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Francisco Velasco, CFA, has 20 years of experience in Emerging Markets. He is a member of the sales and trading team at Comafi, an Argentine financial group, with clients in the Americas and Europe.

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Prior to joining BlueBay, Graham spent three years as Chief Strategist at Insparo Asset Management, having previously worked at JPMorgan Chase for 12 years in a variety of sell-side research roles in New York and London.

Graham’s professional engagement with emerging markets started in 1992, when he took up a post as economist with the government of Papua New Guinea and developed further with three years at the Economist Intelligence Unit before joining JPMorgan Chase in 1998. Since 2020, Graham has been co-chair of the Investor Policy Dialogue on Deforestation.

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