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KEY POINTS

- 1 Major events in 2022 have caused a shakeout in the responsible investment industry that will bring meaningful change into 2023 and beyond.
- 2 Globally, the industry is moving toward more intensive ESG research that establishes clear connectors between corporate behavior and financial outcomes.
- 3 Government ESG disclosure standards established in 2022 will help create a more transparent, consistent framework for security selection and corporate engagement.

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- 2 Growth expectations have been reset and appear to be priced in.
- 3 Opportunities await, even with risks ahead.

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Signals Indicate an Enticing Entry Point for EM Debt

KEY POINTS

- 1 Along with the improving macro, fundamental and technical picture, compelling valuations point to a market reset for EM debt.
- 2 We see a number of attractive opportunities across the universe, particularly in local interest rates and also in corporate spreads.
- 3 Sentiment swings may affect EM assets in 2023, although market pessimism appears to have peaked.

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By: Emerging Markets Debt | September 14, 2022

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