

How Many Times Has the Market Hit Its 'Average' Return Since 1926?

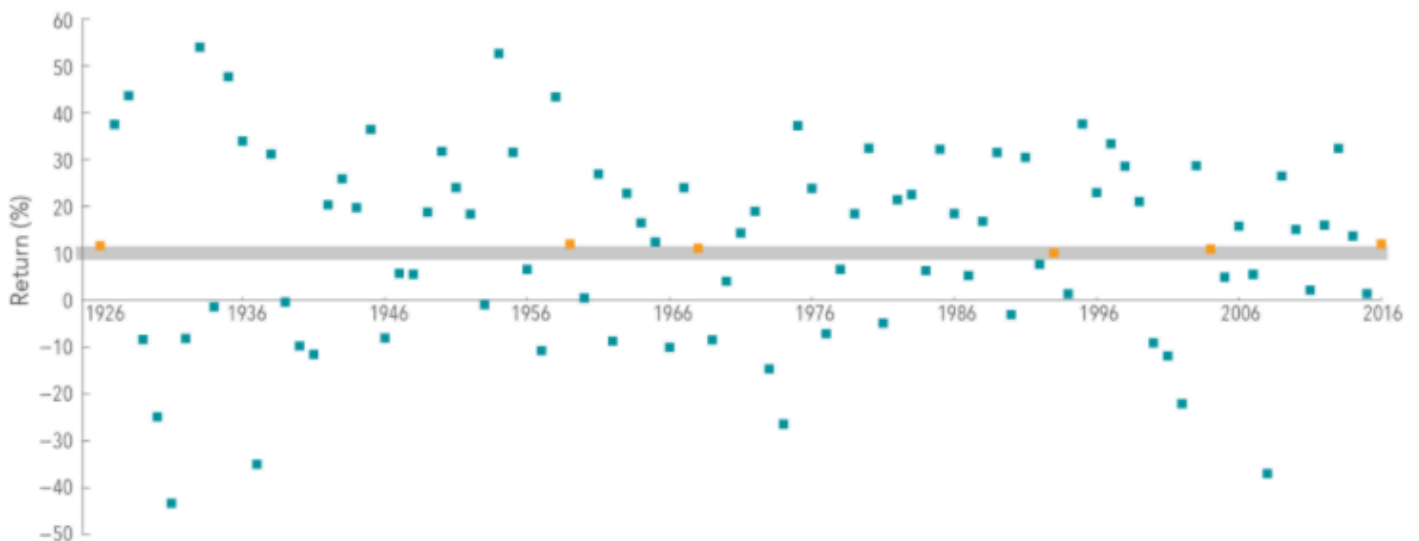


Exhibit 1. S&P 500 Index Annual Returns 1926-2016²

6 Times

The above graph shows calendar year returns for the S&P 500 Index since 1926. The shaded band marks the historical average annual return of 10%, plus or minus 2 percentage points. The S&P 500 had a return within this range in only six or the past 91 calendar years. In most years the index's return was outside of the range, often above or below by a wide margin, with no obvious pattern. For investors, this data highlights the importance of looking beyond average annual returns and being aware of the range of potential outcomes.