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The Deutsche Bank Prize in Financial Economics will be awarded for the second time on October 4, 2007. In addition to the CFS Directors Jan-Pieter Krahnen and Volker Wieland (both Frankfurt University), the Jury will once again comprise top-class international financial experts from the fields of both research and practice. Thus, for example, Otmar Issing, who became President of the ECB at the end of June 2006, will be lending his services for the first time as a Jury member. The ECB is to be represented by Lucrezia Reichlin, and for the second time running, Chief Economist Norbert Walter will be a member of the Jury on behalf of Deutsche Bank AG. The Jury will be completed by further renowned professors: Michalis Haliassos and Gunther H. Schmidt (both Frankfurt University), Günter Faure (University of Constance) and Lars E.O. Svensson (Princeton University). Last but not least, Patrick Lane, Finance Editor of The Economist, will represent the media.

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