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Stock and bonds returns	Quarterly losing streak for stocks and bonds	Stock market volatility	Midterm elections and market performance
U.S. stock	Bond returns	Historic bear	Peak
sectors and	and interest	market in	inflation and
presidents	rate moves	bonds	performance

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Worst start to a year for bonds and 4th worst start for stocks

Worst ever start to a year for U.S. bonds Since 1926, total return for 1/1 - 9/30 each calendar year, 10 worst periods First 9 months Next 12 months Year 2022 -14.6 ? -3.9 1981 35.2 -3.2 1994 14.1 1987 -2.9 13.3 -2.0 -0.3 1958 2013 -1.9 4.0 2018 -1.6 10.3 1969 -1.6 11.1 2021 -1.6 -14.6 1959 -1.011.0-3.4 9.3 Avg.

4th worst ever start to a year for U.S. stocks

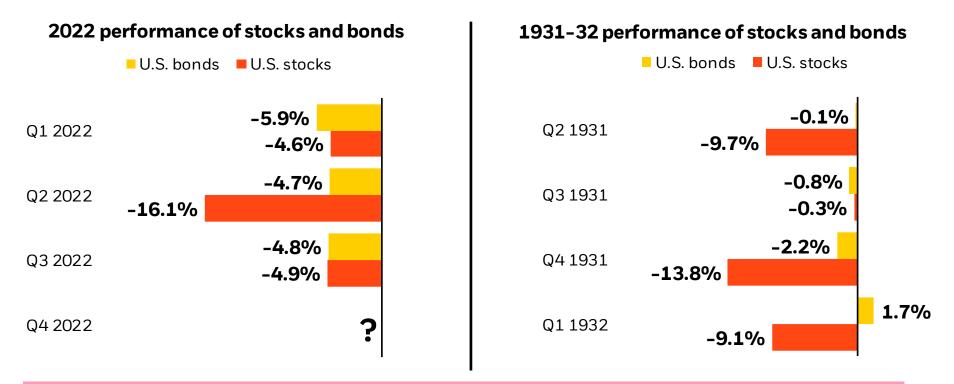
Since 1926, total return for 1/1 - 9/30 each calendar year, 10 worst periods

Year	First 9 months	Next 12 months	
1931	-34.3	-9.6	
1974	-32.8	38.1	
2002	-28.2	24.4	
2022	-23.9	?	
2001	-20.4	-20.5	
1962	-19.4	31.7	
2008	-19.3	-6.9	
1937	-17.3	-5.5	
1966	-15.1	30.6	
1946	-11.3	6.5	
Avg.	-22.2	9.9	

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3rd consecutive quarter of both stock and bond losses

First in modern history and only other time since 1931



Bonds have only lost money in 4 consecutive quarters once ('54) & 3 consecutive quarters 3 times ('31, '80 and '22) Stocks have lost money in 6 consecutive quarters twice ('69-70, '08-'09), 5 quarters once ('31) & 4 quarters twice ('37-'38, '74-'75)

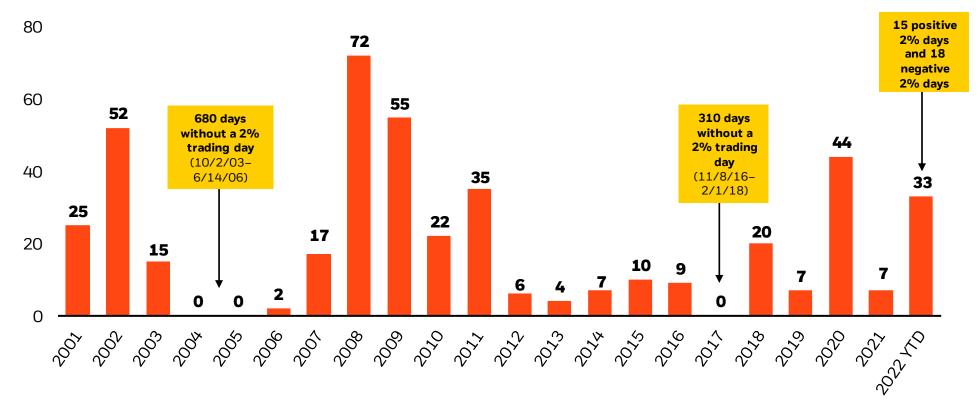
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STOCK MARKET VOLATILITY

