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who use the financial data published by GCC central banks can use our indexes and findings to examine the interactions among the relevant macro-economic variables. - -
