Monday, April 29, 2019

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Thursday, May 2, 2019

New World Wealth reported that nearly 108,000 millionaires migrated across borders in 2018, up 14% year-over-year, according to Investment News. Australia, the U.S. and Canada were the top three destinations, while China and Russia lost the most millionaires. The U.K. saw approximately 3,000 millionaires depart last year, with Brexit and taxation cited as reasons.

Friday, May 3, 2019

A study published this week by Health Affairs stated that more than half of middle-income ($25,001 to $74,298) Americans age 75 or older will not be able to afford to pay for assisted living rent and medical expenses by 2029, according to Money. By 2029, the number of middle-income elders in the U.S. will nearly double, from 7.9 million to 14.4 million. This group will make up the biggest share of seniors, at 43%. Researchers estimate that the average annual assisted living and medical expense cost will reach $62,000 in 2029, with the U.S. market accounting for more than $8 billion of the total. Demand for travel insurance began to surge in 2015 due to events such as the Paris terrorist attack, Nepal earthquake and Ebola epidemic. Global trade practices and rising tourism are also driving demand for travel insurance.

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

For the 37th time since the start of 1950, the S&P 500 Index has fully recouped the losses it sustained during a correction (10.00% to 19.99% decline in price from the previous peak), according to The Motely Fool. The S&P 500 Index plunged 19.78% from its all-time closing high of 2,930.75 on 9/20/18 to 2,351.10 on 12/24/18 (95 calendar days). It closed at 2,933.68 on 4/23/19. Since 1950, the S&P 500 Index has endured a correction, on average, every 1.89 years. Twenty-three of the 37 corrections lasted 104 or fewer calendar days.

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