



New York Minute

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This Winter is (Almost) Over...

Earnings season is winding down, proxy season is right around the corner and spring is within reach. Fourth quarter results are so far proving to be better than expected, boosted by government stimulus and looser monetary policy from the Federal Reserve. I'm hopeful that the recovery will continue to strengthen in the coming months.

On the regulatory front, there may be changes ahead for stock trading after the GameStop frenzy last month. It isn't clear if greater transparency around short-selling would have prevented a squeeze like the ones around GameStop, AMC and others, but at least it would have given the SEC more visibility into the size and vulnerability of short positions held by big investors. One thing is for sure: this is just another example of how social media can disrupt the status quo.

Here at NIRI NY, we're looking forward to our 2021 Virtual Holiday Event on Thursday, February 25 at 5:30 PM. It's free for members and we're planning games, trivia, networking, and more! We hope you can join us. [Register here.](#)

Looking further ahead, NIRI announced last week that the NIRI 2021 Annual Conference will be held virtually on the afternoons (Eastern Time) of June 22 and 23. It'll

UPCOMING EVENTS

NIRI NY Virtual Holiday Event

Thursday, February 25, 2021

5:30pm ET

Click [here](#) to register

NIRI NY Coffee Chat

Friday, March 19 at 12:00

PM ET

Click [here](#) to register

NIRI NY Coffee Chat

Friday, April 23 at 12:00

PM ET

Click [here](#) to register

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be hard to go a second year without seeing everyone in person but this Conference program is shaping up to be great. For more information, contact professionaldevelopment@niri.org.

One of the most rewarding aspects of being a NIRI member is the opportunity to “pay it forward.” Sharing your knowledge about investor relations and supporting those who are up-and-coming in their careers can be even more gratifying than beating consensus. If you have a friend, colleague or peer under 40, I encourage you to nominate him or her for NIRI’s “40 Under 40” honor. NIRI is now [accepting applications](#) for the 2021 class and nominations are due no later than April 9.

Another way to pay it forward is to get involved in NIRI NY’s new mentorship initiative. I mentioned last month that we’re launching this new program for NIRI NY members at any stage of their career. If you are interested in getting involved and becoming a mentor or being mentored, please reach out to Cindi Buckwalter, Debbie Belevan and Emily Mohr at mentorships@niriny.org.

Before I sign off, just a reminder to please fill out our annual membership survey if you haven’t already. We would greatly appreciate your input and I promise – it only takes a minute or two to complete: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/membersurveyjan2021>.

We’re excited to see you all at upcoming events and especially welcome our new members listed below. If you have a colleague who is thinking of joining, we encourage them to reach out to any of our [board members](#) to discuss the value NIRI NY can offer. 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](#).

NIRI NY NextGen invites you to its virtual event, “Water Cooler Talk: Topical NextGen Conversations,” on March 3, 2021 at 6:00pm EST. Join members for a casual discussion that covers top-of-mind investor relations subjects. Advance registration is required. This event is exclusively for NextGen members or individuals eligible for NextGen. Register Today! <http://bit.ly/39vXtJ4>

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Albana Beka, Prudential Financial, Inc.
Melissa Clawson, Rocket Companies
Mara MacDonald, BNP Paribas
Roxanne Meyer, MKM Partners
Vanessa Quarantello,
Berenberg Capital Markets
Kelsey Turcotte, UiPath
Joseph Vagnone, American International Group, Inc.
Oskar Yasar, Broome Yasar



Warm regards,
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