

### **trading pattern**

The graphical depiction of a security's price over a specified time period....

### **trading profit**

The profit gained from a position held for less than one year. The profit is...

### **trading range**

Range refers to the area between high and low prices a currency pair tends to...

### **trading session**

The period in which trading activities occurs, spanning from the time the market opens until the closing of the market.

### **trading volume**

The quantity of shares, bonds or contracts traded during a designated time period for a security or an entire exchange.

### **trailing**

The most recently completed time period. For example, trailing twelve months...

### **trailing P/E**

The price to earnings ratio, quantified by using earnings for the four most recently completed quarters.

### **trailing stop loss**

Trailing stopThe trailing stop is a feature attached to stop-loss orders, where...

### **tranche**

A portion of a deal or structured financing, which is one of several related...

### **transaction**

An agreement between a buyer and a seller to exchange an asset for payment.

### **transaction costs**

The costs incurred in the process of buying or selling assets (i.e. commissions and the spread).

### **transfer**

The change of ownership from one party to another.

### **transfer agent**

An agent employed by a corporation or mutual fund to maintain shareholder records.

### **transfer payments**

Any form of cash inflow given by the government to its citizens (i.e. Social...

### **transfer pricing**

The price charged by one division of a company for products and services it...

### **transfer tax**

A state or local tax to be paid upon the transfer of a title.

### **transmittal letter**

A letter attached to a shipment of securities, explaining the purpose for the shipment.

### **transparent market**

A market in which trade information is readily available to the public.

### **traveler's check**

A check issued by a financial institution that functions as cash, but is protected...

### **treasurer**

The position in a firm or organization that is responsible for the collection,...

### **Treasuries**

Negotiable U.S. Government debt obligations issued by the U.S. government in...

### **Treasury**

The name given to the center of financial operations of a firm, which is responsible for issuing new securities.

### **Treasury auction**

An auction in which Treasury Bills are sold to the public.

### **Treasury Bill**

One of three types of Treasuries. Treasury Bills have a maturity of one year...

### **Treasury Bond**

One of three types of Treasuries. Treasury Bonds have a maturity of more than...

### **Treasury Direct**

A system operated through Federal Reserve Banks, which allows retail investors...

### **Treasury index**

An index that determines interest rate changes for certain adjustable rate mortgages.

### **Treasury Inflation-Protected Security**

TIPS. A security similar to a treasury bond, with the difference being that...

### **Treasury Note**

One of three types of Treasuries. Treasury notes have a maturity of between 1 and 7 years. Also called U.S. Treasury Note.

### **Treasury Stock**

Stock that is reacquired by a corporation to be resold to the public. Treasury...

### **trend**

The general pattern of movement for prices or rates.

### **trend analysis**

A graphical analysis of a firm's financial data over time.

### **trend reversal**

The change in the general pattern of a market, such as a rally. Also called reversal.

### **trendline**

A form of technical analysis formation created by drawing a line that connects...

### **Treynor Index**

The measure of a portfolio's excess return per unit of risk, calculated by the...

### **trial balance**

The summation of total debit balances and credit balances, to confirm that total debits equal total credits.

### **trial offer**

A temporary offer, either free or heavily discounted, to encourage customers to purchase the product after the trial period.

### **Triangle Chart Pattern**

A triangle is formed between converging trend lines. One ascending support line,...

### **trickle-down theory**

An economic theory, which states that the positive externalities and spillover...

### **trigger**

An event signifying that an investor will make a specific trade (i.e. reaching a specified price target).

### **TRIN**

Trading Index. A market indicator calculated by the following: Arms Index =...

### **Trinidad/Tobago Dollar**

The currency of Trinidad/Tobago.



### **triple bottom**

A technical analysis term used to describe a chart on which the price of a security...

### **triple exemption**

A bond whose dividends and interest are exempt from federal, state and local income taxes for investors in certain locations.

### **triple net lease**

A lease, where the lessee pays rent to the lessor, as well as all taxes, insurance,...

### **triple witching day**

The day on which triple witching hour occurs.

### **triple witching hour**

The last hour of the stock market trading session on the third Friday of March, June, September, and December.

### **TRIX - Triple Exponential Smoothing Oscillator**

As a momentum indicator, this oscillator is based on smoothed moving averages...

### **TRL**

The ISO currency code for the Turkish Lira.

### **troubleshooting**

The act of problem solving

### **trough**

A local minimum point.

### **trust**

A legal arrangement in which the trustor gives fiduciary control of property to a predetermined trustee.

### **trust company**

An organization that acts as a fiduciary, trustee or agent in the administration of trust funds, estates and custodial arrangements.

### **trust fund**

Assets held in a trust.

### **trust-preferred security**

A security possessing characteristics of both equity and debt issues.

### **trustee**

An individual or organization that holds assets for the benefit of another....

### **trustee in bankruptcy**

A court-appointed trustee who is assigned the duty of administering the affairs of a bankrupt company or individual.

