

# **GROW THIRD QUARTER 2019 Results Webcast**

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# **Today's Presenters**



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# About U.S. Global Investors (GROW)

- U.S. Global Investors, Inc. is an innovative investment manager with vast experience in global markets and specialized sectors.
- Founded as an investment club, the company became a registered investment adviser in 1968 and has a longstanding history of global investing and launching first-of-their kind investment products, including the first no-load gold fund.
- U.S. Global Investors is well known for expertise in gold and precious metals, natural resources and emerging markets.





# **GROW Strengths**



- Strive to be the "go-to" stock for exposure to emerging markets, resources, gold and digital currencies
- Debt-free, strong balance sheet with a reflexive cost structure
- Monthly dividend and return on equity discipline



# **Top Institutional Holders of GROW**

<b>TheRoyceFunds</b>	1. Royce and Associates	8.75%
CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	2. Perritt Capital Management	4.83%
F I M group	3. Financial & Investment Management Group	3.85%
BLACKROCK	4. BlackRock Institutional Trust Company	2.61%
T TOROSO* INVESTMENTS	5. Toroso Investments, LLC	1.67%

Percentage of shares outstanding

Source: NASDAQ, Data as of March 2019



# **GROW Dividends** — Paid Monthly

Consistently paid for more than



Current yield at share price of \$1.20 as of 04/22/2019



Monthly dividend payment of \$0.0025 Approved through June 2019 Reviewed by the Board quarterly



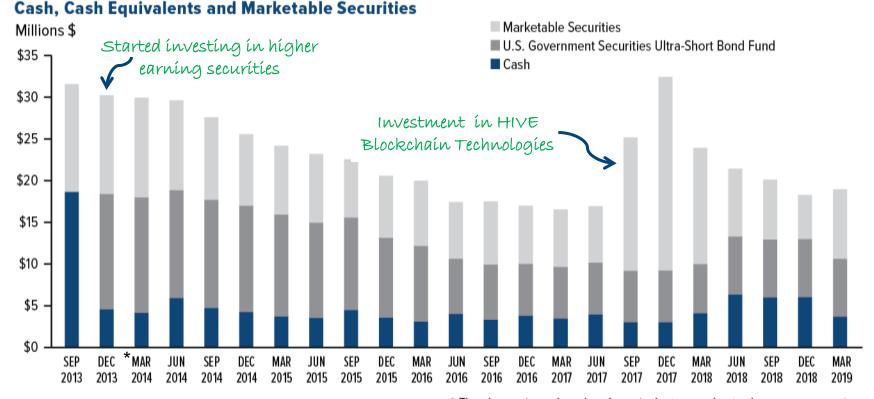


# **Share Repurchase Program in Motion**

- The board approved a repurchase of up to \$2.75 million of its outstanding common stock on the open market through calendar year 2019
- For the quarter ended March 31, 2019, the Company repurchased 8,075 class A shares using cash of approximately \$9,000
- May be suspended or discontinued at any time



### **Balance Sheet Strength – No Debt**

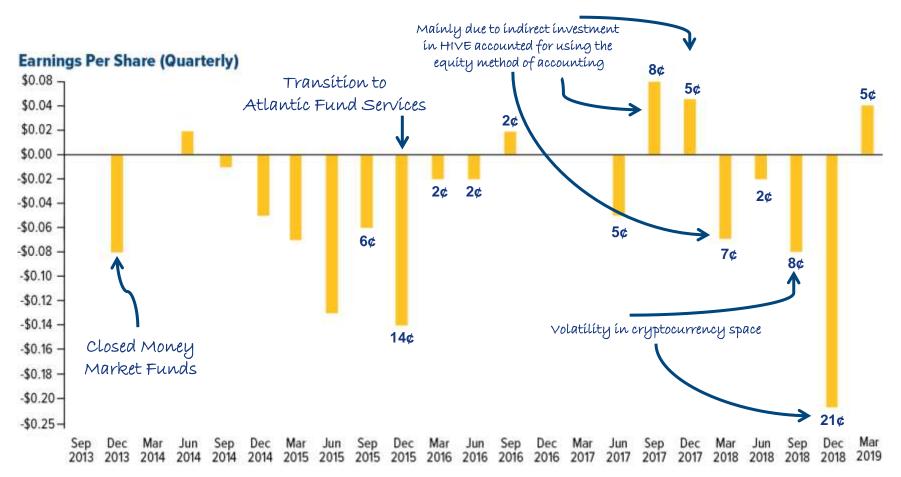


\* The change in cash and cash equivalents was due to the company moving assets into the U.S. Government Securities Ultra-Short Bond Fund.



