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This memorandum is distributed to RRS clients at no charge and includes "hot topics" of focus by regulators and of interest to compliance professionals. The document is intended to provide reminders of regulatory matters that were released or issued during the previous month.

The information contained in this publication was compiled from various regulatory releases and is believed to be true and correct as of the date of distribution. Many regulatory issues are subject to interpretations that can change as industry rules and regulations change, and as compliance issues evolve. Readers are cautioned to consider their individual situations and are encouraged to contact RRS staff for guidance on any issues. The information is not intended as legal or accounting advice, which can only be provided by a duly qualified attorney or certified public accountant.



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SEC

SEC Final Rules:

[33-10749](#) Adoption of Updated EDGAR Filer Manual

SEC No Action Letters:

Fidelity Blue Chip Value Fund, January 30, 2020 ([Link](#))

Fidelity Canada Fund, January 30, 2020 ([Link](#))

Fidelity Growth Discovery Fund, January 30, 2020 ([Link](#))

Fidelity Magellan Fund, January 30, 2020 ([Link](#))

Fidelity Mid-Cap Stock Fund, January 30, 2020 ([Link](#))

Fidelity Puritan Fund, January 30, 2020 ([Link](#))

Fidelity Stock Selector Small Cap Fund, January 30, 2020 ([Link](#))

Fidelity Value Fund, January 30, 2020 ([Link](#))

SEC Upcoming Events:

[02/04/2020](#) Small Business Capital Formation Advisory Committee Meeting

[02/10/2020](#) Fixed Income Market Structure Advisory Committee

SEC Brings Charges Against Fraud Targeting Amish and Mennonite Investors

The Securities and Exchange Commission charged a Pennsylvania man with defrauding Amish and Mennonite community members by making false claims about the use of their funds and guaranteed returns. ([Link](#))

SEC Proposes Amendments to Modernize and Enhance Financial Disclosures

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced that it has voted to propose amendments to modernize, simplify, and enhance certain financial disclosure requirements in Regulation S-K. The proposed amendments would eliminate duplicative disclosures and modernize and enhance Management's Discussion and Analysis disclosures for the benefit of investors, while simplifying compliance efforts for companies. The Commission also announced that it is providing guidance

on key performance indicators and metrics in Management's Discussion and Analysis. ([Link](#))

Agencies Propose Changes to Modify "Covered Funds" Restrictions of Volcker Rule

Five federal financial regulatory agencies invited public comment on a proposal to modify regulations implementing the Volcker rule's general prohibition on banking entities investing in or sponsoring hedge funds or private equity funds – known as "covered funds." ([Link](#))

SEC Issues Agenda for February 4 Meeting of Small Business Capital Formation Advisory Committee

The Securities and Exchange Commission released the agenda for the Tuesday, Feb. 4 meeting of its Small Business Capital Formation Advisory Committee. During the meeting, the committee will continue to explore funding gaps that impede growth opportunities for entrepreneurs and job creators. To help analyze these gaps, the committee will explore detailed data on public and private companies, investors, funds, and investment activity to examine how entrepreneurs' diverse capital needs are being met and where policy solutions may be needed. The afternoon session will feature speakers from two smaller regional funds as well as an entrepreneur. ([Link](#))

SEC Names Ray McInerney as Freedom of Information Act Officer

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced that Ray McInerney has been named Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer in the agency's Office of FOIA Services. This office promotes transparency in government by making SEC records available to the public and providing a timely and efficient response to each of the nearly 14,000 requests for SEC documents and records the agency receives each year. ([Link](#))

SEC Charges Portfolio Manager and Advisory Firm with Misrepresenting Risk in Mutual Fund

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced charges against a New York-based investment adviser for misleading investors about the management of risk in a mutual fund. The firm and its President and Chief Executive Officer agreed to pay a combined \$10.5 million to settle the charges. The SEC also filed a complaint in federal district court in Madison, Wisconsin, against the Senior Portfolio Manager for fraudulently misrepresenting how he would manage risk for the fund. ([Link](#))