### **trustor**

An individual who sets up a trust. Also known as a grantor.

### **Truth in Lending**

A federal law requiring lenders to fully disclose in writing the terms and conditions...

### **TRY**

The ISO currency code for the New Turkish Lira.

### **TTD**

The ISO currency code for the Trinidad/Tobago Dollar.

### **TTM**

An Acronym for Trailing Twelve Months. The timeframe of the previous twelve months used for reporting financial figures.

### **Tunisian Dinar**

The currency of Tunisia. Learn more about Tunisia and the Tunisian Dinar at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **Turkish Lira**

The currency of Turkey.

### **Turkmenistan Manat**

The currency of Turkmenistan. Learn more about currencies at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **Turks & Caicos Dollar**

The currency of Turks & Caicos. See [GoCurrency World Currencies Page](#) & [Currency Converter](#)

### **turnaround**

An acute, positive reversal in a given firm's financial performance.

### **turnkey**

A compound term originating from the expression, 'turning the key.' Turnkey...

### **turnover**

"In the context of a firm, the inventory turnover represents the ratio of annual...

### **turnover ratio**

A measure of the number of times a company's inventory is replaced during a...

### **Tuvalu Dollar**

The currency of Tuvalu. Although the country is independent, Tuvalu uses...

### **TWD**

The ISO currency code for the Taiwan Dollar. Learn more about Taiwan and the Taiwan Dollar at [GoCurrency.com](#)

### **twisting**

The unethical practice employed by some brokers to maximize their commissions...

### **two-sided market**

A market in which the market makers are required to give both a bid price and...

### **two-step mortgage**

A type of adjustable mortgage plan in which there are two distinct interest...

### **two-way market**

A market in which the market makers are required to give both a bid price and...

### **tycoon**

A wealthy, powerful businessperson. Also known as magnate.

### **type**

The classification of an option contract as one of the following: a put or a call.

## **TZS**

The ISO currency code for the Tanzanian Shilling. Learn more about Tanzania and the Tanzanian Shilling at GoCurrency.com

## **U.S. Government Agency Security**

A security issued by a US government-sponsored agency to provide financial...

## **U.S. Savings Bond**

A U.S. government savings bond that offers a fixed rate of interest over a...

## **U.S. Treasury**

The federal department broadly responsible for the revenue of US Government....

## **U.S. Treasury Bill**

One of three types of Treasuries. Treasury Bills have a maturity of one year...

## **U.S. Treasury Bond**

A fixed-interest U.S. government debt security with a maturity of more than 10...

## **U.S. Treasury Note**

A U.S. government debt security with a fixed interest rate and a maturity time...

## **U.S. Treasury Securities**

U.S. Government debt obligations that are not subject to state and local taxes....

## **UAE Dirham**

The AED, the currency of The United Arab Emirates (UAE)</>. Learn...

## **UAH**

The ISO currency code for the Ukrainian Hryvnia. Learn more about Ukraine and the Ukraine Hryvnia at GoCurrency.com

## **UBS Consumption Indicator - Switzerland**

Index for consumer spending in Switzerland. The Consumption Indicator moves...

## **UBTI**

Acronym for Unrelated Business Taxable Income. This refers to the income earned...

## **UCC**

Acronym for Uniform Commercial Code, a set of standardized laws about financial...

## **UDI**

The ISO currency code for the Mexican Unidades De Inversion Udi. Learn more about currencies at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **Ugandan Shilling**

The currency of Uganda. Learn more about Uganda and the Ugandan Shilling at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **UGMA**

Acronym for Uniform Gift to Minors Act. The act allows minors to buy and own...

## **UGX**

The ISO currency code for the Ugandan Shilling. Learn more about Uganda and the Ugandan Shilling at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **UIT**

Unit Investment Trust. A SEC-registered investment company that purchases a...

## **Ukrainian Hryvnia**

The official currency of Ukraine. Learn more about Ukraine and the Ukraine Hryvnia at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

## **Ultimate Oscillator**

Invented by Larry Williams the Ultimate Oscillator was his attempt to rectify...

## **ultimatum**

A final proposal or statement of conditions.

## **ultimo**

The month preceding the current month.

## **ultra vires activities**

Activities undertaken by a corporation that are not explicitly set out in the...

**umbrella liability insurance**

Additional liability insurance for firms or individuals covering claims greater...

**unappropriated profit**

Earnings that are reinvested in a firm's own growth rather than paid out to shareholders as dividends.

**unaudited opinion**

An opinion expressed by a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) who has not audited...

**unbalanced growth**

A condition when the pace of economic growth differs across sectors of the economy....

**uncertainty**

The portion of risk that cannot be measured or quantified. FX SignificanceWhen...

**uncertificated shares**

Mutual fund shares for which stock certificates have not been issued.

**uncollected funds**

A bank deposit where the availability of the funds has not yet been acknowledged...

