Weekly Market Update

May 16, 2025

- **The S&P 500 rose 5.3%, the Nasdaq gained 7.2%, and the Dow increased 3.4% for the week, driven by easing trade tensions, solid corporate earnings, and favorable inflation data. A surprise U.S.-China trade deal to reduce tariffs fueled investor optimism, propelling the S&P 500 to its best weekly performance in over a month and pushing it into positive territory for the year.**
- **Positive inflation data also helped lift investor sentiment. April's CPI increased by 0.2% month-over-month, while annual inflation slowed to 2.3%, marking the lowest level since February 2021.**
- **Moody's downgraded the US government's credit rating from Aaa to Aa1 on Friday, citing persistent large fiscal deficits, rising interest costs, and a lack of meaningful deficit reduction measures by successive administrations and Congress.**

Figure 1. Index Performance

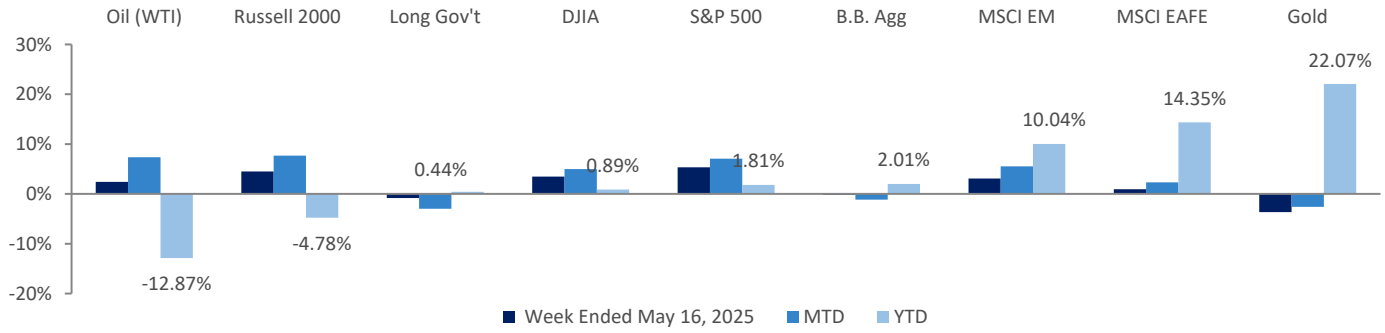


Figure 2. S&P 500 Sector Performance

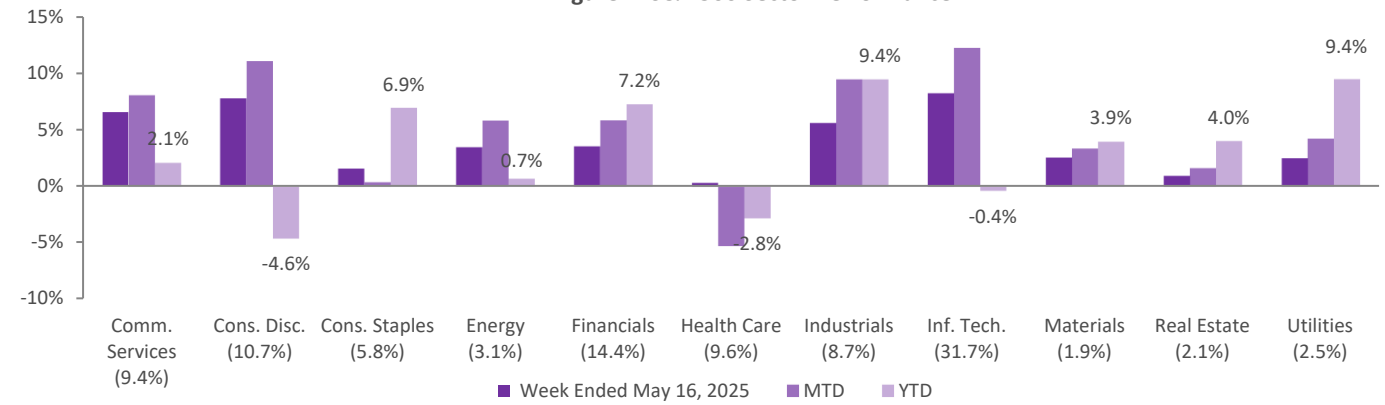
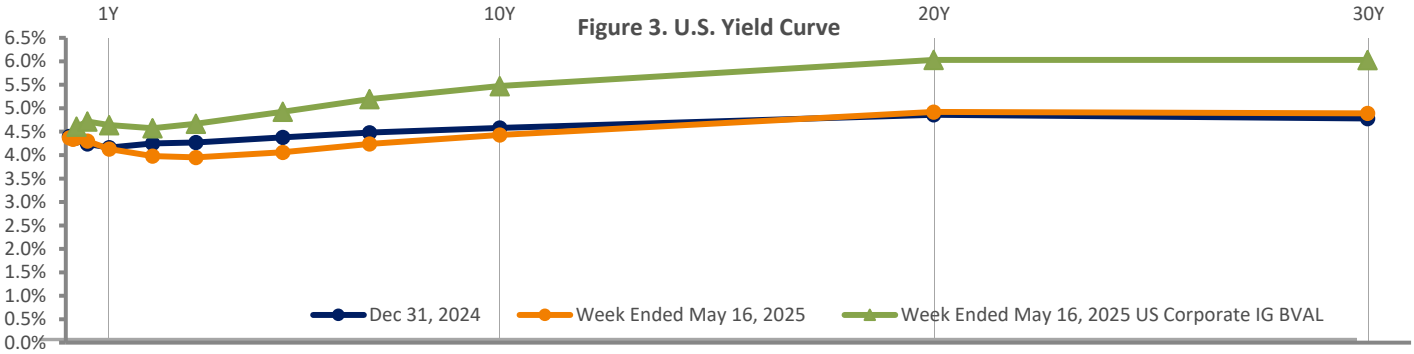


Figure 3. U.S. Yield Curve



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

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