

ISM-NEW JERSEY BREAKFAST MEETING

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- Center for Advanced Procurement Strategy (CAPS)
- Established in 1986 through an agreement with Arizona State University and ISM
- Services provided:
 - Benchmarking, Metrics & Best Practices
 - Primary Research on leading topics
 - Networking among Executive Leaders
- Improving the supply management profession with *actionable insights*



Economic Outlook (*A high-level, macro view.*)



GDP, MANUFACTURING PMI^{®,} AND SERVICES PMI[®] (2007- LATE 2023)



PMI[®] 2002 - 2024

We are 15 Months into Contraction out of a Typical 35+ Month Expansion Cycle



U.S. Economic Outlook and GDP 'Speedometer'

LEAD TIMES, MARKET CONDITIONS, COMMODITY DETAIL





MANUFACTURING BACKLOG AND NEW ORDERS INDICES





WHO THINKS A RECESSION IS COMING - NEXT 12 MONTHS?



Fed Reserve Staff and Banks indicated a LOW risk of a recession in the next 12 months.

However, the spread on Treasury bonds, Consumer sentiment, and 84% of CEOs surveyed indicate a HIGH risk of a recession.

CAPS Research notes record levels of consumer credit card debt, and we see anecdotal evidence of budget tightening across our corporate members.

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Wolters Kluwer, The Conference Board, Goldman Sachs Investment Research, Bank of America. Data based on surveys and projections conducted August-September.

*Based on a New York Fed model estimating recession probabilities using 10-year minus 3-month Treasury yield spreads, based on data from 1959-2009.

**Conference Board Q3 CEO survey probability of a recession over the next 12-18 months.

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Source: https://advisor.visualcapitalist.com/u-s-economic-forecasts-whats-the-probability-of-a-recession-in-2024/



Risk & Resilience (EVERYONE has skin in this game.)



CAN YOU SPOT THE SUPPLY CHAIN RISK?



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WHERE TO BEGIN? BASIC DEFINITIONS

RISK – Exposure to danger, harm, disruption, or significant loss

RECOVERY – Return to a normal state; re-taking control

RESILIENCE – Toughness; the ability to recover quickly from disruption

MITIGATION – Actions that reduce the severity or impact of a problem

AVOIDANCE – Actions to prevent, keep away, or nullify a risk

Supply Chain leaders should focus on AVOIDANCE and MITIGATION, resorting to RESILIENCE and RECOVERY only when necessary

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LEVEL OF RISK - 2021-2022 (PAST 2) VS. 2023-2025 (NEXT 3)



(CONTINUED) LEVEL OF RISK - 2021-2022 VS. 2023-2025



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OPERATIONAL RISKS & PREPAREDNESS (2023)



To what extent is your organization's supply chain prepared to handle the risk?



MANAGING GEOPOLITICAL & OPERATIONAL RISKS (2023)





TOP RESPONSES FOR MANAGING GEOPOLITICAL RISK (2023)



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WHAT DO WE MEAN BY "X-SHORING"

- **Onshoring / Re-Shoring** Bringing it home
- **Nearshoring** *Shortening the supply chain*
- China + 1 Mitigating risk by dual or triple sourcing
- **Region-for-Region** *Disaggregating to serve individual regional markets*
- **Friendshoring** *relocating to politically supportive countries*

The X-Shoring strategies are directed at rebalancing supply chains and mitigating risks



LABOR FORCE IS AN IMPORTANT X-SHORE CONSIDERATION



CHINA DEMOGRAPHY 2020

Key Facts

- China's population is **11x** Mexico's population but labor costs rising!
- 15-44 year demographics skewed by one-child policy; young singles,
- However, China has *extensively developed* industry supply networks



Key Facts

- Mexico's population has a more sustainable pyramid profile
- A smaller but significant workforce that is *logistically closer to the US*
- But with weaker supply networks, cartel violence and freight theft



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OCEAN LOGISTICS LEAD TIME IS ANOTHER CONSIDERATION

Old route ~26 days New route ~39 days Old route New route ~21 days ~40 days New route

Asia to US East Coast +13 days

US West Coast to EU +19 days (minimum)

Red Sea issues must also be considered

Sources: McKinsey & Company – How Could Panama Canal Restrictions Affect Supply Chains – 19 January 2024; https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/travel-logistics-and-infrastructure/our-insights/how-could-panama-canal-restrictions-affect-supply-chains?cid=eml-web

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SUPPLY CHAIN MAPPING FOR RISK & RESILIENCY (2021-2022)



Supplier Interaction Strategies to Aid Resiliency

Percent of Respondents Utilizing Each Measure; Respondents could select multiple measures



2/3 of Companies Do NOT Map Risks

Methods of Buffering & Assuring Supply



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MAPPING THE RISKS IN SUPPLY NETWORKS IS DIFFICULT



KEY INSIGHTS from CAPS Research

- Supply chains are often global spread over many regions of the world
- Only **1/3 of companies proactively map risks** and very few assess Tier 2 risks
- A proliferation in supplier count and the complexity of assessment means that most companies do not assess Tier 3+ risks
- Difficult to predict and manage geo-political upsets, financial breakdowns or natural disasters; most companies respond to these situations after-the-fact
- Supplier risk mapping is dependent on skilled people to take action, persistent efforts, and cooperation from suppliers



