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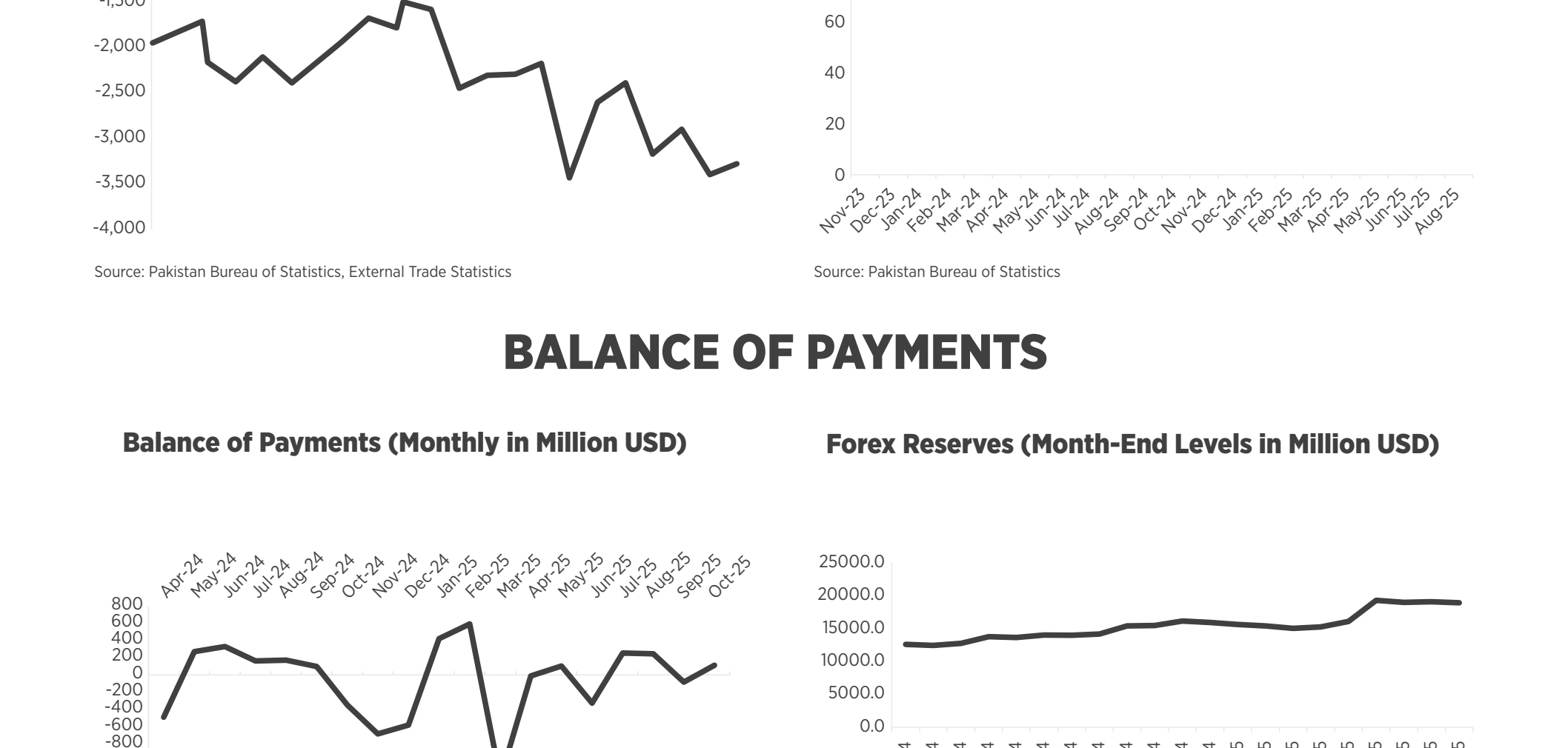
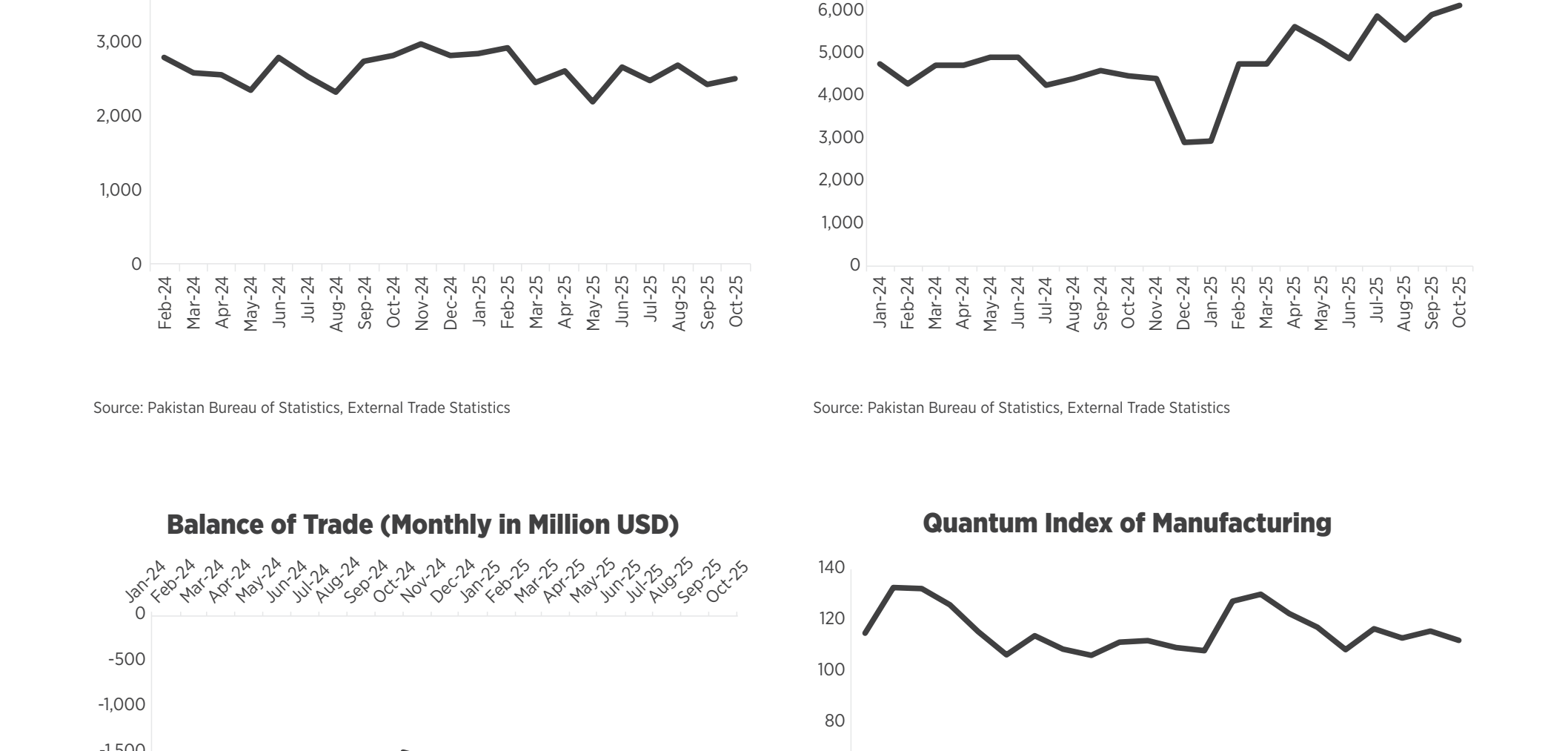
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