**unconditional**

Not limited by conditions

**uncovered call**

A position to sell (short) a call option where the seller (writer) does not...

**uncovered option**

A sold (written) call option or a bought put option whereby the trader does...

**uncovered put**

A short put option in which the writer does not have the corresponding short...

**underbanked**

When the underwriter in an Initial Public Offering (IPO) is having difficulty...

**underbooked**

The situation in which a new securities issue in the pre-offering registration period is failing to attract sufficient interest.

**undercapitalization**

The state in which a firm lacks sufficient capital in order to perform its normal business activities.

**underemployment**

A type of employment in which the worker is employed, but not in the desired...

**underfunded pension plan**

A type of pension plan, where liabilities exceed assets.

**underinsured**

The state of having insufficient insurance coverage.

**underinsured motorist coverage**

An option in an automobile insurance policy that covers damage done by another...

**underlier**

A security or commodity that is subject to delivery upon the exercise of an option contract or convertible security.

**underlying**

In the context of an option contract, underlying refers to the security or commodity...

**underlying debt**

The debt liability of a government entity that is a part of a larger public...

**underlying security**

See 'underlier'

**undermargined account**

An account that lacks sufficient funds to meet margin requirements, resulting in a margin call.

**underperform**

See 'underperformer'

### **underperformer**

An investment whose rate of return falls below that of other similar investments.

### **underpricing**

The pricing of an IPO at a value less than its market value. Underpricing can...

### **undervalued**

When the price of a financial instrument is lower than its perceived value....

### **underwater**

1. The condition in which a call option's strike price is higher than the market...

### **underweighted**

In the context of a portfolio, refers to the underexposure of a certain firm, sector, or nation. Opposite of overweighted.

### **underwithholding**

When an insufficient amount of income tax is withheld from one's salary throughout...

### **underwrite**

To assume risk when offering a policy or bringing a firm's new securities issue to the public

### **underwriter**

The intermediary between an issuer of a security and the investors, usually an investment bank.

### **underwriter's warrants**

The part of an underwriter's compensation that is comprised of shares in the stock in question.

### **underwriting**

The procedure by which an underwriter offers a new security issue to the investing...

### **underwriting agreement**

An agreement between a firm issuing new securities and the lead underwriter...

### **underwriting group**



A temporary association of investment bankers brought together by the original...

### **underwriting spread**

The fee charged by a syndicate, which is equal to the difference between the...

### **undiversifiable risk**

A type of risk associated with the fluctuations of the entire economic market....

### **unearned income**

The portion of a person's income that does not come from wages, such as interest...

### **unearned interest**

The interest collected in advance by a money lender.

### **unearned revenue**

An individual's income derived from sources outside of employment, such as interest...

### **unemployed**

Those people that are able and willing to work but are unable to find employment....

### **Unemployment**

US Unemployment - The Unemployment Rate refers to the percentage of people...

### **unemployment rate**

The unemployment figure is typically calculated by dividing the number of out...

### **Unemployment Rate - Australia**

The percent of unemployed persons in the labor force. The Unemployment Rate...

### **Unemployment Rate - Canada**

The percentage of&nbsp;people in the total - labor force without jobs but willing...

### **Unemployment Rate - Euro-zone**

Reports the cumulative percentage of unemployed individuals in the Euro-zone...

### **Unemployment Rate - France - Euro-zone**

The percentage of individuals in the labor force who are without jobs but are...

### **Unemployment Rate - German - Euro-zone**

The percentage of individuals in the labor force who are without a job but actively...

### **Unemployment Rate - Switzerland**

The percent of unemployed persons in the labor force. The labor force is the...

### **Unemployment Rate - UK**

The percentage of persons willing to work and actively seeking employment but...

### **Unemployment Rate - United States**

The US Unemployment Rate reflects the percentage of people considered unemployed...

### **unencumbered property**

Property that is free of mortgages, liens or debts.

### **unequivocal**

Without any doubt; unconditional.

### **uneven lot**

The holding of less than 100 shares of a stock; or less than 10 shares of a...

### **unfunded pension plan**

A type of pension plan in which the employer's current income is funded out...

### **Unified Tax Credit**

A federal tax credit that may be used in certain cases to offset the gift tax,...

### **Uniform Commercial Code**

UCC. A set of laws regulating commercial transactions, particularly ones involving the sale of goods and secured transactions.

### **Uniform Gift to Minors Act**

UGMA. Laws adopted by most states permitting an adult to contribute to a custodial...

### **Uniform Securities Act**

An act that was approved by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform...

**uniform submission agreement**

An agreement signed by both parties during a dispute, indicating their submission...

**Uniform Transfer to Minors Act**

UTMA. A law extending the Uniform Gift to Minors Act's definition of a gift...

**uninsured motorist coverage**

An automobile policy option that covers a motorist for property damage and bodily...

**union**

An organization of workers who unite to protect their common interests and improve their working conditions.

