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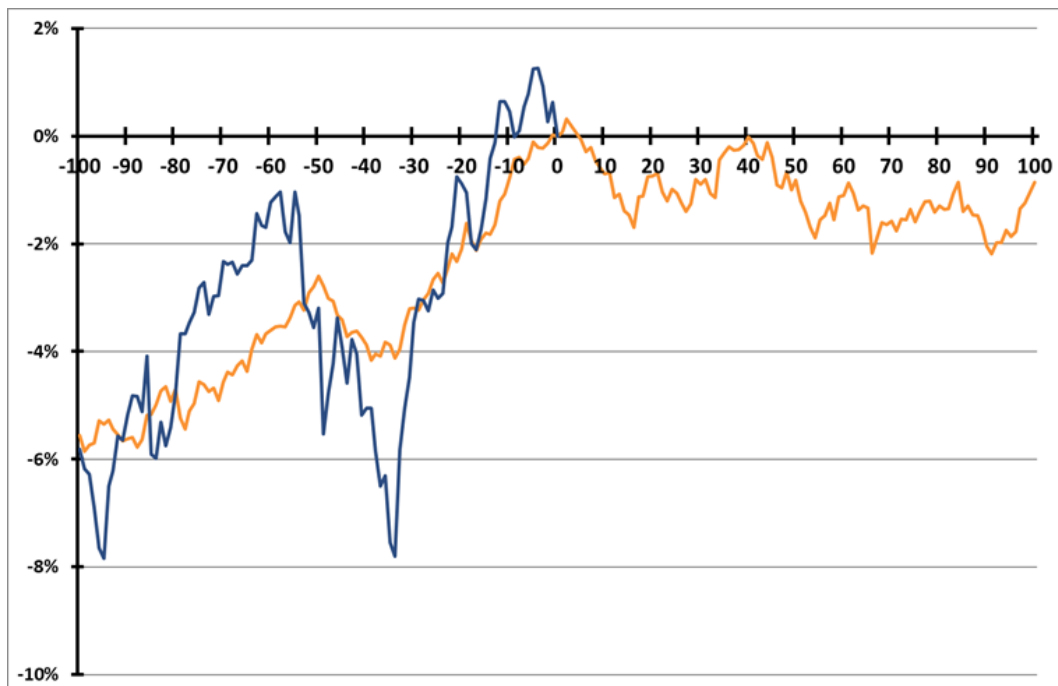
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Sample of the pre-election years does not bring any seasonal relief

The Lent period on the stock markets is about to begin. From now on the friendly period for shares ends. Volatile, low-yield stock market weeks lie ahead of us. So far, equities have behaved relatively typically in 2019, so that a continuation of the seasonal pattern seems likely. The usual behavior of the S&P 500 in a "pre-election year" of the US presidential cycle also points to this. 2019 is a so-called "pre-election year", the third year in the four-year US presidential cycle. In these years, too, there is traditionally a pronounced weakness in the third quarter, which is imminent and even lasts somewhat longer than the seasonal pattern usually entails. So far, the S&P 500 in 2019 presents itself exemplarily according to this model. Investors could suck up this argument, especially as equity markets and economic expectations are going their separate ways.



US presidential cycle: S&P 500 index in pre-election years (since 1931)
Average trading performance +/- 100 trading days and current annual profile

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