

El Niño – Macro, market and policy impacts

Cyclical warming meets structural global heating

How will the combination of El Niño and human-driven global warming affect commodities and economic performance over the short and long term?

El Niño analysis



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El Niño risks concentrated in EMs

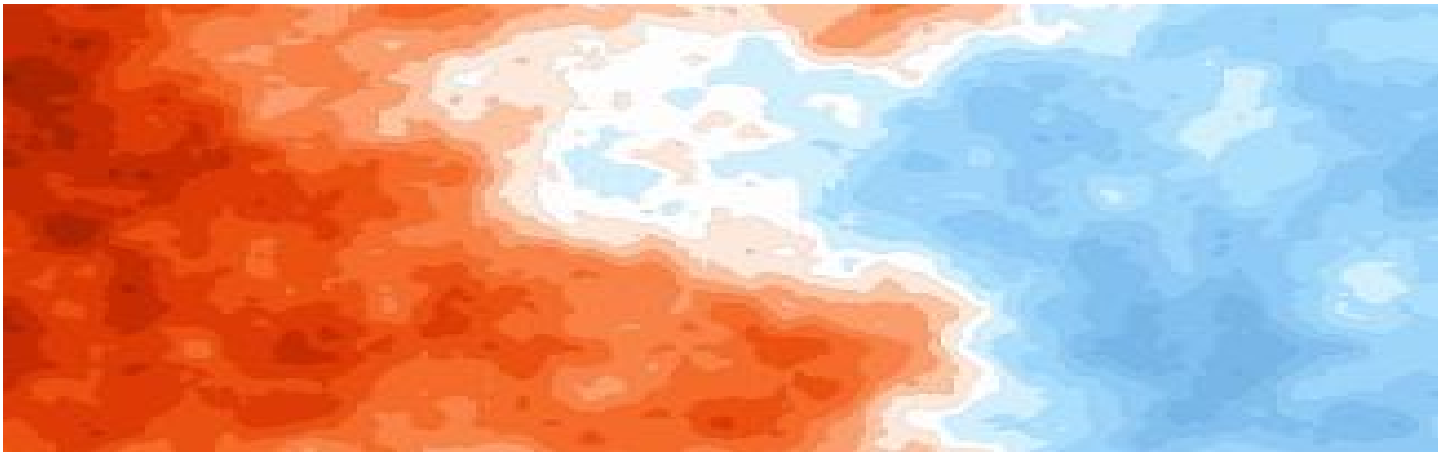
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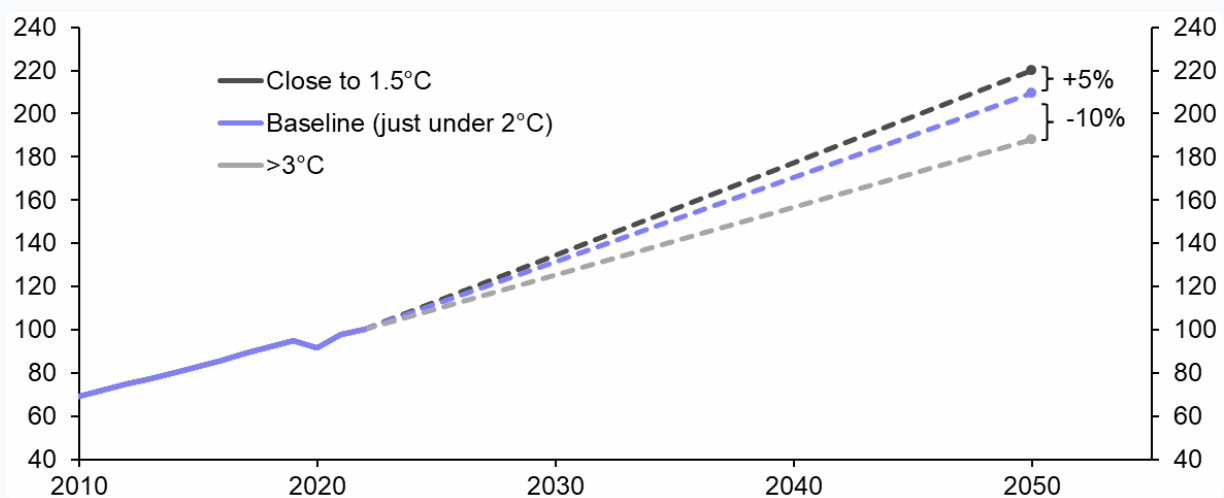


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