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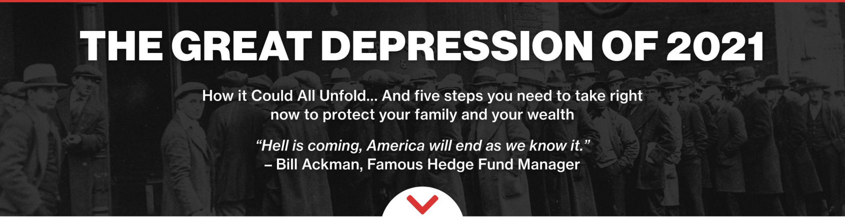

THE GREAT DEPRESSION OF 2021

How it Could All Unfold... And five steps you need to take right now to protect your family and your wealth

"Hell is coming, America will end as we know it."
– Bill Ackman, Famous Hedge Fund Manager

WARNING: The Following Message
Will Be Disturbing to Some Audiences.
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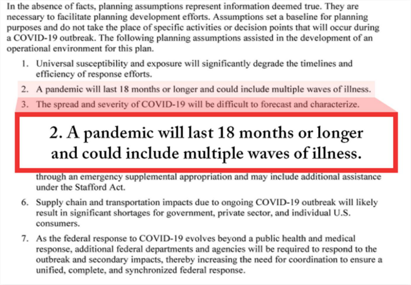
Hi, my name is Jim Rickards.

As a former advisor to the CIA and The Pentagon, I feel it's my duty to warn you about what could unfold in America in the coming days.

I'm holding in my hand an official government document that was not intended for public distribution... but it was released by the ***New York Times***...



In the absence of facts, planning assumptions represent information deemed true. They are necessary to facilitate planning development efforts. Assumptions set a baseline for planning purposes and do not take the place of specific activities or decision points that will occur during a COVID-19 outbreak. The following planning assumptions assisted in the development of an operational environment for this plan.

1. Universal susceptibility and exposure will significantly degrade the timelines and efficiency of response efforts.
2. A pandemic will last 18 months or longer and could include multiple waves of illness.
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through an emergency supplemental appropriation and may include additional assistance under the Stafford Act.

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7. As the federal response to COVID-19 evolves beyond a public health and medical response, additional federal departments and agencies will be required to respond to the outbreak and secondary impacts, thereby increasing the need for coordination to ensure a unified, complete, and synchronized federal response.

It's the government plan to fight the coronavirus crisis... and in order to prepare for the worst, on page 4 it says in plain English that...

And I quote...

"A pandemic will last 18 months or longer and could include multiple waves of illness."

If you've been following the news, you already know the markets are crashing and our economy has ground to a halt.

Which is why famous hedge fund Bill Ackman said...

"Hell is coming, America will end as we know it. Capitalism does not work in an 18-month shutdown."

Look, I'm about to show you undeniable proof this current economic shutdown could trigger another Great Depression...

Something 10 times worse than what happened in 2008.

And that's why I'm writing to you today...

To show you the five steps you need to take to protect your family and your wealth from this looming unprecedented catastrophe.

These are the same steps I'm taking to protect my loved ones.

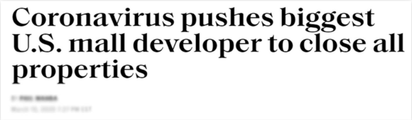
Unfortunately, our nation is facing a catch-22...

We can either go back to our normal way of life and risk an explosion in coronavirus cases and thousands and maybe even millions of deaths...

Or fight the pandemic with lockdowns, quarantines and business closures, bringing business and social life to a halt.

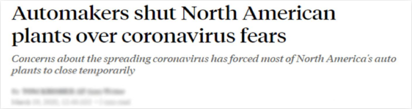
The government made the right move to save lives and chose the second option.

Now shopping malls are looking like ghost towns...



Coronavirus pushes biggest U.S. mall developer to close all properties

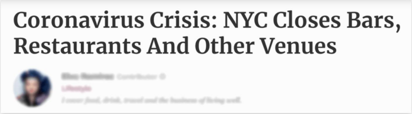
Automobile Factories are being closed indefinitely...



Automakers shut North American plants over coronavirus fears

Concerns about the spreading coronavirus has forced most of North America's auto plants to close temporarily

And shops, gyms, bars, colleges, schools, and restaurants are all on lock down.



Coronavirus Crisis: NYC Closes Bars, Restaurants And Other Venues

Economists fear that by the time the coronavirus pandemic is over, entire industries could be wiped out and millions of American workers could end up jobless.

This is unprecedented... and it's why I'm convinced that...

Historians Will Look Back and Call This the Beginning of the 2021 Great Depression in America

We're already in a recession... and that's not just me saying...

Bank of America just warned all their clients with this urgent note:

"We are officially declaring that the economy has fallen into a recession… joining the rest of the world, and it is a deep plunge. ***Jobs will be lost, wealth will be destroyed and confidence depressed."***

But it's about to get a lot worse…

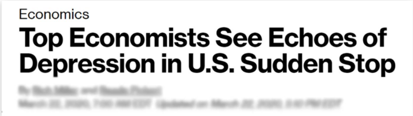
Nouriel Roubini, an Economics professor at New York University who predicted the 2008 collapse, says:

"The risk of a new Great Depression, worse than the original, is rising by the day."

Carmen Reinhart, a professor of economics and finance at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, says:

"This could morph into a financial crisis. We will see higher default rates and business failures. ***It could be like the 1930s."***

Even the mainstream media like Bloomberg has started to sound the alarm. Check out this headline…



Economics

Top Economists See Echoes of Depression in U.S. Sudden Stop

In my 40 years advising financial institutions and the US intelligence community…

I can honestly say I have never… ever… seen this level of chaos around the world.

Look, I know that it can be hard to believe we'll face another Great Depression…

But you don't have to believe me and all these other economists right now.

Let me show you all the proof I've gathered…

Then you can decide for yourself if you should really protect your wealth and your family.

In the next few minutes, I'm going to show you how this economic shutdown will have a domino effect like we've never seen before…

We're just watching the first domino fall right now…

Health restrictions have forced retailers, casinos, restaurants and universities to go dark.

Once-bustling airports are deserted. Highways and subways are empty. Factories are shutting down.

That's why the first domino will be depression levels of unemployment… I'm talking about 25% or more.

I'll even show you how a member of our own central bank is already projecting even higher unemployment rate.

And if this scenario the government is planning for happens…

Then the next domino to fall will be massive bankruptcies… even from blue-chip companies like American Airlines.

Then the crisis will spread to other important areas of the economy, like the real estate market…

After all, how can you pay your mortgage if you don't have a job?

With companies going bankrupt and unable to pay their debt, then the crisis will spread to banks and financial institutions…

Think 2008 on steroids, with a scenario where you can't even get your own cash from your bank account.

Then, the last domino to fall will be a complete collapse of our society and rule of law.

I'm talking about massive social unrest.

You may think that this can't happen here in America…

But if that's really impossible, why then is the U.S. military already preparing for widespread violence from food shortages?

U.S.

