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**W**e open our Fall issue with an investigation by Feldman, Livnat, and Segal into market reactions to the U.S. SEC's new Form 8-K disclosure (required when a company learns that previously issued financial statements are not reliable). They examine Form 8-K filings as potential information for shorting stocks.

Berkin and Luck examine the "Forever Stamp" as an inflation-fighting asset. Estrada discusses investors' ability to successfully predict the best days to be in and out of the market. Yee demonstrates to the value-oriented investor how to determine the margin of safety that she should demand.

Next Louton and Saraoglu examine the impact of the number of mutual funds held in an asset allocated portfolio and determine the optimal number to be closer to 10 than the minimum possibility of 2. Although traditional thought has been that small-cap active equity funds have had higher excess returns than their larger-cap counterparts because the small-cap market is less efficient and provides greater stock-selection opportunities, Davis, Tokat, Sheary, and Wicas reexamine the out-performance of small-cap funds. Dudley, Jirasakuldech and Zorn use the residuals from a regression that controls for the certain factors on the E/P ratio to provide information about the behavior of the market. This is followed by Waid who examines the effect of the management fees of ETFs on performance when ETFs are shorted. Lewis and Okunev provide a methodology to address the problem of describing the risk/return characteristics in a guaranteed average rate of return fund that can invest in U.S. equities and U.S. bonds. Ghoul proposes that the field of Islamic risk management is a fertile ground for major innovations as he focuses on the risk management aspects of Islamic finance. We conclude this issue with Frankfurter's exploration of the premise of teaching finance as conversation.

As always, we hope you find the articles presented useful and thought provoking. You can email comments or suggestions to us at [journals@investmentresearch.org](mailto:journals@investmentresearch.org).

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