[SEC Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations Publishes Observations on Cybersecurity and Resiliency Practices](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission Commission's Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations (OCIE) issued examination observations related to cybersecurity and operational resiliency practices taken by market participants. ([Link](#))

[SEC Publishes Annual Reports on Credit Rating Agencies](#)

Two annual SEC staff reports released highlight the important work of the Office of Credit Ratings in examining and monitoring nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs). The reports indicate that the NRSROs made certain improvements in response to the staff's examinations and that both the range of NRSROs issuing commentaries as well as the topics covered by those commentaries has expanded. ([Link](#))

[SEC Charges Husband and Wife with Nearly \\$1 Billion Ponzi Scheme](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission charged a California-based couple with orchestrating a nearly billion-dollar Ponzi scheme involving alternative energy tax credits. ([Link](#))

[SEC Announces Conference on Municipal Securities Disclosure](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced that it will host a March 10 conference to focus on municipal securities, which are predominantly owned by Main Street investors and help finance important public projects like schools, roads and utilities. ([Link](#))

[Over \\$63 Million to Be Returned to Investors in Alleged Real Estate Investment Fraud](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced that it has obtained a court order authorizing the distribution of over \$63 million to investors in connection with a previously filed action. This amount represents the full return of funds to those who invested. ([Link](#))

[SEC Awards Whistleblowers Whose Information Helped Stop Fraud](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced two whistleblower awards in connection with two separate

enforcement actions. Both whistleblowers provided significant information that helped the SEC shut down two separate fraudulent schemes preying on retail investors. In the first action, the whistleblower alerted the agency to a fraudulent scheme. The SEC awarded the whistleblower more than \$277,000. In the second action, the whistleblower, a harmed investor, provided critical information that enabled the SEC staff to recover assets that were later returned to victims. The SEC awarded the whistleblower \$45,000. ([Link](#))

[SEC Files Charges Against Scheme to Sell Fictitious Interests in Marijuana Company](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced charges against two men and three companies they controlled for an alleged scheme that defrauded investors who thought they were purchasing interests in a Washington-licensed recreational cannabis company out of approximately \$4.85 million. ([Link](#))

[SEC to Report on State of Small Business Capital Formation in the U.S.](#)

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's Office of the Advocate for Small Business Capital Formation reported its findings regarding the state of capital formation for small businesses and its latest recommendations to the Commission during a virtual conference call event on Jan. 23, 2020, at 1 p.m. ET. ([Link](#))

[SEC Charges Convicted Criminal Who Conducted Fraudulent ICO Using a Fake Identity](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission charged a convicted criminal, his business associate, and two businesses with raising over \$30 million from hundreds of investors in a fraudulent initial coin offering (ICO). ([Link](#))

[Austin Gerig Named as SEC's Chief Data Officer](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced that it has named Austin Gerig as its Chief Data Officer. Dr. Gerig, currently Assistant Director of the Office of Data Science in the Division of Economic and Risk Analysis (DERA), will assume his new position on Feb. 3. ([Link](#))

[SEC Obtains Emergency Asset Freeze, Charges Businessman With Operating a Ponzi-Like Scheme](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced that it filed an emergency enforcement action and obtained a temporary restraining order and asset freeze against an

Illinois resident and his company in connection with an alleged Ponzi-like scheme that raised at least \$75 million from more than 500 investors throughout the United States and abroad. ([Link](#))

[SEC Names Allen Blume as Deputy Chief Financial Officer](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced that Allen Blume has been named Deputy Chief Financial Officer in the agency's Office of Financial Management (OFM). Mr. Blume's responsibilities include directing and coordinating the SEC's financial planning, budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, and financial systems. OFM formulates budget and authorization requests; monitors the utilization of agency resources; and develops, oversees, and maintains SEC financial processes and systems. ([Link](#))