EXCLUSIVE: INSIDE THE MILITARY'S TOP SECRET PLANS IF CORONAVIRUS CRIPPLES THE GOVERNMENT

According to Newsweek, three weeks ago the military issued standby orders to prepare for some form of martial law in "extreme circumstances,"

Look, I'm not trying to scare you…

And I really hope and pray I'm wrong…

I hope everything I'm saying here never comes to pass…

But as a former advisor to the CIA and the Pentagon, I can't simply bury my head in the sand and ignore all the facts…

And the facts couldn't be clearer…

Which is why I'm recommending that you take these 5 steps to protect your family against the Great Depression of 2021.

I've already taken a few of these steps to protect my family.

So in the next few minutes I'm going to show you…

- A little-known strategy that can make you money even if stocks are crashing…
- Three toxic, but popular stocks you need to avoid right

now...

- Five recession-proof stocks to buy now...

I'll even tell where I already invested $1 million of my own money.

Many other savvy investors are piling into this investment because they know there's no time to waste.

Deutsche Bank economists already warned their clients...

"The US economy is currently undergoing a truly unprecedented shock that is likely to continue for some time with the spread of the virus set to accelerate further in the coming weeks."

Unfortunately, most Americans will ignore all the warning signs and will just hope for the best...

And by the time they wake up to reality, it will be too late for them.

I tell you this from personal experience...

Because when I predicted the 2008 crash, those who ignored my warnings were caught by surprise when the meltdown happened

You see, I've been advising the US government on matters of national security for years now...

In the late 1990s, for example, I worked side by side with members of the Federal Reserve bank to save America from a $1.3 trillion banking crisis.

THE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON

It would have destroyed the U.S. economy.

But thanks to my work, it never happened.

After 9/11, I started working with senior military leaders at the Pentagon and the highest ranks of the CIA...

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And helped them create a financial system to predict the next 9/11... by analyzing unusual trading activity in airline stocks.

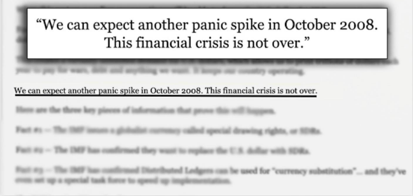
I've given advice to members of President Trump's cabinet...

I've been inside the West Wing of the White House, the U.S. Treasury and the boardroom at the Federal Reserve.

And I've built my career predicting events that most people thought were "unthinkable."

For example, when I predicted the 2008 housing collapse, no one believed me.

In the summer of 2008, I wrote this letter to top advisors in the presidential campaign:



“We can expect another panic spike in October 2008. This financial crisis is not over.”

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Of course, nobody in Washington believed that another crash could happen…

But three weeks later, Lehman Brothers went bankrupt…

Panic took over…

Markets crashed across the world, ruining the retirement of millions…

An estimated $2.4 trillion disappeared almost overnight from Americans’ 401(k)s and IRAs when the market crashed in 2008.

JIM RICKARDS HAS WARNED THE SENATE OF HIS FINDINGS
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8.7 million people lost their jobs, and over 10 million to lose their homes in the United States alone.

Once Congress realized I was right, they invited me to testify in the Senate about the state of the economy.

Most people who ignored my warnings are still dealing with the consequences to this date….

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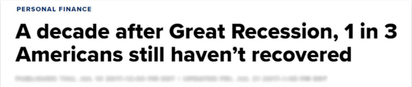
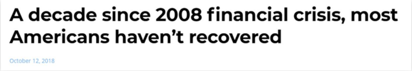


PERSONAL FINANCE

A decade after Great Recession, 1 in 3 Americans still haven’t recovered

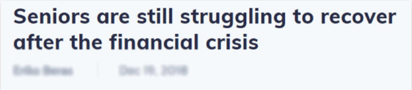
Or this one…



A decade since 2008 financial crisis, most Americans haven’t recovered

October 12, 2018

And this one from 2018…



Seniors are still struggling to recover after the financial crisis

Imagine what will happen this time…

This won’t be another great recession.

It will be a depression.

That's a BIG difference.

Former Federal Reserve Vice Chairman Alan Blinder, now a Princeton University professor, explains:

"We think of a depression as a recession that is very, very deep and very, very long. That's the kind of thing that could happen."

That's why the New York Times is predicting this economic crash will be *"More Severe Than the Great Recession."*

And veteran analyst on CNBC anticipates that we will have the "*'Worst Financial Crisis Since the Great Depression in 1929."*

Make no mistake...

This won't be one of those crises where we quickly recover.

America's first Great Depression lasted for a full decade, from 1929 to 1939...

The Great Depression of 2021 doesn't look like it will be any different.

That's why I want to show you the exact five steps you need to take right now to prepare for this depression.

Because honestly...

I'm afraid nobody else will show you exactly what to do

Look, if you lost money in 2008 and are still dealing with consequences, I can't really blame you.

Just like today, there was a lot of misinformation back then...

Think about it...

Did the mainstream news ever warn you to prepare?

No, they only reported on it after the carnage had happened.

Something similar is going on today...

The media is very good at fear mongering and reporting half-truth stories of death and stock market crashes just to get attention...

But they're not telling anyone how to prepare for the worst.

That's why today, I'm going to give you 5 actionable steps to take to protect your family and your wealth.

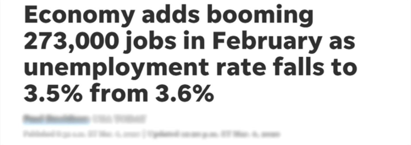
If you follow these steps, I'm confident you'll have the best chance at escaping unscathed from this unprecedented crisis...

And you'll be able to secure a comfortable retirement and financial future.

But You Must Act Fast

Because things are developing at breakneck speed...

Just look at this headline from early March 2020...



Economy adds booming 273,000 jobs in February as unemployment rate falls to 3.5% from 3.6%

Then just a few weeks later, Bloomberg published this story...

“The U.S. is entering a recession. The ultimate fear is that it could turn into a protracted malaise that has some flavor of a depression.”

The article went on to warn that this could get a lot worse... FAST!

Think about it... Just a few weeks ago, everything was just fine...

Now you can’t even find toilet paper and even food in some grocery stores.

Every day thousands of Americans are getting fired...

And a bunch of companies have already filed bankruptcy.

Look at it this way.

Americans right now are standing at the very bottom of a tall mountain... Mt. Everest, Mt. Kilimanjaro.

About halfway up the mountain, there’s a catastrophic avalanche barreling down towards us.

What should you do?

Should you just watch the avalanche coming and hope for the best?

Or should you recognize the severity of the situation and take action to protect yourself?

Your answer to this question could seal your financial future.

Things are moving so fast, that even if you wait one day to take the 5 steps I’ll explain here...

It might be too late.

That’s why recently I’ve been warning everyday folks about the instability of the stock market and our financial system...

And how a black swan event (like the coronavirus) could send the entire system tumbling down.

Multiple TV channels have invited me to help their viewers prepare...

