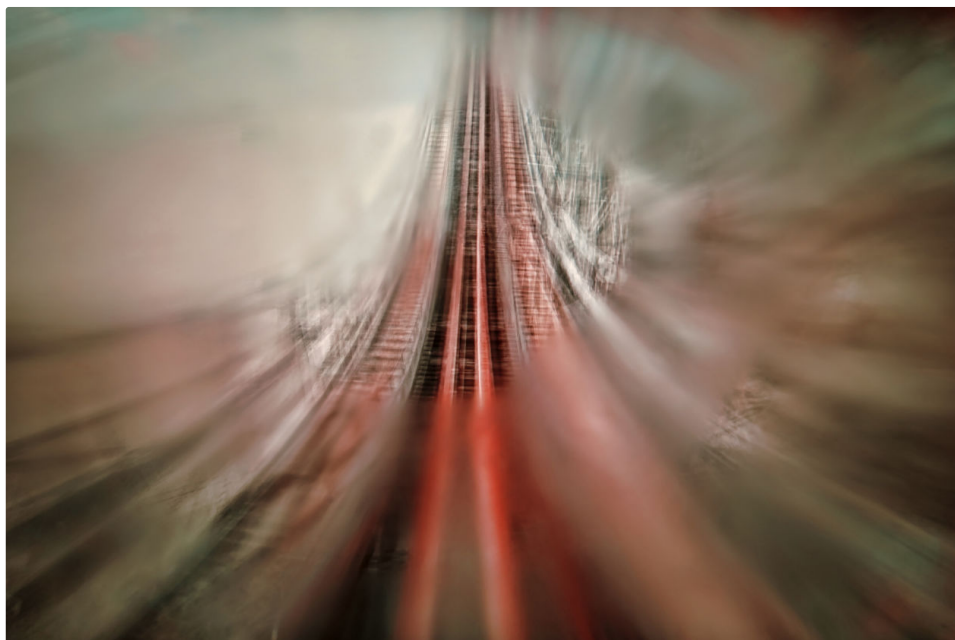


BARRON'S

THINGS TO KNOW

# Advisors: Cash Is King Amid Uncertainty

Jan. 7, 2019 12:17 p.m. ET



Photograph by JR Korpa

Financial advisors are concerned about market and political uncertainty in 2019, and are shifting from U.S. stocks to cash.

That's based on year-end survey by [InvestmentNews](#) of 371 of its readers.

"In 2019, I think we'll see more of the same from the last six months of the economy," Matt Harris, head of investment strategy at HighTower Advisors, tells the publication.

Respondents said uncertainty over the U.S. political system is the biggest issue confronting the financial advice industry in the year ahead: 28% named it as their greatest concern. Over 50% reported being "very concerned" or "extremely concerned" about the political climate.

Some 38% of survey respondents expect the U.S. economy to weaken slightly in 2019. American Private Wealth president Kashif Ahmed worries that China can out-wait the U.S. in the trade war: "There are no swing states that the emperor of China has to worry about in 2020."

The worries may translate into a flight from U.S. stocks: 34% of respondents reported that they plan to decrease exposure, while just 11% plan to increase it. It's clear where the money will be redeployed, as

45% of advisors told InvestmentNews they plan to increase cash allocations.

--Steve Garmhausen

ALSO IN BARRON'S ADVISOR

**Merrill Lynch Won't Follow Wells Fargo**

**Louis Chiavacci: Lessons From a Star Advisor**

**'The Death of Equities,' (Still) Postponed**

---

MORE FROM NEWS CORP

**How the Government Shutdown Will Affect Your Taxes and Much More** BARRON'S

---

**A European Small-Cap Poised to Pop** BARRON'S

---

**Manhattan Luxury Sales Have Typically Slow Start to the Year** MANSION GLOBAL

---

**Time to play it safe, says Vanguard founder Jack Bogle** FINANCIAL NEWS LONDON

---

**Is Red Wine Really the Cause of That Headache?** WALL STREET JOURNAL