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3. Renewed focus on innovation and investment behind brands is welcome.
4. Greater resilience is seen from companies with sustainable business models.

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By: *Aaron Dunn, CFA* | & *Bradley Galko, CFA* | *August 21, 2023*

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1. We believe life science tools offer an attractive investment emerging from the COVID bubble.
2. In our view, there are many reasons that the sub-sector may experience positive long-term growth.
3. Bottom-up selectivity may identify leading companies unappreciated within the sub-sector.

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1. We believe peak work from home is behind us, and that the pendulum has begun to swing.
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1. We believe consumer spending will remain solid over the next quarter.
2. The current savings rate is at the lowest recorded level since 2005.<sup>1</sup>
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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By: Christopher M. Dyer, CFA | & Ian Kirwan | April 12, 2023

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1. We believe there will be improvement in Japanese corporate growth, profitability and financial returns.
2. Cash abounds in Japan, while U.S. and European stock markets have been rocked by the banking crisis.
3. Re-opening China and lifting COVID-19 restrictions provide a helpful boost for Japan.
4. Dividends are rising, share buybacks have increased and cross-shareholdings are being unwound.



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