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Forward Thinking: How Global Inflationary Trends Fuel Opportunity for Investors

By: Forward Thinking | September 12, 2023

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By: Stephen C. Concannon, CFA, Will Reardon | December 6, 2023

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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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By: Paul Psaila | February 5, 2024

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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

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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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