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Otmar Issing is a world-renowned German economist. He is President of the Center for Financial Studies since 2006, and one of Europe's most influential central bankers of the last 20 years. He was one of the principal architects of the common European currency, and as the former Chief Economist and Member of the Board of the European Central Bank (ECB) 1998-2006, he developed the "two pillar" approach to monetary policy decision-making that the ECB has adopted.

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