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As principal U.S. economist for Visa Inc., Michael Brown is responsible for overseeing Visa's analysis and forecasting of the U.S. economy. Through leveraging economic and payment industry data, Michael translates complex economic concepts into actionable business intelligence for company and client executives, as well as government leaders.

Before joining Visa in 2018, Michael was a vice president and economist for the Wells Fargo Economics Group where he was responsible for coordinating the team's U.S. macroeconomic forecast and presenting the team's U.S. economic outlook. While at Wells Fargo his research was featured on several radio and TV programs and in the print media. From 2008 to 2010 he served as an economist and legislative analyst for the Arkansas General Assembly where he provided economic and policy research to the members of the General Assembly. Michael has also served as a member of the Regional Advisory Committee for the South Carolina Board of Economic Advisors.

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