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Where to go for the best free online investment advice

Independent Internet sites and investing blogs complement what big banks are offering the do-it-yourself investor

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The Internet sites belonging to the online brokerage arms of Canada's big banks are brimming with resources for do-it-yourself investors. They offer plenty of reading and hands-on tools to help you learn about investment products, how to save and invest, and how to build a long-term portfolio.

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Marc Ryan aims to provide independent information to do-it-yourself investors.

The site offers the basics on investing and members receive a weekly newsletter. Membership is free. "I'm not associated with any financial institution. I'm not selling any products. I don't manage anybody's portfolio. I'm doing it as a retirement project and to provide information," Ryan said.

"The first reason you come to my site is you want information on investing that is unbiased, independent, objective. Secondly it's for do-it-yourself investors, and that's not for everyone."



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