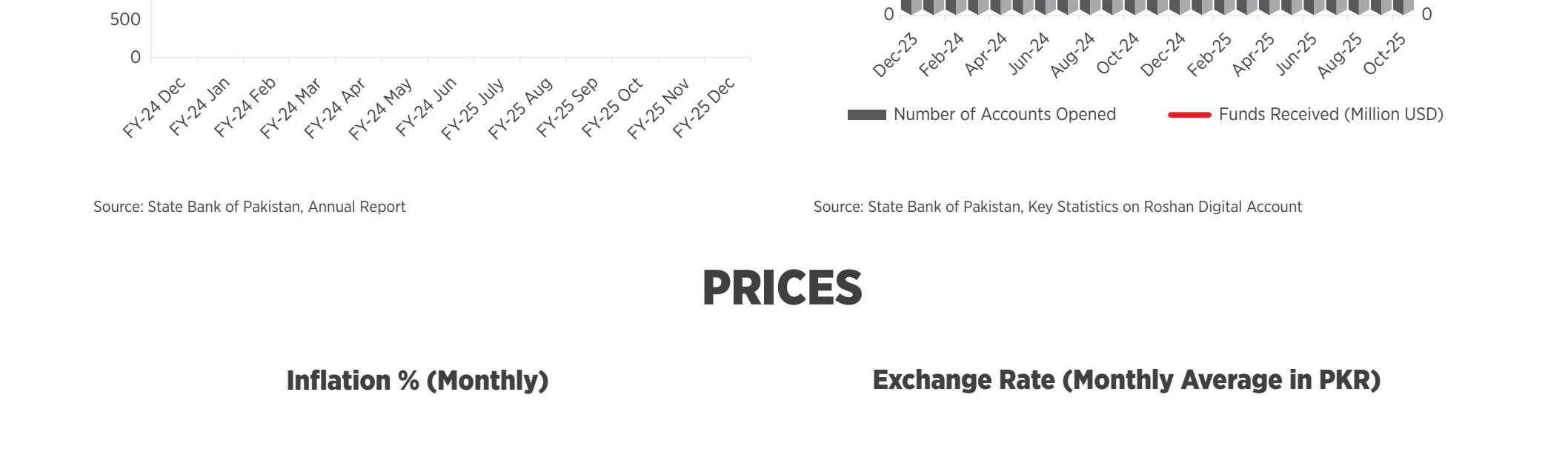
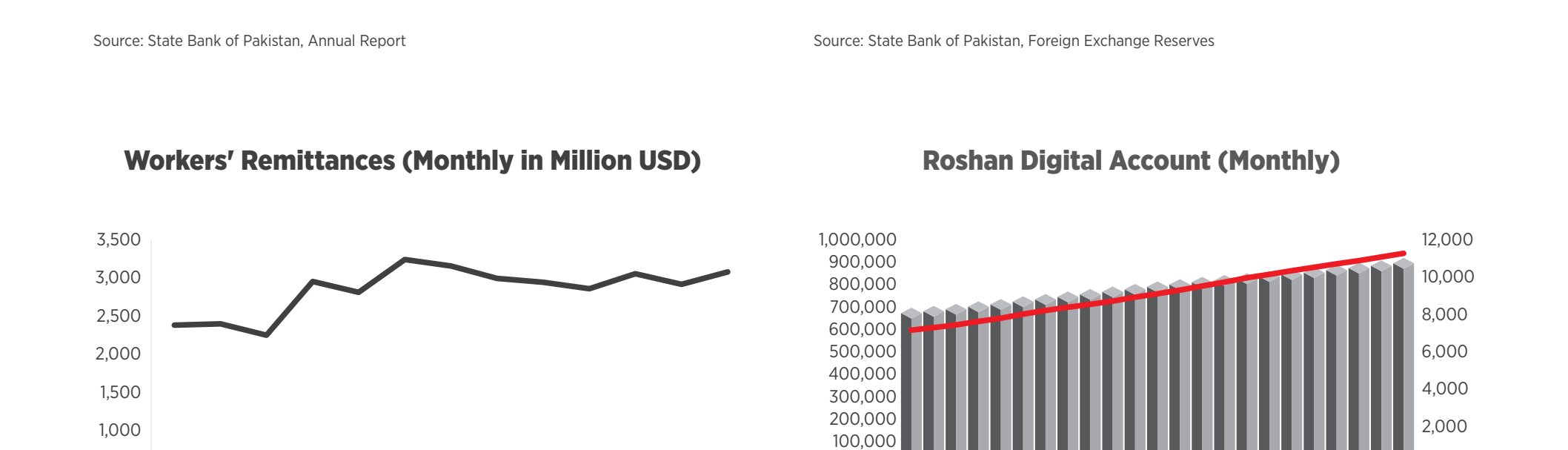
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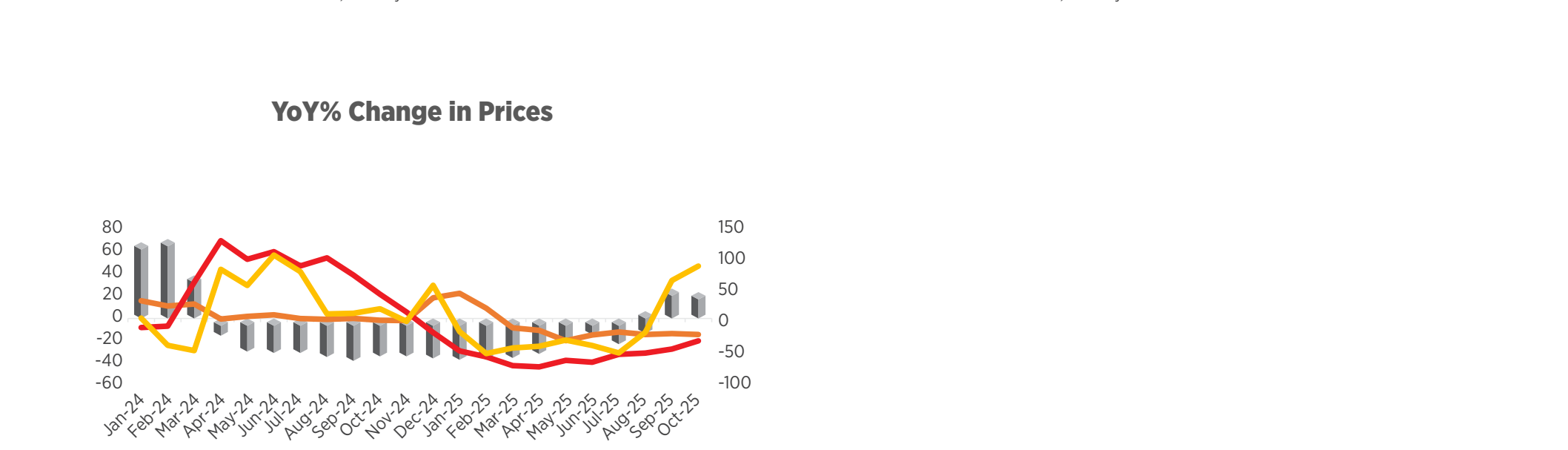
