

EXECUTIVE PERSPECTIVES ON TOP RISKS for the Near- and Long-Term

Navigating the future: top 10 risks for private equity

Private equity firms navigate a complex risk landscape, with inflationary pressures, rising tariffs, cyber threats, and talent shortages topping their concerns. Our latest Top Risks report reveals that these interconnected risks demand a proactive approach to ensure sustainable value creation and mitigate potential disruptions. As industry leaders confront these challenges, understanding the political climate and embracing innovation are crucial for driving growth and long-term success. Failure to address these risks could jeopardise competitive advantage and hinder investment returns.

2-TO 3-YEAR OUTLOOK: TOP 10 RISKS

- 1 Cyber threats
- 2 Economic conditions, including inflationary pressures
- 3 Talent and labour availability
- 4 Ability to attract, develop and retain top talent, manage shifts in labour expectations, and address succession challenges
- 5 Adoption of AI and other emerging technologies requiring new skills in short supply
- 6 Increases in labour costs
- 7 Third-party risks
- 8 Rapid speed of disruptive innovations enabled by new and emerging technologies and/or other market forces
- 9 Sustaining customer loyalty and retention
- 10 Emergence of new risks from implementing artificial intelligence

Results are based on a survey of 1,215 board members and C-suite executives worldwide. The full survey report, Executive Perspectives on Top Risks, may be accessed at erm.ncsu.edu or protiviti.com/toprisks. It includes detailed breakdowns of the results by respondent role, industry, geography, organisation size and other categories.