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Resumen: Recent macroeconomic shocks have driven a sharp rise in firm-level outcome dispersion. We argue that this heterogeneity arises from differences in firms' exposure to macro shocks, shaped by their business characteristics. To measure this, we construct shock-specific exposures at the firm level using jump-date stock returns and risk-factors text from 10-K filings. These exposures predict abnormal returns and a variety of real outcomes through interpretable variation in language. They also explain much of the increase in observed dispersion. Our findings provide a novel explanation for countercyclical dispersion and highlight the role of firm heterogeneity in macro shock transmission.

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