

# WEEKLY MARKET BRIEF

Equity & Fixed Income Overview – Quantitative Research

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## MARKET OVERVIEW

US equity markets advanced for the third consecutive week as investors digested strong earnings reports from the technology sector. The S&P 500 extended its rally, supported by expectations of a patient Federal Reserve and resilient corporate profit margins.

### Trailing Performance



## KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Federal Reserve held rates steady at the January FOMC meeting, signaling a data-dependent approach through 2026
- Q4 2025 earnings season: 78% of S&P 500 companies beat estimates (Bloomberg 2026)
- 10-year Treasury yield stabilized near 4.2% after December volatility
- PCE inflation reading came in at 2.4% YoY, within the Fed's target range

## KEY STATISTICS

S&P 500: 6,040 | VIX: 15.8 | 10Y Yield: 4.21%

Fed Funds: 4.25–4.50% | WTI Crude: \$73.20

Gold: \$2,810

## SECTOR MOMENTUM

Technology  
Financials  
Healthcare  
Energy  
Consumer Staples  
Utilities



## RISK ASSESSMENT

Equity Volatility  
Rate Risk  
Credit Spreads  
Geopolitical



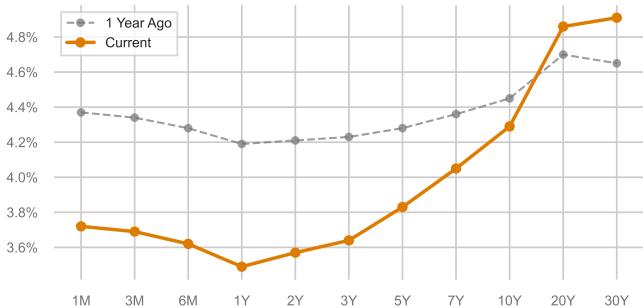
## DATA SOURCES

Yahoo Finance | FRED | Bloomberg

# YIELD CURVE ANALYSIS

The current yield curve shows a mild upward slope, having normalized from the prolonged inversion of 2023–2024. The 2s10s spread has returned to positive territory, consistent with expectations for moderate economic growth (Adrian, Crump, and Moench 2013).

US Treasury Yield Curve



## RETURNS SUMMARY

### Sector Returns (%)

Sector	1M	3M	YTD	1Y
S&P 500	-0.5	+2.6	+0.4	+14.9
Technology	-5.7	-4.0	-4.3	+18.7
Financials	-3.0	+2.6	-1.8	+5.9
Healthcare	-2.3	+7.2	+0.3	+7.0
Energy	+17.1	+19.0	+15.7	+21.0
Cons. Discr.	-0.7	+2.0	+1.5	+5.7
Cons. Staples	+13.5	+14.3	+12.0	+13.0
Industrials	+6.6	+10.9	+7.2	+25.2
Materials	+11.2	+21.6	+12.5	+18.8
Comm. Svcs.	-0.2	+4.5	-0.1	+15.3
Real Estate	+3.3	+1.6	+2.7	+2.1
Utilities	+2.9	-3.2	-0.2	+13.1

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## ALERTS

### Earnings Season

Q4 results continue through mid-February. Watch for guidance revisions in technology and financials.

### FOMC Minutes

Minutes from the January meeting release Feb. 19. Markets pricing 2 cuts in 2026.

### Geopolitical

Trade policy uncertainty remains elevated. Monitor tariff developments and their impact on supply chains.

### Volatility

VIX near cycle lows suggests complacency. Tail risk protection is historically cheap.

## NOTES

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