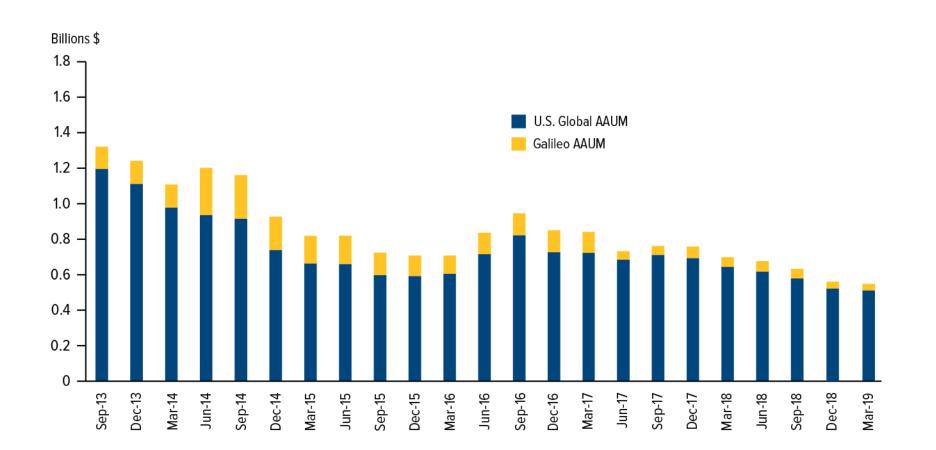
### **Earnings Per Share Quarterly**

CORPORATE EVENTS IMPACTING EARNINGS





### **Quarterly Average Assets Under Management**

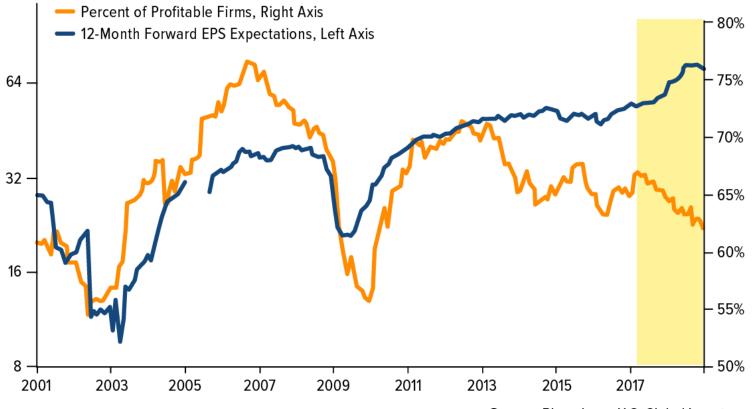




### **Disconnect Between Expectations and Reality:**

More Small-Caps are Unprofitable, Historically Signaling a Slowdown

#### **Profitable Firms In the Russell 2000 Index**



Source: Bloomberg, U.S. Global Investors





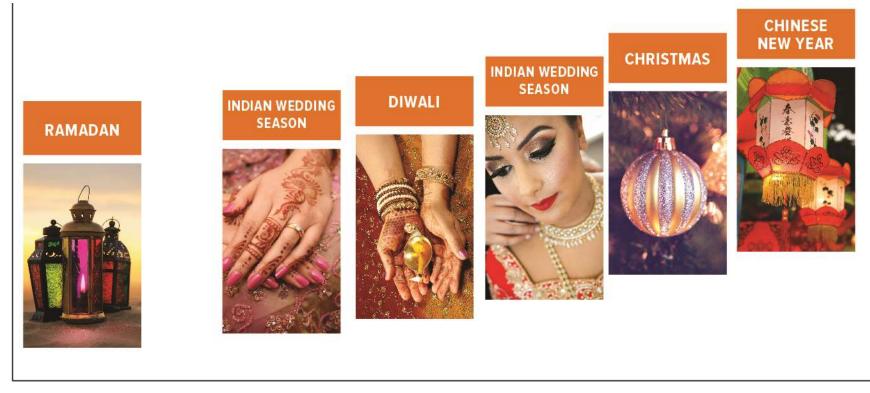
### **Gold Demand: Fear Trade vs Love Trade**







