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Working Papers:
- Martin, X., Seo, H.*, Yang, J., Compensation Committee Meeting and Management Earnings Guidance.

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