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Monica Defend is the Head of Global Asset Allocation Research with Pioneer Investments in Italy. She has been working in the investments industry since 1997.

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