

AAll's Top Articles for February 2016

Here are the Top 10 articles from **AAll.com** for February 2016 (based on unique page views):

- **The Top 10 Economic Indicators: What to Watch and Why**

Everyone wants to keep a pulse on the economy, but no one wants to wade through the massive volume of statistics. A look at the top 10 economic indicators can help you narrow your focus.

- **The Individual Investor Guide to the Top Mutual Funds 2016**

AAll's annual mutual fund guide provides information and performance statistics on more than 730 funds.

- **Five Steps for Gaining Control of Your Investments and Avoiding Mistakes**

Simple actions you can take now to focus on the things you can control and avoid making common investment mistakes.

- **Lessons Learned from Many Years of Investing**

Doing the math, having a good understanding of market and economic history and paying attention to valuations are key to long-term investing success.

- **Steps to Take When Your Stock's Price Falls**

Selling is one of the hardest investment decisions to make. Here is a checklist to make the process easier.

- **Why Buy Bonds if Interest Rates Will Rise**

Starting a bond ladder creates income now and produces cash flow that can be used to reinvest if and when interest rates do rise.

- **The Bottom Line: How to Calculate Your Portfolio's Return**

The question every investor wants to know is: How well am I doing? Although some people are satisfied simply watching the dollars grow, most investors want that translated into a performance figure. A look at two methods for calculating your portfolio's return.

- **Mean Variance Optimization: Multi-Asset Portfolio (Computerized Investing exclusive)**

Using the Solver function in Excel to test scenarios that minimize risk or maximize return in a multi-asset portfolio.

- **The Tax Consequences of Stock Splits, Mergers and Spin-Offs**

Tracking cost basis becomes complicated when splits, mergers or spin-offs occur. Merck provided a real-life example of how to do it.

- **How Much is Needed to Start Investing**

Commissions, fees and taxes can influence what your first investments should be.

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