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Fiona Boal is Head of Commodities and Real Assets at S&P Dow Jones Indices. She is responsible for the product management of the commodities, real asset, and housing price indices, including the S&P GSCI, Dow Jones Commodity Index (DJCI), S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller Home Price Indices, and S&P Real Assets Indices. These indices are leading measures of the commodities market, U.S. residential real estate prices, and composite real assets.

Prior to joining S&P DJI, Fiona worked as Director and Portfolio Manager at Fulcrum Asset Management, where she gained a wealth of experience in proprietary research and investment management, as well as specialist knowledge of energy, agriculture, soft, and livestock commodity markets. Previously, she worked as Associate Director of Commodities at Hermes Investment Management, Director of Commodity Research at Argonaut Capital Management, Vice President and Director of Investments at Harbert Strategic Commodities, and Executive Director of Food & Agribusiness Research at Rabobank International.

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