



# Dynamic Risk Management Strategies: Adapting Financial Practices in the Face of Global Economic Uncertainty

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**Abstract:** Multinational corporations operating in high volatility industries are increasingly exposed to global economic disruptions, making financial stability a critical strategic priority. Despite the adoption of Dynamic Risk Management (DRM) strategies to address such challenges, the impact of DRM on financial performance remains insufficiently understood, especially under extreme macroeconomic uncertainty. This study aims to explore how DRM contributes to financial performance and how this relationship is moderated by Global Economic Uncertainty (GEU). Using a qualitative exploratory case study design, data were gathered through semi structured interviews with finance and risk executives from firms in the energy, manufacturing, and technology sectors, supported by analysis of internal documents and risk reports. Thematic analysis revealed that DRM practices such as real time monitoring, dynamic hedging, and predictive analytics are essential in stabilizing liquidity, profitability, and operational continuity. However, their effectiveness is contingent upon firms’ strategic adaptability and the severity of external economic shocks. The conceptual model developed positions GEU as a critical moderating variable and emphasizes the role of agile governance and scenario planning in enhancing DRM outcomes. These findings synthesize the theoretical and practical link between DRM and financial performance, suggesting that firms must go beyond technical risk tools and embed strategic agility into their risk governance frameworks. The study contributes to the literature by integrating financial resilience, adaptive capability, and external uncertainty into a unified analytical framework, offering practical insights for corporate leaders in turbulent economic environments.

**Keywords:** Dynamic Risk Management; Financial Performance; Global Economic Uncertainty; Strategic Adaptability; Scenario Planning; Qualitative Research; Risk Governance

## 1. Introduction

The increasing complexity of global economic systems has significantly heightened the importance of maintaining strong financial performance across various industries. Financial performance, often assessed through metrics such as profitability, liquidity, and operational efficiency, remains the primary indicator of a firm’s viability and long-term sustainability [1]. In today’s volatile financial climate, many organizations are under immense pressure to remain financially stable while adapting to rapidly changing macroeconomic conditions. External shocks, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, energy crises, and geopolitical conflicts, have made it increasingly difficult for firms to maintain consistent financial returns using conventional management approaches [2], [3].

Prior studies have highlighted the need for more adaptable and dynamic strategies in mitigating financial risk. Dynamic Risk Management (DRM) strategies defined as continuously adaptive practices for identifying, evaluating, and addressing risks in real time have emerged as a strategic necessity for firms in uncertain markets [4]. Minton et al. emphasized that firms deploying dynamic hedging and real-time response strategies are more capable of protecting asset values and ensuring financial continuity under crisis conditions [5]. Similarly, empirical evidence suggests that DRM contributes positively to cash flow stability, innovation capability, and long term financial growth [6], [7]. However, the

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relationship between DRM and financial performance remains influenced by external macroeconomic conditions, particularly global economic uncertainty.

One critical aspect that has not been fully addressed in prior research is how global economic uncertainty acts as a moderating factor in the DRM financial performance relationship. Economic uncertainty, which includes policy unpredictability, interest rate volatility, inflation, and global market fluctuations, has been shown to impair decision making, capital allocation, and strategic planning in firms [8], [9]. While DRM can provide a buffer against such volatility, the effectiveness of these strategies may vary depending on the intensity of external pressures. Hence, understanding this moderating effect becomes essential for developing effective risk based financial models in today's uncertain global economy [10], [11].