KEY TAKE-AWAYS ON RISK MITIGATION & AVOIDANCE

- Companies tend to be avoiding the more strategic solutions
- This is likely because strategic solutions are more difficult and time-consuming to implement
- Suppliers tend to hold information "close to the chest" for fear of repercussions or disadvantaged negotiations
- Companies tend to be pressing the "Easy Button" and implementing dual/triple sources and adding buffer inventory
- The easy solutions tend to increase operating costs while also creating process complexities and other risks
- Resorting to the "easy" approach is likely related to a shortage of analytical skills and experienced supply chain talent



Cyber Risk & Resilience (This deserves a special section.)



CYBER-RISK IS EVERYONE'S RISK IN A CONNECTED WORLD





SMALLER COMPANIES MAY REPRESENT THE GREATEST RISK



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ESG*, Scope 3, & Net-Zero

(Because you didn't have enough to worry about.)

*Environmental, Social and Governance



ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES BRING NEW CHALLENGES







- Reliability issues
- Power capacity vs. footprint
- Weather impact on output levels
- Ramp-Up/Ramp-Down of traditional power plants to balance uncertainties
- End-of-life recycling issues



DEFINITIONS: SCOPE 1, 2 AND 3 GREENHOUSE GASES (GHG)



Source: GHG Protocol

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56% OF COMPANIES LACK CLEAR ESG GOALS FOR SUPPLIERS





SCOPE 3 TRACKING & REPORTING = EXPENSIVE & DIFFICULT

What will be the main challenges in calculating and reporting the greenhouse-gas emissions of your supply chain? Select 1-3 challenges.



% of Respondents Selecting



Source: Indago; California Carbon Emissions Mandate https://joinindago.com/

ESG HAS BEEN "KICKED DOWN THE ROAD" THE PAST 2-3 YRS



- Companies tend to focus the most attention on their *top 3-5 strategic priorities*
- The recurring trend has been to push ESG out to future priorities lists
- The reality: most Supply Chain teams are under relentless pressure for risk reduction and cost reductions those priorities consume the resources



Closing Thoughts (Your homework when you leave today.)



SET-UP MEETINGS WITH YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SUPPLIERS

A well-known company making complex hardware and systems for demanding applications asked CAPS Research to survey their top 400 suppliers. These are the results for the "*Strategic & High Risk*" suppliers.



Improved supplier relationships will help to reduce your risks!



GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

Is your company using generative AI to identify opportunities to transform by re-inventing products and processes?

If your answer is "No", then I'm sorry to hear that.

You are too late, and your competitors are already leaving you behind.



NEW PRODUCT DESIGN USING GENERATIVE AI – PG. 1 OF 3

Prompt: I would like you to first create a product idea description to solve the following problem statement and then generate a photographic quality product design image of the conceptual product in a natural use environment.

Problem statement: Small teams of hikers are trying to traverse small islands in the Indo-Pacific over a 2-week period and need access to clean drinking water while surrounded by oceans and having very few natural sources of water.

AI Response

Product Name: AquaPioneer Portable De-Salinator

Features:

- 1. **Compact Design**: Lightweight and easy to pack, the AquaPioneer fits comfortably into a standard backpack.
- 2. Solar-Powered: Equipped with a foldable solar panel, it harnesses energy from the sun to power the desalination process.

3. **Dual Filtration System**: The device first filters out larger particles from the ocean water using a pre-filter. Then, it employs a reverse osmosis membrane to remove the salt and microscopic contaminants, providing fresh and clean drinking water.

- 4. Quick Operation: The AquaPioneer can produce up to 2 liters of drinking water per hour for a small team of hikers.
- 5. Built-in Storage: It comes with an integrated collapsible water container that can store up to 5 liters of water. The container is detachable.
- 6. Durable & Salt-Resistant: Made with materials resistant to corrosion and salt damage, ensuring longevity with exposure to sea water.



NEW PRODUCT DESIGN USING GENERATIVE AI – PG. 2 OF 3

Al Response





NEW PRODUCT DESIGN USING GENERATIVE AI – PG. 3 OF 3

Refined Prompt: Redesign the AquaPioneer using the first image, and account for greater portability over miles of difficult terrain. The product should be portable by a single hiker. Please regenerate product images.

Al Response

Additional Features:

- 7. Integrated Backpack Harness: The main unit can be carried in a standard backpack with straps
- 8. Lightweight Materials: Carbon fiber and low-density polymers reduce the weight without sacrificing durability.







NEW PRODUCT DESIGN USING GENERATIVE AI – TAKE-AWAYS

The entire series of prompts and AI responses was more extensive than these highlights...

...however the entire sequence of prompts and AI responses (including the photographic images of the product concepts) took <u>less than one hour</u> to generate.

Imagine what your competitors are doing with this technology.



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