

Issues and Insights

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Economic Compass: Did we underestimate the financial risks of global tensions?

What sounds good on the campaign trail may not work in practice. This edition of *Economic Compass* lays out three scenarios that capture the possible impact of the president's key agenda items, and how those shifts could alter the trajectory for inflation and rate cuts by the Federal Reserve. Changes to tariffs and immigration policy are complex and can have unintended consequences.

New year, new agenda: Beware of unintended consequences



CIOs embrace data modernization to propel AI adoption

The move to AI adoption is taking longer than CIOs expected. To move more quickly, they are modernizing systems to provide what AI needs—high quality, diverse data that has been thoroughly documented. See how a focus on data management initiatives and an emphasis on value management help get data right.

From data chaos to clarity: CIOs embrace data modernization



Picking up steam: Q3'24 M&A in TMT

The technology, media, and telecom (TMT) sector demonstrated resilience and growth in the third quarter of 2024, despite a slight dip in deal volume. With the Federal Reserve initiating a rate-cut cycle and a more stable economic outlook, we can expect increased M&A activity in the TMT sector. See the key trends and insights from the third quarter here.

Picking up steam: Q3'24 M&A trends in TMT



The nine critical issues boards must face in 2025

Boards can expect many tests to their oversight and corporate governance processes as the new administration's policy positions—on tax, trade, immigration, and regulation—may have significant effects on the economic, geopolitical, business and risk landscape. In this exclusive report, we highlight the key issues to keep in mind as boards consider and carry out their 2025 agendas.

On the 2025 board agenda



Ready for liftoff: Q3'24 trends in consumer and retail M&A

Despite fewer transactions, a surge in deal value boosts optimism for future M&A as economic conditions improve. With value hiding in every corner of complex deals, don't ignore the trends that are propelling this forward movement.

Ready for liftoff: Q3'24 M&A trends in consumer and retail



Navigating the tariff landscape under the new Trump administration

The upcoming Trump administration is expected to prioritize trade policies and tariffs, with a focus on economic confrontation with China. The European Union and Mexico may also face increased tariffs. See how companies can proactively monitor trade regulations, understand the potential impact of tariffs on their operations, and implement strategies to mitigate the effects of tariffs.

The Tariff Landscape Under The New Trump Administration

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