



Upcoming Events

December 7
3:30 - 5 p.m.

**Virtual Shareholder Engagement:
Zooming Forward with What We've
Learned**
Register

December 7
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Holiday Reception: Curling and
Networking**
Register

Picture of the Month



Some of the beautiful floral
arrangements made during our virtual
Flowers for Dreams social event

Event Recaps and Webcasts

From the President



I recently traveled to New York City on a work trip for the first time in more than 20 months. It was exciting to see the city bustling with activity. We have come a long way since the peak of the pandemic, and people are ready to meet safely in person -- although of course, the protocols were much different than when I last visited for an

investor conference in March 2020. I embraced the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues in person. We hosted a well-attended investor lunch meeting that featured a level of engagement I hadn't felt during the video chats. It was also nice to see a magnificent view of Central Park from a prospective investor's office. A key highlight of my trip was [ringing the Nasdaq Closing Bell](#) with more than 20 colleagues to celebrate Zebra Technologies' 30th anniversary as a public company. As we were standing outside in Times Square for a photo opportunity during the event, I gazed upwards to the ball that will drop to welcome New Year's Day 2022, realizing that my niece will be there with a large crowd to witness that moment. The positive energy for this joyous bell ringing makes me smile as I reflect on it. It was well worth the extra precautionary steps of providing vaccination proof of entry, testing, etc. As we plan for the new year, I'm looking for that ideal balance between virtual and in-person meetings and events. Together, we'll find it.

With Thanksgiving in our recent past, I continue to be thankful for the high level of engagement among my Niri Chicago colleagues. We also look forward to celebrating the holiday season with you in person on Tuesday, Dec. 7 -- join us for one or both events. [Virtual Shareholder Engagement: Zooming Forward with What We've Learned](#) will begin with networking at 3:30 p.m. ([register](#)) and [Holiday Reception: Networking and Curling](#) will be held at nearby [Kaiser Tiger](#) at 5:30 p.m. ([register](#)); also see our website for parking garage recommendations. Register soon and encourage your colleagues to attend. Also, watch for 2022 event listings to be posted on our [website](#) as those details are confirmed.

Happy Holidays!

Mike Steele, CFA, IRC
Niri Chicago President

In the News

- Prediction shift: we now expect [large positive growth shocks](#) due to the pandemic.
- The need to [adapt to a post-pandemic economy](#) is helping to fuel [record M&A](#), including [private equity activity](#).
- How long [will the IPO boom last?](#)
- The [implications](#) of [universal proxy cards](#) for nonexempt

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November 2021

[Proxy Season Trends and Hot Topics](#)

September 2021

[2021 IR Workshop](#)

[The Evolution of IR](#)

September 2021

[Get Ready for SEC Climate Change Regulations Ahead](#)

May 2021

[IR in Special Situations](#)

director elections.

- [Investor skepticism](#): talk is cheap (show us ESG performance, give us [better disclosure](#)) – but there's still huge interest in [climate change-related disclosures](#) and other ESG issues.
- [Survey](#): factor-based investing.

Member News

Welcome to NIRI Chicago's newest members: **Nicole Kordecki**, senior manager, investor relations, Kraft Heinz Company; **Tim Litterio**, manager of IR & ESG alignment, McDonald's Corporation; **Anne-Marie Megela**, IRC, CPA, vice president of investor relations, Kraft Heinz Company; **Cesar Urbina**, senior director, investor relations, Kraft Heinz Company.

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