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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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- 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.
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- 2. Companies are increasingly seeking junior capital solutions to manage interest expenses and boost cash flow.
- 3. We anticipate ongoing support for private credit through increased private equity activity.

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KEY POINTS

- 1. We believe value creation through operational enhancements will be crucial to drive EBITDA and profitability.
- 2. The higher cost of debt is clearly a headwind for private equity (PE), but is not insurmountable.
- 3. In our view, companies in the middle market may be afforded a wider variety of exit opportunities .

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