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The Institute’s research focuses on the problems that prevent the Israeli economy from reaching its full potential. The Institute’s main goal is to offer practical solutions for such problems.

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