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GLOBAL CURRENCY CRISIS
Bloomberg 2016: THE "YEAR OF THE BOOMERANG"
SQUAWK BOX RICKARDS HAS ADVISED THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ON FINANCIAL ISSUES
MWS
JAMES RICKARDS Chief Global Strategist at West Shore Funds
KITCO NEWS
TheStreet
ARE WE ALREADY ON A GOLD STANDARD?

I’ve also published a series of best-selling books to warn everyday Americans about lurking disasters...

THE NEW CASE FOR GOLD
JAMES RICKARDS
AFTERMATH
SEVEN SECRETS OF WEALTH PRESERVATION IN THE COMING CHAOS
THE DEATH OF MONEY
THE COMING COLLAPSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM
THE ROAD TO RUIN
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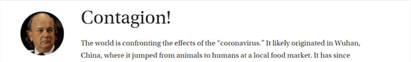
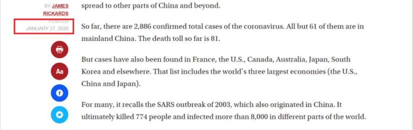
And back in January 2020, way before the markets started to panic...

I sent this note called CONTAGION to a small group of readers warning them this would get much worse...



Contagion!

The world is confronting the effects of the “coronavirus.” It likely originated in Wuhan, China, where it jumped from animals to humans at a local food market. It has since



BY JAMES RICKARDS

POSTED JANUARY 27, 2020

spread to other parts of China and beyond.

So far, there are 2,886 confirmed total cases of the coronavirus. All but 61 of them are in mainland China. The death toll so far is 81.

But cases have also been found in France, the U.S., Canada, Australia, Japan, South Korea and elsewhere. That list includes the world's three largest economies (the U.S., China and Japan).

For many, it recalls the SARS outbreak of 2003, which also originated in China. It ultimately killed 774 people and infected more than 8,000 in different parts of the world.

…and saying that the crisis that started in China could quickly spread and create a global crisis.

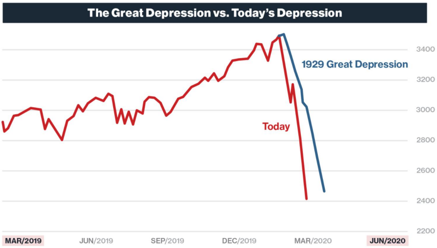
But today, it's the first time ever I'm going public with the exact fives steps you need to take to prepare for this national crisis.

These are the same steps I'm following to protect my family and my wealth.

But before we get to those steps, let me show you all the facts I've uncovered so you can decide for yourself if I'm just blowing smoke.

The first thing you should know is this…

The 2021 Stock market crash will mark the beginning of America's Second Depression… just like it happened in 1929



As you can see, stocks have crashed faster than the 1929 crash.

I don't know if you know this, but the stock market crash of October 1929 signaled the start of what became known as the Great Depression.

Back then, falling stock values helped undermine consumer confidence and business investment…

And that led to a sharp economic decline that spread from the United States to other countries and continued for nearly three and a half years.

Not until the spring of 1933 did the American economy begin to recover.

What do you think is going to happen this time?

It's going to be even worse because we're facing an unprecedented event where our economy has basically shut down due to social isolation.

This has never happened before.

Think about it...

Consumer spending is what drives the US economy. It accounts for 70% of GDP.

Right now it's impossible for consumers to spend at restaurants, malls, theaters or on travel...

With all those businesses closing or suspending operations.

That’s why former White House chief economist Kevin Hassett says that if everybody stays home for six months...

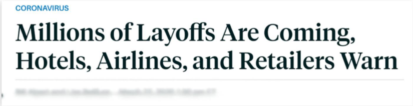
“It is going to be like the Great Depression”

Like I mentioned earlier, this will have a huge domino effect...

With businesses shutting down their doors, we’re already seeing the first domino fall...

Domino #1: Massive Unemployment

As Barrons wrote recently...



CORONAVIRUS

Millions of Layoffs Are Coming, Hotels, Airlines, and Retailers Warn

It’s already happening...

In New Jersey, 15,000 people applied for unemployment benefits in a single day.

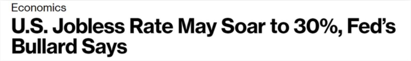
And 45,000 Ohio workers applied for unemployment in just one week.

According to Moody’s Analytics, up to 80 million jobs in the US economy are at risk.

That’s more than half of ALL the existing jobs in the United States today!

Even members of our own central bank, the Federal Reserve, are preparing...

With the Fed’s member James Bullard predicting a possible 30% unemployment.



Economics

U.S. Jobless Rate May Soar to 30%, Fed’s Bullard Says

To put that into perspective, US unemployment peaked at 10% during the Great Recession.

During the Great Depression, unemployment spiked to 24.9% in 1933.

In other words, he's saying this could get worse than the Great Depression.

And remember...

This is just the first domino to drop...

With millions of Americans being laid off, what do you think will happen to their bills?

They won't get paid...

And that's when the second domino will drop...

Domino #2: Massive Bankruptcies

It's not just everyday Americans who won't be able to pay the bills.

Companies will also struggle.

Several industries are already at risk of being shut down...

Hotel executives told the USA Today that HALF of US hotels could close amid the coronavirus crisis.

Airlines across the world are grounding planes and laying off workers right and left.

According to CAPA (Centre for Aviation), most airlines in the world will be bankrupt by the end of May unless the governments intervene.

Even Boeing, a giant company with 100,000 employees, is already asking for a government bailout.

And the travel industry isn't the only sector getting wiped out...

CNBC just reported that 2020 looks like it will set a record for retail stores closing in the United States.

The CEO of retail advisory and research firm Coresight Research said there could be more than 15,000 store closures in 2020.

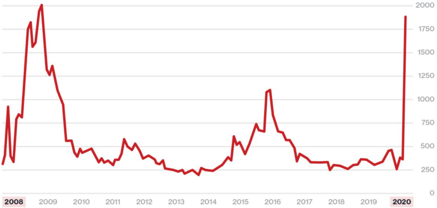
And since nobody is shopping or traveling...

The oil industry is also getting absolutely leveled as well.

That's why former Home Depot CEO Bob Nardelli believes that HALF of the major fracking companies will go bankrupt soon.

And check this out...

Amount of Distressed Debt



In less than a week, the amount of distressed debt has exploded to $1 trillion dollars, reaching 2008 levels.

This is the amount of debt from companies the market thinks might not get paid in full.

Phil B., a senior distressed credit analyst at Bloomberg Intelligence, says:

“What we are seeing now is fast and violent. The worst is yet to come.”

Bankruptcy expert Ed Altman also agrees with me. He said:

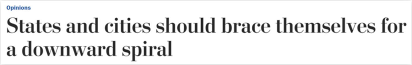
“A lot of marginal companies are going to be forced out of business.”

This crisis could also force entire cities to cut personnel, slash services, eliminate programs, including big cuts on pension plans.

California Senator John Moorlach, for example, says:

“It’s going to be a mess. I don’t know how it plays out. It’s not going to be pretty.”

The Washington Post also warned...



Opinions

States and cities should brace themselves for a downward spiral

With a massive wave of bankruptcies on the way, it’s just a matter of time before the third domino drops...

