**Abstract**

- Will there be a recession and what are the key factors to watch?
- What are the prospects for trade, industry and energy segments?

CME is pleased to bring two chief economists to provide valuable insights on the economy, trade issues and consumer trends. Dr. Kevin Swift will share his expert outlook on the major economic trends that will shape the North American chemical industry. He monitors the business of chemistry which is the building block for everything around us, supporting almost 25 percent of the US GDP. It is vital to continued job creation in manufacturing.

Kathy Bostjancic, the U.S. Chief Financial Economist at Oxford Economics, will provide assessments of macroeconomic forecasts and analyses on the financial markets, present the economic outlook and market implications to U.S. asset managers and strategists, and cover the evolving economic issues and growth opportunities. We look forward to learning the two expert views on the economy.

**Biography**

**Dr. T. Kevin Swift** is the Chief Economist at the American Chemistry Council (ACC) in Washington, DC, where he is responsible for economic and other analyses dealing with markets, raw materials, trade, tax, energy, and competition and innovation, as well as monitoring business conditions and identifying emerging trends for the domestic and global chemical sector. Dr. Swift started his career at Dow Chemical. Dr. Swift is vice president of the National Association for Business Economics (NABE) and is a member of NABE’s panel of 40 forecasters and The Wall Street Journal Forecasters Survey panel. He holds a PhD in business administration from Anglia Polytechnic, BA from Ashland University and MA in Economics from Case Western Reserve University.

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