



RMA Risk Watch: Notes and Resources on Today's Top and Emerging Risks

Each 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 let 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

Interest rate risk is a crucial topic for banks to monitor, especially in light of recent bank failures and the current high-interest-rate environment. Robust interest-rate, liquidity, and asset/liability risk management programs are critical to ensuring that banks can withstand adverse market conditions and continue to operate safely and profitably. RMA resources include:

Articles and Papers

[RMA Journal Article – Rising Rates and Banks: Robust Scenarios, Updated Platforms Help to Manage Uncertainty*](#)

[RMA Journal Article – How Recent Bank Failures Are Affecting Community Banks*](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Lessons Learned From the Liquidity Crisis*](#)

[RMA Insider Article – How to Prevent Digital Bank Runs](#)

[RMA Thought Leadership – Managing Liquidity Risk](#)

On-Demand Webcasts

[Recent Bank Failures: Implications and Lessons Learned](#)

[Performance Management: A Focus on the Balance Sheet](#)

[Legal and Regulatory Requirements for Bank Liquidity](#)

Upcoming Events

[RMA Annual Risk Management Conference \(Virtual\), November 13-16*](#)

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

Cyber Risk

With the rise of digital banking, cyber threats have become more sophisticated and can cause significant financial losses. 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

[RMA Journal Article – Cybersecurity Readiness as a Business Value](#)

[RMA Insider Article – The Cyber Threat Has Changed. Have Banks?](#)

[RMA Insider Article – To Fight Fraud, Banks Betting on Big Tech](#)

[RMA Insider Article – Frankenstein Fraud and What It Means for Banks](#)

[RMA Thought Leadership – The RMA Cyber Insurance Checklist](#)

[RMA Thought Leadership – RMA Guidelines to Prepare for and Respond to a Ransomware Attack](#)

Upcoming Events

[Staying Current With Cyber Risks – Including Privacy and Data Protection](#), November 7, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (Internal Audit Conference Session)

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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

[RMA Journal Article – Recruit. Retrain. Reward: How Banks Are Navigating a Perfect Storm of People Risks](#)

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

[RMA Journal Article – Perspectives on Returning to the Office](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Talent Development Tips from RMA's Learning & Development Council](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Imagining the Future of Work, Part I of II](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Imagining the Future of Work, Part II of II](#)

[RMA Thought Leadership – Incentive Compensation: Employee Scorecard Assessment Whitepaper](#)

On-Demand Webcasts

[RMA Webinar – Building Trust and Culture in an Era of “Quiet Quitting”](#)

Upcoming Events

[Empowering Future Leaders: Building Talent and Embracing Trends in Securities Finance](#), October 10, Amelia Island, Florida (Securities Finance and Collateral Management Conference Session)

[Talent Management, People Risks, and Inclusion in Internal Audit](#), November 6, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (Virtual Internal Audit Conference Session)

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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 crucial than ever for banks to manage this risk effectively. RMA resources include:

Articles and Papers

[RMA Journal Article – Highlights and Analysis From RMA's Second Model Risk Management Survey*](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Establishing an End User Computing \(EUC\) Governance Framework*](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Economic Extremes Are Putting the Spotlight on Model Overlays: Here's a Primer](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Efficient Model Lifecycle Management](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Modeling a Path to CECL for Community Banks*](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Voices in Risk Management: Liming Brotcke, Model Validation Executive, Ally Bank](#)

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

[RMA Thought Leadership – The Risk Management Association Survey of Model Risk Management: Executive Summary*](#)

On-Demand Webcast

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

Upcoming Events

[Auditing Model Risk Frameworks and Complex Models](#), November 6, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (Internal Audit Conference Session)

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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

[RMA Journal Article – Implementing Section 1071: What Banks Need to Know About the New Data Collection Requirement](#)

[RMA Journal Article – The OCC’s View on Climate Risk Management: An Update From Acting Comptroller Michael Hsu and OCC Chief Climate Risk Officer Yue Chen](#)

[RMA Insider Article – The Clock Is Running To Comply with Quicker Securities Settlement Rule](#)

[RMA Insider Article – Regulators Update Third-Party Guidance](#)

[RMA Insider Article – FDIC Expands Appraisal Examinations To Identify, Eliminate Bias](#)

[RMA Thought Leadership – US Climate Regulatory Guide for Banking Organizations](#)

Upcoming Events

[Future Market and Regulatory Impacts on Securities Finance](#), October 10, Amelia Island, Florida (Securities Finance and Collateral Management Conference Session)

[Basel III Endgame Part I: Institutional Impact](#), October 10, Amelia Island, Florida (Securities Finance and Collateral Management Conference Session)

[Basel III Endgame Part II: Real Impact on Activity](#), October 12, Amelia Island, Florida (Securities Finance and Collateral Management Conference Session)

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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

[RMA Journal Article – Keep Yourself Humble: Monitoring and Managing Geopolitical Risk](#)

[RMA Journal Article – The Board's Role in Navigating Emerging Risks](#)

[RMA Journal Article – How to Manage Risk in an Increasingly Volatile World](#)

[RMA Thought Leadership – RMA's Emerging Risk Model](#)

Upcoming Events

[Geopolitics and the Macroeconomy](#), October 11, Amelia Island, Florida (Securities Finance and Collateral Management Conference Session)

[Global Market Trends to 2030 and Beyond with Mauro Guillen](#), October 11, Amelia Island, Florida (RMA Securities Finance and Collateral Management Conference Sessions)

