

Knowledge for Investing

I am often asked what knowledge is required to become a good investor. The following is based on my experience of what I have found was useful in developing an all-round investing approach. It does not mean we have to be an expert in all these things, but we do need a basic understanding and working knowledge. That said: The items in bold italic type are essential and do require a deep level of knowledge.

Basics

- ***Types of securities – shares/trusts/futures/options/warrants/CFDs***
- ***Markets and how they operate – equities/commodities/currencies***
- ***Technical analysis***
- ***Security analysis – industrial and resources***
- Law especially corporations
- Accounting
- Economics – macro and micro
- Geography especially commodities and resources
- History especially markets
- Politics – national and international
- ***Money Management***
- ***Risk – types and techniques***
- Portfolio management theory
- Behavioural finance and psychology

Research Tools

- Internet
- Books – investment concepts and trends
- Books – great investors and their methods. Also speculators
- Magazines and feature articles
- Academic research papers
- AFR – company reports

Software

- Charting/Technical Analysis
- Fundamental analysis
- Portfolio manager
- **Broker internet platform**

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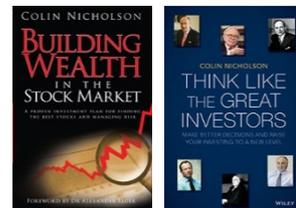
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