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Photo of the Month



Representatives of MZ Ilios, our December program sponsor.

Recent NIRI-Chicago Meeting Recaps

Unable to attend a recent event? Event recaps can be found by clicking the links below.

[November 2018: Why ETFs and Passive Investing Matter to Your Company](#)

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From the President



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a happy holiday.

The shorts certainly did. The first headline I saw in the new year was: "**2018 was the stock market's worst year since the financial crisis.** The S&P 500 fell 6.2% last year, capped off by a 9.2% plunge in December -- the worst final month of the year since 1931."

We had quite a year last year, but we made it through. And we will persevere in 2019. It will surely get better, right?

Regardless of the ups and downs of the market, we are fortunate to have the benefits of NIRI-Chicago. Join your fellow IR professionals to commiserate and celebrate with a fun evening as we escape the market's woes at our January 17 event at Fox in a Box, Chicago's #1 escape room. On January 8 and 31, we will get together for NIRI in Your Neighborhood networking discussions in Deerfield and Chicago.

Remember, even in these volatile markets, you have a community of professionals to rely on. Come connect with us.

Elizabeth Allen
NIRI-Chicago President

December Event Highlights

Read our [December event summary](#) for insights on the implications of the November mid-term elections -- which are beginning to play out even as you read this newsletter.

In the News

- M&A: [2018](#) was the third-busiest year for deals, and [2019](#) could be even better -- although [deal prices](#) are under pressure.
- Active [mutual fund managers](#) pile onto the [activist bandwagon](#), while the number of companies targeted by activists set a [record in 2018](#).
- [Predictions](#) and [opinions for and against](#) rule changes affecting proxy advisory firms.
- Four cases in December show why [insider trading](#) will remain a focus for federal prosecutors and regulators.
- [Update](#) on the proposed Long-Term Stock Exchange.
- If your IR gig doesn't work out, try [Fortnite](#) -- one gamer made close to \$10 million last year. (Sorry, we couldn't resist.)

April 2018: The Long and the Short of It: Options, Market Intelligence and Volatility

March 2018: Strategic Investor Days

January 2018: Alternative Paths for an IRO

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NIRI-Chicago Member News

Welcome to NIRI-Chicago's newest members: **Molly Poarch**, director of corporate communications, RTI Surgical, Inc., and **Trisha Tuntland**, head of investor relations, Littelfuse Inc.

Congratulations to **Beth Coronelli**, who has joined CDW as VP-IR as **Sari Macrie** retires.

[Share](#) your news (job changes, awards, interesting articles) -- and thanks for reading the MEMBER CONNECTION.

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