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» online learning programs;
» NFA's Investor Newsletter;
» BASIC; and
» investor publications.

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Trading Forex: What Investors Need to Know provides investors with an introduction to the retail off-exchange foreign currency (forex) market, how the market is regulated, and the risks involved in trading forex.

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