

Geopolitical jitters:

Trade, volatility and the return of risk



Thursday, September 27th 2018 • Davinci Hotel, Corner Maude & 5th Street, Sandton, South Africa •
8.30am–9.30am Registration & breakfast • 9.30am–11.30am Meeting & presentations

The underlying fundamentals of the global economy remain strong, but there is a growing range of economic and geopolitical risks.

For example, since the start of 2018 trade policy has become the biggest risk to the Economist Intelligence Unit's central forecast for global economic growth, which will slow growth and fuel inflation. Global monetary conditions are also set to tighten in developed markets in 2019.

Emerging markets, like South Africa, will come under renewed pressure from higher US interest rates and the strength that these provide to the US dollar. These issues will also be a concern for countries in the region that have borrowed heavily in US dollars, as the cost of borrowing on international markets begins to rise and are compounded by local currency units that weaken relative to the US dollar.

What does the return of risk mean for business in South Africa, already grappling with the effects of president Zuma's administration?

Is it time to batten down the hatches and de-risk operations? Or, on the contrary, double down and position for the longer term growth potential that the region offers?

On September 27th we host the ECN's global editorial network director, Dr Andrew Staples, to share the EIU's latest analysis and forecasts for the global economy. We also convene a panel of experts and business leaders to examine the implications for business and ways in which to mitigate operational risk.

Chairperson:



Herman Warren
Network Director, Africa
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Guest speakers:



Tito Mboweni
Former Governor
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