Here's What Changed in The New Fed Announcement

~~Although swings in net exports continue to affect the data, recent~~Recent indicators suggest that growth of economic activity moderated in the first half of the year. ~~The~~Job gains have slowed, and the unemployment rate has edged up but remains ~~low, and labor market conditions remain solid.~~low. Inflation has moved up and remains somewhat elevated.

The Committee seeks to achieve maximum employment and inflation at the rate of 2 percent over the longer run. Uncertainty about the economic outlook remains elevated. The Committee is attentive to the risks to both sides of its dual ~~mandate.~~mandate and judges that downside risks to employment have risen.

In support of its ~~goals,~~goals and in light of the shift in the balance of risks, the Committee decided ~~to maintain the~~to lower the target range for the federal funds rate ~~at 4-1/4~~by 1/4 percentage point to ~~4-1/2~~4 to 4l1/4 percent. In considering ~~the extent and timing of~~ additional adjustments to the target range for the federal funds rate, the Committee will carefully assess incoming data, the evolving outlook, and the balance of risks. The Committee will continue reducing its holdings of Treasury securities and agency debt and agency mortgagelbacked securities. The Committee is strongly committed to supporting maximum employment and returning inflation to its 2 percent objective.

In assessing the appropriate stance of monetary policy, the Committee will continue to monitor the implications of incoming information for the economic outlook. The Committee would be prepared to adjust the stance of monetary policy as appropriate if risks emerge that could impede the attainment of the Committee's goals. The Committee's assessments will take into account a wide range of information, including readings on labor market conditions, inflation pressures and inflation expectations, and financial and international developments.

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