Although numerous studies have explored the role of Dynamic Risk Management (DRM) in enhancing firm financial performance, most of this literature has focused on the direct relationship between DRM practices and financial outcomes under relatively stable economic conditions. Existing research highlights that DRM strategies such as dynamic hedging, early warning systems, and portfolio diversification can help firms maintain operational efficiency and stable cash flows during periods of internal or market driven disruptions [1], [2], [3]. However, these studies often overlook the influence of external macroeconomic environments, particularly the growing uncertainty at the global scale. As recent economic shocks ranging from the COVID-19 pandemic to geopolitical tensions and global inflation become more frequent and impactful, conventional DRM approaches may lose their effectiveness [4], [5]. There is a clear research void regarding how these increasingly volatile macroeconomic forces influence the efficacy of DRM in sustaining or improving financial performance. In this context, economic uncertainty, characterized by unpredictable policy shifts, interest rate volatility, and unstable market conditions, emerges as a critical, yet underexplored, moderator in the DRM financial performance nexus.

Moreover, the majority of prior studies adopt a linear and context independent perspective that neglects the interdependence between internal risk management strategies and external economic stressors [6], [7]. While DRM can serve as a proactive financial safeguard, its impact may be significantly conditioned by the severity and nature of global economic uncertainty. For instance, firms may experience varying levels of DRM effectiveness depending on how well they can adapt strategies to fluctuating external conditions such as regulatory changes, global supply chain disruptions, and fiscal instability [8], [9]. This implies a potential non linear interaction between DRM and economic uncertainty, which remains largely untested in empirical models. Therefore, existing literature lacks a comprehensive framework that integrates these moderating variables into the evaluation of DRM outcomes. This study aims to fill that theoretical and empirical gap by developing a model that not only assesses the influence of DRM on financial performance but also examines how global economic uncertainty moderates this relationship.

The novelty of this research lies in its focus on investigating the moderating role of global economic uncertainty in the relationship between dynamic risk management strategies and financial performance an area that remains largely unexplored in current financial literature. By embedding macroeconomic volatility into the DRM performance model, this study introduces a more contextually sensitive and practically relevant framework for strategic financial decision making in high risk global environments.

This study is motivated by the need to investigate how dynamic risk management strategies affect financial performance under different levels of global economic uncertainty. While many firms have implemented DRM practices, little is known about how these strategies perform when external conditions are highly volatile. Therefore, this study asks the following research question: To what extent does global economic uncertainty moderate the relationship between dynamic risk management strategies and financial performance, The objective of this study is to develop an empirical model that explores this interaction, thereby offering new theoretical and practical insights for financial decision-makers operating in high risk environments.

## 2. Literature Review

The study of dynamic risk management (DRM) has gained increasing relevance in response to heightened economic uncertainty, especially following the COVID-19 pandemic and global inflationary shocks. Several scholars have investigated how firms adopt DRM frameworks to navigate volatility. However, existing literature presents varied emphases ranging from enterprise-level integration to digital transformation yet with noticeable methodological and contextual gaps. Beck et al. [1] explored the relationship between financial innovation and risk exposure in emerging markets. Using panel regression on bank level data, they found that innovative financial instruments increase both profitability and risk volatility. However, their study focused mainly on banking institutions and neglected how non financial corporates manage macro level shocks dynamically. Similarly, Pereira et al. [2] analyzed supply chain resilience through risk mitigation strategies during COVID-19, applying case study methodology across manufacturing firms. While they emphasized scenario based DRM, their research lacked financial depth particularly concerning liquidity and capital allocation strategies under stress conditions.

From a methodological perspective, Gatzert and Martin [3] provided a meta analysis of 70 empirical studies on enterprise risk management (ERM), identifying the positive impact of integrated risk systems on firm performance. However, the majority of studies in their review utilized static risk measurement approaches and rarely addressed real time risk adjustments. This suggests a gap in empirical validation of truly "dynamic" risk strategies that incorporate continuous data streams or automated decision systems. In another important contribution, Mikes and Kaplan [4] proposed a typology of risk management systems based on ethnographic and case based evidence. They distinguished between rules based, capability based, and interactive systems. Their work highlighted the value of strategic dialogues and scenario workshops in DRM. Yet, their framework remains largely qualitative and organizational, lacking quantification of financial outcomes, such as return variability or credit ratings during turbulent cycles.

