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- 3. The expectation for a significant decrease in yields across the curve is contingent on softer inflationary data and a more restrained Federal Reserve (Fed).

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