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Dr. Kara is a former chief economist (2012-2019) and director of research and monetary policy department (2008-2012) at the Central Bank of Turkey. He holds a Ph.D. degree from New York University, M.A. from Bilkent University, and B.S. degree from METU. He played a leading role in the analysis, design, communication, and implementation of monetary and macroprudential policies in Turkey between 2003 and 2020.

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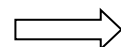
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