# Gold's Love Trade: Cultural Celebrations Prompting the Purchase of Gold



JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER JANUARY FEBRUARY

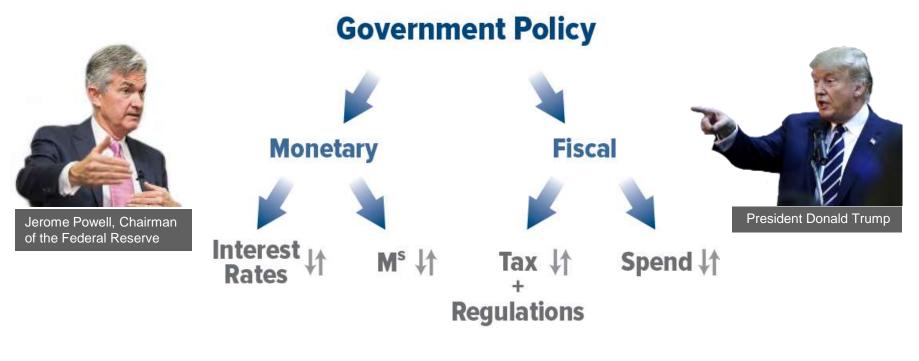
Indian wedding season spans from September through year-end.



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## **Gold's Fear Trade**





- Rising Interest Rates
- Unwinding QE

- Trade Wars
- Lower Corporate Taxes



# **Managing Expectations**

See Our Managing Expectations Whitepaper at usfunds.com



### **Understanding Volatility of Asset Classes**

Standard deviation based on 10-year daily data as of 03/31/2019

	Daily	Rolling 1 Year
NYSE Arca Exchange Gold BUGS Index	±2%	±39%
MSCI Emerging Markets (HUI)	±1%	±24%
S&P 500 Index (SPX)	±1%	±13%
Gold Bullion	±1%	±17%
WTI Crude Oil	±2%	±32%

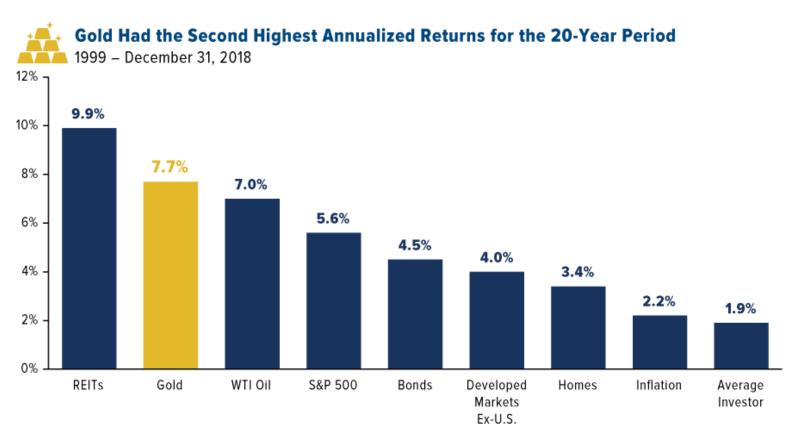
Source: Bloomberg, U.S. Global Investors

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Standard deviation is a measure of the dispersion of a set of data from its mean. The more spread apart the data, the higher the deviation. Standard deviation is also known as historical volatility.





## **Gold Is the Second Best Performing Asset Since 1999**



Past performance does not guarantee future results. Source: JPMorgan, Bloomberg, U.S. Global Investors



Meet the A.I. Company Revolutionizing Mineral Exploration





# Frank Holmes Named Independent Chairman of GoldSpot Discoveries Inc.



Frank Holmes Independent Chairman



Denis Laviolette President, CEO & Director

Frank Holmes serves on the board of GoldSpot Discoveries Inc. as independent chairman and held common stock at March 31, 2019.



