



Issues and Insights

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Welcome to the latest issue of *Issues and Insights*, summarizing our latest thinking on subjects affecting your business. Use the information to stay resilient and grow through these disruptive times.

Hot topics



KPMG strengthens ESG commitments

In its 2023 U.S. Impact Plan, KPMG spells out specifics of its environmental, social and governance (ESG) efforts, along with its ongoing demonstrations of leadership in addressing Diversity, Inclusion and Equity (DEI) both within and outside the organization. We believe it is our responsibility to enable a more equitable, sustainable society.



Free falling? Three landing scenarios for the U.S. economy

Diane Swonk, Chief Economist, KPMG US, ponders three potential outcomes for the cooling U.S. economy, ranging from benign to painful. Cutting to the heart of the questions, Swonk lays out the evidence for each option, so businesses can plan based on their own situations. [Read the report here.](#)



Directors Quarterly shines light on oversight

The current issue of *Directors Quarterly* highlights the challenges boards face as they confront a volatile risk environment and a raft of expected regulations. You'll also read about AI governance and oversight, quantum computing, accelerated use of AI in governance, and African American representation on Fortune 1000 boards.



Welcome news for consumers as CPI cools

The latest KPMG Monthly Economic Update puts the facts up front. After climbing 0.4% in February, CPI rose only 0.1% in March. Annualized inflation cooled to 3.8% in Q1 compared to 4.2% rise in the fourth quarter. Still, inflation is too high, and the Fed will be tasked to control it. Get our inside take on the likely action.

Tax topics



CAGNY showcases a sector in transition

At the recent Consumer Analyst Group of New York's (CAGNY) annual conference, leaders of the market's top consumer product companies showed a focus on innovation. They're exploring new product and packaging solutions, courting new customers, and considering the cost of new investments. See why the sector is both optimistic and realistic in our exclusive report.



Pillar Two readiness: It's all about data and technology

In the latest edition of *Chief Tax Officer Insights*, you'll see how progress toward agreement around the OECD Pillar Two rules is accelerating the tax transformation activities of thousands of U.S. multinationals that meet the scope threshold; and learn about approaches to managing the new data demands.



Payroll Insights warns of ERC fraud

In the latest edition of *Payroll Insights*, Employment Tax Partner John Montgomery discusses third-party tax schemes related to the Employee Retention Credit, the IRS's transition to the new Digital intake multi-form, and more federal and state employment tax news.

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