

다우지수(The Dow) 50,000 돌파!



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[다우존스 산업평균지수®\(DJIA\)](#)는 약 130 년에 이르는 역사상 처음으로 50,000 선 위에서 장을 마감했습니다. 이번 다우지수(The Dow®)의 이정표는 미국 주식시장의 대표 지표가 2020 년대 들어 10,000 포인트 단위의 새로운 구간을 돌파한 세 번째 사례입니다. 연속적인 이정표일수록 추가로 필요한 상승 폭이 줄어든다는 점을 감안하면 어느 정도 예상 가능한 결과이지만, 이번 기록은 사상 최단 기간에 달성되었으며 40,000 선을 넘어선 지 2 년도 채 되지 않아 이루어졌습니다.(도표 1 참조)

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Exhibit 1: The Dow Reached Its Latest 10K Milestone in Record Time

Milestone	Date First Closed Above	Trading Days since Prior 10K Milestone	Time (Years)*
10,000	March 29, 1999	28,773	114.2
20,000	Jan. 25, 2017	5,992	23.8
30,000	Nov. 24, 2020	966	3.8
40,000	May 17, 2024	874	3.5
50,000	Feb. 6, 2026	431	1.7

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Table based on daily closing price index data between May 26, 1896, and Feb. 6, 2026. Table shows the date on which the Dow Jones Industrial Average first closed above different index levels, and the associated time taken to reach each increment. *Time(years) assumes 252 trading days in each year. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Table is provided for illustrative purposes.

19 세기 말, 산업 기업들이 미국 경제 성장의 핵심 동력이 될 것이라는 찰스 다우의 직관에서 출발한 다우존스 산업평균지수(DJIA)는 약 130 년에 걸쳐 시장 참여자들에게 미국 주식시장을 측정할 수 있는 기준을 제공해 왔습니다. 이처럼 긴 *실시간* 지수 이력은 매우 큰 가치를 지닙니다. 일반적인 지수 백테스트에서 흔히 사용되는 단순화된 가정에 의존해 미국 주식시장이 어떻게 움직였을지를 추정할 필요가 없습니다. 또한 그러한 가정의 타당성이나, 특정 선택의 배경과 의도, 그리고 그것이 가상의 과거 지수 성과에 미쳤을 영향을 따질 필요도

없습니다. 대신 다우지수는 다양한 환경 속에서 시장이 실제로 어떻게 *반응했는지*를 보여주며, 이를 통해 시장 참여자들이 미국 주식시장의 움직임을 보다 맥락 속에서 이해할 수 있도록 돕습니다(도표 2 참조).

최근 수십 년간 다우지수는 [전 세계 다양한 지수연계 상품](#)의 기초지수로 활용되어 왔으며, [2024년 말 기준](#) 약 1,150억 달러 규모의 자산이 다우지수를 추종하거나 벤치마크로 삼고 있는 것으로 추산됩니다. 또한 다우지수는 견고한 거래 생태계를 바탕으로 가격 투명성과 시장 효율성을 제고하고 있으며, [2024년 한 해 동안 지수연계 상품의 지수환산 거래규모\(IET\)는 8조 달러를 웃돌았습니다](#).