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Rising Credit Risk

Credit risk is building in auto and office space portfolios, as higher car prices and interest rates bring higher payments and remote work continues to cause office space vacancies that could lead to commercial lease defaults. Student loan delinquencies are spiking too. RMA resources include:

Articles and Papers

[RMA Journal Article – How to Structure Commercial and Industrial \(C&I\) Credits](#)

[RMA Journal Article – A Banker's Guide to the Bankruptcy Code's New Subchapter V](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Building and Boosting Your Bank's Workout Team and Capabilities](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Early Warning Signs: Harbingers of Loan Distress and Default](#)

[RMA Insider Article – Is Office Real Estate the Next Systemic Risk?](#)

[RMA Insider Article – Banks Are Taking Action to Avoid Office Space Worst Case](#)

On-Demand Webinars

[Formulate a New CRE Risk Management Strategy in the Next Recession](#)

[Measuring and Monitoring CRE Credit Risk](#)

Upcoming Events

[Loan Review Department Management Forum, September 13–14 \(Virtual\)](#)

[RMA Commercial Lending School, September 7 – December 7 \(Virtual\)](#)

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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 Journal Article – The Expanding Universe of Third-Party Risk](#)

[RMA Journal Article – How ESG Risk Management Capabilities Impact Third-Party Risk](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Third-Party Risk Management, Regulation, and Your Overall ERM Framework](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Third-Party Risk Management: Asset Management or Compliance Exercise?](#)

[RMA Insider Article – Regulators Update Third-Party Guidance](#)

[RMA Thought Leadership – Third-Party Concentration Risk](#)

RMA Book

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

Upcoming Events

[Third-Party Risk Management Roundtable](#), New York, September 27–28

[Strengthening the Audit Coverage of Operational Resilience, Third-Party and Extended Third-Party Risk Areas](#), November 7 (Virtual Internal Audit Conference Session)

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Emerging Risks

Innovation Risk

Banks are benefiting from technology that allows them to not only satisfy customer demands for quick and convenient transactions, but also to spot fraud and increase efficiency. At the same time, new technologies and other disruption bring a host of operational, commercial, reputation, and other risks. RMA resources include:

Articles and Papers

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

[RMA Journal Article – Quantum Computing Is a Boardroom Priority](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Pros, Cons, and Other Bank Considerations for a US Central Bank Digital Currency](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Shepherding Exponential Technologies and AI in the Boardroom](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Innovation Risk](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Community Banks and Fintech: A Complex Relationship \(2020\)*](#)

[RMA Insider Article – 7 Steps to Cut Your Institution’s Chat GPT Risk](#)

[RMA Thought Leadership – Technology Risk Framework: Key Indicators](#)

On-Demand Webcast

[The Digital Dollar Is Gaining Momentum: What You Need to Know](#)

Upcoming Events

[Technology Risk Roundtable](#), October 4, New York

[Auditing Cryptocurrency and Digital Assets](#), November 7 (Internal Audit Virtual Conference Session)

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Climate/ESG Risk

Climate Risk

Higher temperatures, extreme weather events, and measures taken to adapt to them all represent growing risk for banks. From the impact of sea level rise 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

[RMA Journal Article – How Banks Can Quantify Physical Climate Risk](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Solar Power’s Star Is Rising, but Beware the Risks](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Progress and Challenges as the Financial Industry Views Net Zero](#)

[RMA Journal Article – How Banks Should Take Action on Climate Now](#)

[RMA Insider Article – Banks Caught in the Middle Over Climate](#)

[RMA Insider Article – How Unpriced Climate Risk May Affect the US Housing Market](#)

[RMA Insider Article – Insurers Are Calling It Quits in California](#)

[RMA Thought Leadership – Getting Going: Accelerating Climate Risk Analytics](#)

[RMA Thought Leadership – Operationalize Your Climate Risk Framework*](#)

On-Demand Webcast

[Climate Metrics: Impact on Operations, Strategy, and Regulatory Reporting](#)

Upcoming Events

Climate Risk Forum, November 2023

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ESG Risk

ESG risks can include climate-related issues but also encompass other risks related to environmental concerns, as well as those related to social issues and governance. Through ESG strategies, banks pursue ways to have a more positive impact on society and the environment. How a bank addresses ESG can also be related to reputation risk.

[RMA Journal Article – Bumps on the Important ESG Path](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Audit Teams Ramp Up Reporting on ESG](#)

[RMA Journal Article – How to Approach Your Institution's ESG Journey](#)

[RMA Journal Article – Advancing DEI in the Workplace and the Industry](#)

[RMA Thought Leadership – 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](#)

Upcoming Events

[Emerging and Known Industry & Regulatory Topics and Risks \(including ESG\) and Their Impact on Internal Audit](#), November 6, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (Internal Audit Conference Session)

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Founded in 1914, the Risk Management Association is a not-for-profit, member-driven professional association whose sole purpose is to advance the use of sound risk management principles in the financial services industry, including the farm credit sector. RMA promotes an enterprise approach to risk management that focuses on credit risk, market risk, and operational risk. Headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, RMA has 1,600+ institutional members that include banks of all sizes as well as nonbank financial institutions. They are represented in the Association by 41,000+ individuals located throughout North America, Europe, Australia, and Asia/Pacific.

Guided by RMA's mission of advancing sound risk management principles, RMA brings financial institutions high-quality, cost-effective model risk management services delivered by a team of industry practitioners with more than 25 advanced degrees.