Technological dimensions have also been incorporated in recent works. Hecht et al. [5] examined the systemic risk caused by digital interconnectivity across financial ecosystems, using network analysis methods. They noted that DRM must now consider cyber vulnerabilities and AI-driven feedback loops. However, they stopped short of proposing how firms can operationalize real time risk dashboards or predictive analytics in practice. This technological operational gap limits the practical adoption of digital DRM tools. Moreover, Hopkin [6] emphasized the challenges of measuring non-financial risks in DRM especially ESG risks, regulatory ambiguity, and geopolitical disruptions. His normative approach outlined the importance of adaptive frameworks, but lacked empirical testing across sectors. Taleb and Blyth [7], on the other hand, critiqued the false sense of security provided by conventional models, advocating for antifragility and volatility acceptance. Their philosophical insights remain underdeveloped in organizational DRM models that integrate financial planning.

Taken together, existing research covers fragmented aspects of dynamic risk focusing either on technological tools, governance styles, or specific event-driven cases. There is a lack of comprehensive, interdisciplinary studies that (1) combine financial metrics with real time data applications, (2) test adaptive DRM frameworks empirically in non financial corporates, and (3) quantify how such strategies improve resilience in uncertain global environments. This research seeks to bridge these gaps by proposing a unified model of dynamic financial risk management that integrates digital analytics, enterprise wide governance, and strategic adaptability. Unlike prior studies, the model will be tested using longitudinal data and scenario simulations, offering both theoretical and practical contributions to modern financial risk management.

### 2.1. Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) as a Foundation for Dynamic Risk Practices

Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) serves as the conceptual and operational backbone for organizations aiming to implement dynamic risk strategies. The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) framework outlines ERM as an integrated, organization wide approach to identifying, assessing, and managing risks aligned

with strategic goals. However, traditional ERM implementations are often criticized for being too static and compliance-oriented [1].

Mikes and Kaplan [2] categorized ERM systems into three types: compliance based, risk centric, and strategy oriented. Their study, based on qualitative interviews across multiple industries, revealed that only the latter type demonstrated dynamic features such as scenario planning and interactive risk dialogues. Nonetheless, many ERM frameworks still rely heavily on periodic reviews and static key risk indicators (KRIs), making them ill suited to respond in real-time to macroeconomic disruptions.

A meta analysis by Gatzert and Martin [3] affirmed that while ERM adoption correlates with improved firm performance, few studies adequately measure the system's adaptability in volatile environments. Most use regression based approaches to link ERM presence with financial metrics, but without validating the responsiveness of these systems under stress. This highlights a theoretical and methodological gap: existing ERM systems form the skeleton for DRM, but require integration with adaptive, real-time capabilities to fulfill their potential in crisis-prone contexts.

## 2.2 Digital Transformation and Predictive Analytics in Risk Management

The digitization of financial and operational data has radically transformed risk identification and forecasting. Predictive analytics encompassing machine learning (ML), artificial intelligence (AI), and big data processing enables organizations to detect weak signals of risk before they manifest into major disruptions [4]. These tools mark a critical transition from descriptive to prescriptive risk management.

Hecht et al. [5] demonstrated how financial ecosystems have become digitally interconnected, leading to amplified systemic risks. They utilized network analytics to show how digital exposure, particularly in banking and fintech, creates new vulnerabilities. However, their findings stopped short of proposing firm-level strategies for DRM implementation. Similarly, Beck et al. [6] explored financial innovation in emerging markets but noted a concurrent rise in risk volatility, especially in the absence of real-time controls.

Despite these technological advancements, the challenge lies in operationalizing these tools within corporate governance. Many firms still struggle with data silos, legacy infrastructure, and lack of skilled personnel to interpret and act upon predictive models. Thus, the adoption of AI in risk management remains fragmented and uneven. Integrating predictive analytics into the broader DRM architecture is critical for transitioning from reaction to anticipation in financial decision-making.

