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In this edition, we have assembled a collection of high-quality papers that reflect the diversity and complexity of the global economy. The papers cover a range of topics, including economic growth and development, financial markets and institutions, poverty and inequality, and sustainable development. The author(s) included a brief profile of their institutional affiliation and status, the title of the paper, abstract, introduction, statement of the problem, review of related literature, method of investigation, discussion of findings and recommendations.

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We hope that this edition of the AEFUNAI Journal of Economics, Finance and Development Studies will provide valuable insights and perspectives to scholars, policymakers, and practitioners, including our reading communities. We look forward to continuing to publish high-quality research in future editions of the journal.

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