

# 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 April 2025 "Liberation Day" 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	41.88
9/24/1958	14.07
1/27/1961	11.26
9/3/1963	13.60
5/4/1967	4.60
3/6/1972	4.90
7/17/1980	7.68
11/3/1982	14.42
1/21/1985	17.45
7/26/1989	5.29
2/14/1995	35.89
5/30/2007	-8.47
3/28/2013	18.40
7/11/2016	13.50
1/19/2024	23.85
<b>Avg Annualized Return (%)</b>	<b>14.60</b>

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

**14.6%**

FOLLOWING A NEW  
ALL-TIME HIGH

As of 12/31/25. 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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