Domino #3: Contagion will spread to Key Areas of the Economy, such as the real estate market

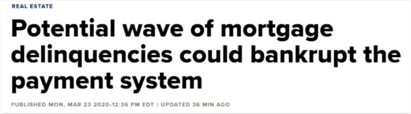
We all remember how real estate market crash had huge implications for the economy.

Well, how do you think folks who are losing their jobs will be able to pay their mortgages?

They won’t.

That’s why the CEO of Mortgage Bankers Association Bob Broeksmit, said that the mortgage finance system is in danger of bankruptcy.

He’s even sent a letter to the Federal Reserve requesting a bail out.



REAL ESTATE

Potential wave of mortgage delinquencies could bankrupt the payment system

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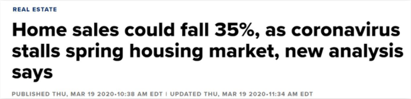
Sales of new homes are already starting to decline… which is exactly how the 2007 housing collapse started.

The National Association of Realtors did a recent survey… and they saw a marked decline in buyer interest.

Buckle your seatbelts, because here we go again…

Some economists are already making some dire predictions, like this one…



REAL ESTATE

Home sales could fall 35%, as coronavirus stalls spring housing market, new analysis says

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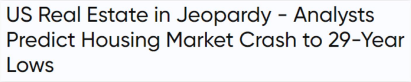


US Real Estate in Jeopardy - Analysts Predict Housing Market Crash to 29-Year Lows

Economist Tendayi Kapfidze believes the U.S. could see a complete “shutdown in the housing market.”

The commercial real estate market will also suffer.

Bloomberg recently reported that some big retailers like Mattress Firm and Subway are already struggling to pay their rent.

The article went on to say that…

“The stakes are high. If [retail] withhold payments, there would be a ripple effect. Landlords can’t afford to stop collecting rent for long, with many property owners sitting on loads of debt. The situation is likely to get messier.”

That’s why billionaire investor Carl Icahn told CNBC that commercial real estate is going to “blow up.”

That’s a $16 trillion ticking time bomb that could alone bring the entire financial system down.

Another real estate mogul, billionaire Tom Barrack agrees with me. If the government doesn’t take prompt action, he’s predicting…

“A domino effect of borrower defaults that will swiftly and severely impact the broad range of stakeholders in the entire real estate market, including property and homeowners, landlords, developers, hotel operators and their respective tenants and employees.”

And he said the impact could dwarf that of the Great Depression.

Well, you know the saying…

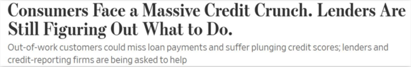
If you owe the bank $100, that's your problem…

If you owe the bank $100 million, that's the bank's problem.

So with everyone struggling to pay their loans, the next domino will drop…

Domino #4: Banks will Fail and We'll See a Credit Crunch Worse than 2008

Check out this headline from the *Wall Street Journal*…



Consumers Face a Massive Credit Crunch. Lenders Are Still Figuring Out What to Do.

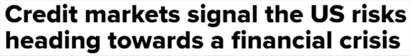
Out-of-work customers could miss loan payments and suffer plunging credit scores; lenders and credit-reporting firms are being asked to help

The article went on to say that…

"U.S. consumers are facing what could become the biggest credit crunch since the Great Depression."

The Guardian believes that the coronavirus will cause a *"Credit Crunch that Could Make 2008 Look Like 'Child's Play."*

And take a look at this headline…



Credit markets signal the US risks heading towards a financial crisis

Since businesses have loaded up on debt in the low-interest-rate years after the 2008 financial crisis…

The global leveraged loan market is estimated to be anywhere from $1 trillion to $3 trillion.

And the coronavirus just exposed how fragile the banking system is.

I've been warning about all the debt built-up for years. And now the chickens are coming home to roost.

Lindsay David, consultant at LF Economics, said it best when he wrote:

"We know everyone is overleveraged, full bore, full risk. All we were waiting for was a trigger and unfortunately that has come in the form of a health crisis."

That's why banks could be in big trouble.

So, with massive unemployment… massive bankruptcies… both the stock market and housing collapsing… the possibility of banks going belly up…

The last domino will drop…

Domino #5: A Complete breakdown of Society

Imagine a situation where you're unable to get even basic items like toilet paper and food.

Just a few weeks ago that seemed ridiculous.

And yet, we already saw how a mini panic led to empty grocery shelves across the country.

Remember that Government document I showed you earlier?

The one preparing for a crisis that could last 18 months.

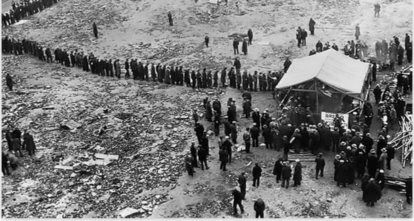
Well, that official document warned...

"Shortages of products may occur, impacting health care, emergency services, and other elements of critical infrastructure."

If you think that can't really happen in America, check out this recent video

You're watching hundreds of cars waiting to receive food from the Greater Community Food Bank in Pittsburgh.

That reminds me of the sad scenes of the last Depression, when Americans lined up by the thousands for food.



So what do you think is going to happen when all those other dominoes have fallen?

It's likely we'll see some social unrest and massive crimes in some areas of the country.

Some high-end stores across the country are already boarding up their stores in anticipation of civil unrest.

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No wonder gun sales are absolutely exploding, as more and more Americans are preparing for a complete breakdown of our society.

That's why in the next few minutes, I'm going to show you the five steps you should take not only to protect your family...

But also protect and even grow your wealth.

But before we get to that...

You're probably asking yourself...

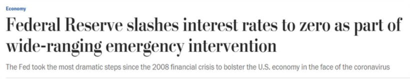
But Can't the Government Save Us?

Look, I still remember my interview at the Nasdaq stock exchange headquarters in New York last year.

It's where I predicted that the US Federal Reserve raised the interest rate to 2.5% as a scheme to prepare for the next recession.

I explained that this would give the Central Bank an opportunity to cut rates back down in the event of another potential economic crisis.

And that is exactly what happened!



Economy

Federal Reserve slashes interest rates to zero as part of wide-ranging emergency intervention

The Fed took the most dramatic steps since the 2008 financial crisis to bolster the U.S. economy in the face of the coronavirus

In an effort to save the economy, the Federal Reserve announced on March 15th that it would cut interest rates to as low as 0%.

They're also preparing to inject $1.5 trillion into Wall Street Banks……

Can they stop the bleeding?

I'm afraid the government won't be able to bail out the economy this time around.

Here's why…

Lower interest rates increase economic growth by driving up demand. But nobody is consuming anything because of the lockdown.

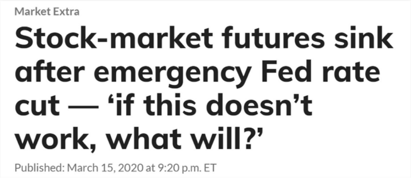
That's a demand shock.

But the virus pandemic is also disrupting the supply chain, affecting the supply of goods.

