How U.S. stocks performed in the 14 years since 9/11

S&P 500 and S&P 500 Sector Cumulative Total Returns (9/10/01-9/11/15)

View from the Observation Deck

1. In response to the terrorist attacks on the morning of 9/11/01 (Tuesday), U.S. stock exchanges shutdown early that day and were closed for the remainder of the week. They reopened on 9/17/01 (Monday).

2. The cumulative total return posted by the S&P 500 Index for the 14-year period featured in the chart was 137%.

3. Our takeaways from the results in the chart are as follows: U.S. equities markets are resilient over time; the buy and hold strategy can work for investors; and to think twice before underestimating the power of the U.S. consumer.

Source: Bloomberg. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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