Volatility picking up in 2022

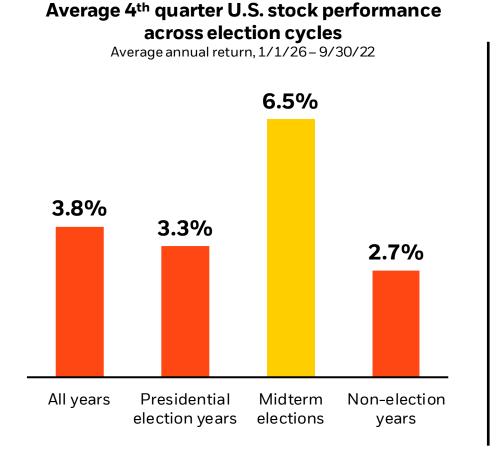
Number of single day stock market returns of +/-2% or more





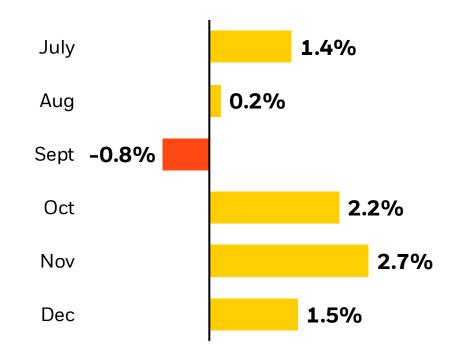
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U.S. stocks across the election cycle



U.S. stock performance in midterm election years

Average monthly return in midterm election years, 1/1/26-9/30/22



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U.S. stock sectors by president

Sector performance

Average annual return for length of presidency, each sector of the S&P 500

Clinton		Bush	Obama	Trump	Biden	
Technology 30	.3%	Energy 9.9%	ConsumerDisc. 18.6%	Technology 26.8%	Energy 68.8%	Biden's sector
Financials 22.4	4%	Materials 6.6%	Technology 16.4%	ConsumerDisc. 18.6%	Financials 13.8%	performance is
Health Care 21	.8%	Cons. Staples 4.2%	Health Care 14.2%	Health Care 12.7%	Health Care 9.6%	looking like Bush's (Energy
Industrials 18.	5%	Utilities -0.1%	Cons. Staples 12.8%	Utilities 9.9%	Cons. Staples 5.5%	best, Technology and Comm.
Energy 16.0 ⁰	%	Industrials-1.0%	Industrials 12.7%	Materials 9.9%	Real Estate 4.3%	Services struggle
Comm. Services 1	L5.1%	Health Care -2.2%	Real Estate 12.7%	Comm. Services 9.1%	Utilities 3.9%	
Consumer Disc. 1	4.0%	Consumer Disc2.3%	Utilities 10.9%	Industrials 8.5%	Materials 3.4%	The top 3
Utilities 13.4	%	Financials -4.4%	Materials 10.1%	Cons. Staples 7.4%	Industrials 3.4%	performing sectors were the
Cons. Staples 13	3.0%	Comm. Services -5.1%	Comm. Services 9.5%	Financials 6.8%	Technology 3.3%	same under Obama and
Materials 6.6	%	Technology-8.7%	Financials 7.2%	Real Estate 6.5%	ConsumerDisc2.7%	Trump, as well as the worst
			Energy 5.0%	Energy-16.4%	Comm. Services -9.6%	(Energy)

Source: Morningstar as of 9/30/22. Technology represented by the S&P 500 information technology sector index, Health care repesented by the S&P 500 health care sector index, Financials represented by the S&P 500 financial sector index, Industrials represented by the S&P 500 industrial sector index, Materials represented by the S&P 500 materials sector index, Consumer disretionary represented by the S&P 500 consumer discretionary sector index, Real estate represented by the S&P 500 real estate sector index and Consumer staples presented by the S&P 500 consumer staples sector index. **Past performance does not guarantee or indicate future results**. Index performance is for illustrative purposes only. You cannot invest directly in the index. Clinton period is from 11/4/1992 to 12/13/2000, Bush time period from 12/14/2008, Obama time period from 11/5/2008 to 11/8/2016 and Trump time period from 11/9/2016 to 11/3/2020. Biden period is from 11/4/2020 to 9/30/22.

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Long-term bond returns driven more by starting yield than interest rate moves

Bond return scenario quiz?

Hypothetical average annual bond return over 10-years for a traditional fixed income portfolio yielding 4% yield with a 5-year duration



Source: BlackRock as of 9/30/22. Hypothetical example for illustrative purposes only. Past performance does not guarantee orindicate future results.

