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Bob is Deputy Chief Economist. He is responsible for forecasting and analyzing economic indicators as well as writing economic commentaries.

Prior to joining First Trust, Bob was Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy at the U.S. Treasury Department. While there, Bob was responsible for briefing the Secretary of the Treasury on U.S. macroeconomic developments and formulating policy proposals. Day to day, he was responsible for leading a team of twenty economists conducting in-depth economic analysis and research.

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Bob received a BA in both Economics and Government from Georgetown University. He is also a CFA Charter holder.

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