



- Domestic equities were mostly positive for the week with the S&P 500 gaining 0.82% on a total return basis. Energy stocks outperformed the broader market as oil prices hit seven-year highs.
- Contributing to this week's positive stock market performance was the announcement that a short-term debt-limit extension has been agreed upon by members of the Senate. Although the deal still needs to be formally passed, the extension would allow the government to avoid a shutdown at least until December.
- The average daily number of Covid cases fell below 100,000 for the first time since early August – indicating the Delta-wave is waning.

Figure 1. Index Performance

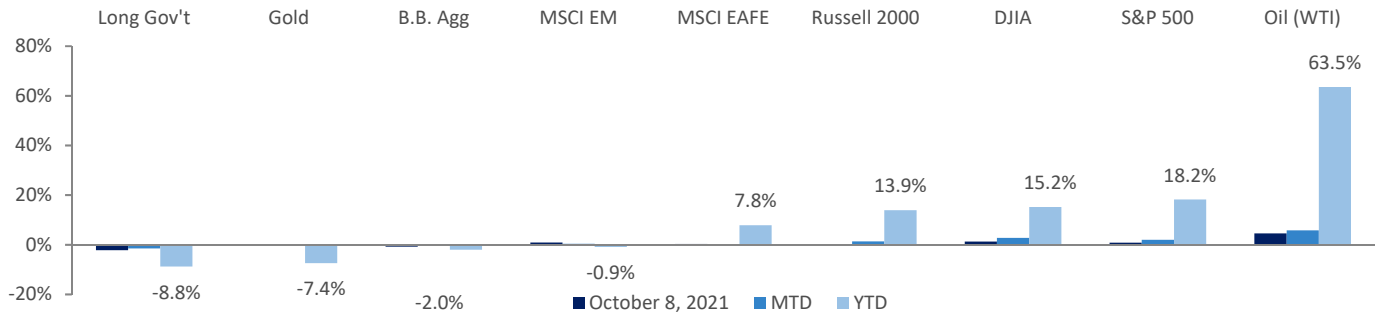


Figure 2. S&P 500 Sector Performance

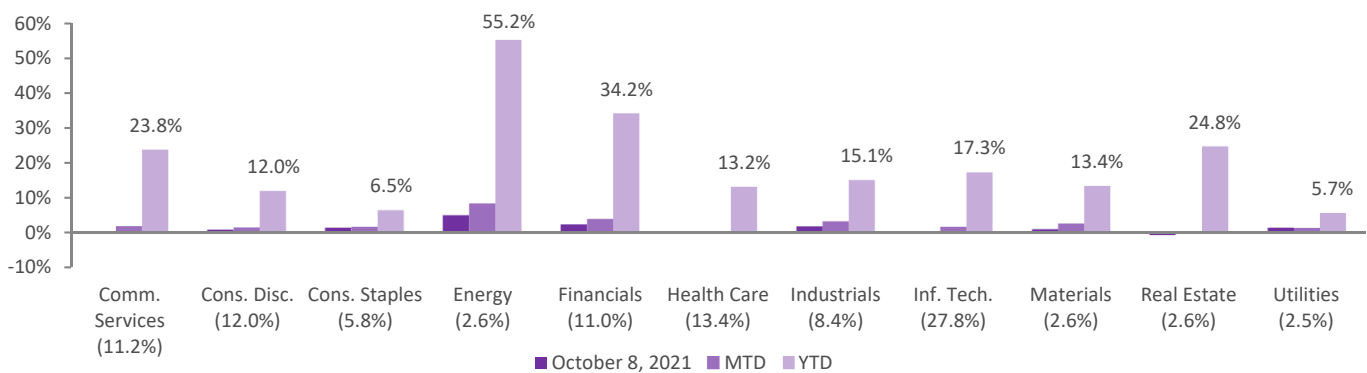
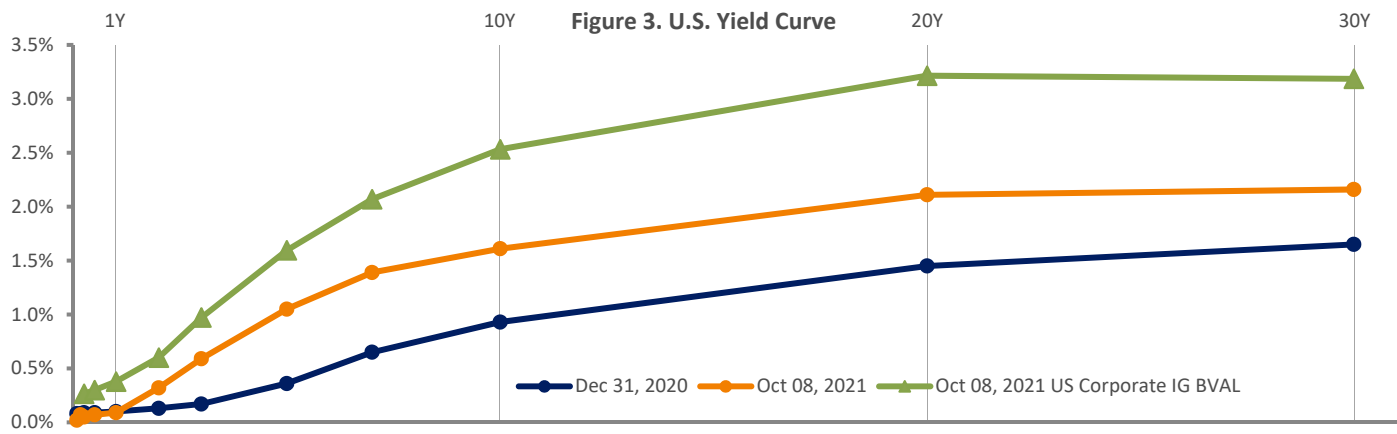


Figure 3. U.S. Yield Curve



Data Source: Bloomberg Index Services, MSCI, S&P Global, FTSE Russell

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