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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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- [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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By: Jitania Kandhari | April 15, 2024

KEY POINTS

- 1. The 60/40 portfolio experienced a rollercoaster ride, down 17.5% in 2022 and up 17.2% in 2023. <sup>1</sup>
- 2. Whenever U.S. inflation exceeded 2.4%, there was an increase in the median correlation between stock and bond returns.
- 3. Two hundred years of historical analysis suggests there is an 80% probability of positive returns in the two years following a year of negative returns for both stocks and bonds.

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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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