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RMA Risk Watch:

Notes and Resources on Today's Top and Emerging Risks

Risk Watch makes it easy to find RMA resources on today's most pressing risks. Scan Risk Watch for informative and practical articles, papers, and webinars on top and emerging risks—and for RMA events and resources that will help you dig deeper. *All resources marked with an asterisk (*) are of particular interest to community banks.* Please contact your [RMA Relationship Manager](#) if you have questions about any RMA offering.



Top Risks

Interest Rate/Liquidity/ALM Risk

Monitoring interest rate risk is essential, especially in light of recent bank failures and the current high-interest-rate environment. Robust interest rate, liquidity, and asset-liability management programs are critical to ensuring that banks can maneuver through adverse market conditions and continue to operate safely and profitably. RMA resources include:

Articles and Papers

[Assessing the Banking Industry a Year After the SVB Collapse](#)

[Is Wall Street's Favorite Recession Indicator Striking Out?](#)

[Regional Bank Earnings Show Cracks*](#)

[How the SVB Collapse Threw a Spotlight on the Risk of Deposit Concentrations](#)

[Seven Key Themes From the 2024 RMA Community Bank Survey*](#)

[The Increasing Importance of Understanding Deposit Betas](#)

[Thoughts on Managing Deposit Stability](#)

On-Demand Webcasts

[The 11th Annual RMA Community Bank Survey: Top 10 Takeaways*](#)

[Bank Risk Management in the Age of Disruption](#)

Upcoming Events

A comprehensive list of RMA events and courses is available at our [Event Calendar](#).

Cyber Risk

With the rise of digital banking come more sophisticated cyber threats and the potential for significant business disruptions. Banks must be proactive in implementing a comprehensive cyber risk management program to protect their assets, customers, and reputation. RMA resources include:

Articles and Papers

[Geopolitical Risk a Wildcard as CROs Focus on Regulation, Technology Risk, and Other Key Concerns](#)

[Bank Training Evolving To Match New Workforce Trends](#)

[The Downside of Digitization](#)

[The RMA Cyber Insurance Checklist](#)

[RMA Guidelines To Prepare for and Respond to a Ransomware Attack](#)

[FBI Tips To Help Community Banks Tackle Cyber Risk*](#)

[A Holistic Approach to Cyber Preparedness in Banking](#)

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Rising Credit Risk

Credit risk is building in auto and commercial real estate portfolios, as higher car prices and interest rates bring higher payments, remote work continues to cause office space vacancies, and stress builds in multi-family CRE. Student loan delinquencies are spiking too. RMA resources include:

Articles and Papers

[Industry Panel Sees Office Reckoning, Opportunity in Other CRE Segments](#)

[How NPV Helps in Choosing the Best Workout Option for a Distressed Loan](#)

[Pausing To Assess Risk in the Multifamily Construction Boom](#)

[As Insurance Rates Rise, So Does Bank Risk](#)

[Profit's Down on the Farm, but Bank Risk Managers See a Bigger Picture](#)

[THE WORKOUT WINDOW: Razing Some Fed Flags](#)

[Thinking of Reducing Your Bank's Exposure to CRE? Here's a How-To on Portfolio Sales](#)

[Seven Key Themes From the 2024 RMA Community Bank Survey*](#)

[Introducing Our Problem Loan Policy Tool](#)

[What Plummeting Farm Income Means for Banks](#)

On-Demand Webcasts

[The 11th Annual RMA Community Bank Survey: Top 10 Takeaways*](#)

[Understanding and Mitigating the Risks of Subchapter V Bankruptcies](#)

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Compliance Risk

The ever-changing and increasingly stringent regulatory environment makes compliance risk management a top priority. Banks must ensure that they are up to date with the latest standards and mandates or face fines, reputational damage, and other penalties. RMA resources include:

Articles and Papers

[Why Predicting Climate Impact Is a Daunting Task for Banks](#)

[The CFPB's Big Win](#)

[How the Proposed LTD Rule Could Redefine the Debt Landscape](#)

[Generative AI: Balancing Potential and Pitfalls](#)

[Preparing for the Long-Term Debt Rule \(Part I: The Requirements\)](#)

[Issues and Actions Management](#)

[How To Identify Less Discriminatory Lending Alternatives and Why the Search Matters](#)

[Exploring the 'Interconnection of Risks' at GCOR 2024](#)

On-Demand Webcasts

[What The New Long Term Debt Rule Means](#)

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Model Risk

Financial risk models may malfunction, be misused, or become obsolete, leading to flawed conclusions. Increased reliance on models, a lack of diversity in model creation methodologies, and the complexity of model designs compound the problem, making it more important than ever banks that manage this risk effectively. RMA resources include:

Articles and Papers

[Generative AI: Balancing Potential and Pitfalls](#)

[Explainability Challenges Are a Growing Concern for Bank Governance of AI](#)

[How To Identify Less Discriminatory Lending Alternatives and Why the Search Matters](#)

[Welcome to the AI-Suite](#)

[Five Steps To Improve Your Model Risk Management](#)

[The Challenges of Model Risk Management Oversight of Cybersecurity](#)

[Model Risk Management Framework for Medium-Size and Small Banks*](#)

On-Demand Webcast

[AI and Modeling: Building Another Cyber Risk?](#)

