Weekly Market Update

October 16, 2026

- U.S. equities declined broadly, with heavy technology selling driving the Nasdaq down 4.5% and the S&P 500 down 1.9%. A rotation away from AI-related stocks and chipmakers weighed on growth indices, which fell 5.0% for the week versus a 0.9% gain for value.
- Oil prices reversed their decline since mid-September, with U.S. crude up more than 8% to above $100/barrel, though still below the nearly $106 peak set on September 15. Inflation remained elevated, with September CPI rising to 3.7% from 3.4%.
- Longer-term Treasury yields fell for a second straight week, with the 10-year at 5.08% (from 5.24%) and the 30-year at 5.43% (from 5.60%), while the 2-year slipped to 4.72%. Earnings season is off to a solid start, with Q3 S&P 500 earnings growth now projected at 29.0%, which would mark a third straight quarter above 25%.

Figure 1. Index Performance

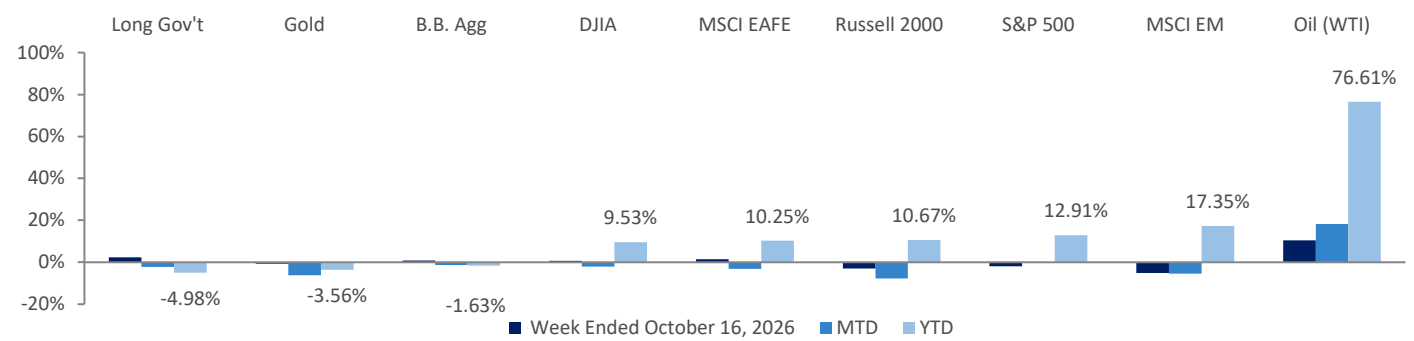


Figure 2. S&P 500 Sector Performance

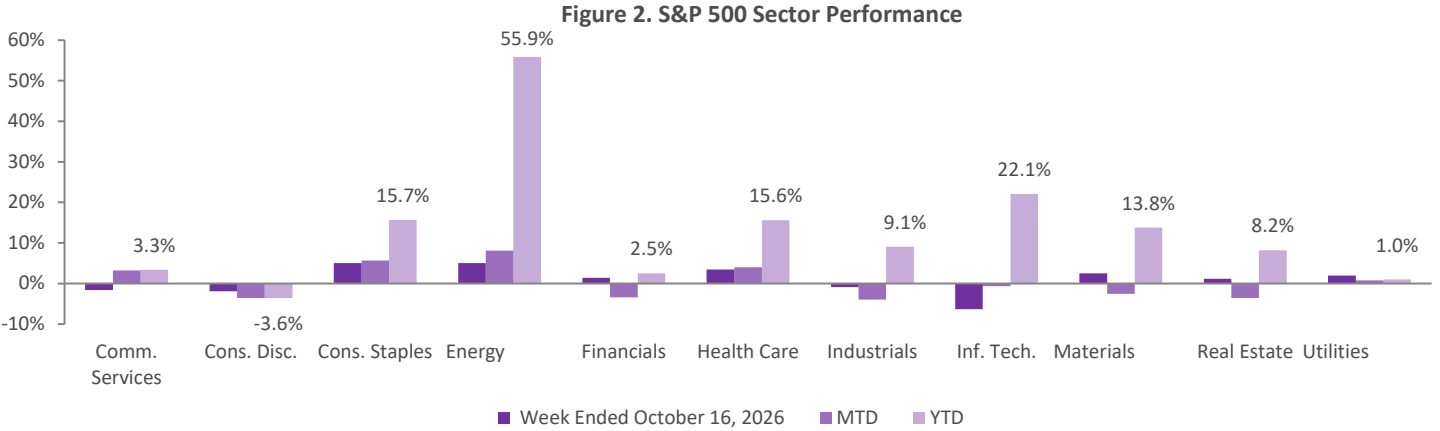
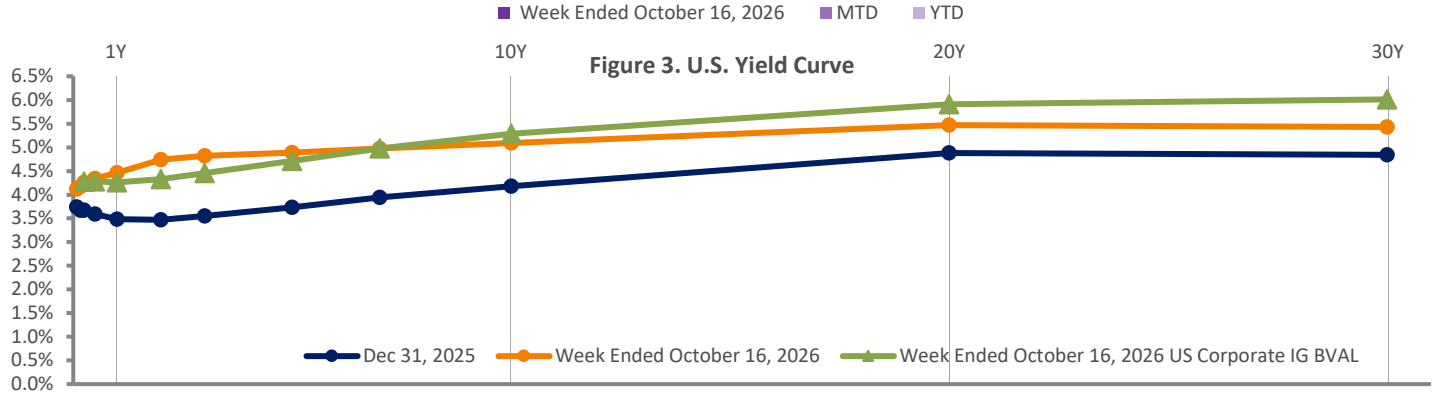


Figure 3. U.S. Yield Curve



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

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