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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 quality¹ 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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