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A decade on from the 2008 global financial crisis, policymakers constantly assure us that the system is much safer today. The giant banks at the core of the meltdown have scaled back their risky bets, and everyone—investors, consumers, and central banks—is acutely aware of that.

Unfortunately, policymakers have been trying to induce the next crisis by over-investing in what is at the best an average or mediocre low-interest rate policy. The good news is that key central banks still, by and large, have the choice between living with a low interest rate environment or taking proper monetary action to boost the economy.

However, central bankers have warned that a third global financial crisis could be at our doorstep if central banks do not start to prepare for it right now. By now, everyone has accepted that a low-interest rate policy is not sustainable and, in the future, a strong, robust economy will result from having a low interest rate environment.