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Talent Risk

Talent risk is a critical concern for banks in today's market. Losing key employees can negatively impact work culture, productivity, and financial performance. Strategies such as succession planning, staff training, and retention incentives can mitigate this risk. RMA resources include:

Articles and Papers

[Welcome to the AI-Suite](#)

[Bank Training Evolving To Match New Workforce Trends](#)

[Culture Matters: Strong Performance Depends on Getting Risk and Work Cultures Right](#)

[Talent Development Tips From RMA's Learning & Development Council](#)

[Imagining the Future of Work, Part I of II](#)

[Imagining the Future of Work, Part II of II](#)

[Seven Key Themes From the 2024 RMA Community Bank Survey*](#)

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Geopolitical/Political Risk

Banks must be aware of the potential risks posed by geopolitical and political changes. Global pandemics, trade wars, political instability, and social tensions can all have a significant impact on bank operations, investments, and portfolios. Effective risk management strategies are essential to mitigate these risks and protect against adverse consequences. RMA resources include:

Articles and Papers

[Geopolitical Risk a Wildcard as CROs Focus on Regulation, Technology Risk, and Other Key Concerns](#)

[Mauro Guillén on How Generational, Technological, and Other Trends Are Shaping Banking and the World](#)

[The Board's Role in Navigating Emerging Risks](#)

[How To Manage Risk in an Increasingly Volatile World](#)

[RMA's Emerging Risk Model](#)

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Third-Party Risk

Increasing dependence on third-party relationships exposes financial institutions to new and serious risk and compliance issues. Minimizing exposure to financial, legal, regulatory, operational, and reputational risk that could be introduced by vendors and other third parties is more critical than ever. RMA resources include:

Articles and Papers

[RMA Survey Shows Trends in Third-Party Nonvendor Risk Management](#)

[Third-Party Relationship Definitions and Non-Vendor Categories](#)

[Exploring the ‘Interconnection of Risks’ at GCOR 2024](#)

[Third-Party Concentration Risk](#)

[2023 RMA Third-Party Non-Vendor Risk Management Survey](#)

RMA Book

[Third-Party Risk Management: Driving Enterprise Value](#)

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Innovation Risk

Banks use technology for everything from consumer banking to spotting fraud. At the same time, new technologies and other disruptions bring a host of operational, commercial, reputation, and other risks. RMA resources include:

Articles and Papers

[A FedNow Service Update for Community Banks*](#)

[Bank Training Evolving To Match New Workforce Trends](#)

[Assessing the Banking Industry a Year After the SVB Collapse](#)

[You Robot? How to Defeat a Deepfake](#)

[The Downside of Digitization](#)

[Generative AI: Balancing Potential and Pitfalls](#)

[AI's Explainability Problem Explained](#)

[The Risks and Rewards of Providing Banking as a Service*](#)

[Quantum Computing Is a Boardroom Priority](#)

On-Demand Webcast

[Bank Risk Management in the Age of Disruption](#)

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Emerging Risks

Climate/ESG Risk

Climate Risk

Higher temperatures and extreme weather events—and measures taken to adapt to them—represent growing risk for banks. From the impact of rising sea levels on coastal real estate to shifts in the products people buy and how they live, banks are working to understand how physical and transition risks will affect their portfolios. RMA resources include:

Articles and Papers

[As Insurance Rates Rise, So Does Bank Risk](#)

[Why Predicting Climate Impact Is a Daunting Task for Banks](#)

[Preparing for and Responding to Disaster](#)

[Solar Power's Star Is Rising, but Beware the Risks](#)

[Operationalize Your Climate Risk Framework*](#)

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ESG Risk

ESG risks can include climate-related issues but also encompass other risks related to the environment, social equity, and governance. Through ESG strategies, banks pursue ways to have a more positive impact on society and the world around them. How a bank addresses ESG can also be related to reputation risk. RMA resources include:

Articles and Papers

[Managing ESG Risk, Now and Into the Future](#)

[Bumps on the Important ESG Path](#)

[Audit Teams Ramp Up Reporting on ESG](#)

[How To Approach Your Institution's ESG Journey](#)

[Advancing DEI in the Workplace and the Industry](#)

[Integrating ESG Considerations Into Securities Lending](#)

On-Demand Webcasts

[Embedding ESG Into ERM and the Three Lines of Defense](#)

[ESG Series: Governance and Regulation](#)

[ESG Series: Forging New Roles and Responsibilities](#)

[ESG Series: Addressing the Hot Buttons](#)

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About RMA

For more than 100 years, RMA has been laser focused on one thing: helping its members in the world's financial institutions better understand and address risk. As a trusted partner, RMA has weathered the many economic ups and downs of the last century alongside its members, which now number 1,600+ financial institutions of all sizes, from multi-nationals to local community banks. These institutions are represented by over 51,000 individual RMA members located throughout North America, Europe, Australia, and Asia.

Our members rely on us to keep them abreast of important industry trends and prepare them to face new challenges head-on. Our sound risk management principles are developed for members, by members, and help to build safer, stronger financial institutions, impacting local communities and the global economy.

All of this makes RMA unique—we are the only comprehensive source of risk management tools and education that has spanned the last 100 years. And we look forward to the next 100 as we help the industry come together on the transformative issues of climate, cyber, culture, technology, and more.