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—Edwige Cheynel, Associate Professor of Accounting

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• Cui, J.* and Martin, X. Your Face Tells All: CEO Facial Expressions and Stock Market Reaction.
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