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# The World Is a Dumpster Fire. Why the Stock Market Doesn't Care.

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It might be an understatement to say 2026 has gotten off to a chaotic start. You would never know it by looking at the stock market.

The [S&P 500](#) closed at new records three times in the first seven trading days of 2026, and isn't far from its all-time high of 6977, with a 1.2% return for the year so far. Those gains belie a tumultuous news cycle and rising geopolitical risks.