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# Forward Thinking: How Global Inflationary Trends Fuel Opportunity for Investors

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In this issue of Forward Thinking, we guide investors seeking to maximize the return potential amid shifting inflationary trends throughout the world, sharing our insights about how to increase their allocations to both global equities and fixed income.

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#### **KEY POINTS**

- 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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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
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High Quality Stocks Offer Opportunity Amid a Sea of Market Noise and Volatility

- 1. Major equity indexes are at record levels of concentration, skewing index returns. This scenario provides an opportunity for active managers whose portfolios are differentiated from the benchmark to add value over the long term.
- 2. Inflation, interest rates, the Fed's balance sheet, credit issues and corporate earnings add to the sea of noise and volatility in the marketplace. Moreover, macro uncertainty is heightened by geopolitical wars.
- 3. We believe high quality 1 companies with proven pricing power, leadership in secularly growing markets, and disciplined expense management are well positioned to navigate these volatile environments.

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