



- Domestic Equities fell modestly during the week due to pessimism over fiscal stimulus negotiations and overall uncertainty heading into the U.S. presidential election.
- Weekly jobless claims, 787,000, fell to their lowest level since March. In addition, claims from the prior two weeks were revised lower. The continued declines are a positive sign for the long-term health of the economy.
- Existing-home sales rose 9.4% in September to the highest level since 2006.

Figure 1. Index Performance

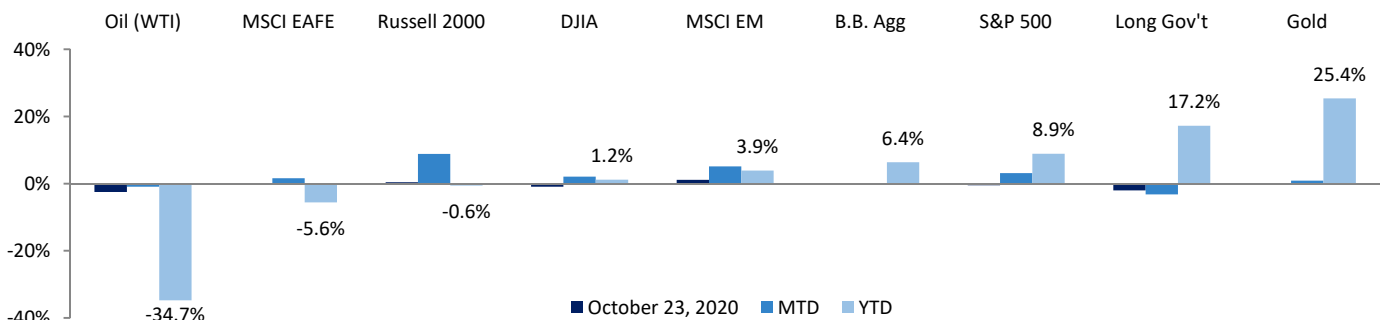


Figure 2. S&P 500 Sector Performance

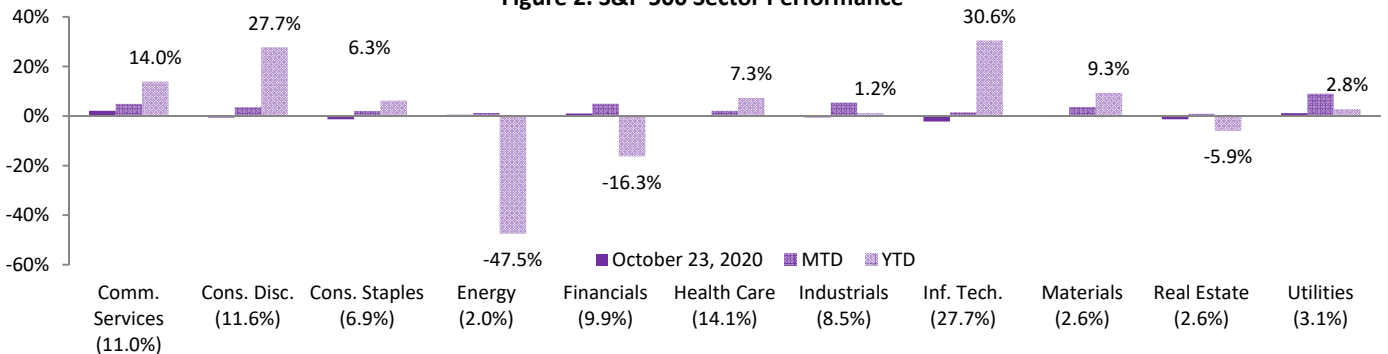
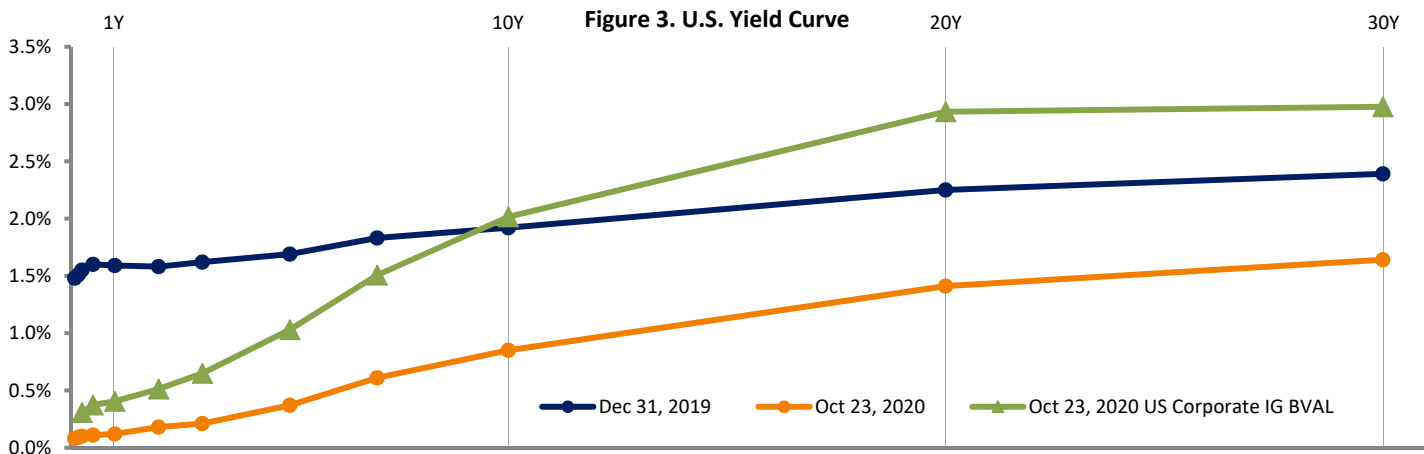


Figure 3. U.S. Yield Curve



Data Source: Bloomberg

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