**unissued stock**

A stock authorized by a corporation's charter, but has yet to be issued.

**unit**

A specific quantity accepted as a standard for exchange.

**unit cost**

The cost per item.

**Unit Investment Trust**

A SEC-registered investment company that purchases a fixed, unmanaged portfolio...

**unit of trade**

The term denoted to each single, indivisible amount in a transaction. The unit...

**unit of trading**

The term denoted to each single, indivisible amount in a transaction. The unit...

**Unit Trust**

A SEC-registered investment company that purchases a fixed, unmanaged portfolio...

**unit value**

The value of an asset, expressed in terms of a universal, standardized measure

## **Unit Wage Costs - UK**

The labor cost of consistent unit of production. A good way to think about this...

## **United States Dollar**

The United States dollar, denoted by USD or the symbol \$, is the official...

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## **universal life**

Life insurance that combines the low-cost protection of term insurance with...

## **University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index - United States**

Assesses consumer confidence regarding personal finances, business conditions...

## **unleveraged**

Functioning without the use of borrowed money. Being unleveraged reduces a firm's...

## **unlimited liability**

A kind of investment in which the investor is permitted to lose an unlimited amount of money. Opposite of limited liability.

## **unlimited risk**

An investment whose loss is potentially unlimited. Examples include short selling...

## **unlimited tax bond**

A municipal bond backed by a credit commitment to tax at a given rate, for a given duration in order to fulfill the obligation.

## **unlisted**

A security that is not traded on an exchange, usually due to an inability to...

## **unlisted trading**

The trading of unlisted securities, offered as a convenience to member firms.

## **unload**

To sell, generally at a loss

**unpaid dividend**

A dividend that has been declared but not yet paid.

**unqualified audit**

A full audit.

**unqualified opinion**

The auditor's opinion of a financial statement, given without any reservations. Opposite of qualified opinion.

**unrealized**

The state in which a profit/loss has occurred but has yet to be reflected in a transaction. Opposite of realized.

**unrealized loss**

A loss that has occurred but yet to be reflected in a transaction.

**unrealized profit**

A profit that has occurred but yet to be reflected in a transaction. Unrealized profit is generally not taxable.

**unrelated business taxable income**

UBTI. Income earned by a tax-exempt entity that does not result from tax-exempt activities.

**unseasoned issue**

An issue that is being traded in the open markets for the first time.

**unsecured**

The state of being backed by the integrity of the borrower, and not by collateral. Opposite of secured.

**unsecured loan**

A loan that is not backed by collateral. Also called signature loan.

**unsponsored ADR**

An ADR that is issued by a broker/dealer or depository bank without the involvement...

**unsystematic risk**

The risk of price change due to the unique circumstances of a specific security,...

### **unwind**

Unwinding a trade refers to action of cancelling out an earlier position with...

### **up volume**

When a stock closes in the positive territory for the day, the volume in that...

### **upgrade**

A positive change in ratings for a security. Two common examples are an analyst's...

### **upside**

The potential for profit.

### **Upside/Downside**

Measures of Upside/Downside separate the volumes for rising markets from those...

### **upswing**

A rebound following a decrease in price. Also called rebound.

### **uptick**

A stock market transaction at a price higher than the preceding one for the...

### **uptime**

The time during which something is functioning or operational.

### **uptrend**

The upward price movement of a security or the overall market. Opposite of downtrend.

### **urban**

Of or relating to a metropolis.

### **Uruguay Peso**

The official currency of Uruguay.

### **USD**

The United States dollar, denoted by USD or the symbol \$, is the official...

### **useful life**

The length of time that a depreciable asset is expected to be useable.

### **Userguide to Econ Terms**

Event - Country Definition: Description of the event/report plus explanation...

### **Using the Ichimoku Cloud**

The Ichimoku Kinko Hyo Chart, A multi-faceted indicator designed to give support/resistance...

### **usury**

Charging an illegally high interest rate on a loan.

### **utility**

A basic service such as electricity, gas, or water, or the company that provides...

### **UYU**

The ISO currency code for the Uruguayan Peso. Learn more about Uganda and the Uruguyan Peso at [GoCurrency.com](http://GoCurrency.com)

### **Uzbekistan Sum**

The currency of Uzbekistan.

### **UZS**

The currency of Uzbekistan. Learn more about Uzbekistan and the Uzbekistan Som at [GoCurrency.com](http://GoCurrency.com)

### **V formation**

A price movement on a chart, which is shaped like the letter V. Some technical...

### **vacant**

Not occupied.

### **vacate**

To move out.

### **valid**

The state of having a legal binding force authorized by law.

**valuable consideration**

A promised payment by which a claim can be enforced.

**valuation**

The process of determining the value or worth of an asset or company.

**valuation reserve**

Allowance, created by a charge against earnings, to provide for changes in the...

**value**

The worth, desirability or utility of a good/service.

**Value Added Tax**

VAT. A consumption tax that is equal to the aggregate value added to the product at each stage of production.

