**Weekly Market Read: October 17, 2025**

The market is saying (all numbers are **WTD % returns**):

* **Breadth:** 71.0% of names are positive.
* **Information Technology:** leading (avg +2.5%).
* **Industrials:** firm (avg +1.6%).
* **Consumer Staples:** firm (avg +2.6%).
* **Consumer Discretionary:** leading (avg +2.8%).
* **Financials:** lagging (avg –0.9%).
* **Utilities:** firm (avg +1.6%).
* **Real Estate:** firm (avg +2.5%).
* **Materials:** firm (avg +1.5%).
* **Energy:** soft (avg +0.4%).
* **Health Care:** firm (avg +2.0%).
* **Communication Services:** firm (avg +1.4%).

**Macro levers (WTD % returns):**

* **Gold:** bid (avg +5.4%).
* **USD:** soft (avg –0.5%).
* **Yields:** easing (avg –1.1%).
* **Bonds:** firm (avg +0.5%).
* **Energy complex:** down (avg –2.9%).

**Bottom line:** A broadly constructive week with strong participation and leadership from **Technology, Consumer Discretionary, Staples, and Real Estate**, while **Financials** lagged and **Energy** softened. Macro posture — **gold bid, USD softer, yields easing, and bonds firm while the energy complex slips** — points to **steady growth with cooling inflation pressures**, a setup that continues to **favor growth and quality exposures** over value and cyclicals.