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Forward Thinking: How Global Inflationary Trends Fuel Opportunity for Investors

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Higher Volatility in 2024 May Present Attractive Entry Points for High Yield Bonds

KEY POINTS

 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.
 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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Where's the Trickle Down? Gender Diversity in Corporate Pipeline Lags the Boardroom

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

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By: Paul Psaila | February 5, 2024

KEY POINTS

 A year into President Lula's term, the political and economic situation in Brazil is better than many had expected.
 The economy will likely grow more than expected as interest rates continue to fall.
 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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2024 Outlook: Emerging Markets Equities

By: Jitania Kandhari | December 15, 2023

Increased Heterogeneity in Economies and Markets

KEY POINTS

1. Increasing dispersion of returns in emerging markets (EM) countries enhances the appeal of active management.

2. We are taking active positions in countries and stocks based on our high-conviction views.

3. Growth, inflation and interest rates will remain important variables across different countries in 2024, as will elections as several countries go to the polls.

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