**Value At Risk**

VAR. A technique which uses the statistical analysis of historical market trends...

**value averaging**

An investment strategy designed to reduce volatility, which involves purchasing...

**value fund**

A mutual fund that invests in firms that are determined to be underpriced by...

**value investing**

An investment strategy which invests in good stocks at great prices over great...

**value stock**

A stock that is considered to be a good stock at a great price, based on its...

**value-added**

The act of adding value to a product or service before the product is offered...

**vanishing premium policy**

A participating whole life policy on which dividends are allowed to accumulate...



## **Vanuatu Vatu**

The currency of Vanuatu.

## **VAR**

Value At Risk. A technique that utilizes the statistical analysis of historical...

## **variability**

The range of possible outcomes of a given situation.

## **variable**

The ability to change.

## **variable annuity**

A life insurance annuity contract that provides future payments to the holder...

## **variable committed expense**

An unavoidable cost that must be paid in predetermined intervals, and does not have a constant value (i.e. an electric bill).

## **variable cost**

The cost associated with labor, material or other inputs that changes according...

## **variable death benefit**

A sum paid to a decedent's beneficiary, which is dependent on the performance...

## **variable life**

A type of life insurance for which the amount of the payments is determined...

## **variable rate**

Any interest rate or dividend that changes on a periodic basis. Variable rates...

## **variable ratio plan**

A variation on the constant ratio plan. The allocation of assets is modified...

## **variable ratio write**

An options strategy in which a trader writes multiple option contracts per every...

**variable universal life**

A type of whole life insurance that combines features of universal life insurance,...

**variance**

A measure of the average distance between each of a set of data points and their...

**variation**

A different form of something.

**variation margin**

An additional margin payment that is made by clearing members to their respective...

**VAT**

Value Added Tax. A consumption tax that is equal to the aggregate value added to the product at each stage of production.

**Vatican City Lira**

The official currency of Vatican City.

**VC**

Venture Capital. Funds allocated for firms and small businesses entering the...

**VEB**

The ISO currency code for the Venezuelan Bolivar. Learn more about Venezuela and the Venezuelan Bolivar at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

**vega**

The change in the price of an option that corresponds to a one percent change in volatility.

**velocity**

The number of times a currency changes hands in a specific period of time....

**vendor**

A type of firm that supplies goods and/or services to another firm. Also called supplier.

**vendor financing**

A loan from one firm to another, where the borrowing firm uses the loan to purchase...

## **Venezuelan Bolivar**

The official currency of Venezuela.

## **venture**

A business enterprise or speculation in which something is risked in the hope of profit

## **venture capital**

VC. Funds allocated for firms and small businesses entering the market with...

## **venture capital firm**

An investment company that invests its clients' money in new firms and other risky but potentially very profitable ventures.

## **venture capital limited partnership**

A limited partnership that is formed to invest in small startup businesses with exceptional growth potential.

## **verbatim**

In exactly the same words

## **vertical acquisition**

A type of business acquisition in which the acquirer and the target are in the...

## **vertical integration**

The process in which several steps in the production and/or distribution of...

## **vertical line charting**

A technical analysis tool which charts the high, low, and close of a given security...

## **vertical market**

A focused market that is only able to meet the need of one specific industry. Opposite of horizontal market.

## **vertical merger**

The merger of a vendor and a client.

## **vertical spread**

An option strategy involving the concurrent purchase and sale of options of...

### **vested**

The quality of having the rights of ownership, although the exercise of these rights may be delayed until a future date.

### **vesting**

An ERISA guideline stipulating that employees must be entitled to their benefits...

### **vesting period**

The period in an employee stock option plan that precedes the employee's full...

### **vetoing stock**

A type of stock that entitles the shareholder to vote on certain corporate matters,...

### **viatical settlement**

The purchase of a terminally ill person's life insurance policy for a certain percentage of the policy's face value.

### **Victim Impact Statement**

A form provided to the victims of fraud that allows them to account for losses, in order to file for restitution.

### **Vietnam Dong**

The official currency of Vietnam.

### **viral marketing**

A word-of-mouth, marketing strategy that relies on the promotion of a product...

### **Virgin Island Dollar**

The official currency of The Virgin Islands.

### **visibility**

The level of predictability of upcoming financial data regarding a specific...

### **Visible Trade Balance - UK**

The difference between imports and exports of goods. Visible Trade differentiates...

## **Visitor Arrivals - New Zealand**

The number of new temporary migrants (tourists) entering New Zealand . Because...

## **VIX**

Market Volatility Index. An index designed to track market volatility as an...

## **VND**

The currency of Vietnam. Learn more about Vietnam and the Vietnam Dong

## **vocation**

A particular occupation, business, or profession

## **void**

Having no legal force

## **voidable**

A section of a contract that can be annulled under certain specified circumstances,...

## **volatile**

Having a high degree of volatility; (i.e. large price movements). Opposite of stable.

