



University of Phoenix
Thinking ahead.

MBA / GLOBAL MANAGEMENT

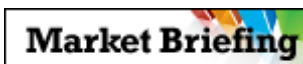
- Foundations of Problem-Based Learning
- Forces Influencing Business In the 21st Century
- Strategies for Competitive Advantage
- Managing the Business Enterprise
- Strategic Implementation and Alignment
- And much more

The Internet home of: **FORTUNE Money** **FORTUNE SMALL BUSINESS**



HOME NEWS MARKETS MY PORTFOLIO TECHNOLOGY JOBS PERSONAL FINANCE LUXU

TRADING CENTER



[Sign Up Now](#)



[Click to use SmartText!](#)



[Trade free :](#)

WEF sees 2008 as year with highest political, economic uncertainty in decade

January 09, 2008: 03:23 AM EST

ZURICH, Jan. 9, 2008 (Thomson Financial delivered by Newstex) -- The World Economic Forum's latest report on global risks views this year as one with the highest levels of political and economic uncertainty in a decade, and expresses fears that the current liquidity crunch will spark a recession in the US in the next 12 months.

The so-called Global Risks 2008 report also called for new thinking to deal with the emerging issue of systemic financial risk.

Over the last two decades, financial markets have undergone a revolution driven by key elements such as deregulation and financial innovation.

While these developments have increased the financial system's capacity to assume and distribute risk, the current financial market turmoil has shown that the measures are only effective in normal market conditions.

'The complexity and near infinite feedback loops of the modern financial system have exposed it to a small risk of very large systemic shocks...

'Hence, we may be facing a paradox: while the financial system has been made more efficient and stable in normal times, it is now also more prone to excessive instability in really bad times,' it noted.

'New thinking may be urgently required,' added the report.

It called for increased public and private collaboration on stress testing, liquidity management, risk assessment and prevention to address what it describes as the fragmentation of ownership of global risks.

Other issues highlighted as global risk issues for the year include food security, supply chain vulnerability and energy supply.

The report drew input from over 100 top business leaders, decision-makers, scientists and leading academics, it was published in cooperation with Citigroup (NYSE:C) , Swiss Re, Zurich Financial Services, Marsh & McLennan Cos (NYSE:MMC) and the Wharton School Risk Center.

Copyright Thomson Financial News Limited 2007. All rights reserved.

The copying, republication or redistribution of Thomson Financial News Content, including by framing or similar means, is expressly prohibited without the prior written consent of Thomson Financial News.

Newstex ID: AFX-0013-22125111



Sponsored Links

Refinance Rates at 5.0%Fixed

\$300,000 mortgage for \$899/mo. No credit checks - Get 4 FREE quotes!
www.lendgo.com

Why Mortgage Refi is Hot:

Refi to a 30-yr fixed rate as low as 5.5%*. Estimate your savings.
www.NexTag.com/Mortgages

Auto Insurance Quotes

Save Hundreds In Minutes w/ Fast, No Hassle Auto Ins From The Hartford
AARP.TheHartford.com

Buy a link here

More Markets

[Futures hint at sluggish open](#)

[Tech stocks for tough times](#)

[Gold breaks new ground](#)

The Hot List

[Oil at \\$100? No sweat](#)

[Fortune 500: 10 biggest winners](#)

[Retire Rich: Learn from someone who did](#)

- [Home](#) • [Portfolio](#) • [Calculators](#) • [Contact us](#) • [Newsletters](#) • [Podcasts](#) • [RSS](#) • [Mobile](#) • [Press Center](#) • [Site Map](#)
- [Advertise with Us](#) • [Magazine Customer Service](#) • [Download Fortune Lists](#) • [Reprints](#)
- [Career Opportunities](#) • [Special Sections](#) • [Conferences](#) • [Business Leader Council](#)

* : Time reflects local markets trading time. † - Intraday data delayed 15 minutes for Nasdaq, and 20 minutes for other exchan

© 2008 Cable News Network. A Time Warner Company ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.
• [TERMS](#) UNDER WHICH THIS SERVICE IS PROVIDED TO YOU. • [PRIVACY POLICY](#)