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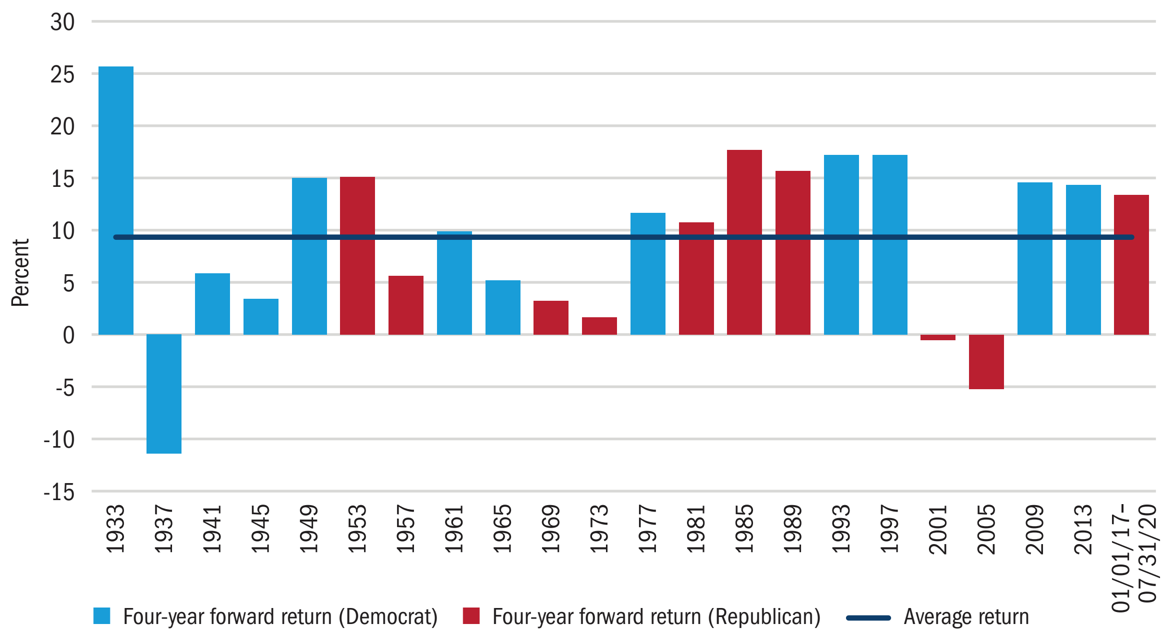
Look beyond election-year volatility for a longer term view on stock market performance

Annualized S&P 500 returns for the four years following an election, 01/01/33–07/31/20



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It can be easy to get caught up in election-year predictions, but investors tend to benefit by taking a long-term view: staying focused on their goals and looking past election-year volatility.

Since 1932, the average four-year forward annualized return of the S&P 500 after an election has been 9.3%, and **only three presidential elections out of 22 resulted in a negative forward result**.

Market returns are determined by many variables, and the trajectory of any given stock is determined by a complex series of inputs. Rigorous bottom-up analysis and active portfolio management can help uncover the companies that may thrive.

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