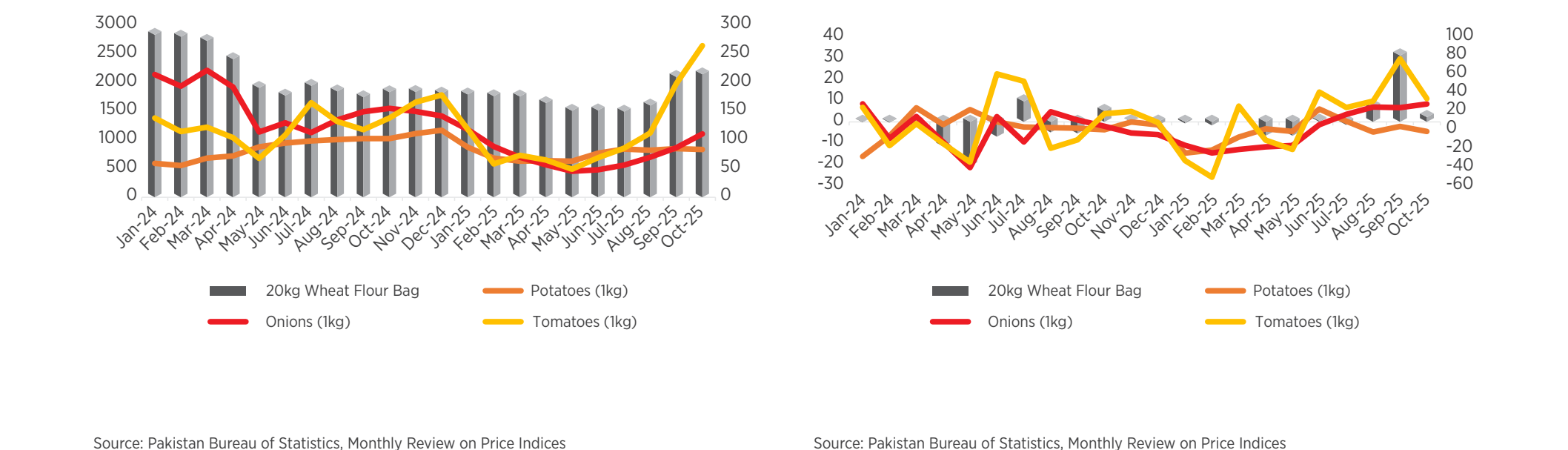
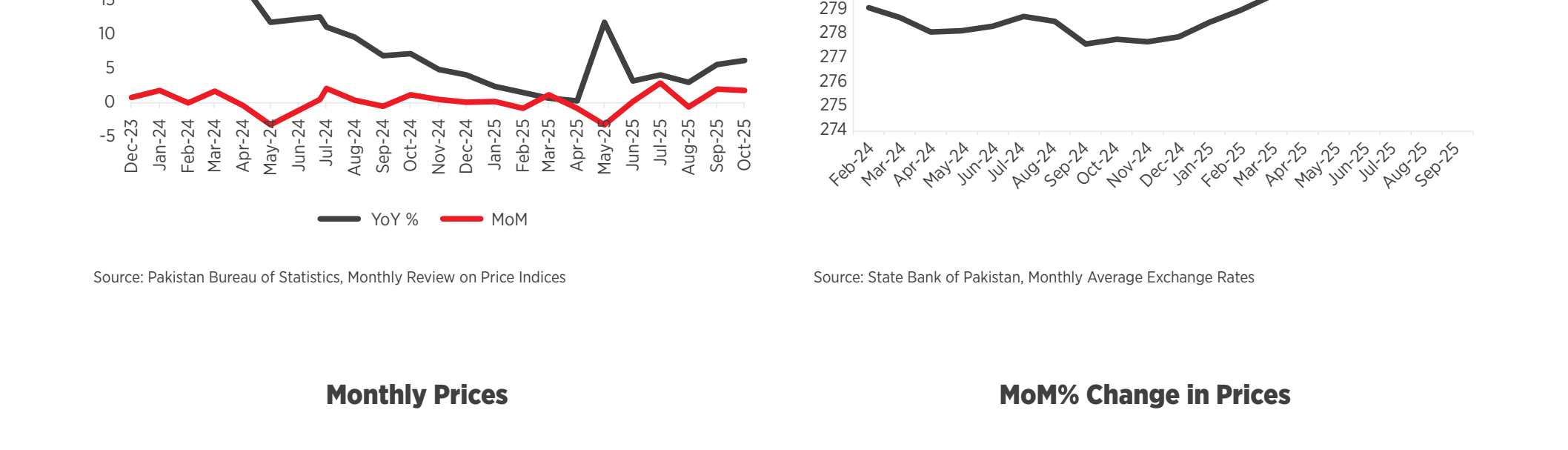
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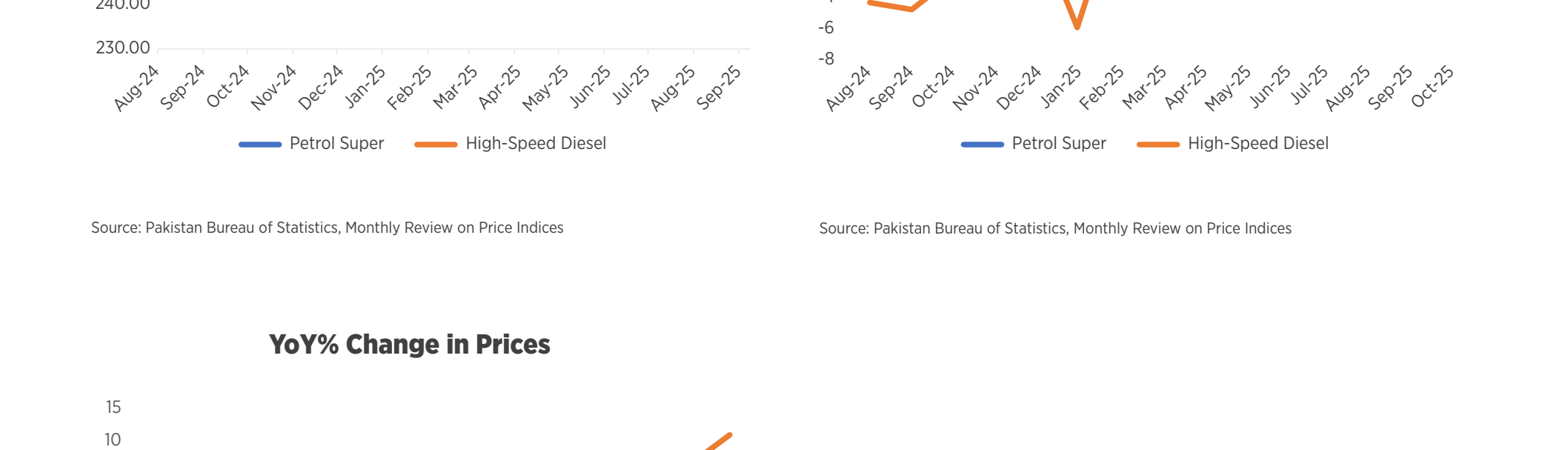
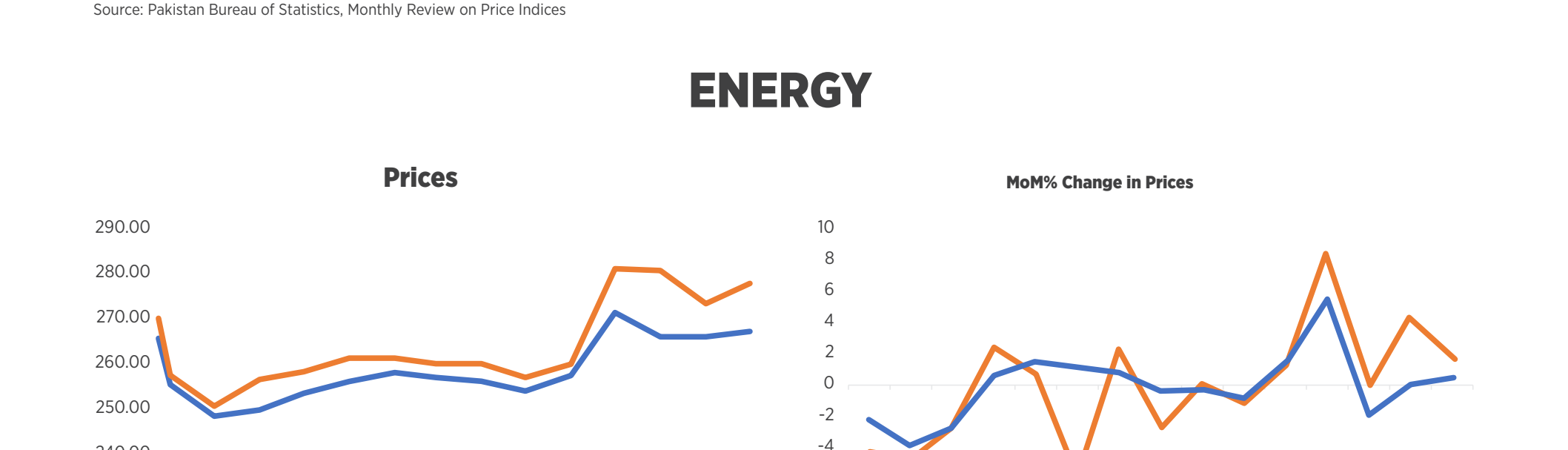
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INSIGHTS FOR CHANGE

CDPR's and IGC's 'Insights for Change' series analyses of Pakistan's climate implementation failures stem from a constitutional trap, where federal climate commitments are being made for provincial subjects. This IGC's study by Hanna Ahmed, Zunia Saif Tirmazee and Ruoxuan Wu finds that offering lower initial wages helps attract employers, especially when workers receive feedback about their performance, with high performers benefiting the most from this strategy.

