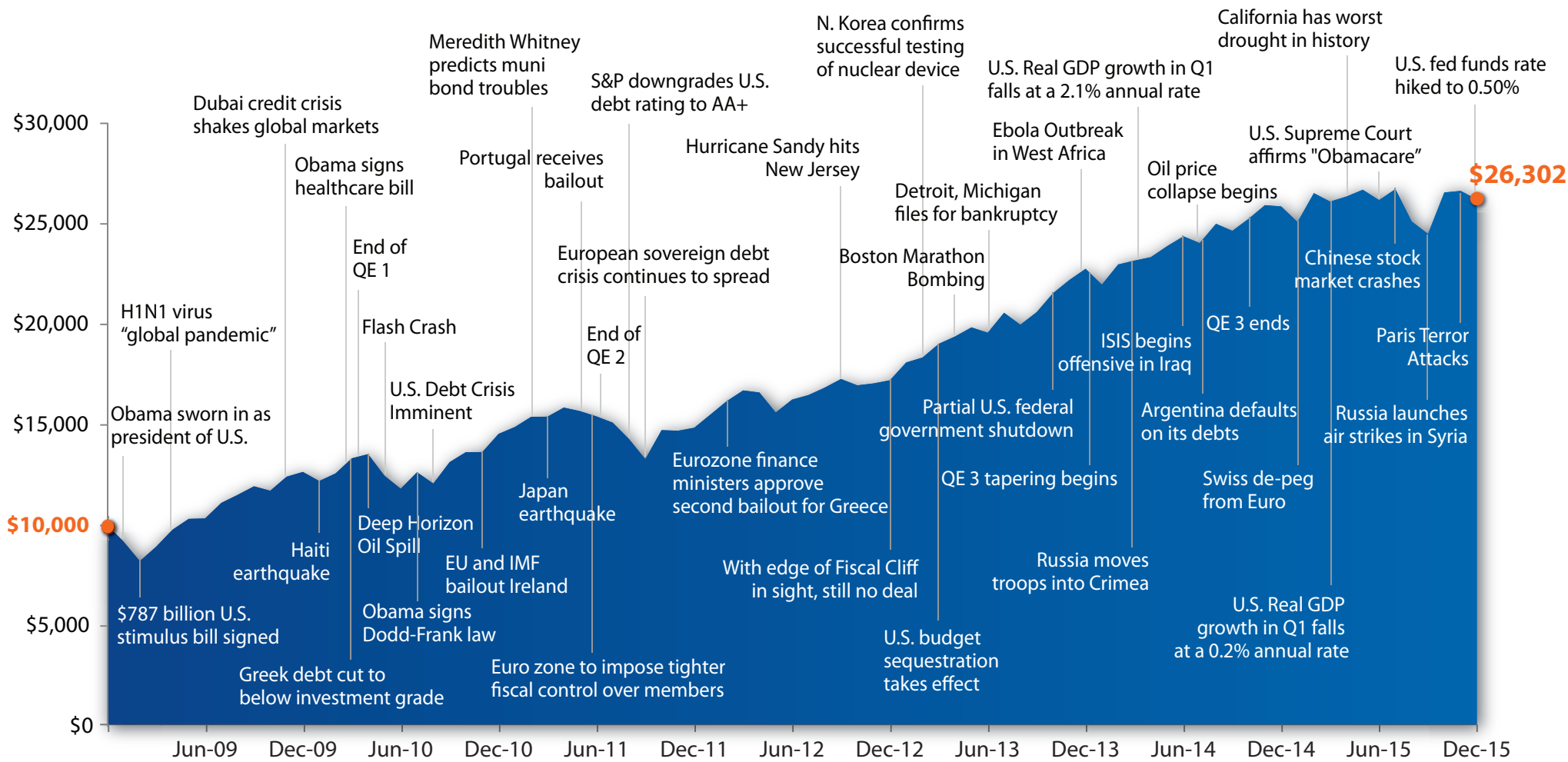


# S&P 500 Index: 2009 – 2015

This chart shows the growth of \$10,000 based on S&P 500 Index performance over the last several years. Although past performance is no guarantee of future results, we believe looking at the market's overall resiliency through several major crises and events helps to gain a fresh perspective on the benefits of investing for the long-term.

**The average annual total return of the S&P 500 Index for the period shown below was 14.81%.**

*Note: The time period shown covers the recovery period after one of the worst recessions in the U.S., and therefore these results may not be repeated in the future.*



Source: First Trust Advisors L.P. Data from January 2009 - December 2015. This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of 500 stocks used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. Index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges. Stocks are not guaranteed and have been more volatile than other asset classes. These returns were the result of certain market factors and events which may not be repeated in the future. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.