

# Enterprise risk management

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# Course objectives

- Master ERM fundamentals : understand the principles, frameworks, and benefits of ERM
- Analyse and measure risk: learn to identify risk, assess and quantify risks using qualitative and quantitative tools
- Understand the implementation of ERM and best practices

**ERM: fundamentals**

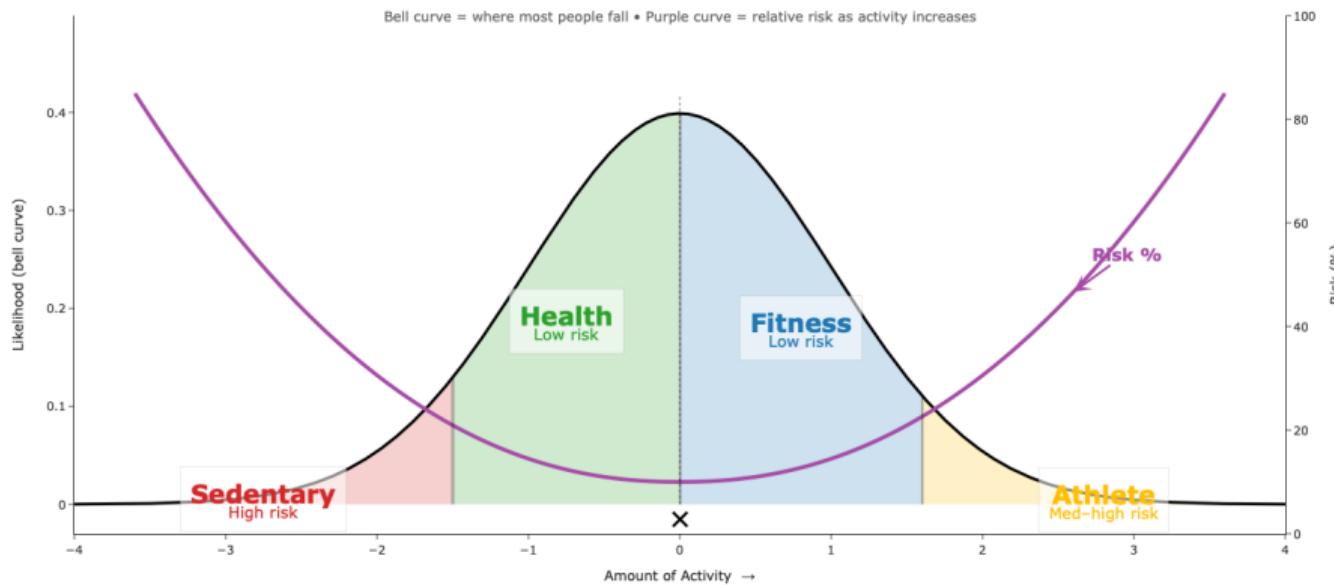
# Understanding risk: preview

- Let consider the following situations:
  - You are in vacation in Cote d'Ivoire and decide to have an outdoor gathering with friends at the beach. → What could possibly go wrong ? How likely could this happen ? if it does happen, will it be very harmful ? What can you do to prevent the event from happening or reduce the impact ?
  - You got involved in a car crash → Is it necessarily someone fault or is it just one of those things that happen in life ?

# Understanding risk: a definition

- Bernstein (1996) defines risk as the uncertainty around the outcome of a decision, process or event which can be negative (losses) or positive (benefits or opportunities).

**Risk vs Reward: Activity Level**



# Understanding risk: key characteristics of risk

- Uncertainty : outcomes are not guaranteed or predictable
- Dual nature: risk is not only about threats or losses, it can also includes opportunities
- Measurable dimensions:
  - **exposure** → what is at stake ?
  - **probability** → how likely is it possible ?
  - **severity** → how bad (or good) could it get ?
  - **time** → how long ?
  - **correlation** → can it escalate or drive other risks ?

# Understanding risk: categorization

- Can you identify the risk type in the following sceenarios ? (let guess together)
  - A large international bank experiences a sophisticated ransomware attack that encrypts critical customers data and shuts down online banking services for almost 2W.
  - The government announces overnight that all cryptocurrencies transactions are banned taking effect immediately, forcing fintech companies to halt operatiions immediately.
  - An investment firm relies heavily on a proprietary risk model to allocate capital. During a period of market stress, the model significantly underestimates correlations across asset classes, leading to losses far exceeding management's stated risk appetite.
  - An extreme weather event severely damages key production facilities of an energy company, forcing a prolonged shutdown. At the same time, regulators announce tighter environmental standards, increasing future compliance and investment costs.

## Understanding risk: categorization

- There is no "one-size-fit-all" in terms of risk category : it's dependent on the analysis framework.
  - Market risk can be related to financial markets, for firms it could relate to their ability to compete in a given (chosen) market(s)
  - Business risk can indicate the full scope of risks faced by a firm or just a subset (specific) risk related to the type of business the firm is involved in (insurance risk for example)
  - Credit risk can include or exclude risk of changes in observed market credit spread – with some hint also to liquidity risk.