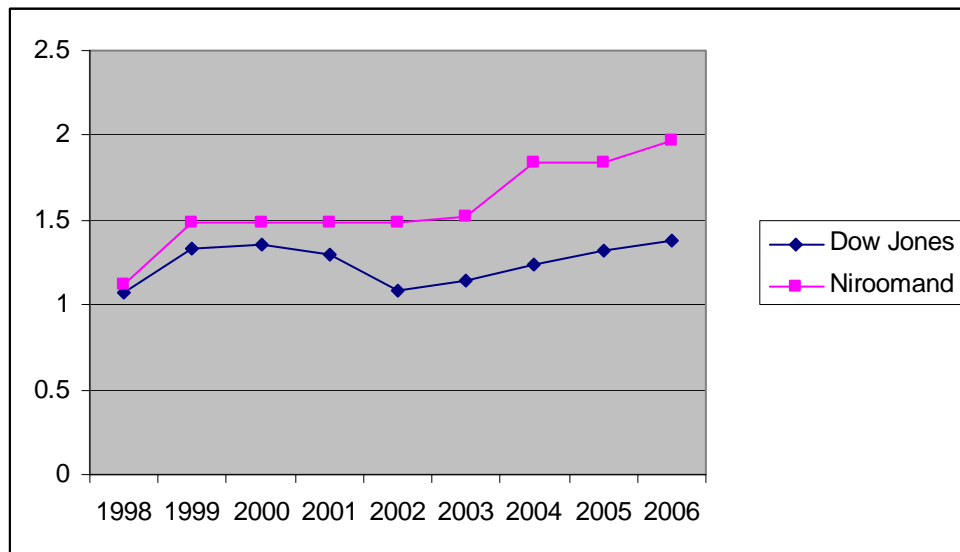


Niroomand vs. Dow Jones

A usmpride.com reader recently remarked that if Farhang Niroomand was a company, the reader would want to buy stock in him. The reader was referring of course to the fact that Niroomand's salary has risen so high so fast.

The Odds and Ends Department at the usmpride.com research facility decided to take the reader's comment to heart. The graph below shows the growth of a \$1 investment (since August 10, 1997) growing at the same rate as either the Dow Jones or Niroomand's salary.



As you can see, Niroomand has beaten the Dow Jones pretty badly. However, the Odds and Ends Department wouldn't recommend any monetary moves, especially after all we've read at usmpride.com.