[SEC Names Mark D. Reinhold as Deputy Chief Human Capital Officer in the Office of Human Resources](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced that Mark D. Reinhold has been named Deputy Director of the agency's Office of Human Resources (OHR). Mr. Reinhold will help to manage programs and policies in areas such as leadership and employee development, recruitment and retention, performance management, compensation and benefits, and labor relations. Mr. Reinhold began his new position at the SEC on Jan. 6, 2020. ([Link](#))

[Fee Rate Advisory #2 for Fiscal Year 2020](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced that starting on Feb. 18, 2020, the fee rates applicable to most securities transactions will be set at \$22.10 per million dollars. ([Link](#))

[SEC Issues Agenda for Inaugural Meeting of the Asset Management Advisory Committee](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission released the agenda for the inaugural meeting of the Asset Management Advisory Committee, which was held on Jan. 14, 2020, at 9 a.m. ET. The Committee was formed to provide the Commission with diverse perspectives on asset management and related advice and recommendations. ([Link](#))

[SEC Proposes Improvements to Governance of Market Data Plans](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission is seeking public comment on a proposed order to modernize the governance of National Market System (NMS) plans that produce public consolidated equity market data and disseminate trade and quote data from trading venues. ([Link](#))

[SEC Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations Announces 2020 Examination Priorities](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission's Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations (OCIE) announced its 2020 examination priorities. OCIE publishes its examination priorities annually to enhance the transparency of its examination program and to provide insights into its risk-based approach, including the areas it believes present potential risks to investors and the integrity of the U.S. capital markets. ([Link](#))

[SEC Investor Advisory Committee Held Jan. 24 Telephone Meeting](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission's Investor Advisory Committee (IAC) met telephonically on Jan. 24 at 11:30 a.m. Eastern time. The public was invited to listen to the meeting live using the dial-in details provided. A recording of the meeting will be archived on the committee's web page for later listening. ([Link](#))

[CEO Settles Fraud Action](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced that a company's CEO has agreed to pay \$400,000 in disgorgement and penalties to resolve the SEC's fraud action against him. The settlement, which remains subject to court approval, concludes the SEC's actions against the company, its CEO, and three other individuals in which the SEC has secured over \$26 million of ill-gotten gains. The SEC intends to establish a Fair Fund to distribute money received from the defendants to harmed investors. ([Link](#))

[SEC Charges Six Individuals in International Microcap Fraud Schemes](#)

The Securities and Exchange Commission charged six individuals and their companies with participating in schemes that allegedly generated more than \$35 million of illegal sales of stock in at least 45 microcap companies. The charges contained in two complaints reflect investigations by staff in the SEC's New York and Boston offices, and assistance from multiple regulators outside the U.S. ([Link](#))

FINRA

Regulatory Notices:

[20-04](#) FINRA Requests Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Capital Acquisition Broker (CAB) Rules Comment Period Expires: March 30, 2020

[20-03](#) Retrospective Rule Review Report – Rule 5250 (Payments for Market Making)

[20-02](#) FINRA Requests Comment on the Effectiveness and Efficiency of Its Reporting Requirements Rule

Information Notices:

[01/23/20](#) Heightened Terror Threat Risk

[01/09/20](#) 2020 Risk Monitoring and Examination Priorities Letter

Trade Reporting Notices:

No update as of 02/03/20

Upcoming Events:

[02/12/20](#) 2020 North Region Member Forum

MSRB

MSRB Information Notices:

[1/31/20](#) MSRB Establishes Compliance Date for Revised Interpretive Notice of Underwriters' Fair Dealing Obligations to Issuers

[1/28/20](#) Request for Comment on Draft Amendments to MSRB Rule A-3: Membership on the Board

[1/06/19](#) Obligations of Senior Syndicate Managers Utilizing Electronic Communications

Upcoming Events:

[02/05/20](#) National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) 2020 Endowment and Debt Management Forum

[02/13/20](#) Boston Municipal Analysts Forum (BMAF)

[02/24/20](#) The Bond Buyer Texas Public Finance Conference

NASAA

NASAA Names New General Counsel

The North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) announced that Vincente Martinez has joined the organization as its General Counsel. He will report to NASAA Executive Director Joseph Brady. ([Link](#))

