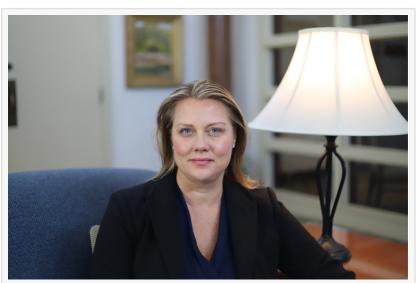


Fintech CEO forecasts 'new age of female investor power'

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NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, April 12, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Women are taking centre stage in a new and more democratic age of investment, says Shari Noonan, CEO of <u>Rialto Markets</u>.

A Wall Street highflier herself, before co-founding pioneering fintech company Rialto Markets, Noonan said: "From the very top of the financial



Rialto Markets CEO & Co Founder Shari Noonan

markets right down to family investing, women have stepped up.

"At household level, female investors are sharing knowledge and sometimes grouping to spread investment risk as they take increasingly confident steps to buy and trade assets.

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"This has partly been driven in the US by investment democratization through the crowdfunding boom and growth in the private securities market, and by a postpandemic re-appraisal of household finances.

"There were pre-pandemic signs because the JOBS Act,

having gone live in the US in 2016, had really enabled crowdfunding to hit its stride by then, but hardly a month goes by now without statistics showing how women are the new big investor power.

"And the pandemic is surely a factor; a Fidelity Investments survey recently revealed that 50% of women are more interested in investing since it started and, significantly, 42% have more to invest since COVID-19 hit.

"Fidelity's survey also predicted that 2022 would be the year that 90% of women it interviewed were ready to take proactive investment steps.

"If that were not encouraging enough, a high percentage of respondents were clearly thinking about how to execute that investment desire: 62% wanted to boost their investment knowledge for high returns; 52% wanted to create a financial plan; 44% planned to reach out to a financial professional to help them take action; and 42% planned to be more proactive by investing more of their savings

"The study also found 67% of women are now investing outside of their retirement accounts – up 50% on 2018 – and it pleased me to note that portfolios held by women have been outperforming those of male counterparts by an average of 0.4%.

"Where there is a clear difference between the two sexes is their approach to investment: men are driven simply to outperform the stock market, women see this as secondary to a long-term goal like financing a child through education, long-term healthcare or retirement.

"And they have been quick to see the opportunities offered by the JOBS Act, through crowdfunding for many exciting start-ups and ambitious early-stage high-growth private companies – the new environment that inspired myself and several other seasoned Wall Street professionals to form Rialto Markets in 2016."

Her company went on to create and operate its own ATS (alternative trading system) platform to enable private security trading, potentially replicating how the Nasdaq and NYSE are used for public company trading.

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Shari Noonan (CEO) has extensive experience in building and scaling operations and product

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