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- [2. As ever, country selection remains key in emerging markets to capture the most attractive idiosyncratic risk and opportunity in this broad and diverse investment universe.](#)
- [3. We foresee stronger appetite for EM debt in 2024, with net flows returning to positive territory as investors come back to the asset class.](#)

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By: Marshall L. Stocker, Ph.D., CFA | & Kyle Lee, CFA | December 6, 2023

Technicals Tailwind Expected for Emerging Markets Debt in 2024

KEY POINTS

- 1. Many emerging markets (EM) central banks were early and more aggressive in tightening policy than their developed market peers, which is helping to tame inflation and opening the way for more growth-friendly policy.
- 2. We expect net inflows to rebound into EM debt in 2024, providing a technicals tailwind for the asset class.
- 3. The asset class remains susceptible to macro sensitivity, which places an added emphasis on in-depth country and company research to guide judicious credit selection.

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