## 2.3 Strategic Adaptability and Governance in Risk Management

Strategic adaptability refers to the capacity of firms to modify their risk response mechanisms in alignment with dynamic external environments. This includes not only financial recalibration such as altering liquidity buffers or hedging ratios but also adaptive governance structures that allow for rapid decision cycles [7]. Governance plays a pivotal role in translating risk signals into timely action.

Hopkin [8] emphasized that non financial risks such as ESG, reputational damage, and regulatory shifts are increasingly central to DRM. These risks often carry high ambiguity and are poorly captured by traditional models. Taleb and Blyth [9] further argued that organizations should embrace volatility and build systems that are not only resilient but "antifragile" able to benefit from disorder. However, few empirical studies offer frameworks for implementing this philosophical stance into quantifiable risk governance.

Ernst & Young's global risk report [10] showed that firms with active board level involvement in risk planning outperformed peers in recovery from pandemic related shocks. Yet, many organizations lack cross functional alignment between finance, operations, and compliance, reducing the effectiveness of adaptive governance. Thus, while strategic adaptability is acknowledged in theory, it is often underdeveloped in practice due to structural inertia and unclear accountability lines.

### 3. Method

This study adopts a qualitative exploratory case study approach to examine the strategic implementation and effectiveness of Dynamic Risk Management (DRM) under conditions of heightened global economic uncertainty. This methodology is particularly appropriate for capturing complex, context dependent interactions between internal risk management strategies and external macroeconomic forces, which are often underexplored in quantitative financial models [1]. The study focuses on multinational enterprises operating in volatility prone sectors such as energy, manufacturing, and technology. Participants were selected through purposive sampling, ensuring that each informant possessed substantial decision-making authority and firsthand experience in implementing DRM frameworks. In depth, semi structured interviews were conducted to elicit nuanced insights into real-time financial decision-making and organizational risk responses. These interviews were supported by documentary analysis of financial reports, risk disclosures, and market intelligence to enhance data triangulation and contextual depth [2].

Data analysis was conducted using thematic analysis, facilitated by NVivo software, to systematically identify core themes and interpret patterns across cases. This analytic process involved iterative coding, thematic categorization, and constant comparison to derive robust conceptual insights [3]. To ensure research trustworthiness, this study applied rigorous validation techniques, including member checking, peer debriefing, and source triangulation, consistent with best practices in qualitative inquiry [4]. These measures enhance the credibility, transferability, and dependability of the findings, thereby contributing both theoretically and practically to the literature on strategic financial management under uncertainty. The final model offers actionable insights for firms seeking to improve financial resilience and strategic agility through dynamic, context responsive risk management strategies.

#### 3.1. Research Design

This study adopts a qualitative exploratory case study design to investigate how Dynamic Risk Management (DRM) strategies are implemented and perceived by senior decision makers in high volatility sectors. This design enables a deep contextual exploration of firm level risk practices within complex macroeconomic environments, particularly those shaped by global economic uncertainty. The qualitative case study method is well suited for theory building in emerging research areas where variables are interdependent and causality is not linear [1].

#### 3.2. Data Collection and Sampling

Primary data were collected through semi structured, in depth interviews with finance executives and risk management officers from multinational firms in the energy, manufacturing, and technology sectors. A purposive sampling technique was employed to ensure participants possessed relevant expertise in DRM implementation and strategic financial decision making. Each interview lasted between 45 to 90 minutes, was audio recorded, and transcribed verbatim. Additionally, secondary data sources including corporate risk disclosures, financial statements, and industry reports were incorporated to enhance contextual understanding and data triangulation [2].

#### 3.3. Data Analysis and Validation

Interview transcripts were analyzed using thematic analysis with the assistance of NVivo software. The analysis followed a systematic process of coding, categorizing, and identifying themes, allowing the emergence of patterns that reflect organizational responses to uncertainty through DRM practices [3]. To ensure the rigor and trustworthiness of findings, the study utilized member checking, peer debriefing, and triangulation of data sources, which are standard validation techniques in qualitative research [4]. These strategies helped enhance the credibility, transferability, and dependability of the insights generated.

