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He is the lead author of the World Economic Forum's groundbreaking "Future of Financial Services" report which charted a taxonomy of fintech innovation, and their more recent publication "Beyond Fintech" which explores the potential risks large technology firms pose to incumbent financial institutions. He has also lead the Forum's work exploring the potential impacts of blockchain ("The Future of Financial Infrastructure") and digital identity ("A Blueprint for Digital Identity") on the financial system.

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