

Optimizing Your Client Communications Mix

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Will You Retain or Lose **Clients Based On Your** Communication Approach?

More than 1 in 5 surveyed Americans have switched advisors since 2020

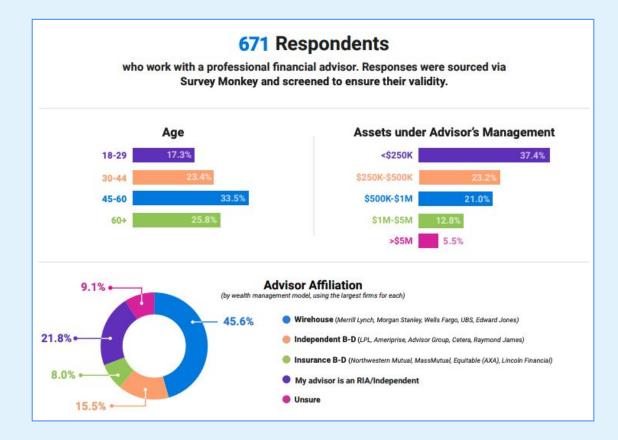
This includes 28.7% of respondents w/ greater than \$500,000 under an advisor's management that made the switch

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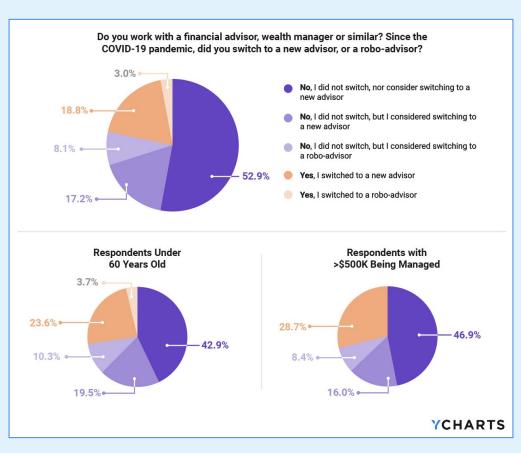


More than 1 in 4 considered switching

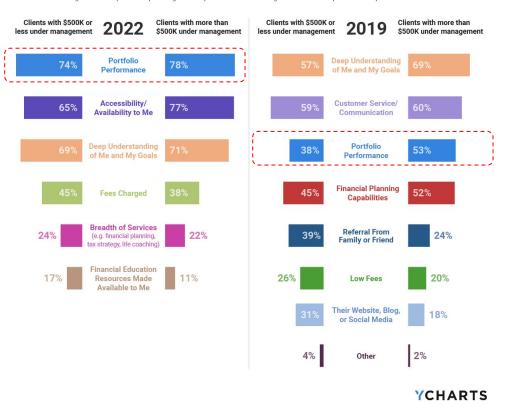
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Are Your Clients Considering A Switch?

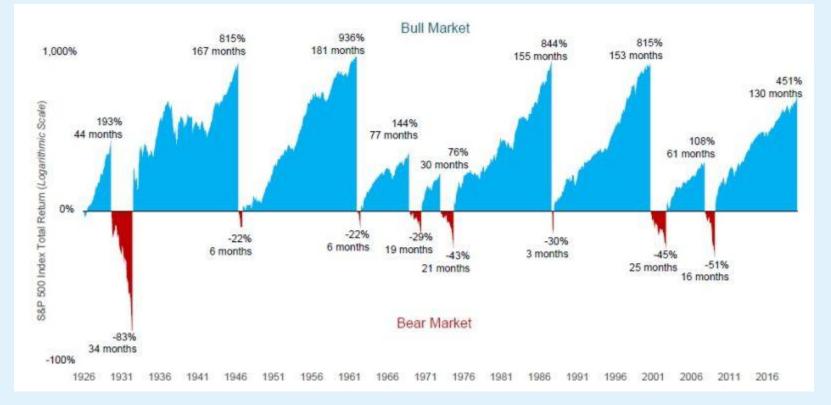


What's Top Of Mind Nowadays?



