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# Forward Thinking: How Global Inflationary Trends Fuel Opportunity for Investors

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Present Attractive Entry Points
for High Yield Bonds

#### **KEY POINTS**

- 1. As global central banks near the end of a historical cycle of tightening monetary policy, we believe a moderate recession is a more probable outcome in 2024.
- 2. Increasing dispersion in valuations across rating segments, sectors and individual issuers will continue to provide opportunity and the ability to capture attractive entry points.
- 3. We have maintained our cautious positioning and continue to prefer defensive sectors that trade wide of historical norms, such as health care, given the sector's historically defensive characteristics.

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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.

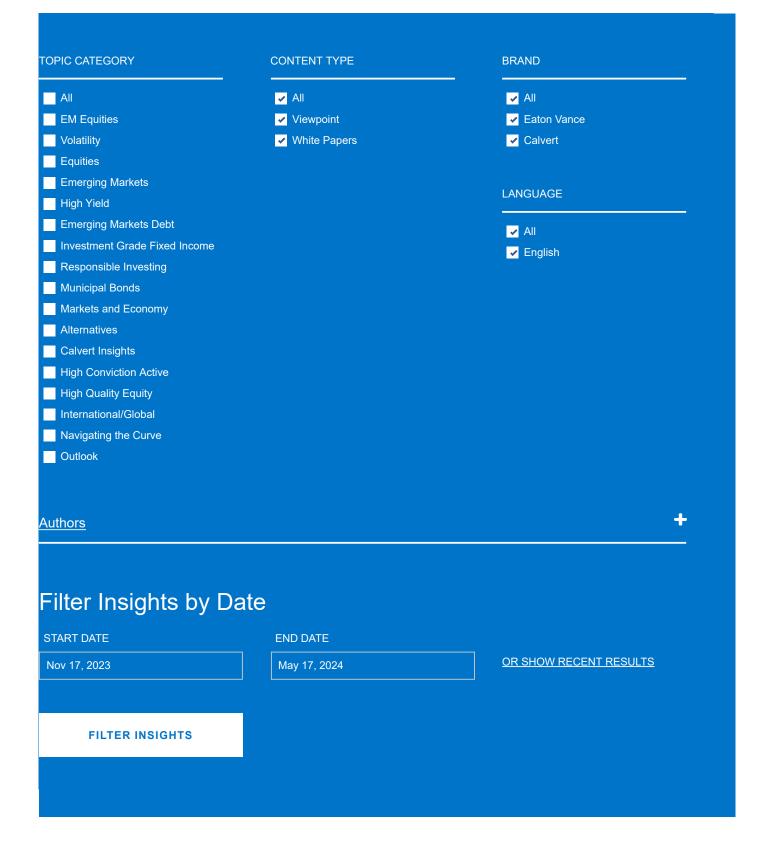
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2024 Outlook: International Equity

By: Bruno Paulson | December 15, 2023

Compounding Through the Hype with High Quality Equities

- 1. MSCI World Index's current forward multiple does not look cheap, particularly as it is based on an arguably optimistic, double-digit earnings growth assumption for 2024. Our view is that the possibility of a downturn is not reflected in today's earnings expectations, nor in the current market multiple.
- 2. We seek to avoid the permanent destruction of capital by focusing on high quality, <sup>1</sup> reasonably priced companies with earnings resilience and by resisting the urge to get caught up in potentially detrimental speculative bubbles.
- 3. Looking beyond the "Magnificent 7" stocks, we believe there will be "slow burners" for whom the benefits of generative artificial intelligence (GenAl), and Al in general, will take longer to emerge but could be significant over time. We believe these GenAl model users will be able to generate value for customers and/or reduce costs by virtue of their "Walled Gardens."

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