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## The Stock Market Is Historically Strong. Not Even the Delta Variant Can Stop It.

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For the S&P 500, Friday's close was its seventh high in row, the longest streak since 1997. The index, with a gain in June, rose for a fifth consecutive month, the longest streak since August 2020. It also gained 8.2% during the second quarter of 2021, its fifth consecutive quarterly gain, which is the longest streak since the fourth quarter of 2017. Its first-half gain of 14.4% was the best since 2019 and the second-best since 1998. There's clearly strength in those numbers.