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Looking to year-end, will market performance sustain? The stats suggest it might.

I've been getting a lot of questions over the last 2 weeks around market performance into year-end, especially given both September's 5% sell-off in the S&P 500 and October's corresponding recovery.

The table below highlights that post 1925, when the S&P 500 had risen 20% or greater year-to-date through October, **the subsequent additional gains though year-end were a median +6% and had a positive outcome 88% of the time!**ⁱ Out of the 16 previous occurrences to 2021, the only 2 negative years saw a very modest -0.2% and -2% drawdown in the remaining two months. You'd have to go all the way back to 1943 to see the last time that happened.

Year	% Gain YTD - 10/31	% Gain 10/31-12/31
1927	20.3	8.8
1928	22.8	12.3
1933	30	12.7
1935	31.2	7.8
1936	28.2	-0.2
1938	24.8	0.3
1943	22	-2.1
1945	25.4	4.3
1954	27.7	13.6
1958	28.4	7.6
1975	29.9	1.3
1989	22.6	3.8
1995	26.6	5.9
1997	23.5	6.1
2013	23.2	5.2
2019	21.2	6.4

If history were to repeat, we would more than eclipse my 2021 year-end price target for the S&P 500 of 4,700 Phil Neuhart and I covered on [last month's Making Sense webinar](#). While we all know that history certainly doesn't always repeat, at least the data has been encouraging.

	% Gain 10/31-12/31
Median	6.0
% Positive	87.5
All Years-Median	3.4
All Years % Positive	71.5

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