

New Economic Reality: Navigating High Interest Rates

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HIGHER FOR LONGER

An era of largely loose monetary policy is giving way to higher-for-longer interest rates

US monetary policy plays central role in higher-for-longer global interest rate environment

Numerous inflation risks could lead to an even more extended higher for longer

BUSINESS AND CONSUMER IMPACTS

Businesses face slowing economies in 2024 in view of elevated borrowing costs

Consumers suffer from increased debt payments and economic uncertainty

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Navigating increased borrowing costs high on business agenda in 2024-2025

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Companies focus on freeing up cash and keeping costs in check...

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