Bonds lose money over a 5-year period for the first time ever

Core bonds have lost money over the last 5 years for the first time in history

25 Aug-86 20.3% 20 15 10 Mav-53 Sep-22 0.7% -0.3% -5 Dec-30 Jul-35 Nov-53 Jun-58 ⁻eb-40 Apr-49 0ct-76 Feb-95 Nov-08 Sep-44 Aug-67 Mar-72 Dec-85 Jul-90 Sep-99 Apr-04 Jan-63 May-81 Jun-13 Jan-18 Aug-22

Since 1926, 5-year average annual rolling return

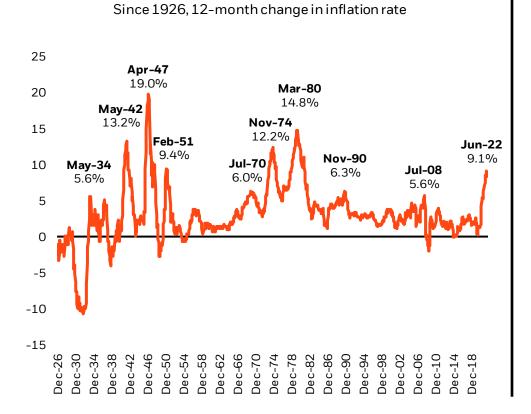
	Bond Bear cumulative return (9/1/20to 9/30/22)	1-year	3-year	5 -year
Bank Loan	3.9	-4.4	0.6	1.7
Nontraditional	-2.6	-8.1	-0.5	0.6
High Yield	-4.1	-13.1	-0.8	1.0
Short-Term	-5.1	-6.8	-0.6	0.7
Multisector	-6.3	-12.2	-1.5	0.5
Intermediate Core-Plus	-14.0	-15.1	-2.9	-0.2
Intermediate Core	-15.7	-14.9	-3.2	-0.4
U.S. Bonds (index)	-16.1	-14.6	-3.3	-0.3

Range of returns for various bond categories

Average annual return

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Performance following peaks in inflation



"Peaks" in the inflation rate

Returns following "peak" inflation rates

Since 1926, returns for the next 12 months

Deals Inflation	Next 12 months		
Peak Inflation	Stocks	Bonds	
May 1932	4.8%	6.3%	
May 1942	y 1942 57.6%		
Apr 1947	12.4%	1.2%	
February 1951	13.6%	0.3%	
July 1970	26.6%	10.4%	
November 1974	36.2%	7.7%	
March 1980	40.1%	13.1%	
November 1990	20.3%	14.4%	
July 2008	-20.0%	7.9%	
June 2022	?	?	
Avg.	21.3%	7.0%	

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Returns as of 9/30/22	Total Ret 1 Year	Total Ret 5 Years	Total Ret 10 Years
Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD	-14.60	-0.27	0.89
IA SBBI US IT Govt TR USD	-11.85	-0.15	0.60
IA SBBI US Large Stock TR USD Ext	-15.47	9.24	11.70
<u>S&P 500 Sec/Commun Services TR USD</u>	-39.05	1.95	3.76
<u>S&P 500 Sec/Cons Disc TR USD</u>	-20.89	10.51	13.19
<u>S&P 500 Sec/Cons Staples TR USD</u>	-0.09	7.60	9.51
<u>S&P 500 Sec/Energy TR USD</u>	45.70	6.09	3.52
<u>S&P 500 Sec/Financials TR USD</u>	-17.65	5.47	11.38
<u>S&P 500 Sec/Industrials TR USD</u>	-13.87	4.87	10.39
S&P 500 Sec/Information Technology TRUSD	-20.00	16.74	17.09
S&P 500 Sec/Materials TR USD	-12.15	5.89	8.56
S&P 500 Sec/Real Estate TR USD	-16.37	5.79	7.76
<u>S&P 500 Sec/Utilities TR USD</u>	5.58	7.82	9.85
<u>S&P 500 TR USD</u>	-15.47	9.24	11.70
USBLSCPI All Urban NSA 1982-1984	8.26	3.82	2.54
<u>US Fund Bank Loan</u>	-4.43	1.68	2.56
US Fund High Yield Bond	-13.13	0.94	3.06
US Fund Multisector Bond	-12.02	0.56	2.14
US Fund Short-Term Bond	-6.80	0.66	0.94
US Fund Nontraditional Bond	-8.23	0.54	1.45
US Fund Intermediate Core Bond	-14.86	-0.40	0.77
US Fund Intermediate Core-Plus Bond	-15.09	-0.15	1.15

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