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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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2. Value vs. Growth's dominance in election years also correlates with U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) growth and detraction.
3. Incumbent candidates and parties keen to win reelection seek to make voters feel financially secure when heading to the polls.

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1. While inventory destocking has been deep and painful, we believe the slate is now clean for companies in sectors that have been beaten down due to this phenomenon. We also continue to closely watch what we term the GLP-1 (or weight-loss drug) reversion trade — our assumption being that consumer goods companies will still have a place when the dust settles.
2. We're focusing on company-specific opportunities within the industrials, basic materials, semiconductors, consumer and utilities sectors.
3. We believe rates will be higher for longer, and a balanced approach among equity allocations will be key in this regime where risk has a price.

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By: Aaron Dunn, CFA | & Bradley Galko, CFA | October 31, 2023

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1. On a three-year annualized basis, value is outperforming growth by over 3%.
2. Seeking out undervalued securities has continuously paid off for the past century.
3. We look beyond how the "Magnificent Seven" have lived up to their name this year.

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