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Kartik B. Athreya has served in economic research leadership roles for over 10 years and has over two decades of experience as an economist within the Federal Reserve System. In November 2023, he was named director of research and head of the Research and Statistics Group of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which he will join in February 2024.

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