## **Solving the Big Data Problem**





## Sharing Insights With Financial Media and Industry Experts on a Range of Topics





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# For One-Day and Ten-Day Periods, Ethereum and Bitcoin Are More Volatile Than The Stock Market

Standard Deviation For One Year, as of 03/31/2019						
One Day Ten Day						
S&P 500 Index (S&P)	±1%	±3%				
Gold Bullion	±1%	±2%				
Bitcoin	±4%	±12%				
Ethereum	±5%	±16%				



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## **Major Events Suppressing The Price of Bitcoin**

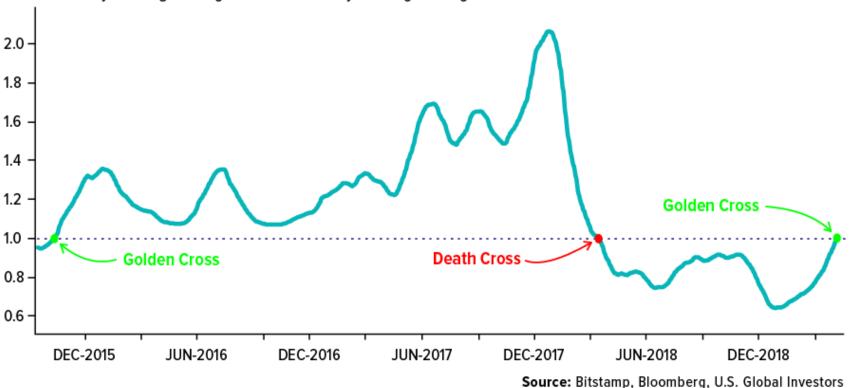


Source: Coindesk.com, U.S. Global Investors



## April 2019: Bitcoin Forms First Bullish "Golden Cross" Since October 2015

#### **Bitcoin Forms First Bullish Golden Cross Since October 2015**



Bitcoin 50-Day Moving Average Versus 200-Day Moving Average



### In September 2017, U.S. Global Announced Strategic Investment in HIVE Blockchain Technologies Ltd. with Frank Holmes Becoming Chairman of Board





Frank Holmes has been appointed non-executive chairman of the Board of Directors of HIVE Blockchain Technologies. Both Mr. Holmes and U.S. Global Investors own shares of HIVE. Effective 8/31/2018, Frank Holmes serves as the interim executive chairman of HIVE.



## Looking Ahead: HIVE 2.0





Grow coin inventory through ongoing mining at existing facilities



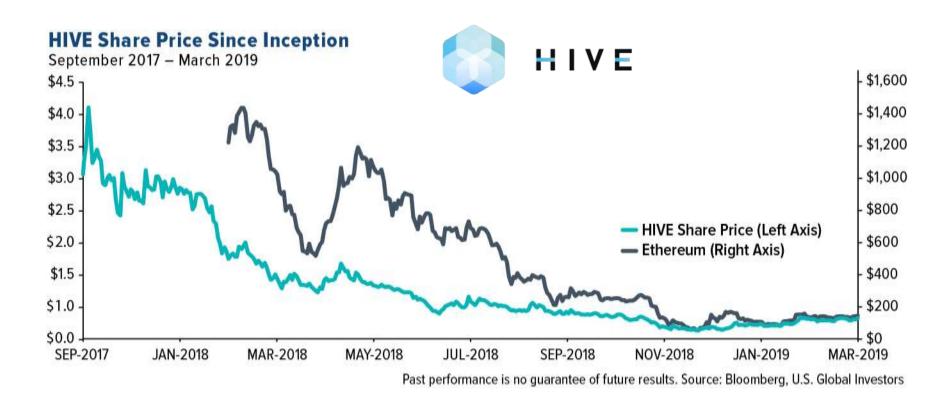
Assess opportunities to participate in the blockchain technology ecosystem



Evaluate and execute on accretive M&A opportunities



## **HIVE Trades Closely With Ethereum**





# U.S. Global Investors, Inc. (GROW) Income Statement – Financial Analysis



## Lisa Callicotte CFO



## **Evolution of Mark-to-Market: New Accounting Rule Contributes to Earnings Volatility**

- Starting in fiscal 2019, some of our corporate investments are accounted for differently <sup>1</sup>
- No longer an available-for-sale ("AFS") classification for equity securities
- At adoption, \$3.1 million in unrealized gains on former AFS investments was reclassified from other comprehensive income to retained earnings
- The impact to earnings of this change in the quarter ended March 31, 2019, was investment income of \$2.1 million, which was mainly related to the increase in market value of our investment in HIVE Blockchain Technologies Ltd. ("HIVE")
- This income is related to unrealized gains on securities formerly classified as AFS, previously would have increased other comprehensive income
- As of March 31, 2019, the market value of the Company's investment in HIVE is \$1.6 million higher than our cost

