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

By: Forward Thinking | September 12, 2023

In this issue of Forward Thinking, we guide investors seeking to maximize the return potential amid shifting inflationary trends throughout the world, sharing our insights about how to increase their allocations to both global equities and fixed income.

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#### **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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# Improved Rate Outlook Lifts Emerging Markets Debt

By: Emerging Markets Debt

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### **KEY POINTS**

- 1. We expect emerging markets debt to continue benefitting from global disinflation and prospects for rate cuts, which already supported stronger performance in late 2023.
- 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.

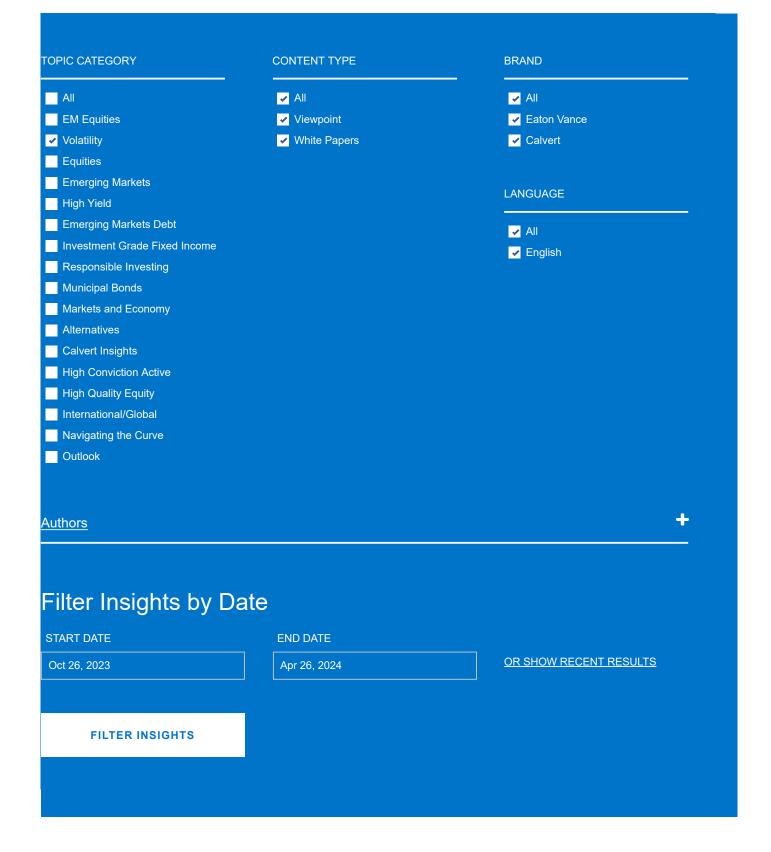
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200 Years of Data Affirm Our Long-Term Confidence in the 60/40 Portfolio

By: Jitania Kandhari | April 15, 2024

- 1. The 60/40 portfolio experienced a rollercoaster ride, down 17.5% in 2022 and up 17.2% in 2023. <sup>1</sup>
- 2. Whenever U.S. inflation exceeded 2.4%, there was an increase in the median correlation between stock and bond returns.
- 3. Two hundred years of historical analysis suggests there is an 80% probability of positive returns in the two years following a year of negative returns for both stocks and bonds.

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