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Méthodologie RiskMonitor et cas d'application sur la plateforme ClientGate

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Country Risk: concepts and methods

Conceptual framework for country risk assessment

- Country risk defined as the uncertainties stemming from macro developments (economic performances, international vulnerability, political risks......) that can have a broad / cross-cutting influence on projects and investment / financial decisions, from a foreign investor's perspective (the "non-project, non-counterparty" component of risk).
- Transmission or relations from country to counterparty risks in a second step: how the country risk is affecting groups of borrowers or investors.

Country-risk methodologies will aim at

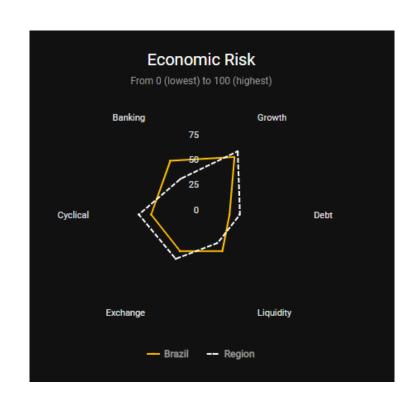
- Measuring the degree of uncertainty (if possible, reducing it)
- Assessing the likelihood of negative / unfavorable events

For operational purposes, the concept and characteristics of country-risk assessment must be adapted to the project / company / institution's objectives and characteristics

- Time horizon and crisis intensity as two defining variables
- Critical stakeholders and their own interest

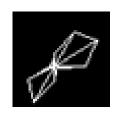


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Des milliers de « papillons » analysés sur plus de 100 pays depuis les années 1970

50 ans × 4 trimestres × 100 pays

20 000 schémas / « papillons » à analyser



Country Risk: RiskMonitor Methodology

Five founding principles of TAC ECONOMICS' RiskMonitor system:

- Risk materialization is a **non-linear result** of economic circumstances (conditional logic with threshold effects)
- Rating and Signal: A difference between the « quality » of a country regarding economic and financial difficulties, and the risks of a major / systemic shock (crisis)
- Need to be very precise on what is measured and what is not: focus on clearly defined "macro events"
- **Unbiased quantitative models** using no forecasts or estimates, combined with qualitative appreciation / comments / knowledge
- Avoiding as far as possible the « black-box » problem of quants through a
 graphic representation allowing users to grasp the logic of the method.

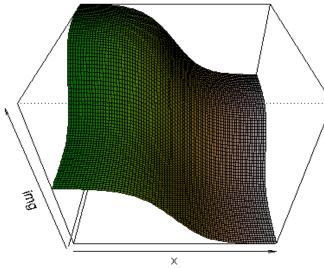
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507	43.2 64.4	56	25	50	57	25	43
321	50.8 49.8	51	41	52	72	36	48
569	55.6 57.2	59	46	55	34	59	64
708	46.2 58.7	59	57	26	67	58	24
809	43.4 84.2	52	3	53	78	80	13
645	50.4 68.0	62	34	33	74	61	37
570	58.2 47.0	49	100	63	33	71	47
380	52.8 48.7	70	39	20	70	64	59
689	45.3 57.7	49	32	43	85	55	26
148	52.4 29.5	42	62	42	50	56	64
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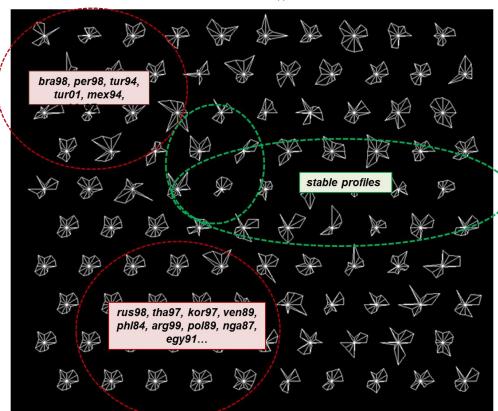


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Conceptual design focusing on:

- Combinatorial approaches (risk is more likely to materialize when a combination of performance is observed, e.g. fx reserves and currency valuation ...) with "conditional logics" included in the method, e.g. if... then... rules; more important than the number of indicators or variables used.
- Threshold effects and non-linearities (e.g. so called sudden stop).
- Major difference between "degree of risk in normal circumstances" (akin to quality / strength of borrowers) and risk of major break and systemic crisis (e.g. default).







