

## SMART STOPS ON THE WEB



### INVESTMENT SITES

#### Research Online

[www.options-iri.com](http://www.options-iri.com)

Investors can find information at this site on options trading and stocks after registering for free. Users can choose any of five e-mail newsletters that provide insights into the trading market. An options expiration calendar, pricing calculator and links to other financial and investment sites also appear.

#### Resources for Investors

[www.oio.com](http://www.oio.com)

Opportunities In Options provides users with stock quotes and volatility charts, as well as the latest market news and commentary. Free daily e-mail market summaries are available, along with newsletters and an option strategy guide.

#### Mutual Fund Contacts

[www.fundspot.com](http://www.fundspot.com)

Investors will find current news and discussion boards here, as well as links to related sites. The Education Spot offers beginners a "sense of what is involved when investing." There are also links to sites with information on alternative investments and to college and retirement savings plan worksheets.

#### More Than Meets the Eye

[www.justquotes.com](http://www.justquotes.com)

Justquotes.com is anything but. Research information is extremely detailed and includes not only stock quotes but also technical and financial charts, news bureau

alerts and historical documentation. This site also offers a frequently-asked-questions section that covers bonds, derivatives, mutual funds, retirement and technical analysis. Articles on basic and advanced mutual fund topics also are available.

#### Every \*\*\* Has Its Day

[www.dogsofthedow.com](http://www.dogsofthedow.com)

Stock selection information makes up the bulk of this site along with a detailed frequently-asked-questions section on many investment topics. Stock histories from 1996 to present are available, as well as a list of discount brokers.

#### An Online Stock Ticker

[www.freeedgar.com](http://www.freeedgar.com)

This site "offers the individual user easy, basic access to SEC EDGAR filings." Current market data on companies' going public appear in the IPO Express section. Click on the Insider Trader heading and track stock sales and purchases by company executives. Downloads of Word-based corporate filings are available, and users can search by company name or ticker symbol. Free e-mail subscriptions of annual reports also are offered.

### GENERAL INTEREST SITES

#### Hiring Test for Bookkeepers

[www.aipb.org](http://www.aipb.org)

The American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers (AIPB) has posted a 10-question downloadable test on its Web site so employers can size up applicants' experience and expertise before they hire them. Additional test questions, specifically on payroll, depreciation and merchandise inventory, are available. The AIPB site also provides a tip of the day from its newsletter, "The General Ledger."

#### Climb Mount Rushforth

[www.rushforth.net/planning-main.html](http://www.rushforth.net/planning-main.html)

Layne Rushforth, a Las Vegas attorney, has an estate planning Web site that comes with a warning: "General information is

not legal advice....Consult a qualified adviser." Articles on basic and advanced estate planning are available on topics such as charitable and irrevocable trusts and asset protection.

#### Two Virtual Travel Agents

The following two Web sites provide users with all the necessary resources to compare prices and make their travel arrangements.

[www.orbitz.com](http://www.orbitz.com)

Register for free with this travel site and let it do the booking for you. Users also can arrange for car rentals, cruises and hotel rooms. Special rates and package plans are offered here too. Orbitz's traveler-care section includes vacation safety tips for you and your family.

[www.travelocity.com](http://www.travelocity.com)

At this site, Deals & News provides users with air travel alerts and updates, as well as links to airlines that have specials. You can reserve hotels, book cruises and also rent cars. Travelocity includes an alternative homepage for work-related trips, the Business Travel Center, <http://business.travelocity.com>. Registration for both sites is free.

#### First Contact

[www.firstgov.gov](http://www.firstgov.gov)

Bookmark this homepage and use it as an entrance to other U.S. government sites. Its large list of links is well-organized and grouped in logical combinations, such as agriculture and food, benefits and grants, business and economy, consumer services and safety, money and taxes, and science and technology. A link to a government consumer information site is also featured (see below).

#### Consumer Links

[www.consumer.gov](http://www.consumer.gov)

This URL is billed as "your resource for consumer information from the federal government." It provides the user with links to related sites, such as the Federal Consumer Information Center, Consumer Sentinel and Know Fraud, and also to consumer affairs topics—food, product safety, health, home an