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recent developments in organizations' design - structures and management methods that have only
emerged lately in response to the turbulences in the environments and competition worldwide.

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