## **volatility**

A term that refers to the uncertainty or risk change in an underlying security's...

## **volatility risk**

The risk to which the holder of an option is exposed; based on the potential...

## **Volume**

Volume is the number of contracts, shares or any other unit of trade in a security...

## **Volume Accumulation Oscillator (Chaikin Oscillator)**

Volume analysis is important for identifying internal strengths and weaknesses...

## **volume discount**

A reduction in price offered or given for larger-than-average purchases.

## **Volume Weighted Average Price**

VWAP. A measure of the price at which the majority of a given day's trading...

### **voluntary accumulation plan**

A plan allowing a mutual fund shareholder to accumulate shares at regular intervals through periodic investment.

### **voluntary contribution**

An employee's contribution to a retirement plan made on an after-tax basis for...

### **voluntary liquidation**

A liquidation that is supported by a firm's shareholders. A voluntary liquidation...

### **voting right**

The right of a common stock shareholder to vote for members of the board of...

### **voting stock**

A stock that allows for the right of suffrage with respect to the firm's affairs. Opposite of nonvoting stock.

### **voting trust**

An agreement whereby shareholders transfer stock and voting rights to a small...

### **voucher**

A document acknowledging a liability and/or providing authorization to pay a debt.

### **vouching**

Providing evidence or assurance.

### **VUV**

The currency of Vanuatu. Learn more about currencies at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **VWAP**

Volume Weighted Average Price. A measure of the price at which the majority...

### **W formation**

A term used in technical analysis, W formation refers to a chart on which the...

### **W-2 Form**

A tax form used in the United States income tax system as an information return...

#### **W-4 Form**

A tax form used by employers to determine the correct amount of withholding...

#### **W-9 Form for 2007**

Taxform which certifies an individual's tax identification number. This form...

#### **WACC**

Weighted Average Cost of Capital. A calculation of a firm's cost of capital...

#### **wage assignment**

A protective provision in a loan, stating that in the event of a default, payments will be deducted from the borrower's wages.

#### **wage price spiral**

A feedback loop in which inflation leads to an increase in wages, which in turn...

#### **wages**

The amount of compensation in exchange for labor.

#### **waiting period**

The period following the filing of a firm's prospectus with the SEC and before...

#### **waiver**

An intentional relinquishment of some right, interest, or the like.

#### **waiver of premium**

An insurance policy clause that permits a policyholder to discontinue payment...

#### **wall**

See brought over the wall, Chinese Wall.

#### **Wall Street**

The name denoted for a narrow street in lower Manhattan , New York City, and...

#### **Wall Street analyst**

An analyst employed by a brokerage firm or another firm that manages client accounts. Also called sell-side analyst.

### **wallflower**

A stock that has been highly disregarded by research analysts. Also called orphan stock.

### **wallpaper**

A term denoting a worthless security. The term originates from the idea that...

### **war chest**

The accrument of cash by a firm in anticipation of a capital-intensive event (i.e. an acquisition or a market consolidation).

### **warehouse receipt**

A document guaranteeing the existence and availability of a given quantity and quality of a commodity in storage.

### **wares**

Products for sale.

### **warrant**

A security that gives the holder the right to purchase securities from the issuer...

### **warranty**

A statement of fact or opinion regarding a firm's financial condition.

### **warranty deed**

A Warranty Deed is a type of deed used in real estate. It guarantees that the...

### **Warren Buffett**

Buffett is Chairman of Berkshire Hathaway and arguably the greatest investor...

### **wash**

The case in which two actions balance each other out. An example is a gain and a loss of equal magnitude.

### **wash sale**

An illegal transaction an investor makes by simultaneously buying and selling...



**wash sale rule**

An IRS regulation preventing wash sales; the wash sale rule prohibits a taxpayer...

**wasting asset**

An asset that has a limited life, and therefore decreases in value over time (i.e. an option which is out of the money).

**watch list**

A list of securities being monitored closely by a brokerage in order to discover irregularities, where IRS rules are violated.

**watered stock**

A stock representing ownership of a firm whose total worth is less than its capital investment.

**weak dollar**

A dollar with a weak foreign exchange rate when paired with other foreign currencies.

**weak market**

A market with more sellers than buyers.

**wear and tear**

The gradual deterioration of an asset, resulting naturally from sustained, regular use.

**weather derivative**

A financial instrument used by firms to reduce the risk associated with adverse or unexpected weather.

**wedge**

Technical analysis term used to describe the chart formation in which price...

**weighted**

The quality of being modified in order to reflect proportional relevance.

**weighted average**

An average that takes into account the proportional relevance of each component, rather than treating each component equally.

**weighted average cost of capital**

WACC. A calculation of a firm's cost of capital in which each category of capital...

### **weighting**

The allocation of the relative importance of items when combined.

### **Westpac Consumer Confidence - Australia**

Officially called the Consumer Sentiment Index, this figure measures the level...

