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for High Yield Bonds

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- 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: <u>Yijia Chen, CFA</u> | March 15, 2024

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corporate ranks and the progress
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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
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By: Mark van der Zwan | & Robert M. Rafter, CFA | December 14, 2023

A Changing Environment May Usher in a New Era for Absolute Return Investing

- 1. Falling inflation levels remain stickier above central bank targets, supporting price dispersion and hedge fund alpha opportunities across asset classes
- 2. Potential shift in central bank posture and cross-asset correlations may support more directional strategies.
- 3. We anticipate a structurally different regime in terms of inflation, interest rates, volatility and dispersion, as well as alpha opportunities over the medium term.

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