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Not Your Parents' Dividends

By: Charles Gaffney | February 28, 2024

KEY POINTS

1. 56 companies in the S&P 500 have already announced dividend increases in 2024, by a median of 6%.[1]
2. For decades, large, global-branded companies were among the headline performers for dividend-paying companies.
3. A new wave of companies has begun distributing dividends and rewarding shareholders. We think it's about time.

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Election Cycle is Very Likely to Impact Stocks

By: Aaron Dunn, CFA | & Bradley Galko, CFA | February 14, 2024

KEY POINTS

1. During presidential election years over most of the last century, on average both U.S. large- and small-cap value have outperformed their growth peers.
2. Value vs. Growth's dominance in election years also correlates with U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) growth and detraction.
3. Incumbent candidates and parties keen to win reelection seek to make voters feel financially secure when heading to the polls.

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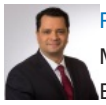
Brazilian Economy Boosted by Reasonable Government Legislations and Tight Monetary Policy

By: Paul Psaila | February 5, 2024

KEY POINTS

1. A year into President Lula's term, the political and economic situation in Brazil is better than many had expected.
2. The economy will likely grow more than expected as interest rates continue to fall.
3. We believe Brazil remains cheap compared to other emerging markets with lower inflation and rates acting as a tailwind for growth.

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Postcard from Ghana: The Cocoa Supply Chain Risk for Multinational Chocolate Producers

By: Jennifer Byron, CFA | & Christopher M. Dyer, CFA | February 2, 2024

KEY POINTS

1. We believe cocoa farmers must earn a living income to end child labor and deforestation.
2. Cocoa farmers are up against formidable forces along the supply chain and have little or no bargaining power on price.
3. Profit margins could be impacted if the price of cocoa soars, as farmers out opt out for other sources of income.

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