### **when issued**

A transaction conditional on a security that has been authorized but not issued.

### **when, as, and if issued**

Transaction conditional on a security which has been authorized but not yet issued. also called when issued.

### **whipsaw**

To lose money in a volatile market as a result of buying securities before rapid drops and selling before rapid rises.

### **whisper number**

The rumored quantity of earnings about to be reported, especially when they differ from the consensus forecast.

### **whistle blower**

An employee who publicly reports illicit activities going on inside his or her company.

### **white knight**

A potential acquirer who is sought out by a target company's management to take...

### **white paper**

An educational report made available to the public that expounds on a particular industry issue.

### **white-collar**

Refers to employees who perform knowledge work, such as those in professional, managerial or administrative positions.

### **whole life**

A type of life insurance contract that provides for insurance coverage of the...

### **whole life insurance**

See whole life.

### **wholesale**

The sale of goods in high quantities to non-consumers, with the purpose of reselling these goods.

### **wholesale banking**

Banking services for financial institutions.

### **Wholesale Inventories - United States**

The stock of unsold goods held by wholesalers. Wholesalers act as intermediaries...

### **Wholesale Sales - Canada**

The value of sales made by Canadian wholesalers. Wholesalers sell to industries...

### **wholesaler**

A distributor who sells mainly to retailers and institutions, rather than consumers.

### **wholly-owned subsidiary**

A subsidiary owned by its holding company.

### **wide market**

A market with a large spread; the opposite of a close market.

### **widget**

Widget: A hypothetical product used to explain a more complex business concept....

### **widow-and-orphan stock**

A secure, stable stock in a non-cyclical industry, usually yielding large dividends.

### **wildcat strike**

An unsanctioned stoppage of work while a labor contract is still in effect.

### **will**

A legally enforceable declaration directing the disposal of a decedent's property. Also known as testament.

## **William's %R**

Williams' %R has proven very useful for anticipating market reversals.Overview&nbsp;&nbsp;&bull;...

## **William's Accumulation-Distribution**

Williams' Accumulation-Distribution tracks the buying pressure and selling pressure.OverviewWilliams'...

## **Williams Act**

Federal legislation enacted in 1966 imposing requirements on public tender offers,...

## **Wilshire 5000 Equity Index**

A market-value weighted index which includes all NYSE and AMEX stocks and the most active over-the-counter stocks.

## **win-win**

A market-value weighted index that includes all NYSE and AMEX stocks in addition to most active, over-the-counter stocks.

## **windfall**

The unexpected receipt of money by a passive recipient.

## **window**

The unexpected receipt of money by a passive recipient.

## **window of opportunity**

The period of time during which an opportunity can be taken advantage of.

## **window-dressing**

The period of time during which an opportunity can be taken advantage of.

## **winner's curse**

The concept in bidding that states that 1) some buyers underestimate and others...

## **wire house**

A firm who links its branch offices by a communication system, allowing for...

## **wire transfer**

An electronic transfer of funds. Wire transfers can be done by a simple bank...

### **witching hour**

See double witching hour, triple witching hour.

### **with interest**

A type of bond in which the buyer must pay the seller the cumulative interest...

### **withdraw**

To take money of an account for expenditure.

### **withdrawal**

The removal of funds from an account.

### **withdrawal plan**

A plan in which a mutual fund investor arranges to receive periodic, fixed payments...

### **withholding**

A portion of an employee's income that an employer sends directly to the federal,...

### **withholding tax**

A portion of an employee's income that an employer sends directly to the federal,...

### **Word of the Week**

Confirmed -You'll start receiving our words starting next week! The best way...

### **work force**

The summation of employed and unemployed labor in a country or region.

### **work order**

A document permitting the completion of a specific task.

### **Workers Compensation**

A system providing compensation for employees who suffer injuries in the course of employment.

### **working capital**

A measurement of a company's available liquid assets, calculated by finding...

**working capital loan**

A short-term loan, which allows for the purchase of earning assets.

**workout**

An attempt to resolve a financially unfavorable situation, such as a bad loan

**World Bank**

a group of five international organizations responsible for providing finance...

**world fund**

A mutual fund investing in international stocks or bonds, including those of...

**World Trade Organization**

WTO. An international agency which encourages trade between member nations,...

**worth**

Value.

**worthless**

Having no value.

**wrap account**

Account in which a brokerage helps an investor find a money manager in exchange...

**wrap fee**

A charge for an investment program that bundles together a suite of services,...

**wraparound loan**

Account in which a brokerage helps an investor find a money manager in exchange...

**write**

Sell an option.

**write down**

Make a downward adjustment in the accounting value of an asset. opposite of write up.

### **write up**

Make an upward adjustment in the accounting value of an asset. A write up sometimes...

### **write-off**

To charge an asset amount to expense or loss, in order to reduce the value of that asset and one's earnings.

### **writer**

The seller of an option contract. also called grantor or option writer.

