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BI Unexpectedly Raised The BI7DRR by 25 bps to 6.00%

Bank Indonesia (BI) has decided to increase the BI7DRR rate by 25bps for the first time in 2023, bringing it to 6.00% (Cons: 5.75%, KBVS: 5.75%, Prev: 5.75%). We interpret this move as a response to BI's concerns over the weakening Rupiah, which has been evident since 20 Jul '23, indicated by the JISDOR weakness from IDR14,991 per USD to the current (18 Oct '23) rate of IDR 15,838 per USD. This condition has been driven by the capital outflow observed in asset portfolios, amounting to IDR52.73 tn (≈USD3.38 bn) during Aug and Sep '23, and an additional IDR13.18 tn (≈USD0.84 bn) from 1 to 18 Oct '23. Moreover, there are ongoing concerns about the current account deficit in 3Q23, posing a twin deficit risk (besides fiscal deficit) traditionally leading to fundamental depreciation of the Rupiah. Simultaneously, we perceive this as a reflection of BI's concerns regarding the effectiveness of the implementation of the Foreign Currency Natural Resources Export Earning (DHE SDA), initiated since 1 Aug '23. Instead of boosting foreign exchange reserves, the figure actually decreased by USD2.82 bn between 31 Jul, '23, to 22 Sep'23.

Nevertheless, BI continues to maintain its accommodative macroprudential policy by reducing the Macroprudential Liquidity Buffer ratio by 100 bps for Conventional Commercial Banks and Sharia Commercial Banks/Business Units to 5.00% and 3.50%, respectively. Additionally, BI's pro-growth policy is evident in promoting the effectiveness of implementing the Macroprudential Liquidity Incentive Policy (KLM) to encourage banking credit/financing to priority sectors, including downstream industries (mining, agriculture, plantations, and fisheries), housing (including affordable housing), tourism and creative economy, MSMEs, KUR, Micro, and green sectors, effective since 1 Oct '23. This is accompanied by the continuation of the Loan to Value/Financing to Value (LTV/FTV) for property credit/financing, capped at 100%, and the relaxation of down payment requirements for motor vehicle credit/financing to a minimum of 0% for all types of new motor vehicles, both effective from 1 Jan to 31 Dec '24.

These conditions were unforeseen in our previous projections, prompting us to adjust our assumptions for the SUN10Y yield at the end of 2023 to a new range of 6.70%-7.10%, from 6.06%-6.46%. Simultaneously, the increasing attractiveness of the SUN10Y yield is expected to help stabilize the Rupiah, aiming for a range of IDR 15,481 per USD (recently at IDR 15,838 per USD). Furthermore, we anticipate that this will drive an increase in inflation from the import's side, leading us to forecast that headline inflation will rise from 2.72% YoY-3.12% YoY, from 2.44% YoY-2.84% YoY at the end of 2023. With the note that we also anticipate the liquidity boost facilitated by BI through the issuance of SRBI since 27 Sep '23, foreign currency term deposit (TD Valas) auctions, and DHE SDA, in addition to interventions in DNDF and FX Swap auctions, will be further reinforced by the issuance of BI Foreign Securities (Sekuritas Valas BI-SVBI) and BI Foreign Sukuk (Sukuk Valas BI-SUVBI), scheduled to commence implementation on 21 Nov '23. Simultaneously, we maintain the assumption that the government will not require the issuance of global bonds until the end of 2023.

Table 1. Interest Rate Data

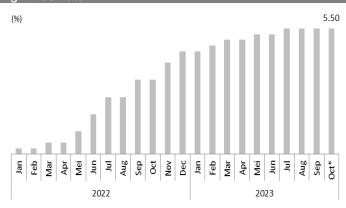
	19-Oct	-23	Monthly	Ytd Changes					
Indicators	Latest	M-1	Changes (in bps)	(in bps)					
Policy Rate (in %)									
United States	5.50	5.50	0.0	100.0					
European Union	4.50	4.50	0.0	200.0					
United Kingdom	5.25	5.25	0.0	175.0					
Japan	-0.10	-0.10	0.0	0.0					
China	3.45	3.45	0.0	(20.0)					
India	6.50	6.50	0.0	25.0					
Thailand	2.50	2.50	0.0	125.0					
Philippines	6.25	6.25	0.0	75.0					
Indonesia	6.00	5.75	25.0	25.0					



