Indonesia Economic Briefing

Getting in Shape

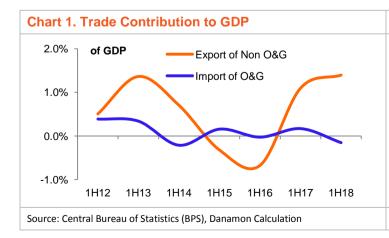


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Economic Highlights

- The statistics office announced **Indonesia's economic growth of 5.27% yoy** for the second quarter of 2018, higher than our 5.10% estimate. There were two specific factors that helped boost the result in 2Q18: 1) harvest booking, which was shifted from the first quarter in 2017 to the second quarter this year. As we have mentioned in the past, the gap can go up to 0.3pps with low base effect and 2) realization of the government's social spending that amounted around IDR 27tn. Both factors will have phased out in quarters to come.
- A point worth highlighting from 1H18 cumulative figures was the contribution of trade towards GDP (please see Chart 1). Export of non-oil and gas sustained its recovery despite the drop in CPO price, whilst coal and basic manufacturing products have upheld previous growth momentum. What came as a surprise was actually the negative growth of imported oil and gas in the midst of faster economic recovery. Please keep in mind that average oil price had surged by 40% this year and Indonesia is a net oil importing country for consumption purposes.
- Another note worth pointing out was the sizable increase in inventories. It seems
 that producers were ramping up supply as a rebuttal towards the sudden pick-up in
 household purchasing power. This was also concurred by the highest capacity
 utilization rate since 2014. And since overall data suggest that the improvements
 were broad-based across subsectors, we think the economic structure and
 especially the real sector has gotten healthier.
- What next? Our view on consumption remains unchanged in the sense that income and saving recoveries for the past 2 years will continue to bear fruit. The frontloading of direct investment during the first half of this year should somewhat ease on the run up towards presidential election. Much also depends on whether the government will proceed in managing imported capital goods for infrastructure. But our thoughts for the medium-run still lingers on paving way for top local players to set-up shop internationally, so that the Primary Income and Gross National Product figures can be overturned (please see Chart 2).



Country	NIIP/GDP	Primary Income/GDP	GNP/GDP	
India	-17%	-1.3%	1.02x	
US	-45%	+1.0%	1.01x	
China	+16%	-0.6%	0.99x	
Indonesia	-33%	-3.1%	0.97x	

Chart 2. Gross National Product – 2017 Comparison

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics (BPS), CEIC, Danamon Calculation

 $^{^{1}}$ GNP = GDP + [(income earned on all foreign assets – income earned by foreigners in the country)].



Indonesia: Selected Economic Indicators

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018E
National Accounts					
Real GDP (% y-o-y)	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.1
Domestic demand ex. inventory (% y-o-y)	5.3	4.0	5.0	4.8	5.6
Real Consumption: Private (% y-o-y)	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.0
Real Gross Fixed Capital Formation (% y-o-y)	4.4	5.0	4.5	6.2	6.3
GDP (USD bn) — nominal	891	861	933	1,016	1,076
GDP per capita (USD) — nominal	3,532	3,370	3,603	3,878	4,050
Open Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	6.2	5.6	5.5	5.3
External Sector					
Exports (% y-o-y, BoP Basis)	-3.7	-14.9	-3.1	16.9	6.5
Imports (% y-o-y, BoP Basis)	-4.5	-19.7	-4.5	16.2	13.0
Trade balance (USD bn, BoP Basis)	6.9	14.1	15.4	18.9	10.3
Current account (% of GDP)	-3.2	-2.1	-1.8	-1.7	-2.5
Central government debt (% of GDP)	24.7	27.4	27.8	28.6 (E)	28.7
International Reserves –IRFCL (USD bn)	111.9	105.9	116.4	130.2	120.6
Reserve Cover (Months of imports & ext. debt)	6.5	7.4	8.4	8.3	7.7
Currency/US\$ (Year-end)	12,440	13,795	13,436	13,548	14,100
Currency/US\$ (Average)	11,878	13,392	13.308	13,383	13,950
Other					
BI policy rate (% year end)	7.75	7.50	6.50*	N/A	N/A
BI 7-Day Reverse Repo rate (% year end)	N/A	6.25	4.75	4.25	5.75
Consumer prices (% year end)	8.36	3.35	3.02	3.61	3.64
Fiscal balance (% of GDP; FY)	-2.26	-2.70	-2.46	-2.60 (E)	-2.52
S&P's Rating – FCY	BB+	BB+	BB+	BBB-	BBB-

Source: CEIC, E = Danamon Estimates, *) Up to August 2016



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