NASAA Introduces New Podcast Series "Real Life Regulators"

The North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) announced the launch of "Real Life Regulators," a podcast featuring investment fraud cases from the files of state and provincial securities regulators and discussing how these regulators bring fraudsters to justice. ([Link](#))

NASDAQ/NASDAQ TRADER/OTCBB

Equity Corporate Actions Alert:

[2020-22](#) Information Regarding the Reverse Stock Split and CUSIP Number Change for ContraFect Corporation (CFRX)

[2020-21](#) Information Regarding the Reverse Stock Split in conjunction with Symbol, CUSIP Number & Mkt Tier Change for Option Care Health, Inc. (BIOS)

[2020-20](#) (UPDATED: Merger Effective) Information Regarding the Merger of Alcentra Capital Corporation (ABDC) and Crescent Capital BDC, Inc.

[2020-19](#) Information Regarding the Merger of Aevi Genomic Medicine, Inc. (GNMX) and Cerecor Inc. (CERC)

[2020-18](#) Information Regarding the Reverse Stock Split and CUSIP Number Change for Gulf Resources, Inc. (GURE)

[2020-17](#) Information Regarding the Merger of Achillion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (ACHN) and Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (ALXN)

[2020-16](#) Information Regarding the Merger of United Community Financial Corp. (UCFC)

[2020-15](#) Information Regarding the Reverse Stock Split and CUSIP Number Change for Sierra Oncology, Inc. (SRRA)

[2020-14](#) Information Regarding the Tender Offer of Synthorx, Inc. (THOR)

[2020-13](#) (UPDATED - Change to Exchange Ratio) Information Regarding the Plan of Conversion and Reorganization for FFBW, Inc. (FFBW)

[2020-12](#) Information Regarding the Reverse Stock Split and CUSIP Number Change for Yield10 Bioscience, Inc. (YTEN)

[2020-11](#) Information Regarding the Merger of Innophos Holdings, Inc. (IPHS)

[2020-10](#) Information Regarding the Reverse Stock Split and CUSIP Number Change for Interpace Biosciences, Inc. (IDXG)

[2020-09](#) Information Regarding the Reverse Stock Split and CUSIP Number Change for Phio Pharmaceuticals Corp. (PHIO)

[2020-08](#) (UPDATED - Merger Effective) Information Regarding the Tender Offer for the Shares of Audentes Therapeutics, Inc. (BOLD)

[2020-07](#) Information Regarding the Reverse Stock Split and CUSIP Number Change for Air T, Inc. Air T Funding Trust Preferred Securities (AIRTP)

[2020-06](#) (UPDATED-Merger Closed) Information Regarding the Tender Offer for the Shares of ArQule, Inc. (ARQL)

[2020-05](#) Information Regarding the Business Combination of Proteon Therapeutics, Inc. (PRTO) and ArTara Therapeutics, Inc.

[2020-04](#) Information Regarding the Reverse Stock Split and CUSIP Number Change for Inpixon (INPX)

[2020-03](#) Information Regarding the Reverse Stock Split, Ratio and CUSIP Number Changes for China Finance Co. Limited (JRJC)

[2020-02](#) Information Regarding the Reverse Stock Split and CUSIP Number Change for U.S. Energy Corp. (USEG)

[2020-01](#) Information Regarding the Reverse Stock Split and CUSIP Number Change for Second Sight Medical Products, Inc. (EYES & EYESW)

Equity Trader Alert:

[2020-04](#) FINRA/Nasdaq TRF Retail Participant Fees & Credits Change Effective February 3, 2020

[2020-03](#) Nasdaq Saturday, February 1, 2020, Test Opportunity

[2020-02](#) U.S. Market Holiday Reminder: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

[2020-01](#) Nasdaq Saturday, January 11, 2020, Test Opportunity

Equity Regulatory Alert:

[2020-02](#) Relocation of the Nasdaq PHLX Rule Book

[2020-01](#) Consolidated Audit Trail (CAT) Webcast Alert

Financial Products News:

