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3. Continued declines in wage and employment growth through 2023 will hurt the consumer.
4. We favor brands and companies that are already anticipating a tougher consumer environment.

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1. We believe there will be improvement in Japanese corporate growth, profitability and financial returns.
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4. Dividends are rising, share buybacks have increased and cross-shareholdings are being unwound.

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By: EV Forward | December 29, 2022

We Continue to Find Value in Quality Cyclical

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- 1 We believe quality cyclical stocks, which have been outperforming the S&P 500, will continue to offer opportunity in 2023.
- 2 In our view, industrials, financials, basic materials, consumer discretionary and aerospace offer the most opportunities.
- 3 We are observing China's reopening, how the world reacts to energy security and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, and the shifting dynamics of global consumer health.

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By: *Manas Gautam* | December 15, 2022

This Too Shall Pass

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- 1 While macro factors may be driving performance over the short-term, we continue to be focused on the fundamentals of our portfolio companies and their long-term compounding potential.
- 2 In our view, equities will likely outperform over the long term because they provide ownership in the creativity, ingenuity and productivity of hundreds of thousands of talented workers.
- 3 We believe a higher cost of capital will lead to fewer market entrants and less competition, which should benefit companies that have already established valuable businesses and brands.

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- 1 Companies with pricing power and recurring revenues that can grow their earnings steadily in real terms across cycles are likely to outearn the market.
- 2 The sharp compression in the valuation of higher-growth stocks has provided the opportunity to add some new names to the portfolio.
- 3 High-quality compounders with recurring revenues and pricing power should protect revenues and margins in a downturn.

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