That's a supply shock.

For the first ever, we have both a demand and a supply shock. And cutting rates won't fix that.

That's why stock markets crashed AFTER the Fed announced rate cuts. Investors know this won't work this time…



Market Extra

Stock-market futures sink after emergency Fed rate cut — 'if this doesn't work, what will?'

Published: March 15, 2020 at 9:20 p.m. ET

So unlike 2008, there's no telling how low the stock market could go.

You can print all the money you want…

But if people are not borrowing it, if they're not spending it…

It won't work.

Let me explain…

Let's say I got out to dinner and I tip the waiter.

And the waiter takes my tip and he takes a taxi home.

And the taxi driver takes the fare and puts some gas in his taxicab.

Well, my dollar had the velocity of three.

$1 supported $3 of goods and services: the tip, the taxi ride, and the gasoline.

But, what if I'm isolated from the world and just stay home, and watch television.

What if I don't spend a penny.

That money has zero velocity.

That is exactly what's happening right now.

Restaurants are closed…

Movie theatres are shut down…

Cruise Lines are ported.

Even Disney World is closed.

So no, printing money won't help this time.

There's only one potential solution to this crisis…

The only way to prevent a depression from happening is for us to develop a vaccine and beat the coronavirus at the source.

But that could take months… Here's why…

There's some evidence this coronavirus isn't just some random virus.

According to some scientific sources, it's a biological weapon that accidentally escaped a lab in Wuhan, China.

This isn't some crazy conspiracy theory, as some of clueless mainstream media have reported.

Jay C., a Neurobiology Research Assistant Professor from University of Pittsburgh, indicates:

"The circumstantial evidence surrounding what we have done in the last let's say 20 years with viral research suggests… this is a laboratory virus. It is likely and engineered laboratory virus."

I really hope he's wrong because if this is really a biological weapon, it won't be easy to find a vaccine.

Unfortunately, sources close to the matter are starting to confirm this dangerous virus leaked from a lab in China.

Dr. Francis Boyle, an expert on biowarfare, recently said:

"The coronavirus that we're dealing with here is an offensive biological warfare weapon. There have "been previous reports of problems with Wuhan's Institute of Virology and things leaking out of it."

To be clear, I'm not saying the Chinese did this on purpose. It just takes a minor negligence from a lab worker…

And boom, the virus could be out in the world.

Is it really hard to think that could have happened in China, a country known for its low safety standards?

That's probably why Annelies Wilder-Smith, a professor of emerging infectious diseases said:

"Like most vaccinologists, I don't think this vaccine will be ready before 18 months."

Think about it…

Without a vaccine, our economy could be in lockdown for longer than anyone thinks.

As Bill Gates told President Trump during a recent call...

"It's tough to tell people 'keep going to restaurants, go buy new houses, ignore that pile of bodies over in the corner."

That's why Harvard University professor James Stock, who's a member of the National Bureau of Economic Research, said this:

"Unless this virus miraculously disappears from the population over the course of the next few months, it is a reasonable scenario that ***we might be in this lockdown setting for quite a while, measured in quarters."***

Even the Pentagon is along preparing for a long battle.

Pentagon sees coronavirus crisis lasting several months

AFP · March 24, 2020

Can you see now how there's no way out of this difficult situation?

Either the government lets everyone go back to normal life...

Triggering an explosion in new cases and potentially millions of deaths...

Or we'll be in lockdown for weeks and even months, which will most certainly trigger another Great Depression.

So What Can You Do?

To protect your family, I would suggest stocking up on essentials, just like I've done it.

Make sure you have enough water, basic food, and toiletries to last at least 3 months.

I currently own a small lot of property in the mountains of New England...

Where I have dug three wells, planted abundant gardens, and built a significant greenhouse.

I have also installed the largest non-commercial solar power system in New England.

Sufficient to say… I will not be dependent on anyone to take care of me or my family…

Again, if you don't remember anything I say, remember this.

You can't count on the United States government to save you during this next Great Depression.

Their own official document preparing for the worst case scenario has already confirmed this, saying:

"State and local governments, as well as critical infrastructure and communications channels, will be stressed and potentially less reliable."

That's why I recommend you immediately take these…

Five Steps to Keep Your Loved Ones Safe and Protected and Even Grow Your Wealth in the coming Months

Let's get right into it…

Step #1: Buy What Goldman Sachs Called "The Currency of Last Resort"

As I mentioned earlier, the Fed is already planning to inject $1.5 trillion into the economy.

And I know exactly what will be their playbook because I'm no stranger to Fed.

I've even had a private conversation with former Fed chief Ben Bernanke a few years back, as you can see in this pic…

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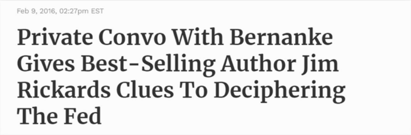
Forbes even wrote this article about me at that time…



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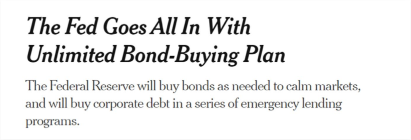
Private Convo With Bernanke Gives Best-Selling Author Jim Rickards Clues To Deciphering The Fed

It's pretty safe to say the Fed will print loads of cash to try to boost the economy.

In fact, they've just shamelessly admitted they'll throw the kitchen sink at this pandemic crisis. Check out this headline...



The Fed Goes All In With Unlimited Bond-Buying Plan

The Federal Reserve will buy bonds as needed to calm markets, and will buy corporate debt in a series of emergency lending programs.

In other words, they will print as much money as possible to help the markets...

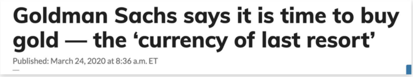
Like I said before, this won't work because we don't have velocity of money.

It's much more likely we'll see deflation in the short-term...

But in the long-term, all this government debt and money printing could lead to hyperinflation.

That's why I recommend you have 10% of your assets in physical gold, as a hedge against a complete collapse of our currency.

And it's why Goldman Sachs just issued this urgent note to its clients telling them to load up on gold.



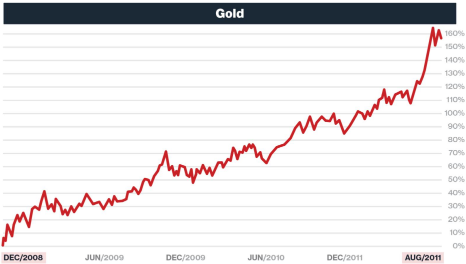
Goldman Sachs says it is time to buy gold — the 'currency of last resort'

Published: March 24, 2020 at 8:36 a.m. ET

Their report went on to say:

"We have long argued that gold is the currency of last resort, acting as a hedge against currency debasement when policy makers act to accommodate shocks such as the one being experienced now."

Just look what happened in 2008, when the Fed started printing money to boost the economy...



The yellow metal exploded in the coming months and years.

And that's exactly what I expect this time...

Only this time I expect gold to start a historical run towards $15,000 by the end of 2026.