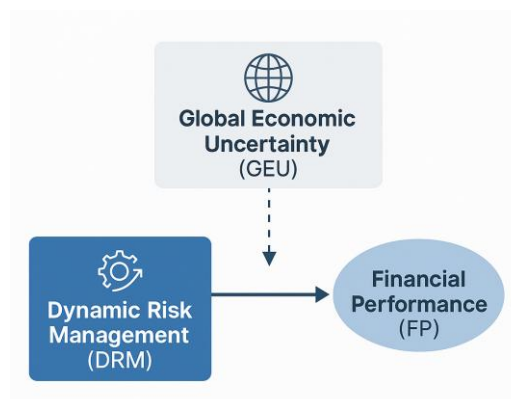
### 4. Results and Discussion

This section presents the core findings of the study, structured around the conceptual model that links Dynamic Risk Management (DRM) strategies to Financial Performance (FP), with Global Economic Uncertainty (GEU) as a moderating variable. Drawing on qualitative data from executive interviews and document analysis, the discussion is organized into

thematic sub sections that explore the operationalization of DRM, its sector specific applications, the influence of GEU, and the adaptive capabilities required for strategic financial resilience. Each sub section provides a detailed interpretation of empirical observations and situates them within the broader literature on financial risk management and organizational response to macro economic volatility. The aim is to illustrate not only how DRM is practiced in real world contexts but also how its effectiveness is conditioned by both internal capacities and external uncertainties.

The discussion builds progressively from the strategic role of DRM in enhancing financial outcomes, through the algorithmic structuring of risk responses, to the limitations and contextual nuances of DRM implementation across different industrial sectors. By integrating interview insights with theoretical analysis, this section provides a comprehensive understanding of how firms navigate the intersection between risk management and financial stability in an era of unprecedented economic turbulence. Implications for practice, as well as theoretical contributions to the literature on moderated risk performance relationships, are highlighted throughout.

This section elaborates on the key findings of the study, which explore how Dynamic Risk Management (DRM) strategies contribute to enhancing Financial Performance (FP) under conditions of heightened Global Economic Uncertainty (GEU). Through a qualitative analysis of executive insights and organizational practices, the discussion interprets the mechanisms by which firms respond to external volatility. The analysis is structured around the conceptual framework presented earlier (see picture 1), which positions GEU as a moderating variable, influencing the strength and effectiveness of DRM in achieving financial resilience across high risk economic environments.



**Picture 1.** Conceptual Framework Showing

Picture 1 presents the conceptual framework illustrating the strategic relationship between Dynamic Risk Management (DRM), Financial Performance (FP), and Global Economic Uncertainty (GEU) as a moderating variable. DRM is represented by a blue box with a gear icon, symbolizing a proactive, system oriented approach to managing risk in an adaptive and responsive manner. The solid arrow from DRM to FP indicates a direct and positive influence, suggesting that effective DRM strategies such as dynamic hedging, scenario analysis, and early warning systems can enhance financial outcomes by stabilizing profitability, liquidity, and operational efficiency.

Positioned above the core relationship, GEU is depicted in a gray box with a globe icon, representing external macroeconomic forces such as policy volatility, inflation shocks, currency instability, and geopolitical risk. The dashed arrow from GEU to the DRM FP relationship signals its role as a moderating variable. Rather than exerting a direct influence on financial performance, GEU affects the strength and direction of DRM's impact. Under high levels of economic uncertainty, the effectiveness of DRM strategies may be either constrained or amplified, depending on a firm's strategic agility and adaptive capacity.