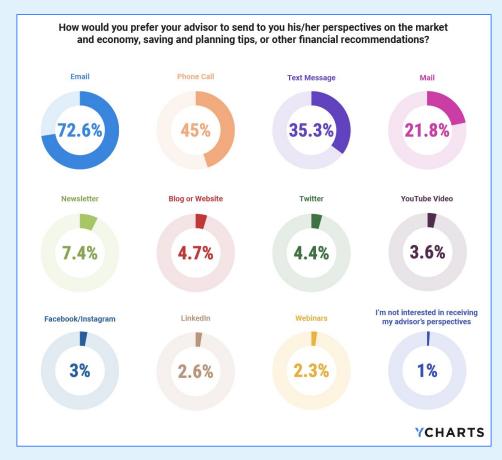
Figures shown represent the percentage of all respondents who included a given factor in their top three most important factors.

How Do You Communicate During Volatility?



Source: Dimensional Funds

Email Is Still King



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Advisor Email Example: WealthKeel



Happy Thursday! Here is your WealthKeel Weekly, or what we like to call "news you can use!"

What we read this week:

U.S. Moves to Protect All Deposits at Silicon Valley Bank in a Bid to Stem a Wider Fallout

Last week we saw the second largest bank failure in the U.S. when Silicon Valley Bank was closed Friday by the California Department of Financial Protect and Innovation, which appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as a receiver. It was a tense weekend for the bank's customers as they waited to hear whether or not their deposits above the \$250,000 insured ceiling would be backed. On Sunday, the U.S. Treasury, the Federal Reserve, and the FDIC said they would take the proper steps to protect these deposits. Approximately 85% of the \$175 billion that the bank held was uninsured.

How did we get here in the first place? As one could infer from the bank's name, Silicon Valley Bank had a lot of customers in the tech sector, and as tech prospered during the pandemic, so did SVB. With this influx of cash, SVB invested in long-dated U.S. government bonds, including mortgage-backed securities. The investments at the time did not seem risky since the intention was for SVB to hold the bonds until maturity. However, that all changed in 2022 when the Fed started hiking rates in order to tame inflation. With rates rising, the bonds SVB held lost significant value, and this came to a head when their customers started asking for their deposits back. SVB needed to raise cash in order to meet these needs and had to sell their bonds at a loss. Last Wednesday, SVB released a statement acknowledging their losses and that they would need to raise capital as a result.

Housing Market Could See Relief From Shock Move in Treasury Market After SVB Collapse

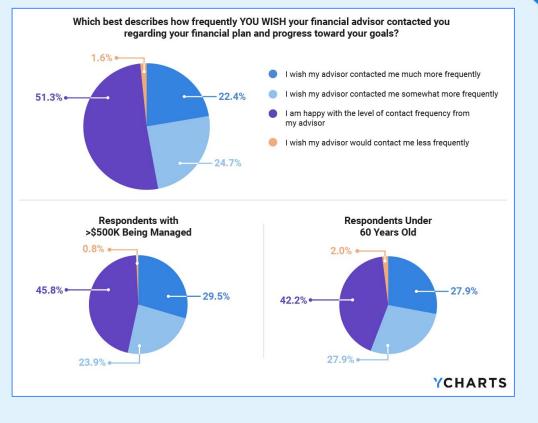
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While this has not happened, I think it is important to note as this is a pretty large bank for the physician community. However, there is a <u>growing level of concern with First Republic Bank</u> right now as well. A lot of physicians have used First Republic over the years since they have had very low student loan rates. However, they also make you open a bank account to lock in that lower rate, and the amount usually varies from 5-10% of the loan balance. So, if you have assets at First Republic, please keep an eye on your FDIC limits! They also have been stressed with the student loan market, which is why SoFi is suing the federal government and why CommonBond left the student loan business ultimately.

