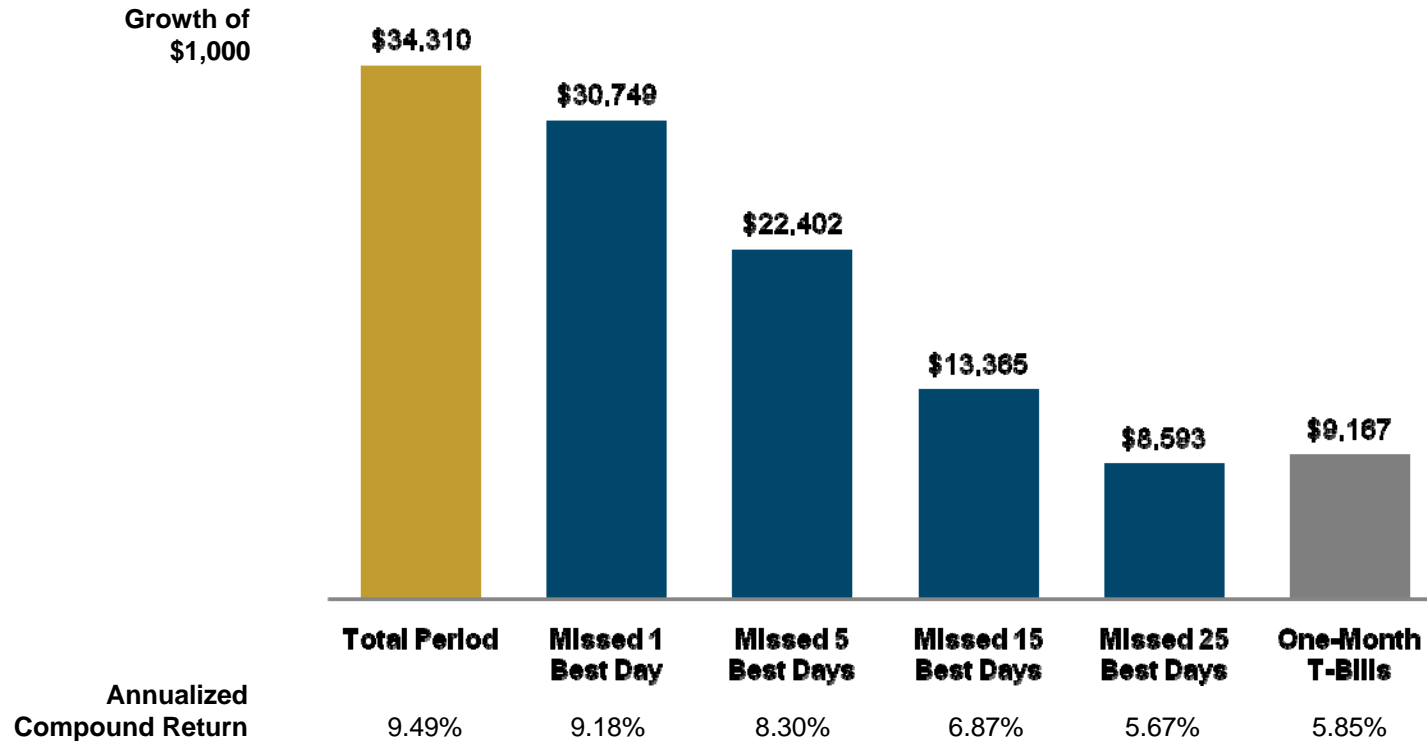


# Performance of the S&P 500 Index

Daily: January 1, 1970-December 31, 2008



In US dollars. The S&P data are provided by Standard & Poor's Index Services Group.

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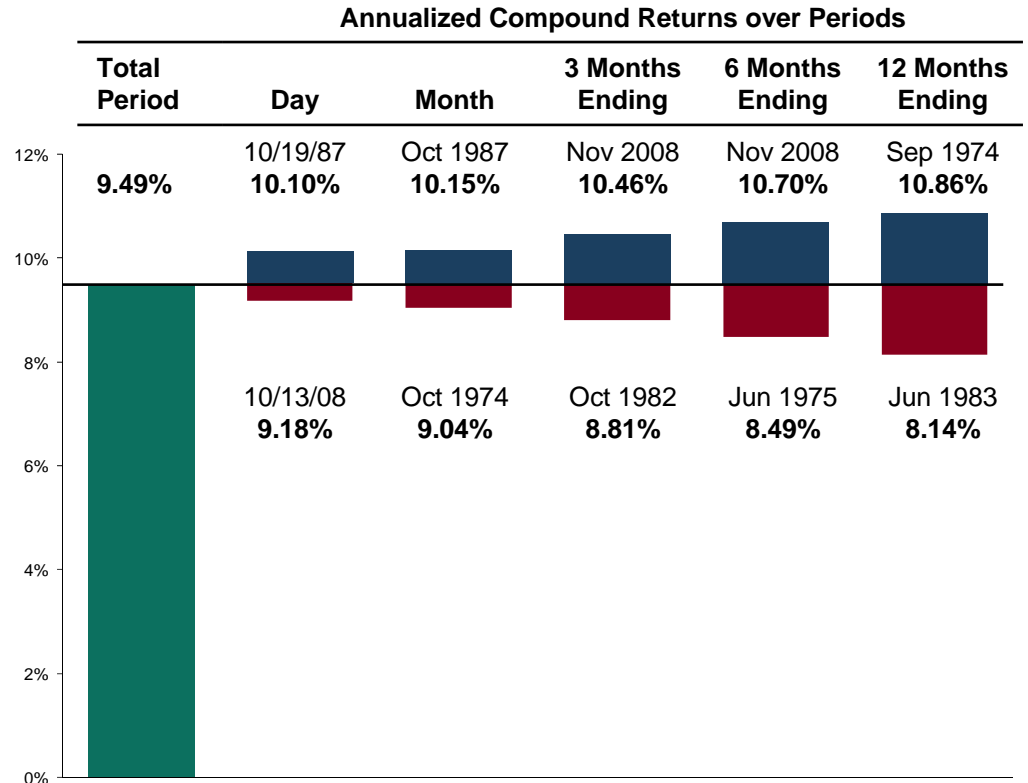
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- The best single day was October 13, 2008.
- The best one-month return, October 1974, happened immediately after the worst one-year period.
- The occurrence of strongly positive returns has been especially unpredictable. Investors attempting to wait out an apparent downturn ran a high risk of missing these best periods.
- Ten of the top 25 days occurred between September 2008 and December 2008, during which time the S&P 500 dropped 28.9%

**Worst Periods and the Return If Missed**

**Best Periods and the Return If Missed**



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