Country Risk: RiskMonitor Methodology

- Economic & Financial Risk Ratings combine the information provided by 6 Fundamental Balances, with non-linear relations
- · A distinction between Country Ratings and Crisis Signals.
- Three horizons (<1 year, 1-3 years, 3-5 years) and three types of difficulties: cross-border payments, exchange rate, cyclical
- Political Risk Ratings based on World Bank KKZ indicators, provided on a yearly basis by the World Bank.
- Risk-Related Cost of Capital through econometric modelling and including smoothed market price measures
- An extra premium, to evaluate the risk of contagion of exogenous shocks (GFC, EU debt crisis, Covid-19, Russia War in Ukraine).
- Data updated on 100 countries on a monthly basis.

Economic Risk	Political Risk	Country Groups		
Growth Balance	KKZ Methodology	Three groups		
Real GDP, current account,	Voice &	Major arbitrage		
Debt Balance	Accountability	markets		
External debt, FDI	Political Stability	Commodity exporters High number of past restructuring		
Liquidity Balance	Regulatory Quality			
Short-Term debt, <u>rfx</u> level	Government Effectiveness			
Exchange Rate Balance	Rule of Law			
Currency overvaluation, rfx dynamic	Control of			
Cyclical Balance	Corruption			
Business cycle, monetary policy				
Banking System Balance				

Risk Scores on Fundamental Balances

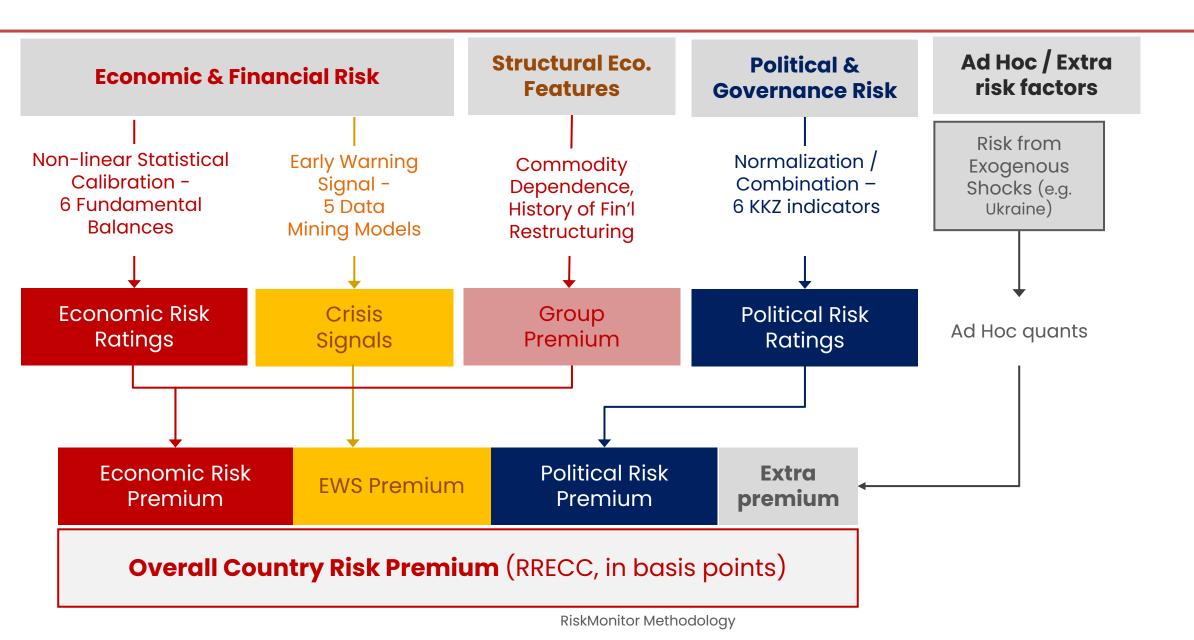
Domestic credit, intern. refinancing

From 0 (lowest risk) to 100 (highest risk)





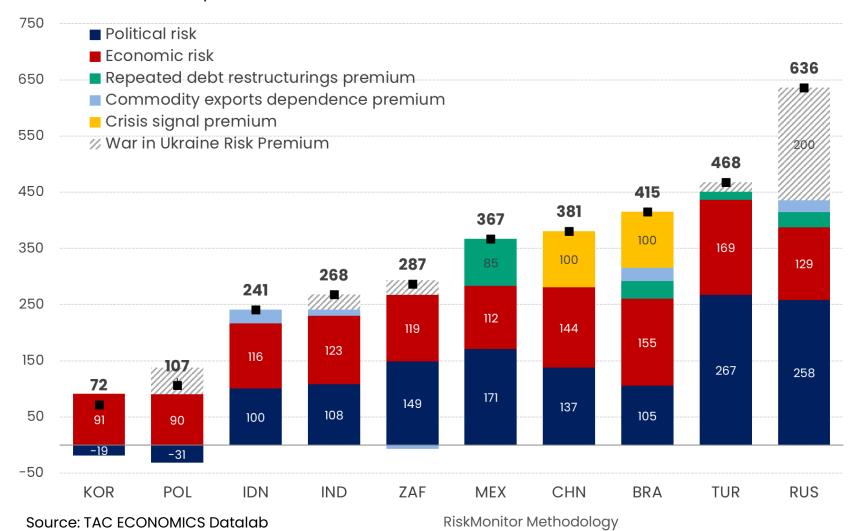
RiskMonitor: a comprehensive set of tools for country-risk assesment





