

Further information

'To write it took three months; to conceive it – three minutes; to collect the data in it – all my life.'

F Scott Fitzgerald, author of *The Great Gatsby*.

Books

Essential reading

Many of the gurus in chapter 9 on investment axioms have said what books most influenced them. The following two classics feature repeatedly.

Reminiscences of a Stock Operator, Edwin Lefevre

The Intelligent Investor, Benjamin Graham

Recommended reading

Accounting for Growth, Terry Smith

Beyond the Zulu Principle, Jim Slater

Common Stocks & Uncommon Profits, Philip Fisher

Competitive Advantage, Michael Porter

Contrarian Investment Strategies, David Dreman

Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds, Charles Mackay

Investing With The Grand Masters, James Morton

Letters to shareholders by Warren Buffett, at www.berkshirehathaway.com

Manias, Panics and Crashes, Charles Kindleberger

Market Wizards; New Market Wizards, Jack Schwager

One Up On Wall Street, Peter Lynch

The Alchemy of Finance, George Soros

The Art of War, Sun Tzu

The FT Global Guide to Investing, James Morton

The Great Crash, John Galbraith

The Money Masters; The New Money Masters, John Train

The Prince, Machiavelli

The Profit Zone, Adrian Slywotzky and David Morrison

The Templeton Touch, William Proctor

The Zurich Axioms, Max Gunther

What Works on Wall Street, James O'Shaughnessy

Broker research notes

reuters.co.uk/research

Databases

Investorease (www.investorease.com) for narrative on companies.

REFS (Really Essential Financial Statistics) (www.companyrefs.com) for company and sector sieving.

Sharescope software (www.sharescope.co.uk) for charting.

Investor organisations

The Serious Investor Groups network (www.signet.org.uk).

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Proshare (www.proshare.org)

Centurion House, 24 Monument Street, London, EC3R 8AQ.

Telephone: 020 7220 1730

Newspapers

The Economist, The Financial Times, Investors Chronicle.

Websites

There is a bewildering choice of websites to aid the investor. The following selection is worth noting.

Charting

www.investtech.com

Comprehensive share information

www.advfn.com

uk.finance.yahoo.com

Company analysis

www.investorchronicle.co.uk

E-mail daily newsletter on the markets and economy:

www.dailyreckoning.com

Stock exchange announcements

www.uk-wire.com