

# The Client Connection

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## The Markets

Three steps and no stumble...

Technical analyst Edson Gould developed a market rule of thumb known as 'three steps and a stumble.' It states stock prices may fall after the Federal Reserve (Fed) raises the Fed funds rate three times in a row without a decline, according to Market Technicians Association. [1]



The idea is three increases show the Fed is serious about keeping rates at a relatively high level for a significant length of time. Higher interest rates could potentially mean higher costs and lower profits for businesses. As a result, stock investors may sell shares and share prices may fall. [2]

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## Robots in the Workforce

I spy with my little eye...Robots! If you take a cruise anytime soon, the bartender may not be able to lend an ear. According to Financial Times, one cruise line has installed robotic bartenders that produce one drink per minute per arm, and can make up to 120 drinks an hour. [7]



It's not just cruise lines, either. The food industry in the United States is automating. Financial Times described food preparation at a pizza restaurant in California: [7]

"...Pepe squirts tomato sauce on to a pizza base before his colleague Marta spreads it; Noel has 22 seconds to correct any imperfections and add cheese and

other toppings, after which Bruno takes the pizza from the line and places it in the oven. But on this production line, only Noel is human. The others - anthropomorphised by name only - are machines conducting tasks usually performed by people."

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## 7 Amazing Medical Breakthroughs for 2017



**Leukemia therapies, augmented reality, and advancements in Alzheimer's treatments are leading the charge for the future of health care.**

### 1. Tricorders

On the original Star Trek, Dr. McCoy (a.k.a. "Bones") carried a sensory device called a tricorder to record and relay medical information. Soon, thanks to Qualcomm's \$10 million XPrize competition, that neat fictional gadget could become a health care reality. Over the last five years, teams from the U.S., the U.K., Canada, India, and Taiwan have competed to develop their own functional tricorders-portable tools able to diagnose health conditions and take real-time vital signs like blood pressure. The winning design will be announced in early 2017, with the hope that, eventually, individuals will be able to use it at home, "to assess and manage their health independent of a hospital or doctor's office." Live long and prosper, indeed.

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