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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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corporate ranks and the progress
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Legislations and
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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
  cheap compared to other emerging
  markets with lower inflation and
  rates acting as a tailwind for
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200 Years of Data Affirms Our Long-Term Confidence in the 60/40 Portfolio

By: Jitania Kandhari | April 15, 2024

- 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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