

Michelle Meyer Joins BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research as Senior U.S. Economist

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BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research today announced that Michelle Meyer has joined the Developed Markets Economics Research team as senior U.S. economist. In this role, Meyer will focus on driving the group's housing industry forecasts and supporting the rates and currencies trading desk. She reports to Ethan Harris, head of Developed Markets Economics Research.

Meyer joins BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research from Barclays Capital, where she was a senior U.S. economist. In this position, she was both a trading desk and research economist, reporting directly to the chief U.S. economist. Prior to that, she served as a U.S. economist at Lehman Brothers for over three years. Meyer earned a B.A. and an M.A. with honors, both in economics, from Boston University.

"I'm pleased to welcome Michelle to our team," said Harris. "Her expertise in researching the housing market, along with her ability to analyze macroeconomic indicators and fiscal policy issues, will be a valuable asset to our clients."

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