



Issues and Insights

In this issue: Retail buying stays strong, a look at the chances for avoiding recession, strengthening your resilience, and the wisdom of using AI to run your security.

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Consumers: Discerning but not defeated

Retail sales surged 1.0% in July, driven by a rebound in vehicle sales. Big box discounters also benefited, as did groceries. KPMG Chief US Economist Diane Swonk provides a concise overview of the retail picture in this month's report.
[Discerning consumers are still shopping \(kpmg.com\)](#)



Can the economy stick a soft landing?

The jury is still out. Soft landings are much like Olympic victories—they are easier to read about in record books than to accomplish. Still, signs suggest the economy might pull it off.
[An Olympic challenge: Prospects for a soft landing vs. a recession \(kpmg.com\)](#)



How to fight disruptions before they happen

During an IT outage, cyber-attack, or any significant functional disruption, organizations must focus on restoring critical operations in minutes and hours, not days and weeks. Here's how to do it.
[Be organizationally and operationally resilient when—and where—it matters \(kpmg.com\)](#)



AI: The new cop on your beat

AI is seen as a “game changer” across virtually every key security function, from fraud protection and identifying anomalies to perimeter monitoring and identity and access management. See how it can protect your company.
[Three ways AI is a game-changer for security operations centers \(kpmg.com\)](#)