[2020-01](#) Nasdaq Announces Launch of New Index Effective Monday, January 27, 2020

Futures Trader Alert:

[2020-09](#) NFX Spot Month Position Limits Notice for February 2020

[2020-08](#) Notice for February 6th Power Matching Session

[2020-07](#) Notice of NFX to Nodal Power Futures and Options on Futures Migration Schedule

[2020-06](#) Notice of Risk Limit Adjustments for January 30th Freight Matching Session

[2020-05](#) Notice of Final NFX to EEX Dry Bulk Freight Migration Schedule

[2020-04](#) Notice of Risk Limit Adjustments for January 16th Freight Matching Session

[2020-03](#) Product Deletion Notice: NFX Oil and NFX Petrochemicals Products

[2020-02](#) Notice for NFX Energy Products Fee Waiver

Options Trader Alert:

[2019-28](#) Nasdaq PHLX, ISE and MRX Updated Pricing Effective January 2, 2020

NYSE/EURONEXT/AMEX

NYSE Weekly Program-Trading Data Releases:

ICE Endex Announces Results of European Gas Storage Auction for GasTerra

Intercontinental Exchange (NYSE: ICE), a leading operator of global exchanges and clearing houses and provider of data and listings services, announced the results of the ICE Endex gas storage auction held on January 29, 2020, on behalf of GasTerra. ([Link](#))

Kentucky Goes Live with E-recording Using Simplifile

Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. (NYSE: ICE), a leading operator of global exchanges and clearing houses and provider of data and listings services, announced that Kentucky has become the latest state to adopt e-recording and join Simplifile's network. Simplifile is part of ICE Mortgage Services, which applies technology and high-capacity infrastructure to make the mortgage process electronic and thus more efficient. Hardin County became the first county to go live in Kentucky, followed just minutes later by Jefferson County. ([Link](#))

Intercontinental Exchange Announces the Retirement of Vice Chairman Charles Vice Following 20 Years of Distinguished Service

Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. (NYSE:ICE), a leading operator of exchanges and clearing houses and provider of data and listings services, announces the retirement of Vice Chairman Charles Vice, capping a 20 year career at the company that saw ICE grow from a startup to a global leader in trading, markets and data. Mr. Vice will leave his current role at ICE at the end of the first quarter of this year, coinciding with the company's 20th Anniversary, and will remain an advisor to the firm through February 2022. ([Link](#))

ICE Data Services to Offer ESG Reference Data on U.S. and International Companies

Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. (NYSE:ICE), a leading operator of global exchanges and clearing houses and provider of data and listings services, announced plans to launch a new data service that is designed to help investors better assess the environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities in corporations. ([Link](#))

RISQ and Intercontinental Exchange Announce Collaboration to Bring Climate Risk Analytics to the Municipal Bond Ecosystem

A Boston headquartered start-up focused on best-in-class climate risk analytics, announced a relationship with Intercontinental Exchange (NYSE: ICE) to help enable the municipal bond ecosystem to incorporate climate risk into project and investment decisions. ([Link](#))

Intercontinental Exchange Reports December, Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2019 Statistics

Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. (NYSE: ICE), a leading operator of global exchanges and clearing houses and provider of data and listings services, reported December, fourth quarter and full year 2019 trading volume and related revenue statistics. ([Link](#))

FINCEN

No update as of 02/03/20

PRA

Bank Rate maintained at 0.75%

Our Monetary Policy Committee has voted by a majority of 7-2 to maintain Bank Rate at 0.75%. The committee also voted unanimously to maintain the stock of corporate bond purchases and UK government bond purchases. ([Link](#))

Asset Purchase Facility: Gilt Purchases

As set out in the minutes of the MPC meeting ending on 29 January 2020, the MPC has agreed to make £17.5bn of gilt purchases, financed by central bank reserves, to reinvest the cash flows associated with the maturity on 7 March 2020 of a gilt owned by the Asset Purchase Facility (APF). ([Link](#))

