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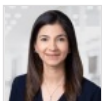
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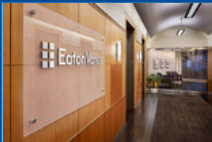
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- 1. Increasing dispersion of returns in emerging markets (EM) countries enhances the appeal of active management.
- 2. We are taking active positions in countries and stocks based on our high-conviction views.
- 3. Growth, inflation and interest rates will remain important variables across different countries in 2024, as will elections as several countries go to the polls.

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