### **written-down value**

The net value of an asset, i.e. its original cost (its book value) minus depreciation...

### **WST**

The ISO currency code for the Samoa (West) Tala. Learn more about currencies at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **WTO**

Abbr. World Trade Organization. An international agency that facilitates trade...

### **X or XD**

A symbol used by financial newspapers to signify that a stock is trading ex-dividend

### **XAF**

The ISO currency code for the Cameroon Franc. Learn more about currencies at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **XCD**

The ISO currency code for the Dominican Republic. Learn more about the...

### **XOF**

The ISO currency code for the Benin Franc. Learn more about currencies at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **XPF**

The ISO currency code for the French Pacific Island Franc. Learn more about currencies at [GoCurrency.com](https://www.GoCurrency.com)

### **XR symbol**

A symbol used in financial newspapers to signify any of the following: a stock...

### **XW symbol**

A symbol used in financial newspapers to signify that a security is trading ex-warrant.

### **Y shares**

A class of mutual fund shares for institutional investors. Also Institutional shares, they carry no load or 12b-1 fees.

### **Yankee bond market**

The market for bonds issued in the US by foreign corporations, banks, and governments. They are US Dollar denominated.

### **yardstick**

A standard, used for comparison; also called benchmark.

### **year-end bonus**

An additional sum of money sometimes rewarded to employees at the end of a year,...

### **year-over-year**

A comparison of the same time period in the previous year.

### **Year-To-Date**

YTD; period spanning from January 1 of the current year to the present date.

### **Yellow Sheets**

A daily bulletin released by the National Quotation Bureau, providing bid and...

### **Yemeni Rial**

The currency of Yemen.

### **YER**

The ISO currency code for the Yemeni Rial. Learn more about the Yemeni Rial and Yemen at GoCurrency.com

### **yield**

Yield is the expected annual rate of return an investor expects to make from...



### **yield advantage**

The different between a corporation's convertible securities and its dividend yield on common stock

### **yield burning**

An illegal transaction in which an underwriter uses excessive markups on bonds...

### **yield curve**

The yield curve describes the relation between the interest rates and the maturity...

### **yield elbow**

The point on the yield curve at which the economy's highest interest rate occurs

### **yield equivalence**

The necessary yield on a taxable investment in order to balance the tax-free...

### **yield spread**

The differences between yields on discrete debt securities. The YS is affected...

### **yield to call**

The yield realized on a callable bond if it were redeemed by the issuer on the ensuing call date

### **yield to maturity**

The rate of return on a bond if it is held until the maturity date. It is expressed...

### **yield to worst**

The lowest yield quoted

### **YTD**

Abbr. Year-To-Date; period spanning from January 1 of the current year to the present date.

### **Yuan**

The currency of China. ISO international currency code: CNY. Learn more...

### **z Forex News Rss**

### **Z shares**

Usually, Z Shares reflects a mutual fund share class available to employees of the fund management firm.

### **Zambian Kwacha**

The currency of Zambia, ISO currency symbol ZMK Learn more about the Zambian Kwacha and Zambia at GoCurrency.com

### **ZAR**

The ISO currency code for the South African Rand. Find more on South Africa, the Rand at GoCurrency.com

### **zero downtick**

Zero downtick refers to a transaction made at the same price as a preceding...

### **zero uptick**

Zero up tick refers to a transaction made at the same price as a preceding trade,...

### **zero-base budgeting**

Method of budgeting for future expenses in which all expenditures must be...

### **zero-beta portfolio**

A portfolio designed to have no systematic risk. In other words, having a beta...

### **zero-coupon bond**

A debt security that does not offer any interest (a coupon), but trades at a...

### **zero-coupon convertible**

Zero-coupon convertible bonds are no-interest bonds issued by a company that...

### **zero-investment portfolio**

A portfolios with a zero, (or close to zero) net position in the market. This...

### **zero-minus tick**

Zero minus-tick refers to a transaction made at the same price as a preceding...

### **zero-plus tick**

Zero plus tick refers to a transaction made at the same price as a preceding...

### **zero-sum game**

A situation where the one participant's gains are only the result of another...

### **ZEW Survey - Euro Zone**

A German Firm, the Center for European Economic Research (ZEW), queries financial...

### **Zimbabwe Dollar**

The ZWD, the currency of Zimbabwe. Learn more about the Zimbabwe Dollar and Zimbabwe at GoCurrency.com

### **ZMK**

The ISO currency code for the Zambian Kwacha. Learn more about the Zambian Kwacha and Zambian at GoCurrency.com

### **zombie**

Outside finance, a zombie is the reanimated corpse of the deceased. The living...

### **zone**

A zone is generally used to describe the division of an area. In FX trading,...

### **zoning**

Refers to government legislation regarding the use of land. Zoning regulation...

### **ZWD**

The denotation for the Zimbabwe currency Learn more about the Zimbabwe Dollar and Zimbabwe at GoCurrency.com