Country Risk Premium

TAC RRECC, in basis points





Risk information provided by some of the largest risk analysis institutions

	Standard & Poor's (1)	Institutional Investor's (2)	EIU (3)
Oct. 1999	ВВ	42.4 (rank 59 / 145)	С
Apr. 2000	BB	43.0 (rank 60 / 145)	С
Jan. 2001	BB-	45.8 (rank 65 / 145)	С
Jul. 2001	В	39.8 (rank 68 / 145)	D
Oct. 2001	CC	34.7 (rank 73 / 145)	D
Jan. 2002	SD	34.7 (rank 73 / 145)	Е

- (1) Standard & Poor's Long-Term Foreign Currency Ratings are expressed in terms of categories (AAA, AA, A, BBB, BB, ...) The highest rating is AAA (not vulnerable to non payment), CC is currently highly vulnerable to non payment, and SD is a non payment default.
- (2) Institutional Investor's Country Credit Ratings. These ratings lie in the interval 0 (which is the best possible rating for a country) to 100 (which is the worst rating). The 145 countries covered by Institutional Investor's Ratings are classified twice a year, in September and March.
- (3) EIU Country Risk Ratings (from A to E, E being the signal of crisis)

Illustration on Argentina 1999-2002

Risk information provided by TAC ECONOMICS RiskMonitor

Year	< 1 year	1 to 3 years	3 to 5 years		
1997	-		Crisis Signal		
1998	-		Crisis Signal		
1999	-	Crisis Signal	Crisis Signal		
2000	-	Crisis Signal	Crisis Signal		
2001	Crisis Signal	Crisis Signal	Crisis Signal		
2002	Exchange Rate Crisis				