The article is authored by International Climate Finance Expert, Ali Tauqueer Sheikh.

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POLICY ANALYSIS

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Many inexperienced online freelancers from lower-income countries struggle to secure jobs due to limited visibility and unknown skills. This IGC's study by Hanna Ahmed, Zunia Saif Tirmazee and Ruoxuan Wu finds that offering lower initial wages helps attract employers, especially when workers receive feedback about their performance, with high performers benefiting the most from this strategy.

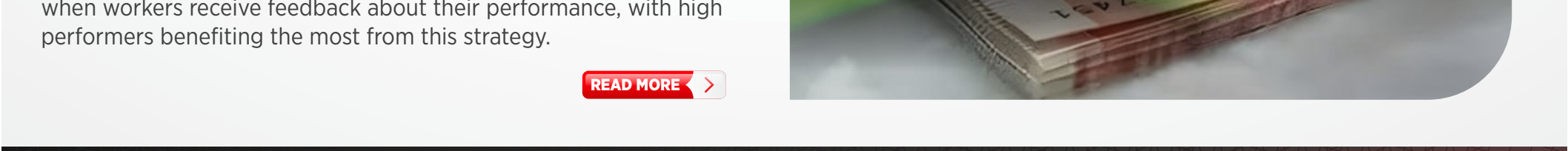
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What can history teach us about Pakistan's current economic dilemmas and its future? In this episode, Ayesha Jalal joins Ijaz Nabi to reflect on the country's enduring political and economic challenges. The conversation reflects on Jinnah's constitutional vision, the fractured nature of Pakistan's federal politics, the recurring cycles of aid inflows during military regimes and the missed opportunities for building sustainable growth through trade and taxation.



DR. IJAZ NABI

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AYESHA JALAL

EVENTS

Access, Resilience, and Sustainability: Pathways to Food Security in Pakistan

In collaboration with Rizo, Chaudhry Nazar Muhammad Department of Economics and the Mahbub ul Haq Research Centre, CDPR hosted a collaborative workshop about Pathways to Food Security in Pakistan on 7 November at LUMS. Pakistan's frequent food-related shocks from climate disasters to price spikes and supply chain disruptions expose the fragility of our food.

The workshop explored how Pakistan can build food systems that are resilient and sustainable, engaging with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – particularly SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption & Production), and SDG 13 (Climate Action) – on responsible production and consumption and climate action.

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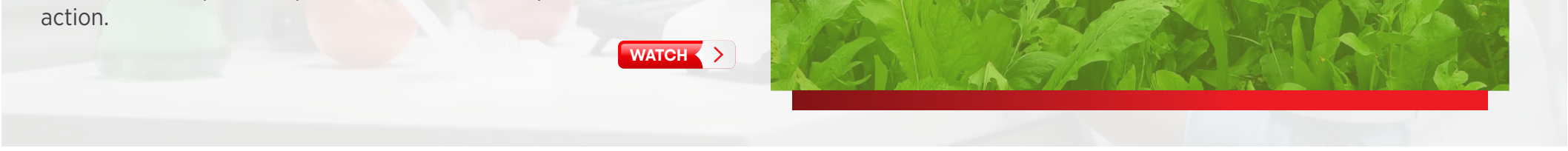
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