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Global mega trends for the next decade Three trends to watch

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Three mega trends for the next decade

- 1. Why inflation is here to stay
- 2. Why green transition won't go away
- 3. ChatGPT/ai: nirvana or doomsday?



1. Why inflation is here to stay

Geopolitics: US and EU prioritizing resilience over efficiency

- Means built-in spare capacity, extra supplies, 'redundancy'
- Energy independence
- These cost money. Natural gas in 2022 was extreme example
- Geopolitics: onshoring is back
 - No China for tech, no Russia for gas
 - Onshoring = pensions, labour rights, more expensive labour
 - Might not reach 10%, but will be higher than 2020-2022



2. Why the green transition won't go away

- Litigation risk: No one wants to be sued for billions
 - Means insurers are demanding climate mitigation
 - Means green is here to stay regardless of elections
- > Central banks: major shift in priorities
 - ECB heading towards 'green-only' corporate/sovereign debt
 - Banks: how green is your tourism/delivery business?
 - Major impact on every single lending decision



3. ChatGPT/ai: nirvarna or doomsday?

Winners/losers

- Social stability in the West: angry young men?
- Social stability in Asian "labour exporters" (eg India, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Nepal, Vietnam)
- Social instability=political instability=security instability=bad for investment
- Bad actors/good actors
 - We are likely to be chasing "the bolted horse"



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