Weekly Market Update

April 17, 2026

- **U.S. equities posted a strong week of gains, with the major indexes building on the prior week's momentum as the S&P 500 finished the week 4.5% higher following three consecutive daily record highs. Markets were supported by easing geopolitical concerns and a pullback in energy prices. Crude oil prices, which had recently spiked on supply disruption fears, moved lower over the course of the week and stabilized around $83 per barrel on Friday, reducing one of the market's key near-term risks.**
- **On the economic front, growth data continue to signal a cooling but resilient U.S. economy. Most of the big U.S. banks that opened earnings season reported better-than-expected results as commentary around current economic conditions was generally upbeat, particularly around consumer spending.**
- **U.S. Treasury prices advanced for a fourth consecutive week, driving yields modestly lower as market concerns around inflation risks continued to ease. The 10-year Treasury yield ended the week at 4.24%, down from its recent peak of 4.44% on March 27.**

Figure 1. Index Performance

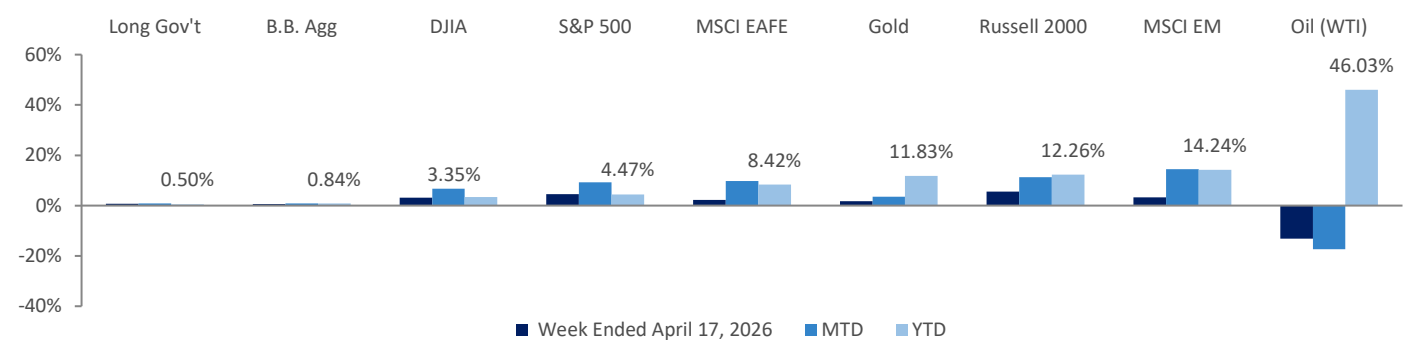


Figure 2. S&P 500 Sector Performance

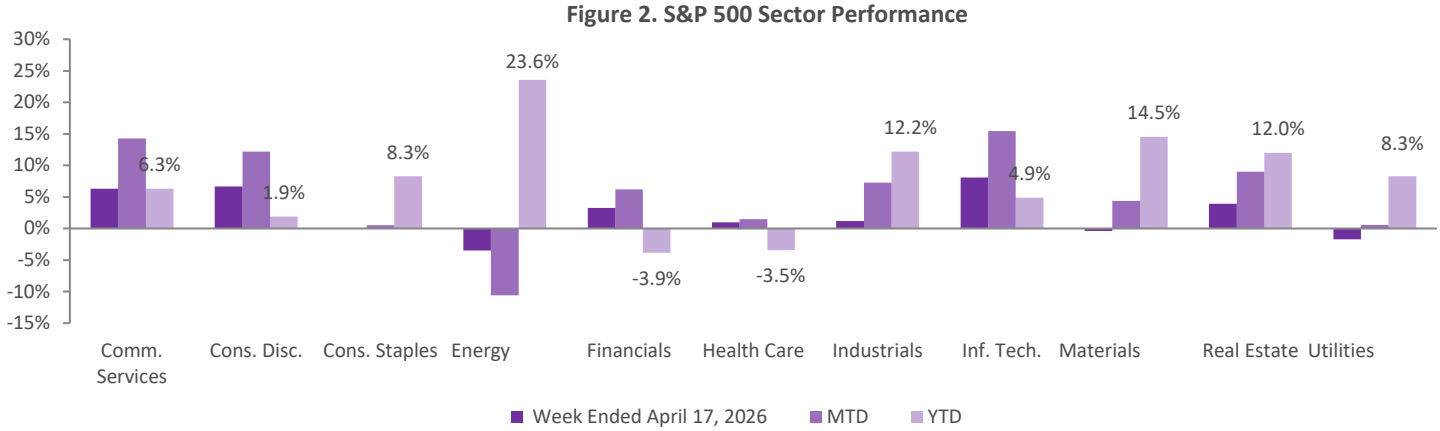
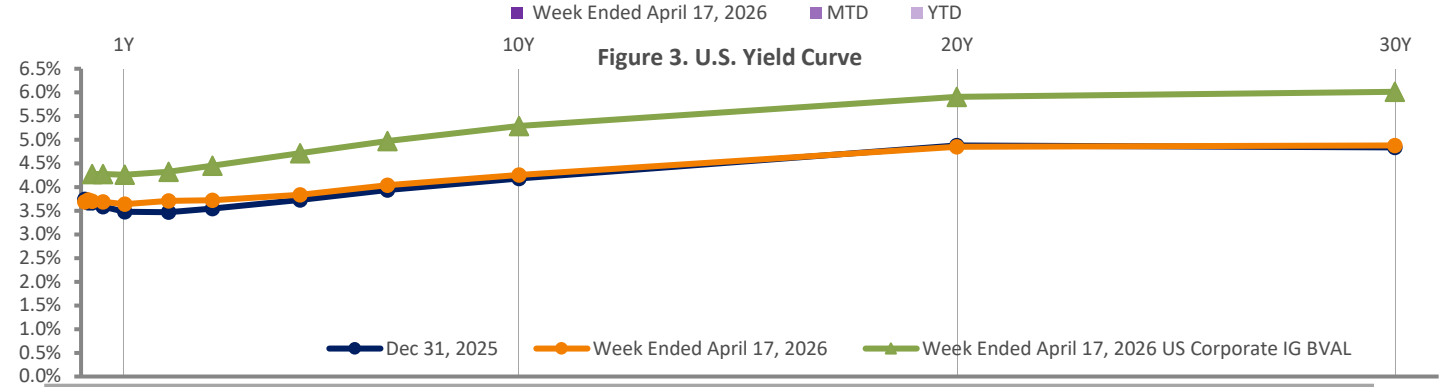


Figure 3. U.S. Yield Curve



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

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