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# **USGI's Investment in HIVE**



- Investments in securities at fair value, non-current
- 10 million shares
- 3 percent of outstanding shares
- Cost \$2.4 million
- Market value \$4.0 million as of March 31, 2019

Investments as of March 31, 2019



## **Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)** (dollars in thousands, except per share data)

Operating Revenues	Quarter Ended March 31,			
Operating Revenues		2019		2018
Advisory fees	\$	926	\$	1,351
Administrative service fees		45		66
	\$	971	\$	1,417
Operating Expenses				
Employee compensation and benefits	\$	774	\$	983
General and administrative		983		923
Advertising		42		40
Depreciation and amortization		56		61
	\$	1,855	\$	2,007
Operating Loss		(884)		(590)



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(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

		Quarter Ended March 31,		
	20	)19		2018
Operating Loss	\$	(884)	\$	(590)
Other Income (Loss)				
Investment income (loss)		2,094		275
Income (loss) from equity method investments		3		(927)
Other income	_	40		9
		2,137		(643)
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes		1,253		(1,233)
Provision for Income Taxes				
Tax expense (benefit)		535		(168)
Net Income (Loss)		718		(1,065)
Less: Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Non-Controlling Interest	_	(61)		(5)
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to U.S. Global Investors, Inc.	\$	779	\$	(1,060)
Earnings Per Share Attributable to U.S. Global Investors, Inc.				
Basic	\$	0.05	\$	(0.07)
Diluted	\$	0.05	\$	(0.07)
Basic weighted average number of common shares outstanding		15,132,408		15,144,068
Diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding		15,132,408		15,144,068



## **Consolidated Balance Sheets**

### (dollars in thousands)

Assets	March 31, 2019 (Unaudited)		June 30, 2018	
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,659	\$	6,364
Restricted cash		1,000		1,000
Investments in securities at fair value		8,288		8,179
Accounts and other receivables		494		1,216
Note receivable		73		35
Prepaid expenses		343		328
Total Current Assets		13,857		17,122
Net Property and Equipment		1,799		1,970
Other Assets				
Investments in securities at fair value, non-current		7,178		7,086
Other investments		645		2,207
Equity method investments		228		283
Note receivable, non-current		143		199
Other assets, non-current		60		65
Total Other Assets		8,254		9,840
Total Assets	\$	23,910	\$	28,932



# **Consolidated Balance Sheets**

#### (dollars in thousands)

Liabilities	March 31, 2019 (Unaudited)		June 30, 2018	
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 111	\$	198	
Accrued compensation and related costs	246		645	
Dividends payable	113		113	
Other accrued expenses	720		817	
Total Current Liabilities	1,190		1,773	
Long-Term Liabilities				
Deferred tax liability	 553		1,099	
Total Long-Term Liabilities	553		1,099	
Total Liabilities	 1,743		2,872	

**Commitments and Contingencies (Note 12)** 



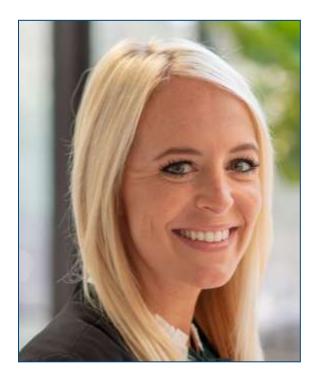
# **Consolidated Balance Sheets**

### (dollars in thousands)

Shareholders' Equity	March 31, 2019 (Unaudited)	June 30, 2018
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Common stock (class A) - \$0.025 par value; nonvoting; authorized, 28,000,000 shares; issued, 13,866,691 shares at March 31, 2019, and June 30, 2018	347	347
Common stock (class B) - \$0.025 par value; nonvoting; authorized, 4,500,000 shares; no shares issued	-	-
Convertible common stock (class C) - \$0.025 par value; voting; authorized, 3,500,000 shares; issued, 2,068,857 shares at March 31, 2019, and June 30, 2018	52	52
Additional paid-in-capital	15,647	15,650
Treasury stock, class A shares at cost; 805,824 and 790,445 shares at March 31, 2019, and June 30, 2018, respectively	(1,891)	(1,878)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(230)	1,858
Retained Earnings	7,680	9,513
Total U.S. Global Investors Inc. Shareholders' Equity	21,605	25,542
Non-Controlling Interest in Subsidiary	562	518
Total Shareholders' Equity	22,167	26,060
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 23,910	\$ 28,932



