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A MARKET TO BE THANKFUL FOR

Could 2013 end up being the best year for stocks since 1995?

In financial terms, 2013 has been a very nice year - a year in which the economy, the housing and business sectors and the stock market have all improved. Looking back over the year to date, it is particularly amazing to see how stocks have soared in the face of many challenges - some of which proved tougher than others.

Wall Street is enjoying a banner year. As November wraps up, the S&P 500 is up more than 29% YTD and 32% in the past 12 months. If the S&P gains another 2% by year's end, it will have its best year since 1995. Even if the index has a flat December, it will have its best year since 1997. In addition, it has climbed 166% from its March 2009 bear market low to the present.^{1,2,3}

Opening an even wider window, the total-market Wilshire 5000 index closed at 19,210.45 on November 27, 180% above its March 2009 low of 6,858.43. The optimism has truly carried worldwide: global equities have gained more than \$8 trillion in value during 2013.^{3,4,5}

[Read the full article here.](#)

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