Communication is Crucial

Would you consider your advisors' frequency and style of communication when deciding to retain his/her services?

| All Respondents | Yes | 🛑 No | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------|--|
| 88.2% | | 11.8% | |
| More than \$500K Under Management | | | |
| 92.4% | | | |
| | 7.6% | | |
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Great Marketing Ideas From Real-World Advisors

Provide Genuinely Helpful Information Around Timely Topics

Rubin Miller, CFA (He/Him) . 1st Founder & Chief Investment Officer @ Peltoma Capital Partners - Fina... 3w . 3

The SVB debacle is a reminder that money in an FDIC-insured bank account is only insured up to \$250K. It's a sober reminder to people who keep a lot of money at a bank.

Investors/savers should know they can take money to well-regulated custodians (e.g. Fidelity, Schwab, TD Ameritrade, Altruist, etc...) and purchase what are considered safe securities, like treasury bills. You can also buy them directly from the government, on Treasury Direct.

Just ensure that they match your risk preferences and time horizon (this was SVB's problem), that you understand your expected outcomes, and that you grasp the underlying mechanisms (risks, how pricing works, etc...) if you choose to purchase exposure through an ETF instead of outright.

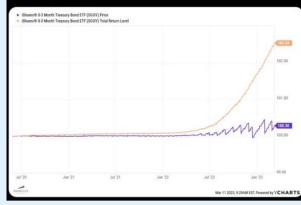
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Rubin J. Miller, CFA @RubinJMiller

The stocks app on your phone shows you price, NOT total-return (i.e. reinvesting distributions).

Rates are up (and t-bills down), but investors who roll their short term tbills at maturity could have made money AND now be sitting on higher yields going forward.





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This Can Be Via Email

Hi {Firstname},

Jerome Powell is a man of his word. And the financial markets believe that's an excellent trait for the Federal Reserve Chairman.

Powell told the financial markets to prepare for a 25 basis points increase in short-term rates in early February following the Federal Open Market Committee's (FOMC) March meeting. And that's what he delivered.

But despite his best efforts at transparency, the markets keep thinking, "maybe he will say something different this time."

The accompanying chart shows how stock market volatility increased in 2022 during Powell's press conference immediately following the FOMC's official meeting. This trend has continued into 2023.

Stepping It Up

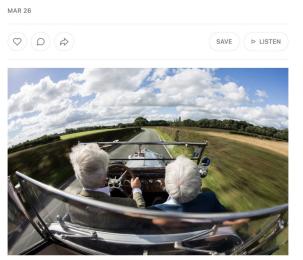
Post-FOMC meeting volatility has picked up



Source: Bloomberg.com, March 22, 2023

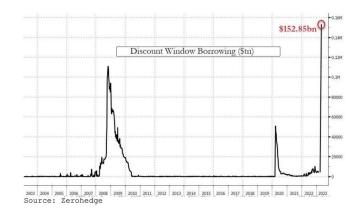
Another Email Example

The <mark>Sunday</mark> Drive</mark> - 03/26/2023 Edition



A Sunday Drive Around the Internet

Charts of the Week



Here's a great take on the above chart from Jared Dillian. He explains it better than I ever could:

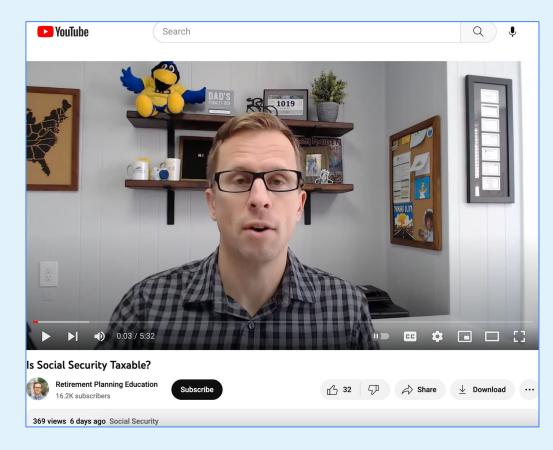
This is a chart of banks accessing the discount window at the Fed.

