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New York Minute

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Holiday Greetings and Warm Wishes!

Dear NIRI NY Members,

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As we enter the holiday season, we reflect on a year filled with both challenges and triumphs. This time of year reminds us of the importance of gratitude and community. As families gather to celebrate and share in the joy of the season, we are reminded of our commitment to fostering a prosperous and secure financial future for all of our stakeholders. Here at NIRI NY, we are grateful for your continued trust, support and partnership.

Election Outcomes and Market Reactions
The recent Republican sweep has fueled all three major stock indexes to record highs supported by expectations of Trump's pro-business economic policies and regulatory changes. Investors had initially feared a contested Presidential election result. But given the decisive Trump victory, investors are now focused on fundamentals such as corporate earnings and interest rates. Trump's pick of Scott Bessent for Treasury Secretary continued the positive momentum of the markets as investors believe Bessent is considered to be a more moderate figure who

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 10 - NIRI Holiday Party
Grand Brasserie, Grand Central Terminal
89 East 42nd Street #Vanderbilt Hall New York, NY 10017
Register

December 10
Webinar-Ethics in IR The Real-World Essentials You Need to Know
Register

February 25-26
Fundamentals of Investor Relations

can temper Trump's decisive stance on trade, tariffs and fiscal policies.

Gary Gensler's Regulatory Landscape

Adding to the current market dynamics is the recent news of Gary Gensler leaving his position as Chair of the Securities and Trade Commission (SEC) in January 2025. Gensler, known for his rigorous approach to market regulation and cryptocurrency oversight, had a substantial impact on financial markets during his tenure. His departure has sparked speculation about potential shifts in regulatory priorities and enforcement strategies under the new administration. This has led to volatility in certain sectors, particularly those heavily influenced by SEC policies. Market participants are now closely watching for the appointment of his successor, which will likely shape the future regulatory environment and influence market sentiment in the coming months.

Looking Ahead

Join us for our Annual Holiday Party!

Amidst the festive season, we invite you to join your fellow NIRI New York members for a joyous celebration at our annual Holiday Party at Grand Central's newest restaurant, Grand Brasserie. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, unwind, and toast to the accomplishments of the year. RSVP now to secure your spot and make this holiday season even more special. Register through the link here.

Details:

- Date: Tuesday December 10, 2024
- Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm
- Where: Grand Brasserie
- Address: 89 East 42nd Street #Vanderbilt Hall New York, NY 10017 (entrance on 42nd Street)

Early Registration for the Annual Conference in June 2025

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to announce that early registration is now open for NIRI National's Annual Conference. It will be in Boston during the first week in June. Seize this opportunity to secure your spot and take advantage of early bird savings. Visit our website to register early through the link here.

Details:

Register

See entire calendar

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Alexander Pelzar, **Apollo Global Management**
Timothy Li, **Bloomberg**
Jennifer Davis, **Capri Holdings Limited**
Kristine Kubacki, **GXO Logistics, Inc.**
Andrew Sokulski, **IR Japan Inc.**
Jason Wong, **MultiPlan Corporation**
Sara Gori, **R3i ventures**
Delia Cannan, **Reevemark**
Juan Flores, **Russo Partners LLC**
Paul Lippe, **xMentium**
Meridith Alin

PARTNER PERSPECTIVE

KORN FERRY

A new survey by Korn Ferry and NIRI highlights the critical role of investor relations professionals play in the success of their companies particularly in the current complex business and regulatory environment. The 2024 Investor Relations Career Trends Survey Report reveals that the IR role is expanding in scope and prominence within organizational leadership, leading to greater optimism about the profession's future.

- Dates: June 1-3, 2025
- Where: Boston | Omni Hotel
- Early registration deadline: December 31, 2024

Membership Spotlight

This month's Member Spotlight features Cindi Buckwalter, a member of NIRI NY since 2015, former board member, and SVP, GuideLign at Rivel. Cindi's career spans investment banking, leading IPOs, and nearly 24 years in investor relations for top public companies. Now an advisor at Rivel, she leverages her expertise to guide executives and boards through complex challenges. A passionate volunteer and mentor, Cindi embodies her mantra: "Listen more than you talk."

We wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season filled with peace, happiness, and prosperity. Thank you for your unwavering support and confidence in our team.

As always, I would encourage you to stay connected with the NIRI NY chapter by following us on Twitter, LinkedIn, and checking out the latest information on our website.



All the Best,
Laura Kiernan
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- 87% of IR professionals are optimistic about their field.
- 61% report that the IR function has gained importance within their companies.
- Strategic thinking and managing ambiguity are deemed essential skills for success.
- Nearly 80% of respondents handle additional responsibilities beyond IR, with 20% involved in competitive intelligence and another 20% in ESG/Sustainability.

To view more key findings as it relates to compensation and the evolution of the IR role visit the link here.



Member Spotlight

Cindi Buckwalter joins us for this month's **Member Spotlight!** Here are a few snippets from our conversation. Please read the complete profile here!

"While much has been written (and speculated) about the impact of AI on IR, I do expect it to be increasingly used as a great tool for IROs in reducing time spent on some of the less interesting aspects of the role."

"Saving clients time (and aggravation) is a win-win for everyone."

"Volunteerism and serving my community have always been priorities for me, even dating back to college when I was the President of a service sorority."

Please let us know if you'd like to be featured in the **Member Spotlight**.

NIRI NextGen

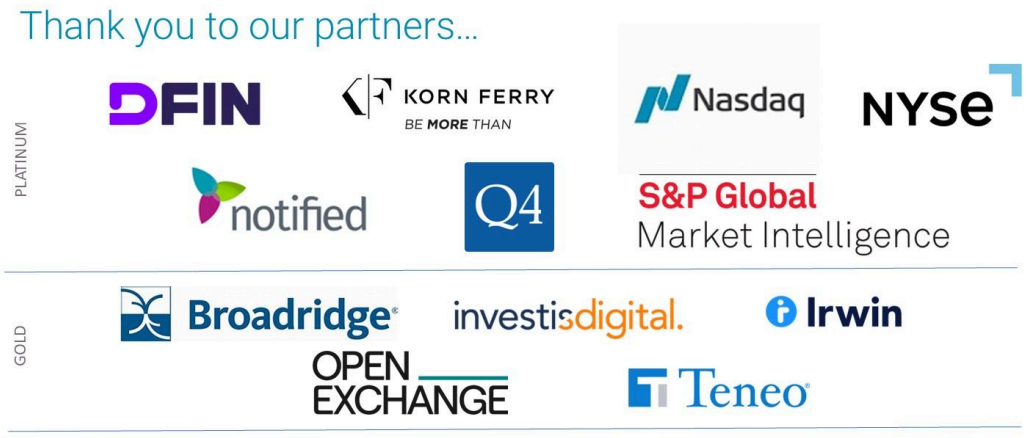
NIRI NY NextGen is in the process of planning its next event. Be on the lookout for more information in the new year. We wish everyone a happy holiday season!

If you are interested in helping the NIRI NextGen committee or have program ideas for this upcoming year, please contact Emily Mohr, President, NIRI NY NextGen at nirinextgen@niriny.org. If you know a potential NextGen member, please reach out to Ailsa Wells (ailsa@getirwin.com)

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