The gold rush has already started…

As Forbes reported recently…

Investors Are Piling Into Safe Havens On Coronavirus Fears

Some of the richest investors in the world are piling into gold already…

Billionaire and Hedge fund manager, Paul Tudor Jones says,

"Gold will be the antidote for people with equity portfolios."

Real estate titan and billionaire, Sam Zell said that he bought gold for the first time in his life as a *"good hedge."*

Investor Ray Dalio with a net worth of $18.7 billion recently said he's bullish on gold…

Predicting the metal to be a major investment asset ahead of a 'paradigm shift' within global markets."

If the wealthiest investors in the world are buying gold to protect themselves, I believe we should as well.

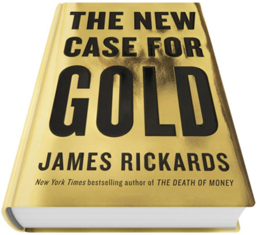
These are some of the savviest investors in the world… and they're all buying gold.

I recommend you do the same and have 10% of your wealth in physical gold.

I've personally invested more than $1 million in gold miners and gold-related holdings to protect myself and my family from a financial disaster.

Unfortunately, most people don't know what's the right way to invest in gold. That's why I'd like to send you my book to help you prepare…

It's Called *The New Case for Gold*



Inside, you'll discover…

- **Why I trust only a handful of online gold bullion dealers.** And why most American investors have no idea these trusted, long-standing sources exist. (Page 152.)
- **The super-secret, portable asset that's just as good as**

gold at storing value. Rich families have used it for centuries. And billionaires like Bill Gates and hedge fund giant Steve Cohen have used it as well. (On page 169.)

- **The global threat to the dollar that could see gold prices soar even faster... and our government is complicit.** Find out what you can do to protect yourself and your family today. (See page 52.)
- **The #1 gold-buying mistake investors make.** You should never EVER buy gold this way... or you'll put your finances and yourself at serious risk. (Page 165.)
- And much, much more...

Here's what reviewers on Amazon.com are saying about ***The New Case for Gold:***

Juan A.

★★★★★ **Great Book**

Format: Hardcover | **Verified Purchase**

Must Read

Alistair F.

★★★★★ **Fantastic**

Format: Kindle Edition | **Verified Purchase**

Great information for investors of all types and persuasions. Relevant for the volatile times we all live in of high debt and political upheaval.

William P.

★★★★★ **Great Investment Advice**

Format: Hardcover | **Verified Purchase**

The New Case for Gold lists for around $16 on Amazon.com, but I do NOT want you to buy on Amazon.

I want to be the one who sends this book to you, and I'll explain how in just a moment...

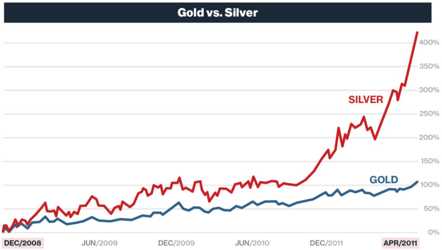
First, I want to help you not only protect your wealth with physical gold... but also grow your wealth.

So let me tell you about my #1 mining stock to buy right now...

Because if I'm right about gold, you could make even more money investing in the right mining companies.

I already showed you how gold exploded after the Fed started printing money in 2008.

But silver went even higher. Take a look...



That's why we could see some silver mining stocks explode in the coming months and years.

The good news is my team just uncovered what might be the last pure silver mine in the world...

A mine so rich that if you walk on the surface you might trip on pure silver.

It is literally coming out of the ground.

Better yet, it’s owned by a tiny company trading for just around $4…

I have to admit that this is the most exciting story I’ve heard in the silver industry in several years.

Because you could 5x your money by 2023 if it plays out like my research shows it will…

You see, this silver mine is so big that a third-party analyst estimated it’s worth over $6.9 billion dollars.

That’s almost 10x the company’s market cap.

Just think about it…

With this stock trading below $4, it just needs to go up another $4 for you to double your money…

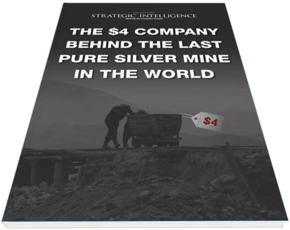
Already, news of this world-class deposit is rocking the mining industry.

Tom Azzopardi, A well-respected mining expert, had this to say about the finding:

“The potential is among the best in the region. Everything you could imagine and more.”

World-renowned mining analyst, Joe Reagor admitted that this discovery is “too unique” to ignore.

That’s why I put all the details in a special investment dossier called ***The $4 Company Behind the Last Pure Silver Mine in the World.***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THE $4 COMPANY BEHIND THE LAST PURE SILVER MINE IN THE WORLD
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I’ll tell you how to claim this dossier and my book The New Case for Gold in just a moment…

First, let’s move on to step #2…

Step #2: Insure Your Portfolio with what I call “Crash” Contract.

You wouldn’t be able to sleep at night without homeowners, auto, or health insurance.

But nobody ever talks about how to protect your investments.

Did you know there's an investment that can act as insurance for your portfolio?

It's true.

As Investopedia explains...

"The best way to hedge against potential market losses is to buy [crash contracts]."

I already showed a small group of readers how to use these contracts to profit during a crash...

And they've reported some incredible success this year...

Like Josh A. from Miami. He said:

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> "I made 1,015.57% on ARMK (in 2 days) and 505.36% (in 16 days) on STX. **TRIPLED** my account value. KEEP 'EM COMIN'!!! It's nice to be in the green! I'm a believer!"

David Z. from Portland says...

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> "So far it's **turned $270 into $3,895 in 12 days.** I'm really pleased with the great gains".

And Mary A. from Chicago says:

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> "I made **over 100% profit** overall in about a year."

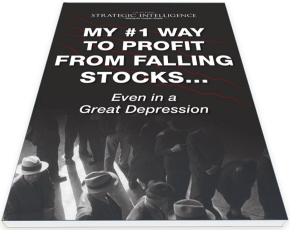
These folks are using these contracts to profit from falling stocks.

That's why Optimize Advisors President Michael K. recommends using this to protect your portfolio against further market mayhem.

It's just a great way to protect your hard-earned money.

Which is why I want to show you exactly how you can use them.

I put all the details in another special dossier called ***My #1 Way to Profit from Falling Stocks... Even in a Great Depression.***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MY #1 WAY TO PROFIT FROM FALLING STOCKS...
Even in a Great Depression

In this special report, I'm going to show you step-by-step how to use the best strategy to insure your portfolio for the upcoming crisis.

I'll tell you how to claim it in just a moment...

But first, let me tell you about the 3rd money move I recommend you take right now:

Step #3: The Three Ticking Time Bombs In Your Portfolio

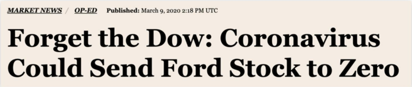
When the world finally gets back to normal after this pandemic, some businesses, and entire industries could be gone by then.

That means if you're investing in the wrong companies, you could lose it all.

Remember, back in 2008 nobody thought that shares of popular companies like Lehman Brothers, Chrysler or Washington Mutual could go to zero.

