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A decade of extremely low interest rates followed by the Federal Reserve's aggressive policy normalization created a challenging environment for bond investors over the last two years. We see the environment for fixed income improving greatly from here for these reasons:

KEY POINTS

- 1. **Income:** Starting yields are near post-financial crisis highs and have been a reliable indicator of future returns.
- 2. **Total Return:** The Fed has signaled a pivot from its restrictive stance, which has historically been a compelling time to increase duration in fixed income allocations.
- 3. **Diversification:** Correlations between bonds and risk assets should normalize as the Fed cuts interest rates.

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