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Richard O'Brien is a leading global futurist, pioneering international economist and co-founder of Outsights, a strategic consultancy specialising in the future. Richard has more than 35 years' experience in forecasting and futures, including 21 years in international banking with Rothschilds and as chief economist and executive director of American Express Bank, advising the World Bank, the Group of 30 and running the Global Forum in Singapore with the Senior Minister and financial leaders from Asia, Europe and the US.

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