# **Significant Events**

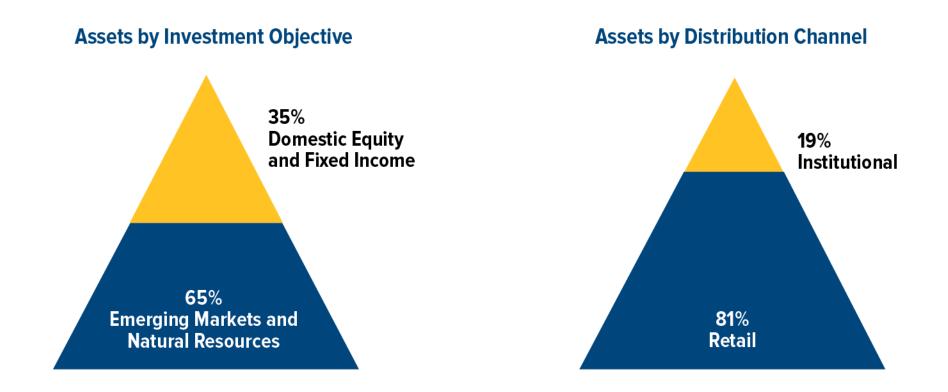


## **Holly Schoenfeldt**

Marketing and Public Relations Manager



## Asset Breakdown — U.S. Global Investors Funds



Data for SEC-registered mutual funds as of March 31, 2019



## **Viral Publicity Gained Through Media Interviews**





# Newsletter Recommendations for U.S. Global Investors Funds

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No-Load Mutual Fund Selections & Timing Newsletter



## **Branding and Marketing of GROW**



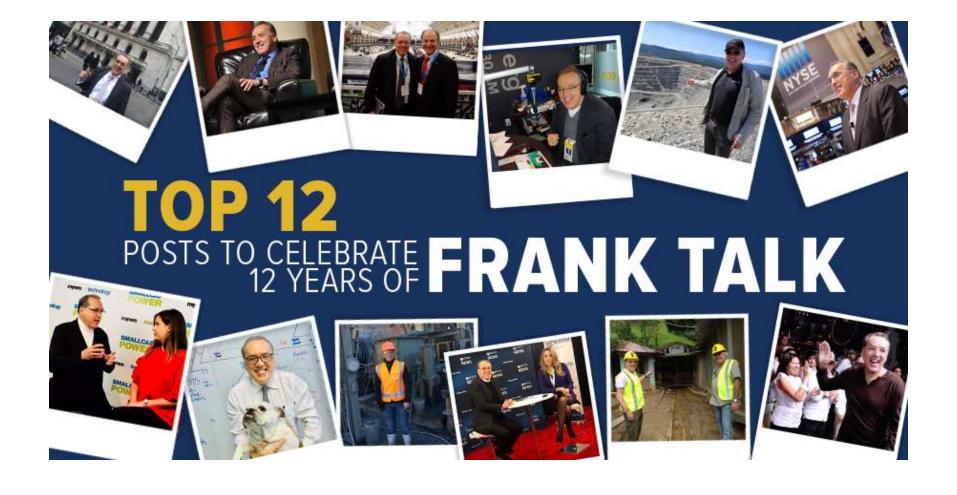
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- 38 Total Interviews
- 413 Web Mentions

- 24 Frank Talk Blog Entries
- 52 Newsletter Recommendations

Data from January - March 2019



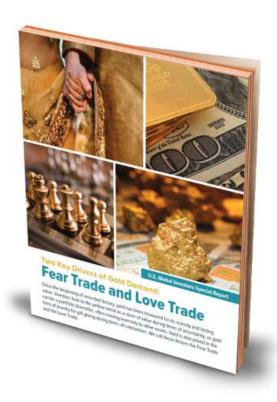
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