

## FORBES REPORTS ON THE GLOBAL DEBT CRISIS



**New York, NY (January 20, 2010)** – The world has issued so much debt in the past two years fighting the Great Recession that paying it all back is going to be hell – for Americans, along with everybody else. In its latest cover story, Forbes reports on the **Global Debt Bomb (p. 62)**, and how spending our way out of a worldwide recession will take years to repay, creating a lot of pain along the way. Forbes' look at the global debt crisis includes:

- **The Risk List (p. 69)** – Look beyond the usual warning signs to learn what companies are at risk of stiffing creditors. Forbes and Audit Integrity reveal what companies you should be watching.
- **Debt Weight Scorecard (p. 66)** – Free-spending America gets a debt weight scorecard: When looking at debt of the 50 U.S. states, how does your state rank and what does it mean for you?
- **Credit Crunch (p. 67)** – Forbes ranks sovereign debt for 85 of the world's largest economies. Find out which countries are the best (Qatar) and worst (Ukraine).
- **Setting Sun (p. 67)** – With an aging population and ballooning debt, Japan soon may have trouble financing itself.
- **The Stumble Cycle (p. 65)** – See how sovereign debt among countries has fared over the years. Some countries, like Spain and Austria, mend their ways; others, such as Argentina, are repeat offenders.

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