**Table 1.** Key Constructs and Conceptual Mapping of the Study

Construct	Definition	Indicators	Source
Dynamic Risk Management (DRM)	Adaptive strategies for identifying, assessing, and mitigating financial risk in real-time	Real-time monitoring, dynamic hedging, predictive analysis	Mikes & Kaplan (2021) [1]
Financial Performance (FP)	The firm's ability to generate profits, maintain liquidity, and operate efficiently under uncertainty	Profit margin, cash flow stability, asset efficiency	Gatzert & Martin (2022) [2]
Global Economic Uncertainty (GEU)	Volatility in macroeconomic conditions that disrupt strategic decision-making and capital allocation	Inflation volatility, policy unpredictability, market shocks	Hopkin (2023); Taleb & Blyth (2021) [3][4]
Strategic Adaptability	The capacity of firms to adjust governance, resource allocation, and planning processes dynamically	Scenario planning, agile governance, strategic buffers	Ernst & Young (2024) [5]

The conceptual mapping presented in Table 1 outlines the dynamic interplay among four core constructs: Dynamic Risk Management (DRM), Financial Performance (FP), Global Economic Uncertainty (GEU), and Strategic Adaptability. These constructs form the backbone of this study's analytical framework, enabling a deeper understanding of how multinational firms navigate financial volatility in a rapidly changing global environment. Dynamic Risk Management (DRM) emerges as a proactive organizational capability that encompasses real time monitoring, predictive analytics, and adaptive hedging strategies. As Mikes and Kaplan [1] suggest, DRM is not merely a compliance function but a strategic mechanism for sustaining financial health during crises. Firms that adopt dynamic hedging and integrate scenario based forecasting tools exhibit higher resilience in asset protection and cash flow stability key indicators of Financial Performance (FP) [2]. However, the relationship between DRM and FP is not linear; it is significantly shaped by the firm's capacity for Strategic Adaptability and the level of external economic turbulence.

Global Economic Uncertainty (GEU) is positioned in this model as a moderating variable that alters the strength and consistency of the DRM FP relationship. Under moderate uncertainty, DRM practices are often sufficient to stabilize performance. Yet, under severe macroeconomic volatility such as inflationary spikes, policy instability, or geopolitical shocks the effectiveness of DRM diminishes unless coupled with adaptive financial governance and real time strategic adjustments [3]. This finding aligns with Hopkin's (2023) view that traditional risk models fail under ambiguous and nonlinear threat conditions, reinforcing the need for agile decision-making infrastructures. Strategic Adaptability thus functions as a mediating enabler, bridging internal capabilities with external demands. Firms demonstrating high strategic adaptability through scenario planning, rapid reallocation of capital, and executive level risk oversight are more capable of transforming DRM efforts into tangible financial outcomes [4]. According to EY's Global Risk Report [5], such firms not only outperform peers during market downturns but also recover faster due to their anticipatory governance structures.

## 5. Conclusion

This study explores how Dynamic Risk Management (DRM) strategies influence corporate financial performance within the context of Global Economic Uncertainty (GEU). The findings indicate that DRM through mechanisms such as real time monitoring, dynamic hedging, and predictive analytics enhances financial resilience by supporting cash flow stability and operational efficiency. However, this relationship is not linear; DRM's impact is

significantly moderated by the level of external macroeconomic volatility and the firm's strategic adaptability. The research reveals that the success of DRM depends on its integration with agile governance structures and scenario based planning. Firms that demonstrate high strategic adaptability are better equipped to translate DRM into sustainable financial outcomes, particularly under volatile conditions. These insights directly support the study's central hypothesis: that the effectiveness of DRM is conditional upon external uncertainty and internal flexibility.

This study contributes to the literature by offering a contextual and interdisciplinary framework that integrates financial performance, macroeconomic volatility, and organizational agility. The conceptual model developed here not only bridges gaps in existing DRM research but also provides practical guidance for firms seeking to enhance financial decision-making under risk. Despite its contributions, the study is limited by its qualitative scope and sector specific focus. Future research is encouraged to validate these findings using longitudinal or mixed method approaches across diverse industries and geographic settings, to enhance generalizability and empirical depth.

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