Source: TAC ECONOMICS



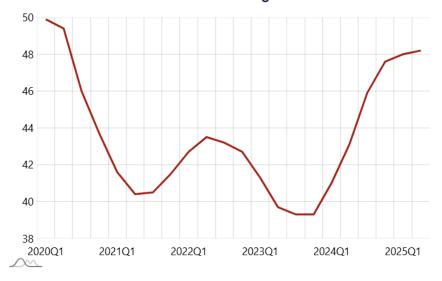
China

Signals of Potential Shocks

A Watch List Indication on Economic Activity

Period of highest vulnerability 2026.Q3 - 2028.Q2

Economic & Financial Risk historical ratings



Source: TAC ECONOMICS Datalab

Date	NNSUM of CYC crisis <1 yr.	NNSUM of CYC crisis 1-3 yr.	NNSUM of CYC crisis 3-5 yr.	NNSUM of EXR crisis <1 yr.	NNSUM of EXR crisis 1-3 yr.	NNSUM of EXR crisis 3-5 yr.	NNSUM of TRA crisis <1 yr.	NNSUM of TRA crisis 1-3 yr.	NNSUM of TRA crisis 3-5 yr.
2020-3						1			
2020-4			1	1		1			
2021-1				2		1			
2021-2			1	1		1			
2021-3			1	1	1	1			
2021-4		1	2	1	1	1			
2022-1			2	1	1	1			
2022-2			2	1	1	2			
2022-3			2			1			
2022-4			2			1			
2023-1		1	2	1		1			
2023-2			2	2		2			
2023-3			3						
2023-4		2	3			1			
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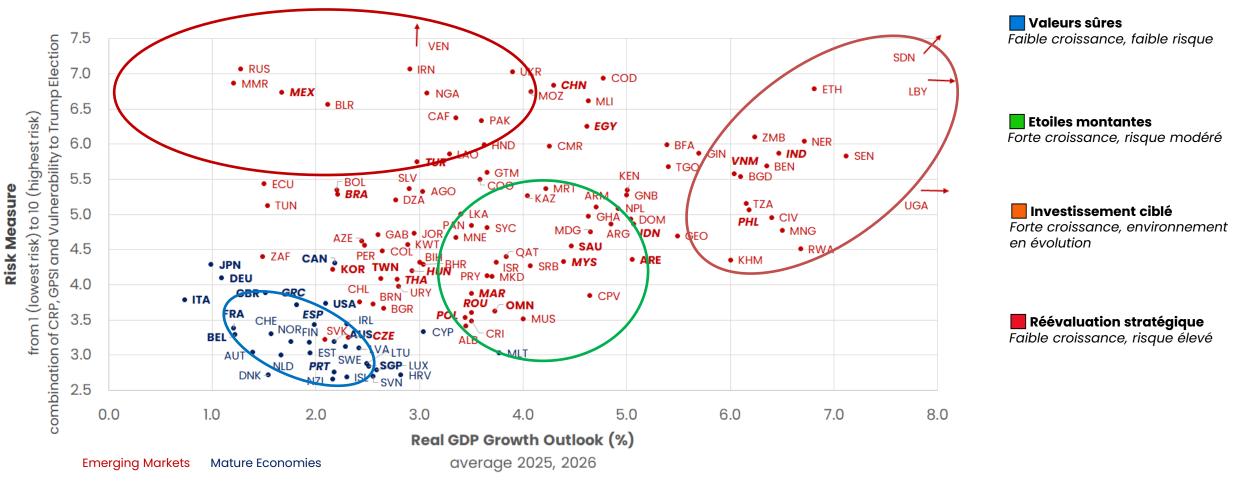


Exchange Rate Ratings & Depreciation

Level of Exchange Rate Rating	Average currency depreciation on a 8-quarter horizon (%)	Standard deviation of currency depreciation on a 8-quarter horizon		
below 30	2.7	11.0		
30-50	8.3	125.5		
Above 50	19.3	296.4		

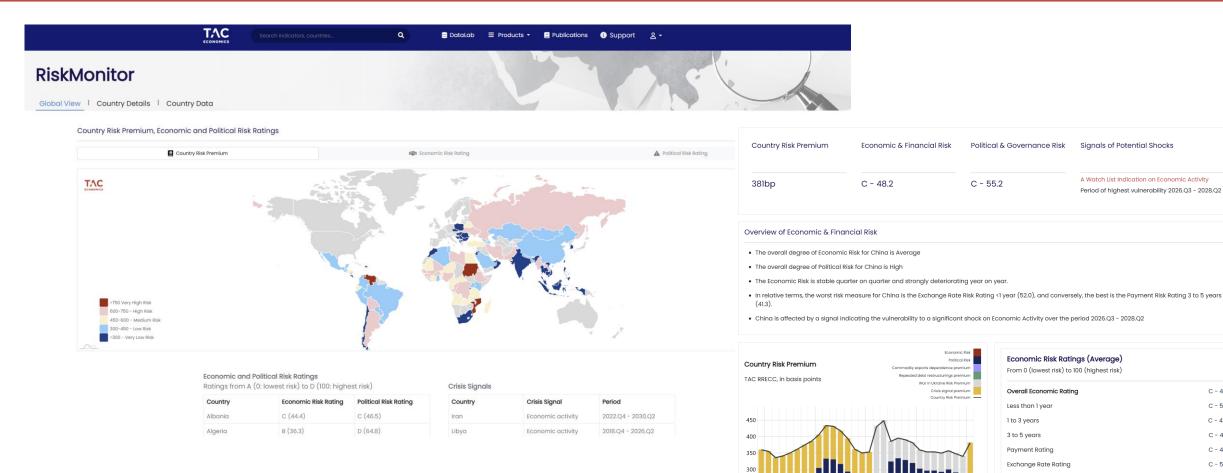


TAC ECONOMICS Risks Measures versus GDP Growth Outlook





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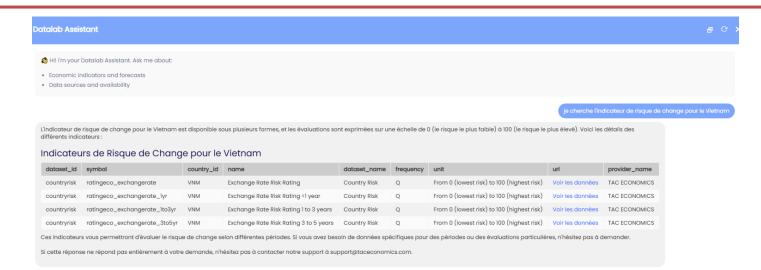
Activity Rating

Political Risk

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