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Annual Year-End Holiday Edition

Whether you will be gathered around the Christmas tree...

or simply taking a few days off to enjoy time away from your screens...

Here's to a prosperous year in 2024.

While it's anybody's guess as to how the remaining four sessions of 2023 will play out, historically the final week of the year is a decent one. The statistics below for the S&P 500 since 1928 are compelling...

Average Return for all calendar week periods:

+ 14.3 bp with a standard deviation of 248 bp

Average Return for the last calendar week of the year:

So... not only is there a higher-than-average return during the last week of the year, there is less variability around the average. In addition, the probability of gains in the last week of the year is 65.3%, compared to 56.1% for any calendar week period.

The last week of the year for the S&P 500 aside, 2023 will go down as a good year for equities, as all will know.

On the pages that follow, you will find a bit of history regarding U.S. stock-market returns in years past... and how this year "stacks up". What you'll see is our seasonal interpretation of same.

The very best to each and every one of you. Your interest in our work is greatly appreciated.

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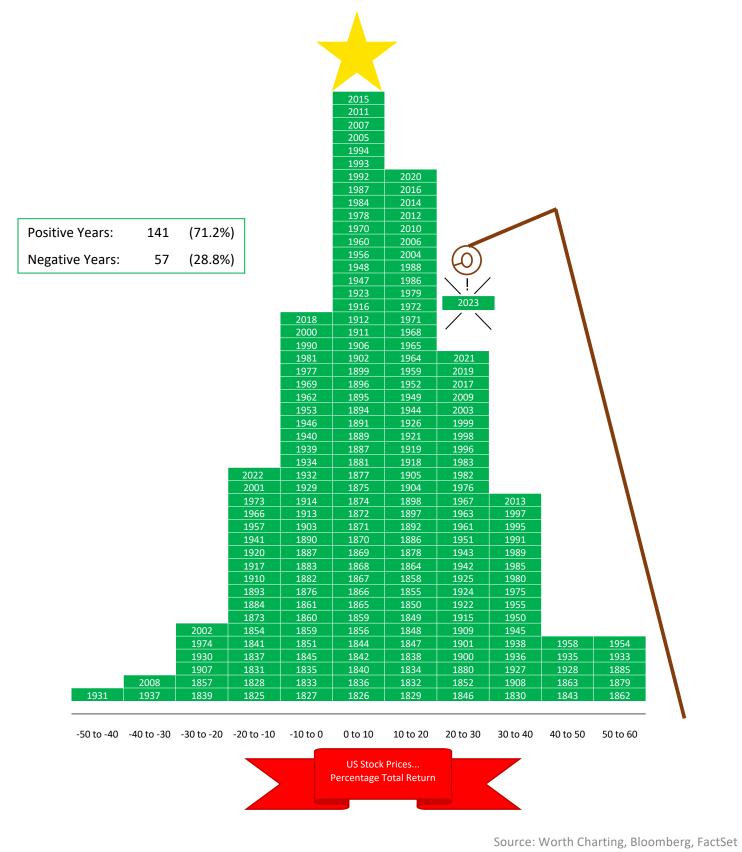
+ 50.3 bp with a standard deviation of 169 bp

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