



Chart of the Month

In celebration of 6 Meridian achieving its 10-year anniversary milestone, we are taking a quick look back at the Top 10 Events impacting markets since the practice's founding. As we often discuss, everything seems so obvious after it happens, but in the last decade, the market has endured through a lot of excitement and concern.

Sept. 2016: 6 Meridian opens its new doors, setting forth on a vision to better serve our most important assets – our clients, employees, and community.

Nov. 2016: Donald Trump was elected President of the United States, a stunning result at the time given what was considered to be long-shot odds by political forecasters and media.

Dec. 2017: The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was signed, driving lower corporate tax rates and boosting the bottom line of U.S. businesses.

Mar. 2018: The U.S. and China initiate a Trade War that disrupted and reshaped global supply chains, effects that remain relevant today.

Dec. 2018: The S&P 500 falls 20% as a culmination of the Fed continuing to tighten policy amidst the Trade War, falling oil prices, and concerns of a slowing economy.

Mar. 2020: COVID, no further explanation needed, but the stimulus provided would have implications in the years ahead.

Feb. - Mar. 2022: Russia invades Ukraine, creating major geopolitical implications and sparking concerns about the global energy and food supplies. Shortly thereafter, the Federal Reserve begins an aggressive rate-hiking cycle as the economy was faced with rapidly increasing prices that propelled inflation to peak at about 9% in June 2022. The inflationary pressures primarily stemmed from the COVID-era fiscal and monetary stimulus, but the Russia-Ukraine conflict added further pressure through higher commodity prices.

10 Years of Navigating Prosperity Together

In September 2016, 6 Meridian was founded with a simple belief: clients deserve something better. Ten years later, that belief remains at the center of everything we do. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your financial journey and for the confidence you've placed in our team. We are grateful for the last ten years, and even more excited about what comes next. 6meridian.com/2026/09/ten-years

Asset Class

10-Year Returns Annualized

Equities	US Large Cap	15.3%
	US Small Cap	10.5%
	Non-US Developed	9.5%
	Emerging Markets	8.6%
Bonds	US Aggregate Bonds	1.4%
	US High Yield Bonds	4.6%
	National Muni Bonds	1.7%
Other	Gold	12.8%
	Home Prices ¹	6.3%
	Inflation ²	3.3%

SOURCE: Bloomberg

ETFs/Benchmarks Used: US Large (SPY), US Small (IJR); Non-US Developed (EFA); Emerging Markets (EEM); US Agg. Bonds (AGG); US HY Bonds (HYG); Muni Bonds (MUB); Gold (GLD); Home Prices (Case Shiller Home Price Index); Inflation (US CPI)

¹ June 2016 - June 2026

² August 2016 - July 2026

Nov. 2022: OpenAI releases ChatGPT, kicking off a new era in technological advancement and big promises for the future of business. Artificial Intelligence remains the dominant theme across equity markets today.

Mar. 2023: Silicon Valley Bank failed, prompting fears of contagion amongst regional banks. Concerns ultimately proved to be short-lived, despite a few additional subsequent failures.

Apr. 2025: "Liberation Day" tariff announcements rattled markets and sparked significant volatility. But swift modifications to some terms eased investor concerns and the downturn was ultimately short-lived.

At the end of all these headlining events and stories, global markets have continued to endure, providing investors with strong returns so long as they had remained committed to their plan. That's what 6 Meridian is here to help our clients do: preserve, protect, and grow wealth for today, tomorrow, and for future generations.

SOURCE: BLOOMBERG 2026

		August	YTD	2025	ETFs/Benchmarks
Stocks	UNITED STATES	2.7%	13.1%	17.8%	SPDR S&P 500 ETF (SPY)
	INTL DEVELOPED	1.7%	13.7%	31.4%	ISHARES MSCI EAFE ETF (EFA)
	EMERGING MARKETS	4.2%	23.3%	33.3%	ISHARES MSCI EMERGING MARKETS ETF (EEM)
Bonds	US INVESTMENT GRADE	0.4%	-0.2%	7.2%	ISHARES CORE U.S. AGGREGATE BOND ETF (AGG)
	US MUNICIPALS	-0.2%	0.1%	3.7%	ISHARES NATIONAL MUNI BOND ETF (MUB)
	INTL INVESTMENT GRADE	-0.1%	0.6%	3.1%	ISHARES COARE INT'L AGGREGATE BOND ETF (IAGG)
	GLOBAL HIGH YIELD	1.2%	1.7%	14.6%	ISHARES GLOBAL HY CORP BOND UCITS ETF (HYLD)
	EMERGING MARKETS \$	0.8%	1.5%	13.4%	ISHARES JP MORGAN USD EM BOND ETF (EMB)
Other	COMMODITIES	7.3%	40.6%	6.3%	ISHARES GSCI COMMODITY DYNAMIC ROLL ETF (COMT)
	GOLD	9.7%	2.7%	64.6%	GOLD NEW YORK SPOT (\$/OZ)
	OIL	1.3%	49.4%	-19.9%	CRUDE OIL WTI/GLOBAL SPOT NYMEX

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