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Investors use yield curve as a guide to economy's direction

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The gap between yields on short and longer-term U.S. government debt narrowed Tuesday to its smallest in almost 11 years as [trade tensions](#) between the U.S. and China intensified.

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The new tariff threats raised questions about how well investors expect the economy to weather rising trade tensions. Investors and analysts cite the potential for tariffs to slow economic growth and curb the pace of employment gains.