But that's exactly what happened. Shareholders got wiped out.

And if you think that can't happen again, some analysts have already started to warn. Check out this headline from yahoo finance...



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Forget the Dow: Coronavirus Could Send Ford Stock to Zero

Make no mistake...

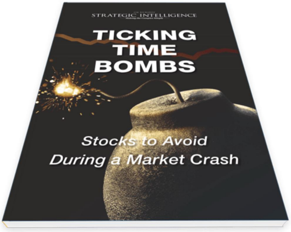
Companies that don't have a ton of cash and are deeply in debt and exposed to this crisis could go belly up.

That's why I asked my team to find the most popular companies out there that could go to zero...

These are ticking bombs that are probably sitting inside millions of 401k and IRAs accounts...

Maybe even in yours.

I call this dossier ***Ticking Time Bombs: Stocks to Avoid During A Market Crash.***



If you have any one of those in your portfolio, I beg you to get rid of them before it's too late.

I'll show you how to claim this dossier in just a moment, but first let's move on to step #4...

Step #4: Five Recession-Proof Stocks to Buy Now

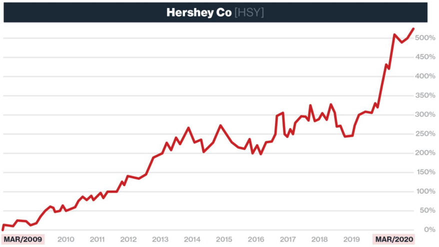
I'm not just one of those doom and gloom guys who predict the world will end.

We'll survive this just like we survived the Great Depression of 1929.

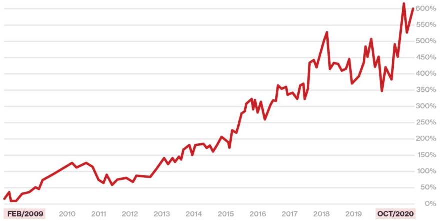
And that means if you know which stocks to buy at the bottom, you could make an absolute fortune on the rebound.

For example, did you know there's actually a group of stocks that tend to go up during a recession?

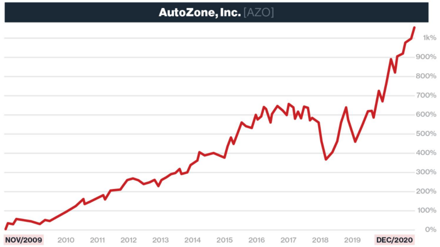
Companies like Chocolate maker Hersheys, which climbed as much as 545% since the 2009 recession...



Or toy maker Hasbro. Had you bought shares in the midst of the last recession, you could have made up to 638% gains...



Or auto parts retailer Autozone… which in the midst of the last recession started a 1,061% run…



What do these companies have in common?

They all had high returns on invested capital. And for that reason, they not only survived the great recession but thrived.

Well, I've just found the top 5 stocks with high return on invested capital.

These are solid companies I'm confident will thrive in this difficult environment.

I'm sure you know, all investing carries risk and it's impossible to win 100% of the time.

But fortunately, with my 45 years in finance – and having become a trusted former economist, investment banker, financial warfare and working with the CIA, NSA, and Wall Street – I've seen it all.

So I went ahead and took the highest precautions for you.

I put all the details inside a new dossier called ***Five Recession-Proof Stocks to Buy Right Now.***

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RIGHT NOW

I'll show you how to claim this report in just a minute, but first we still have one more step to cover...

And this might the most important of them all.

Step #5: Protect Your Family Against A Complete Breakdown of Society

There is no way anyone can tell you how bad things will get as everything unfolds.

It's a very real possibility that riots and mayhem will take over the streets like we've never seen before.

In fact, due to fake news and panic it's already happening in countries around the world.

If you think it can't happen here, let me remind you that just in the last decade we've seen riots in Virginia, California, Chicago, Missouri, Nevada, among many others.

I'm near Baltimore, so the images of large crowds rioting and looting are still fresh in my mind.

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That's why I've prepared a special dossier that will help you prepare for the worst.

Whether you're concerned about a criminal break-in or a mob of angry protestors, you deserve to feel safe in your home.

So I reached out to my colleague and ex-CIA operative Jason Hanson...

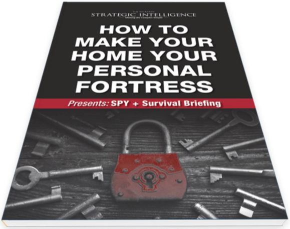
And asked him for cutting-edge strategies that will keep your family safe no matter the circumstance.

This is a man who served nearly a decade in the CIA and he even won the CIA's Exceptional Performance Award, not once but twice.

And now he runs a 329-acre facility where he teaches evasive driving, pistol and rifle shooting, intelligence operations, and so much more...

So, needless to say, he's the real deal.

And he helped me put together a special dossier called ***How To Make Your Home Your Personal Fortress.***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HOW TO MAKE YOUR HOME YOUR PERSONAL FORTRESS
Presents: SPY + Survival Briefing

In this report you'll discover:

- The simple piece of equipment that turns your front door into an impenetrable barrier...
- Don't believe you can afford your own panic room? Think again. I'll show you how to build a panic room without spending a fortune.
- The six steps to survive a crisis. You can't afford to skip Step 3 if you want your survival plan to be a success.
- Think your house is already intruder-proof? If your front door is equipped with this popular lock, then your entire family's safety could be at risk. You should read this first!

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- The simple item you MUST have in your house during this pandemic. No, it's not hand sanitizer, a protective mask or anything you might have heard before… but it could save your life.
- These days of lockdown, we're spending more time online. That's why you must avoid this #1 social media mistake… if you value your safety.
- And much, much more.

This is just a fraction of the many potentially life saving tips you'll find in ***How to Make Your Home Your Personal Fortress.***

You'll want to share this information with your loved ones and refer to the report on a regular basis during the crisis to ensure your family remains safe.

So How Can You Begin Making These Moves Right Away?

I've already made all these dossiers available to a small group of folks just like you who follow my work.

You see, this situation is developing really fast…

And it's really not enough to give you all the information and wish you good luck.

I'd like to be your guide during these difficult times.

That's why I'm inviting you to take a risk-free trial subscription to my monthly newsletter called ***Strategic Intelligence.***

When you do, I'll send you everything I've mentioned so far… 100% Free.

My mission in this monthly research is simple…

To help everyday folks profit from "unthinkable" events and financial crisis.

Every month you'll get a new issue packed with ideas and strategies that will help you protect and grow your wealth.

And I'll keep you up to date and make sure you know exactly what's going on during this economic crisis.

Before I launched this service, I had only provided this kind of service to my high-net-worth clients and members of the US intelligence community.

But with ***Rickards' Strategic Intelligence***, you too will have the opportunity to hear my best ideas on an ongoing basis.