Exhibit 2: The Dow's Index Levels Can Help to Contextualize Market Movements



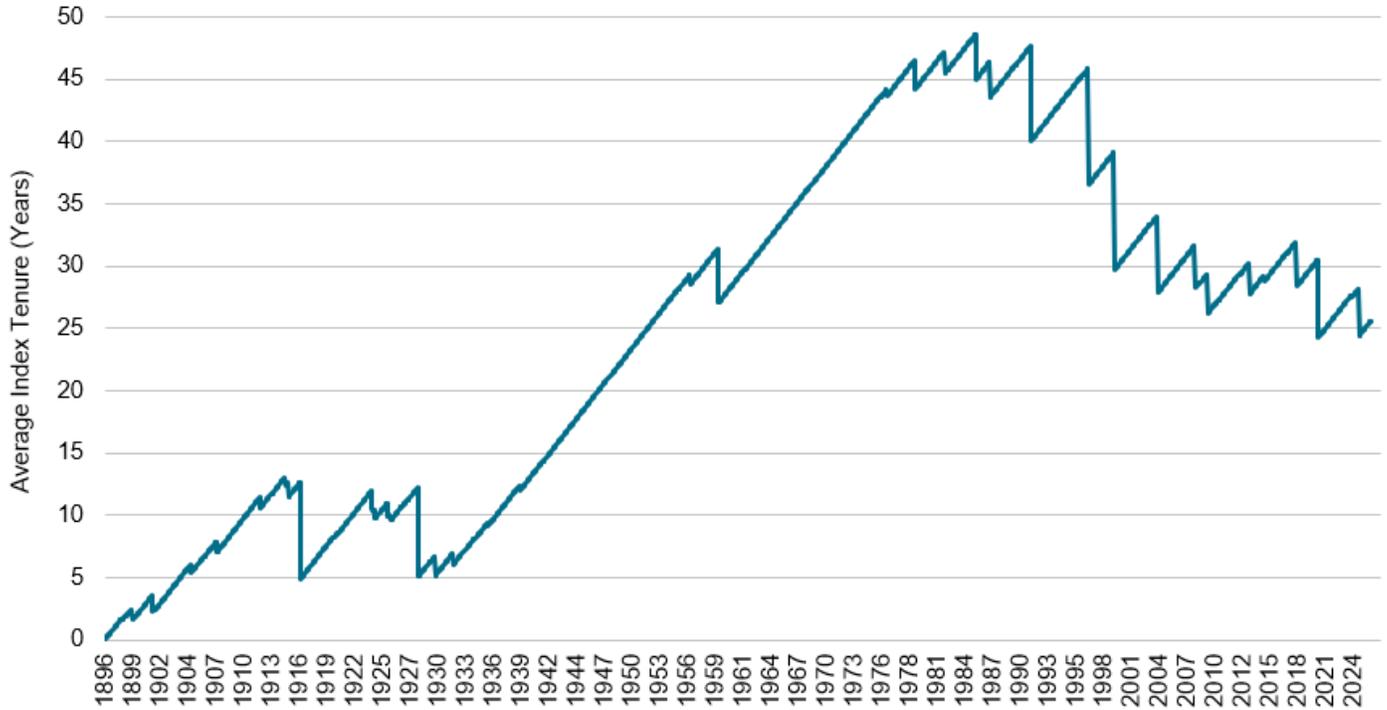
Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Chart shows the daily closing price level for the Dow Jones Industrial Average between May 26, 1896, and Feb. 5, 2026. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Chart is provided for illustrative purposes.

다우지수가 전 세계적으로 지속적인 영향력을 유지해 온 주요 이유 중 하나는 미국 주식시장의 핵심 흐름을 반영하도록 꾸준히 진화해 왔기 때문입니다. 예를 들어, 20세기에는 당시 미국 주식시장에서 두각을 나타내던 제조업 기업들의 비중을 반영하기 위해 다양한 제조업체가 추가되었으며, [가장 최근의 업데이트](#)를 포함한 근래의 구성종목 변경을 통해서 다른 산업 부문의 중요성 확대가 지수에 반영되었습니다. 전체적으로 DJIA는 1896년 5월 이후 총 136차례의 구성종목 변경을 거쳤습니다.

도표 3은 이러한 변화가 다우지수 구성종목의 평균 편입 기간에 미친 영향을 보여줍니다. 다우지수가 1916년에 12개 종목에서 20개 종목으로 확대되고, 이어 1928년에 오늘날 익숙한 30개 종목 체제로 다시 확대되면서 초기 수십 년 동안 평균 편입 기간은 눈에 띄게 감소했습니다. 이후 구성종목 변경이 비교적 적은 기간이 길게 이어지며

