

Geopolitical and International Events Affect Stock Outlook for Two in Five Surveyed Members

This week's **Sentiment Survey** special question asked AAI members what impact geopolitical and international events are having on their outlook for stocks. More than two out five respondents (42%) said such events are having a negative impact, are a cause of a concern or otherwise making them more cautious. Conversely, nearly 30% said geopolitical and international events are either not impacting their outlook or only having a small impact. About 8% said they are investing more in international stocks. North Korea was specifically mentioned by many respondents, as was President Trump.

Here is a sampling of the responses:

- "I am very concerned with the East Asia situation, but a little relieved with the European situation."
- "Aside from a black swan event, not that much. I suppose a mess in North Korea would be quite negative."
- "I am worried about an international event causing the market to overreact."
- "I don't think geopolitical/international events have any major impact on U.S. stocks."
- "International equity returns should begin to improve."
- "Domestic economic progress is likely to be stymied by corrupt leadership across the board in Washington."

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