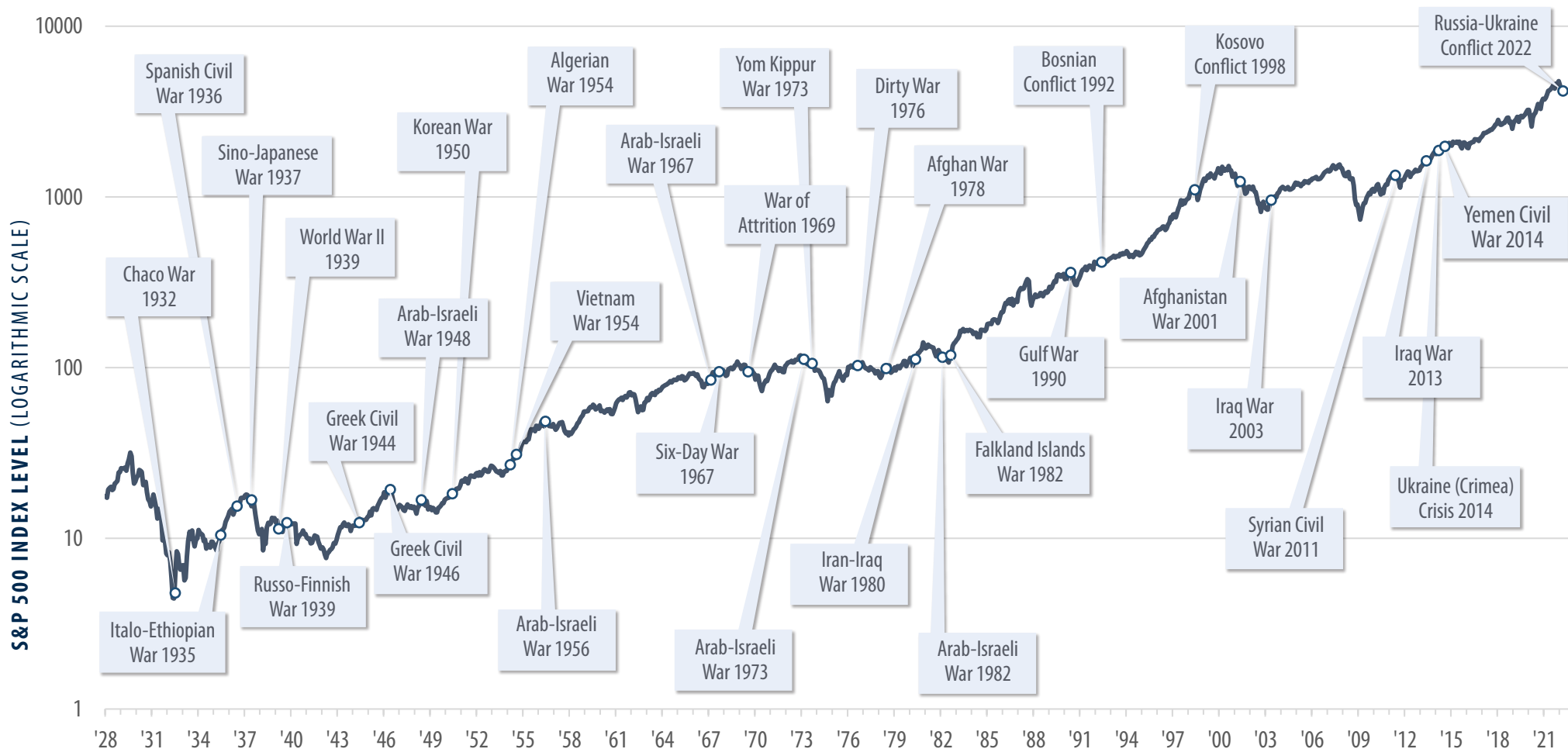


War Times & The Stock Market

S&P 500 Index

Wars and conflicts have been a constant throughout history, however recent events might cause us to look at how the stock market has performed during past times of war. The chart below shows the S&P 500 Index level since 1927 and several of the major wars and conflicts since then. Though uncertainty may temporarily shape the market, we believe seeing the market's overall resiliency can help maintain a long-term perspective.