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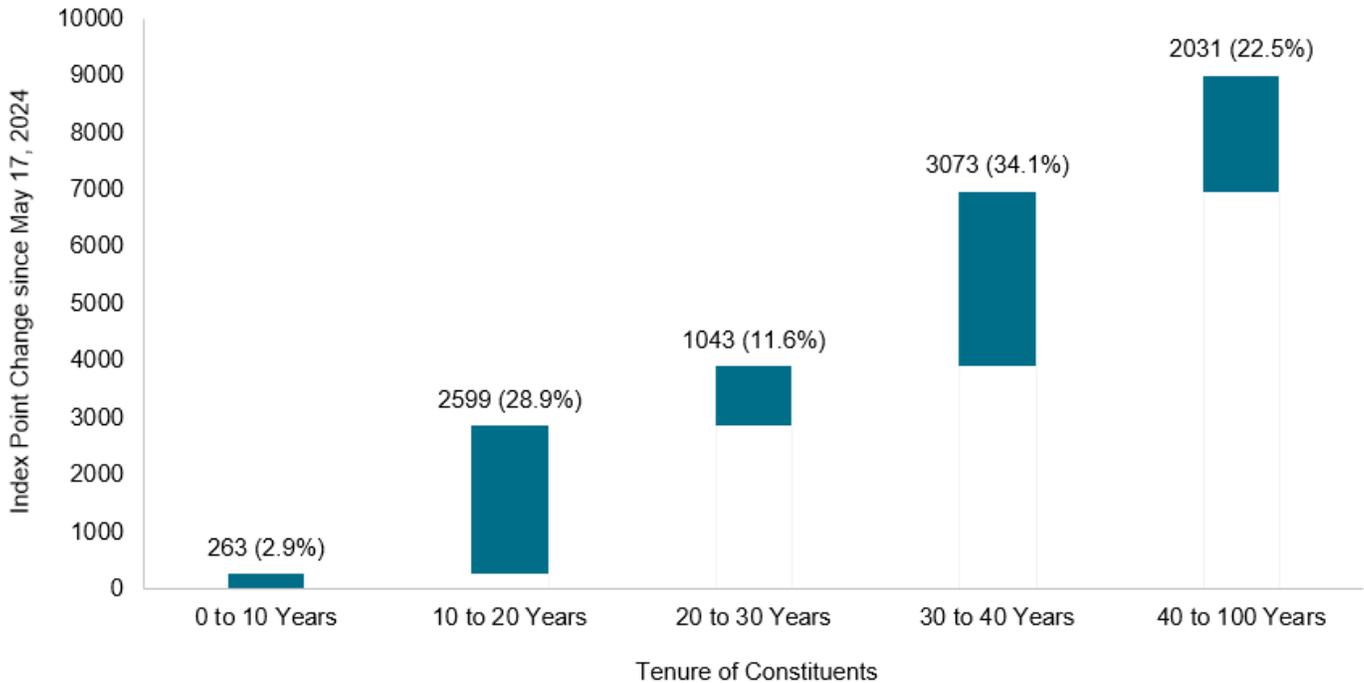
Exhibit 3: DJIA Constituents' Average Tenure



Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Chart shows the (simple) average tenure of Dow Jones Industrial Average constituents, in years, on a monthly basis between June 1896 and January 2026. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Chart is provided for illustrative purposes.

도표 4는 다우지수의 구성종목 변경이 최근 미국 주식시장의 흐름을 지수에 반영하는 데 기여했음을 보여줍니다. 특히 도표 4는 지수가 처음으로 40,000 선을 돌파한 2024년 5월 17일부터 전일 종가까지, 기존 구성종목들이 다우지수 상승에 얼마나 기여했는지를 나타냅니다. 지난 30년 동안 새롭게 편입된 기업들은 기존 구성종목이 기록한 상승분 가운데 약 절반을 차지했습니다.

Exhibit 4: Contribution to DJIA Gains since the Index First Closed above 40,000



Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Chart based on daily price performance between May 17, 2024, and Feb. 5, 2026. Chart shows the contribution to the Dow Jones Industrial Average from existing index constituents, based on each constituent's tenure as of Feb. 5, 2026. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Chart is provided for illustrative purposes.

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