Top Risks to the Global Economy

Oxford Analytica's Macro Political-Economy Risk Monitoring Service







"How to Assess the Likelihood of the Unlikely"

"Intelligence is about knowledge, about facts. Forecasting is about imaginative extrapolation from known facts into the future...I am talking about the capacity to make judgements based on available facts about LIKELIHOOD and about RISK in the near to medium future"

Sir Colin McColl, former Head of Ml6 Oxford Analytica's Region Head and creator of the GSPM™

What we need to make good decisions is to be able to see over the knowledge horizon.





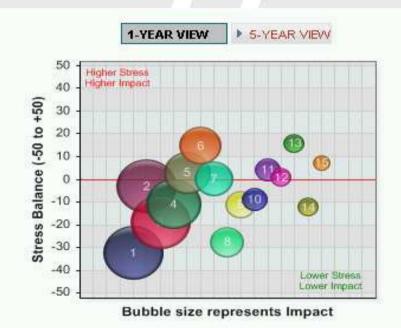




The Global Stress Points Matrix™



We have developed a systematic methodology to measure the likelihood of the unlikely.











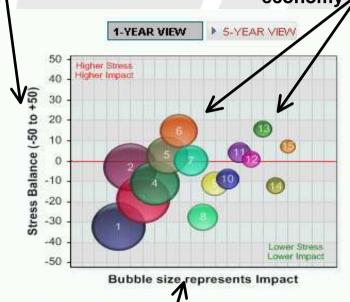
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The vertical axis is the stress balance

The size of the stress point bubble indicates its impact on the global economy.

The values in these columns represent the one- and five-year stress balance, and the change in stress balance over the previous three months



Global Stress Point	Impact	1-year Balance	3mnth +/-	3mnth vol.	5-year Balance
CHINA/TAIWAN: Armed hostilities	70	-32	▲ 3.3	3	-19
INTERNATIONAL: Oil price shock	70	-3	▲ 1.3	3	-16
UNITED STATES: Deep recession	70	-19	▼ -9.0	16	-10
INTERNATIONAL: Return to protectionism	65	-11	▼ 0.0	0	-2
INTERNATIONAL: Avian flu pandemic	.55	+3	▲ 0.6	1	-1
NORTH KOREA: Military conflict	50	+15	A 11.8	13	+9
INTERNATIONAL: Terrorist dirty bomb	45	0	0.0	0	+2
UNITED STATES/IRAN: US Strike on Iran	40	-28	▲ 2.7	3	-9
CENTRAL ASIA: Risk of major disorder	35	-11	0.0	2	+6
RUSSIA: Rise of assertive nationalism	30	-9	▲ 10.7	15	+7
LATIN AMERICA: Disruption to hydrocarbons sector	30	+4	▲ 2.4	6	-6
IRAQ: Civil war	25	+1	▲ 9.1	9	+21
NIGERIA: Large-scale disorder in the Delta	25	+16	▲ 3.6	4	-9
INDIA/PAKISTAN: Armed hostilities	25	-13	▲ 0.9	2	-3
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The horizontal axis ranks the stress points based on their impact on the global economy

Hover over bubbles for summaries, click for details.

The values in this column represent the volatility (total movement of the one-year stress balance over the previous three months)





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