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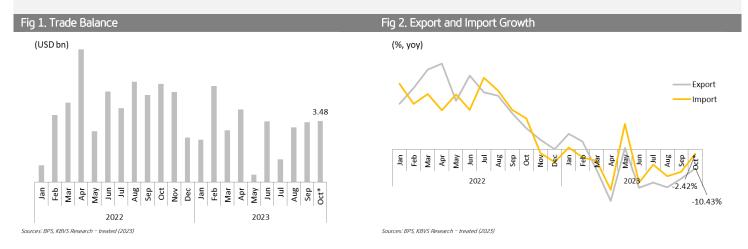
Trade Surplus Sustained, China Draws Closer to Indonesia

The increase in exports by 6.76% mom in Oct '23, despite a concurrent rise in imports by 7.68% mom, has sustained a trade surplus at USD3.48 bn (Cons: USD2.83 bn, KBVS: USD3.30 bn, Prev: USD3.42 bn). This has driven the Indonesia's FOB export value to reach USD22.15 bn (prev: USD20.75 bn) in the same month, comprising USD1.37 bn in Oil&Gas exports (prev: USD1.41 bn), while Non-Oil&Gas exports reached USD20.78 bn (prev: USD20.75 bn). The largest increase in exports originated from Mineral Fuels (HS27) with a USD0.67 bn increase or 24.61% mom, followed by Precious Metals&Jewelry/Gems (HS71) with a USD0.21 bn increase or 43.10% mom, and Footwear (HS64) with a USD0.17 bn increase or 39.55% mom. Conversely, the most significant decrease in exports stemmed from Machinery&Electrical Equipment and Parts Exports (HS85), which decreased by USD0.09 bn compared to the previous month or -7.48% mom. Additionally, positive indicators were observed in Indonesia's top exported products, such as Coal (+24.11% mom), followed by Iron & Steel (+5.76% mom), and Palm Oil (+2.59% mom) in the respective month.

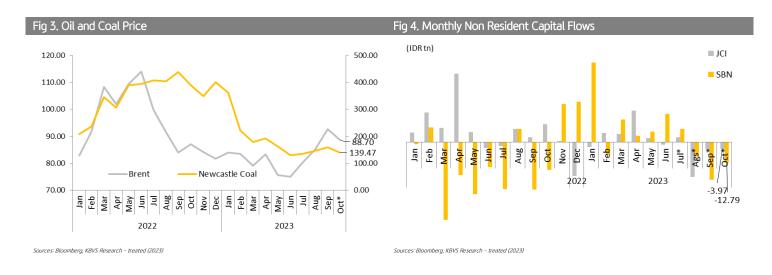
On the import side, Indonesia's CIF import value reached USD18.67 bn (prev: USD17.34 bn) in Oct '23. This figure comprises USD3.21 bn in Oil&Gas imports (prev: USD3.33 bn), mainly attributed to a decrease in Crude Oil imports by -19.64% mom, while Processed Oil increased by +3.01% mom and Gas by +33.50% mom. Meanwhile, Non-Oil & Gas imports reached USD15.47 bn (Prev: USD14.01 bn) in Oct '23, driven by a substantial increase in imports of Machinery/Electrical Equipment & Parts (HS85) by USD0.39 billion, marking a +21.06% mom increase compared to the previous month, followed by a USD0.29 bn increase in Machinery/Mechanical Equipment&Parts (HS84) imports or +11.19% mom. Conversely, the largest decrease in imports was seen in Vegetables (HS07), declining by -38.86% to USD0.06 bn in Oct '23. Then, based on the Goods Usage Classification, all categories have seen an uptick — Consumer Goods (+14.52% mom), Capital Goods (+9.17% mom), and Raw Materials/Intermediates (+5.87% mom).

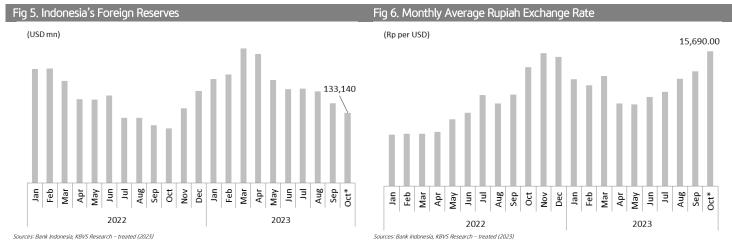
Meanwhile, we anticipate further propulsion for Indonesia's economy, align with the ongoing recovery in the Chinese economy, as the interconnection between Indonesia and China's trade has strengthened. This is evident in the share of Non-Oil&Gas exports to China, which increased to 27.83% (prev: 25.25%), while the share of Non-Oil & Gas imports from China reached 34.63% (prev: 32.92%) in the respective period. Moreover, the Chinese industrial production in Oct '23 improving to 4.6% YoY (Cons: 4.4% YoY, Prev: 4.5% YoY) – see Page 2, Fig 6 – alongside the increased Production&Business Activities Expectation Index in the same month to 55.6 (prev: 55.5).

Additionally, with China's stable inflation at 0.0% YoY in Oct '23, followed by the CNY depreciation by 4.97% (ytd, as of 15 Nov '23) against the USD, it is expected to lower the risk of imported inflation transmission from China. Conversely, it is also expected to increase the relative competitive advantage of Indonesian export products to that country. This is further expected to boost Indonesia's imports to China from the USD6.29 bn in Oct '23. This anticipation is also supported by the optimization of the Local Currency Transaction (LCT), which includes investments, financial markets, banking, and payment transactions between Indonesia and China, involving 16 banks in Indonesia and 8 banks in China through the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Bank Indonesia and PBoC on the 26 Sep '23.









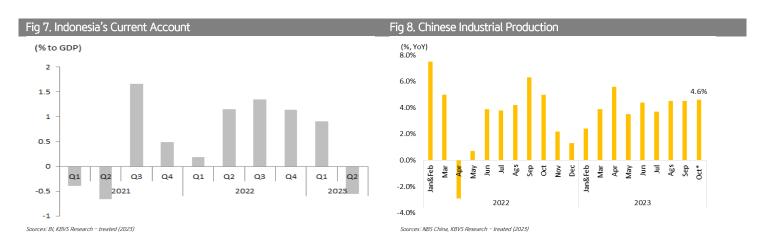




Table 1. Indonesia's Trade Balance				
	Value (USD bn)		Growth (%)	
Indicators				
	Latest	M-1	МоМ	YoY
Total Export	22.15	20.75	6.76	-10.43
Oil & Gas	1.37	1.41	-2.38	6.63
- Crude Oil	0.18	0.21	-11.85	40.96
- Processed Oil	0.49	0.50	-2.00	50.74
- Gas	0.70	0.70	0.11	-15.76
Non-Oil & Gas	20.78	19.35	7.42	-10.43
- Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	0.37	0.40	-8.00	-21.58
- Manufacturing	16.14	15.39	4.83	-5.03
- Mining & Others	4.26	3.54	20.47	-28.57
Total Import	18.67	17.34	7.68	-2.42
Oil & Gas	3.21	3.33	-3.66	-4.68
- Crude Oil	1.28	1.03	-19.64	-0.68
- Processing Oil	1.88	1.82	3.01	-6.79
- Gas	0.30	0.22	33.50	-4.39
- Gas Non Oil & Gas	0.30 15.47	0.22 14.01	33.50 10.37	-4.39 -1.94
Non Oil & Gas				
Non Oil & Gas Import Based on the Goods Usage Classification	15.47	14.01	10.37	-1.94
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