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connected to global markets as male-owned firms. Although there are

many similar characteristics and performance levels betw