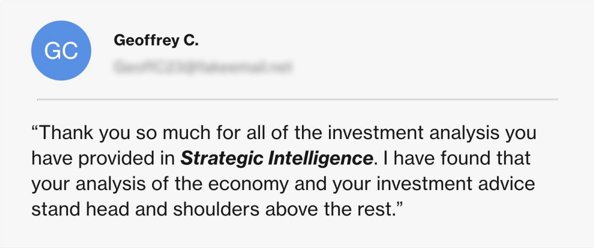
And it's important to note, this will be the exclusive place to receive my monthly issues and alerts.

This letter will not be available anywhere else in the world, at any price.

I've received countless notes from everyday folks just like you telling me how I've helped them protect and grow their finances.

Here's just a small sample...

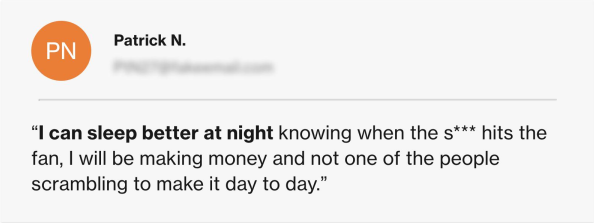
Geoffrey C. wrote recently to say:



Geoffrey C.

"Thank you so much for all of the investment analysis you have provided in ***Strategic Intelligence***. I have found that your analysis of the economy and your investment advice stand head and shoulders above the rest."

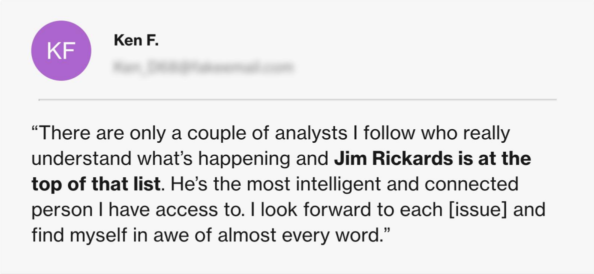
Patrick N. also contacted to say:



Patrick N.

"**I can sleep better at night** knowing when the s*** hits the fan, I will be making money and not one of the people scrambling to make it day to day."

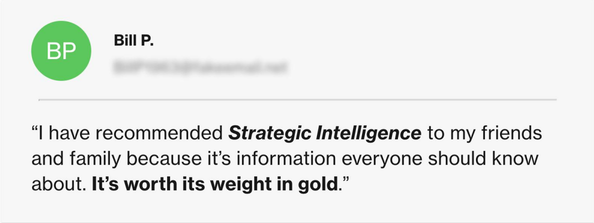
We got a note recently from a reader named Ken F, he writes:



Ken F.

"There are only a couple of analysts I follow who really understand what's happening and **Jim Rickards is at the top of that list**. He's the most intelligent and connected person I have access to. I look forward to each [issue] and find myself in awe of almost every word."

Then there was the nice note from Bill P. He said:



Bill P.

"I have recommended ***Strategic Intelligence*** to my friends and family because it's information everyone should know about. **It's worth its weight in gold**."

I'm glad my work is already helping folks just like you...

But I have to admit that I'm really worried that a lot of hard-working Americans are going to be caught off guard when this crisis happens.

Because, remember this: The government won't be able to save you.

If I'm right about all this, you can either be helpless and put you and your loved ones at risk...

Or you can take a few simple steps and protect your wealth and your family from America's second Great Depression.

It's your choice.

And here's the best part...

You can take a look at my research and receive everything I've mentioned so far, at no risk to yourself.

Simply take a risk-free trial subscription to ***Strategic Intelligence***, and aside from your 12 monthly issues, I will immediately send you:

THE NEW CASE FOR GOLD
JAMES
STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE
THE $4 COMPANY BEHIND THE LAST PURE SILVER MINE IN THE WORLD
STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE
MY #1 WAY TO PROFIT FROM FALLING STOCKS...
Even in a Great Depression
STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE
TICKING TIME BOMBS
Stocks to Avoid During a Market Crash
STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE
FIVE RECESSION-PROOF STOCKS TO BUY RIGHT NOW
STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE
HOW TO MAKE YOUR HOME YOUR PERSONAL FORTRESS
Presents: SPY + Survival Briefing

- ✓ **My New Book: *The New Case for Gold*** ($16 Value. Yours FREE)
- ✓ **Crisis Dossier #1: *The $4 Company Behind the Last Pure Silver Mine in the World.*** ($49 Value. Yours FREE)
- ✓ **Crisis Dossier #2: *My #1 Way to Profit from Falling Stocks... Even in a Great Depression.*** ($49 Value. Yours FREE)
- ✓ **Crisis Dossier #3: *Ticking Time Bombs: Stocks to Avoid During A Market Crash.*** ($49 Value. Yours FREE)
- ✓ **Crisis Dossier #4: *Five Recession-Proof Stocks to Buy Right Now.*** ($49 Value. Yours FREE)
- ✓ **Crisis Dossiers #5: *How To Make Your Home Your Personal Fortress.*** ($49 Value. Yours FREE)

That's a total value of $261. But you can have all that **FREE** when you take a risk-free trial.

So what does it take to get started right now?

Subscription to my newsletter normally has a published price of $99 for 12 months...

But because of the unprecedented situation we have today with this crisis...

I don't want price to be an issue.

So today you can take a risk-free trial for half of the normal rate.

In other words, only $49 for the entire year.

And I really don't want your money if you're not 100% happy.

When you take a 100% risk-free trial of ***Rickards' Strategic Intelligence***, we'll give you six months to test out the service - at no obligation to you.

And if during that trial period you find that you're not getting life-changing information...

Or for any reason at all...

You can simply call or email our customer service team and cancel your subscription.

We'll give you a full refund, no questions asked.

And we'll let you keep everything you receive as a subscriber - at no charge.

You can keep all the issues...

You can keep my book and all the dossiers.

You can keep everything.

This means that there's no risk to you at all.

You can literally check everything out, cancel the next day, get all your money back and keep everything.

It's our way of saying thank you for giving ***Rickards' Strategic Intelligence*** a try.

To get started, simply click on the button below.

It will take you to another page, where you can review all the details of this offer.

I'll end with the stories of Mr. Condic and Mr. Getty.

They both lived through the Depression of 1929.

Their lives changed forever... but in very different ways.

Mr. Condic remembers how unprepared his family was when the first Great Depression hit. He said:

"Unfortunately, we lost the house. I can remember to this day - and I become emotional when I think of it - literally being placed on the sidewalk with every last possession that my poor mother had because she wasn't able to pay the mortgage."

His family was unprepared and lost everything, like millions of other Americans.

Meanwhile, Mr. Getty was prepared to turn the crash into a fortune.

When the DOW dropped 90% and other investors had already lost everything...

He bought stocks for pennies on the dollar... Making up to 100 times his money in some of those...

Enough to turn every $1,000 into $100,000 between 1932 and 1937.

In fact, he made so much money he never had to worry about money... ever again.

You're facing a fork in the road...

The same fork in the road Mr. Condic and Mr. Getty faced.

I'm confident you'll make the right decision for you and your family.

I look forward to welcoming you to ***Rickards' Strategic Intelligence*** in the next few minutes.

Thanks for listening.

Stay safe...

Jim Rickards
April 2020

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