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## Media Assessments

*“Frankly, when we first saw Harrison’s ‘Cycle 18’ discovery in the MoneyWeek office back in 2005, we thought it was too good to be true. Then we checked the facts. Everything added up. Then we quizzed Harrison ourselves. Again, everything added up. Then his 2008 prediction came true. And we really sat up and paid attention. It really is an extraordinary discovery – a potential landmark moment in our understanding of the property markets, and our ability to make money from them”*

**MoneyWeek**

*“Economist Fred Harrison proved to be the canary in the housing market... Nostradamus could scarcely have been more accurate”*

**Ross Clark, Spectator Business**

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*“...those warnings were not of the ‘boy who cried wolf’ variety, but well thought out and calculated”*

**Marc Coleman, *Irish Independent***

*“[Harrison] does make a case for the existence of an 18-year business cycle, which he links to speculation in the property market”*

**Samuel Brittan, *Financial Times***

*“So far, Harrison’s predictions have been eerily accurate”*

**Lee Jones, *Money Marketing***

*“...there are some fascinating insights into cycles, property and rents”*

**John Calverley, *Economic Affairs***

*When we look back at the 1990s from the perspective of say 2010, the nature of the forces currently in train will have presumably become clearer. We may conceivably conclude from that vantage point that, at the turn of the millennium, the American economy was experiencing a once-in-a-century acceleration of innovation, which propelled forward productivity, output, corporate profits, and stock prices at a pace not seen in generations, if ever.*

ALAN GREENSPAN  
13 January, 2000