Source: S&P CapIQ, Bloomberg. Monthly index levels from 12/31/1927 - 2/23/2022. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** 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.

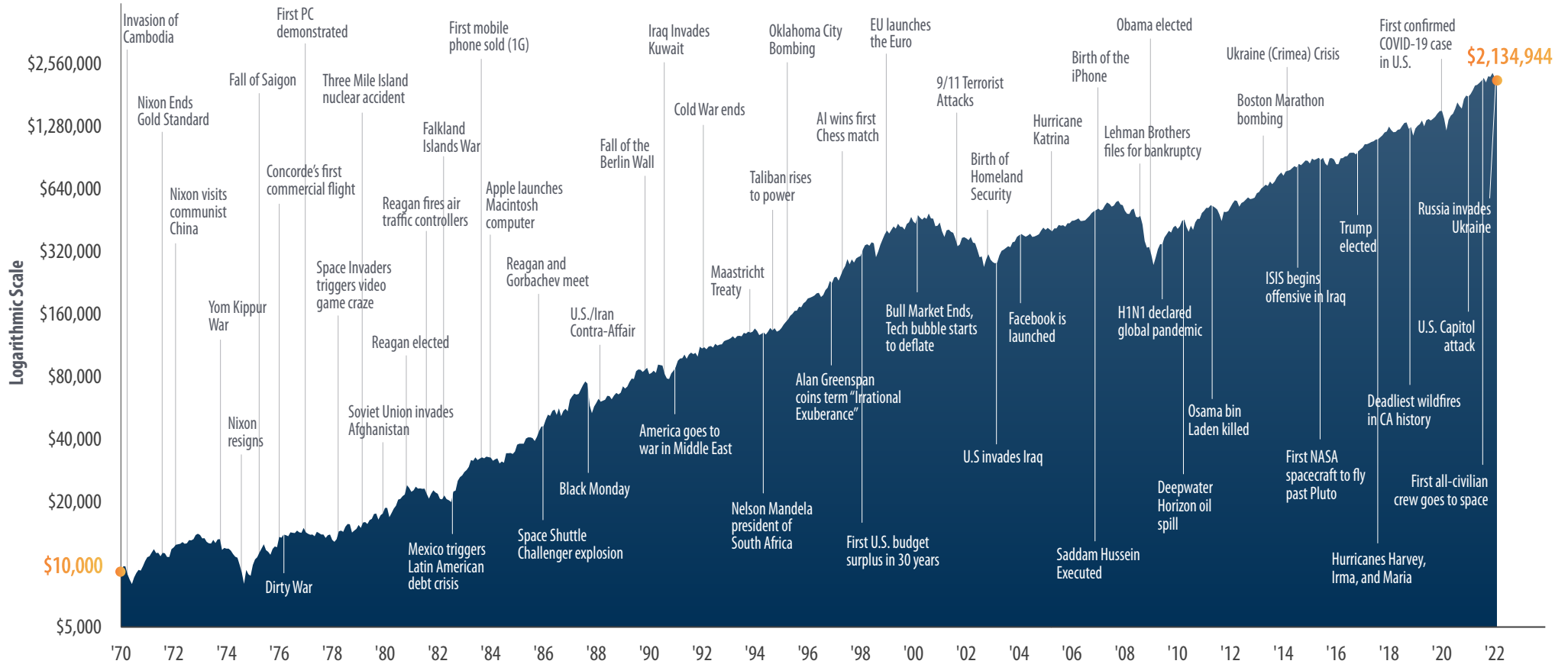
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Crisis and Events

S&P 500 Index: 1970 – 2022

This chart shows the growth of \$10,000 based on S&P 500 Index performance over the last several decades. We believe looking at the market's overall resiliency through 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 10.83%.



Source: Bloomberg, First Trust Advisors L.P., 12/31/1969 - 2/25/2022. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** 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 the other asset classes. These returns were the result of certain market factors and events which may not be repeated in the future.

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