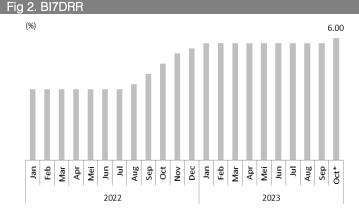
USD LIBOR -6 Months	5.86	5.90	(3.4)	108.1			
Domestic Interbank Money Market (in %)							
INDONIA	5.64	5.62	2.1	19.4			
JIBOR - 1 Month	6.40	6.40	0.0	640.0			
JIBOR - 3 Months	6.74	6.74	(0.5)	171.3			
JIBOR - 6 Months	6.85	6.85	(0.4)	105.6			
JIBOR - 12 Months	7.01	7.02	(0.7)	81.0			

Sources : Each Central Bank and GlobalRates - treated (2023)

Fig 1. Fed Rate

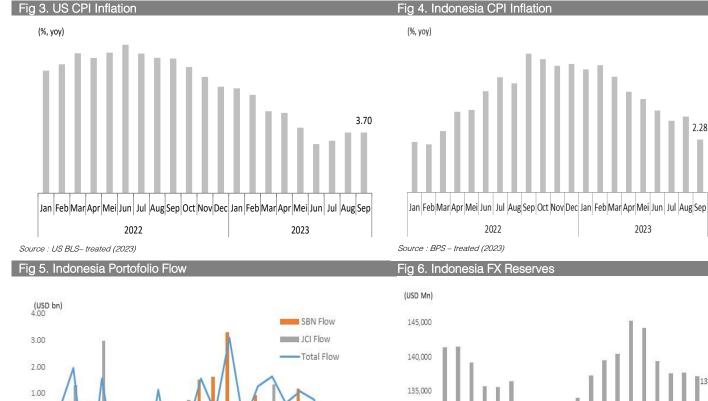


Source: The Fed - treated (2023)



Source: Bank Indonesia – treated (2023)





Source : Bloomberg - treated (2023)

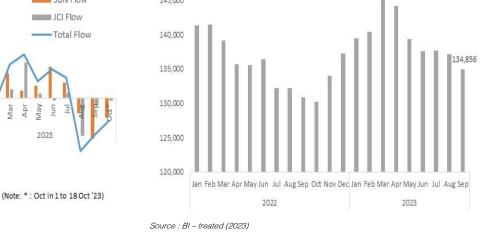
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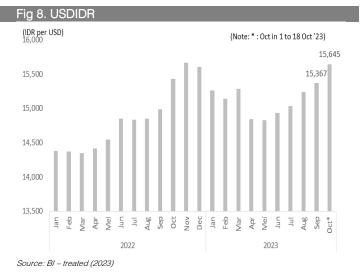
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Source: BI - treated (2023)



Table 2. Fed Rate Probabilities, as of 18 October 2023										
MEETING	MEETING PROBABILITIES									
DATE	375-400	400-425	425-450	450-475	475-500	500-525	525-550	550-575	575-600	600-625
1-Nov-23		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	93.9%	6.1%	0.0%	0.0%
13-Dec-23	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	61.1%	36.8%	2.1%	0.0%
31-Jan-24	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	52.3%	40.3%	7.1%	0.3%
20-Mar-24	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%	50.8%	36.3%	6.3%	0.3%
1-May-24	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	20.6%	46.1%	26.7%	4.4%	0.2%
12-Jun-24	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	8.4%	29.4%	39.4%	19.0%	2.9%	0.1%
31-Jul-24	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	4.0%	17.5%	33.8%	30.6%	12.0%	1.7%	0.1%
18-Sep-24	0.0%	0.1%	1.9%	10.0%	24.7%	32.4%	22.4%	7.5%	1.0%	0.0%
7-Nov-24	0.0%	0.8%	5.0%	15.5%	27.6%	28.6%	16.8%	5.0%	0.6%	0.0%
18-Dec-24	0.4%	2.8%	10.0%	21.2%	28.1%	23.0%	11.2%	3.0%	0.3%	0.0%

Source : CME Group - treated (2023)

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