

When Stocks Are Hitting All-Time Highs, Is It Too Late to Jump In?

Investing after the market reaches an all-time high has historically been profitable.

If you've been sitting on the sidelines watching the stock market claw its way back from the 2022 bottom to new all-time highs, you may be asking yourself if you've missed your opportunity. Maybe not. The table below shows that, even if it takes the market a full year or longer to set a new high, the returns over the following 12 months have been overwhelmingly positive.

New S&P 500 Index All-Time Highs	Returns (%) One Year Later
9/22/1954	42.82
9/24/1958	12.64
1/27/1961	12.40
9/3/1963	13.50
5/4/1967	5.05
3/6/1972	4.40
7/17/1980	9.00
11/3/1982	19.91
1/21/1985	21.20
7/26/1989	7.00
2/14/1995	37.20
5/30/2007	-7.90
3/28/2013	18.33
7/11/2016	14.00
3/28/2024	?
Avg Annualized Return (%)	15.00

THE S&P 500 INDEX'S
AVERAGE
ONE-YEAR GAIN:

15.00%

FOLLOWING A NEW
ALL-TIME HIGH

As of 3/31/24. **Past performance does not guarantee future results.** Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment. For illustrative purposes only. S&P 500 Index is a market capitalization-weighted price index composed of 500 widely held common stocks. The chart lists the dates and annualized performance figures for each instance in which a new all-time market high for the Index occurred one year or more after the previous all-time high. Data Sources: Ned Davis Research, Morningstar, and Hartford Funds.

A financial professional can help you develop a consistent investing plan based on your long-term goals.

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