A quick tutorial: banks can borrow directly from the Fed at the discount window at a penalty rate. They tend not to do it unless it is an emergency, because the interest rate is high (4.75% I believe) and it eventually becomes public who borrowed at the discount window, so there is some stigma attached to it. As you can see, there is more discount window borrowing than during the financial crisis.

Where there's smoke, there's fire. This is very well worth watching.



Video: 1:1 (for Clients) 1:Many (Youtube, Social)



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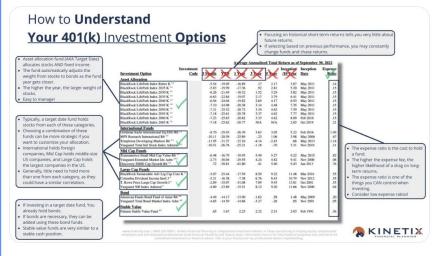
Travis Gatzemeier, CFP® 🤣 @T Gatzemeier

Your company has a 401(k) plan and you get a list of investment choices...

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What do they mean, and how do you select the investments?

Here is a cheat sheet to help you understand your 401(k) investment options!



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Taxes Through Four Stages of

Retirement

People often pay more in taxes than necessary

because they don't understand the challenges

of retirement tax planning. This seminar aims to

change that.





During a market downturn, these principles will help create opportunity and ease the pain of a drawback.

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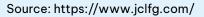
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- 1 week before
- 1 day before
- 1 hour before

| Number of Email Reminders | Average Registrants | Percentage increase over 1 email reminder | | | |
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| 2 email reminders | 474 | +85% | | | |
| 3 email reminders | 807 | +215% | | | |
| 4 email reminders | 798 | +212% | | | |

Source: https://danielwaas.com/how-to-increase-webinar-attendance-rates/

Webinar Topics: What Should you Talk About?

Timely Topics

- Pending legislation
- Quarterly Market Recaps

Niche-Specific Topics

• Specific to doctors, business owners, etc

Evergreen Topics

- Taxes
- Social security/Medicare

Source:

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"CAN I DEDUCT GOLFING 1 L IF I DISCUSS BUSINESS?"

The temperature was in the 40s and 50s a few days this past week in the Chicago area.

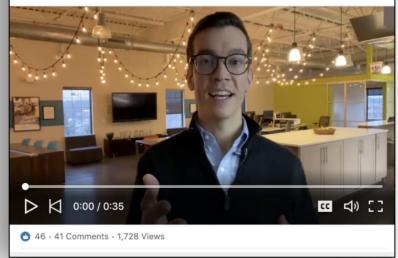
That means people were out on the golf course.

And some of them wanted to know what they can write off on their taxes.

Here's a short video on what you can and cannot deduct.

Let n the comments, tag a golfing buddy you can discuss business with while you're out on the course.

#golf #davezoller #taxes



Hook them FIRST, then dive into the meat of the post



Judson Meinhart, CFP®, BFA™ + 1st I'll help you find your financial swing 🛴 👗

Have you received your W-2 yet? (by law you should have)

It's worth taking 10 minutes this weekend to do a "W-2 review." You might find an opportunity to save a few \$100 come tax filing time.

Here are a few opportunities to look for 👇

Let's start with Box 12a. There are probably a few dollar amounts with letters next to them. Here are the letters (or Codes in IRS-speak) you should pay attention to:

Code W – These are contributions that you made to a Health Savings Account, including employee deferrals. In 2022, the max for individual coverage was \$3,650 and \$7,300 for family coverage. If your dollar amount is lower than either of these, you can still top off your contribution before filing your taxes. There's also an additional \$1,000 catch-up contribution if you are 55 or older.

Code D, E, F, and G all have to do with the money that you contributed to a workplace retirement plan (401k, SIMPLE IRA, 403b, SEP, or 457 plan).

