

Fed rate action commentary from Swiss Re's chief US economist

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Following today's Federal Reserve Bank interest rate cut of 25 basis points, Swiss Re's chief US economist, Kurt Karl said, "Chairman Greenspan is steering clear of the perfect storm to negotiate the perfect docking. Instead of the usual 50-point cut, he has provided a 25-point cut, sufficient for now to help ease the economy into a safe harbor."

Karl added, "Although looming on the horizon are the dark clouds of falling employment numbers, the silver linings are moderate inflation and rising consumer expectations of a pick-up in the economy."

Advisory: Mr. Karl is available for interviews with reporters and editors to elaborate on his comments:

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