Central Bank group to assess potential cases for central bank digital currencies

The group will assess CBDC use cases; economic, functional and technical design choices, including cross-border interoperability; and the sharing of knowledge on emerging technologies. It will closely coordinate with the relevant institutions and forums – in particular, the Financial Stability Board and the Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures (CPMI). ([Link](#))

Financial Policy Committee dates for 2020

Dates for the 2020 Financial Policy Committee (FPC) meetings and publications. ([Link](#))

Mark Carney appointed by Prime Minister as Finance Adviser for COP26

His key focus will be mobilizing ambitious action from across the financial system needed to help achieve the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement. This will include building the frameworks for financial reporting, risk management and returns to bring the impacts of climate change to the mainstream of private financial decision making and to support the transition to a net zero economy. ([Link](#))

Next steps for LIBOR transition in 2020: the time to act is now

This is a critical year for LIBOR transition. As the Bank's Financial Policy Committee (FPC) set out in December 2019, whilst good progress has been made, firms need to accelerate efforts to ensure they are prepared for LIBOR cessation by end-2021. ([Link](#))

FCA and Bank of England announce proposals for data reforms across the UK financial sector

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Bank of England (Bank) outlined their plans to develop their data and analytics capabilities. Both authorities depend on access to high-quality data to fulfil their respective missions of maintaining monetary and financial stability, market integrity, effective competition and consumer protection. ([Link](#))

FCA

Information for firms during the Brexit implementation period

On 31 January 2020 at 11pm the UK will leave the European Union (EU) and enter an implementation period, which is due to last until 31 December 2020. During the implementation period, EU law will continue to apply. Firms and funds will continue to benefit from passporting between the UK and EEA. Consumer rights and protections derived from EU law will also remain in place. ([Link](#))

FCA succeeds in application to Upper Tribunal to strike out P.F. International's challenge to regulatory decision

The Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA') has successfully applied to the Upper Tribunal to strike out an appeal made by P.F International Limited, a franchise of the Kirby Vacuum Company. P.F. International has now exhausted its avenues of appeal. The firm had referred to the Upper Tribunal the FCA's decision in November 2018 to remove the firm's permissions for breaching its lending rules. ([Link](#))

Christopher Woolard appointed Interim Chief Executive of the FCA

Chris will take on the Chief Executive role following Andrew Bailey's departure to become Governor of the Bank of England. Chris is currently the FCA's Executive Director of Strategy and Competition and an Executive member of the FCA's Board. ([Link](#))

New overdraft rules mean 7 out of 10 people will be better off or see no change

Around 14 million people use an unarranged overdraft each year, and all of these users will be better off or see no change. The FCA's work highlighted that unarranged overdraft prices were regularly 10 times - and for some consumers as much as 20 times - as high as for payday loans. Customers at some large banks were charged effective arranged overdraft rates in excess of 80% per year once fees and charges are factored in. ([Link](#))

Next steps for LIBOR transition in 2020: the time to act is now

The Bank of England (the Bank), Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Working Group on Sterling Risk-Free Reference Rates (RFRWG) have published a set of documents, outlining priorities and milestones for 2020 on LIBOR transition. ([Link](#))

FCA returns funds to land banking victims

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) has obtained High Court approval for a scheme to return £2.5 million to compensate victims of a series of unauthorized collective investment schemes. ([Link](#))

The FCA commences civil proceedings in relation to alleged unauthorized deposit takers

The FCA has commenced civil proceedings in the High Court against three firms and senior individuals at these firms. The FCA alleges the defendants have been carrying on unauthorized deposit taking by accepting money from the public for different projects, including forex trading and crypto assets. ([Link](#))

FCA acts to help customers get better rates for cash savings

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) is proposing to reform the easy access cash savings market. Under new rules all firms will have to set a single easy access rate (SEAR) across all easy access accounts. Firms will have flexibility to offer multiple introductory rates for up to 12 months, then they will need to choose one SEAR for their easy access cash savings accounts, and one for their easy access cash savings ISAs. ([Link](#))

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Resource Links	
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Reader Survey

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(Please include your phone number or E-mail address to schedule a meeting)

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