Did you max out your contributions last year?

In 2022 those limits were...

\$20,500 for 401k, 403b, and 457 \$14,000 for SIMPLE IRA \$61,000 or 25% of NET earnings for a SEP IRA

If you didn't, it's too late, but you can adjust your deferral percentage so you reach the threshold this year. The limits have increased for 2023...

\$22,500 for 401k, 403b, and 457 \$15,500 for SIMPLE IRA \$66,000 or 25% of NET earnings for a SEP IRA

If you see double letter codes, like AA, BB, or EE, they refer to dollars you saved to the Roth version of your workplace plan. Same limits apply.

There's a box with no number that says "RETIREMENT PLAN." If there's no "*" in this box, you may be able to make a deductible IRA contribution prior to filing your taxes. It depends on your income and, if you're married, if your

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Great video, but can I ask you to explain something in more depth? I understand how the taxes stack. But lets say I sell a massive long term capital gains Cryptocurrency position for \$700,000. With my ordinary income (W-2 from normal job), lets say my total taxable income (after deductions) for the year is now \$790.000.00. According to the current long term tax percentages, my total taxable income for that year would be over \$496,601.00 which states I am now in the 20% long term capital gains bracket. Do I p... Read more

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@RetirementPlanningEducation 1 year ago

The LT capital gain is broken up based on the LT capital gain taxable income thresholds an each portion is taxed at its respective rate of either zero, 15% or 20%

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@nufractal2955 1 year ago

@RetirementPlanningEducation I appreciate the reply. So, at the time of the actual triggered LT capital gain, if I realize a profit that has me in the 15% bucket, all of that gain is taxed at 15%? But lets say I trigger an additional LT capital gain in quarter 4 and my overall income due to this gain pushes me up into the 20% bracket, are you saying that ONLY that final LT capital gain event is taxed at the 20%.

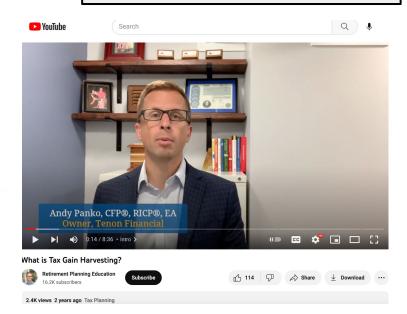
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@langolieralphas 1 year ago

@nufractal2955 If this helps you conceptually...you as a person do not fall into a particular tax bracket. Your gains, however, will be subdivided into different tax brackets. Tax brackets describe your money, not you. You can also harvest losses to offset some of your gains. Also, there is a big difference between tax treatment for short term capital gains and long term capital gains. Hope you held that crypto for over a year...

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THEN:

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- Gets even more effective if you have a niche



Hi {First Name}

Recently the yield curve inverted for the first time since August 2019 (which means that long-term interest rates have dropped below short-term rates).

Why do we pay attention to this?

Because this inversion suggests that investors believe the near-term economy and markets to be riskier than the long-term.

This recent inversion in the yield curve and inflation soaring above 7% have left some investors wondering whether to adjust their investment strategy. While it can be tempting to worry and want to rush and make changes, the current environment is cause for monitoring, not cause for panic.

Yes, rising interest rates, high inflation, surging oil prices, and geopolitical tensions have all contributed to economic uncertainty. And because financial markets don't like uncertainty, they have been performing accordingly.

U.S. inflation clocked in at 7.9% for the 12 months ended February 2022 — the highest rate since December 1981. Energy prices, already on the rise, jumped when Russia invaded Ukraine. In response, the Federal Reserve started raising interest rates, hoping to slow the economy without triggering

Out of clients consider their advisors' communication frequency and style when deciding whether to retain their services + make referrals

Yet about **half (47.1%)** of surveyed clients wish their advisor would contact them **more frequently**

Source: Ycharts Survey



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