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# Investment:

# Massive boom with some caveats

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## **Executive Summary**

- Investment grew 35.2% YoY through the first three quarters of the year, driven by a solid growth in DDI and an exceptional one in FDI.
- There are two main types of winner in the current environment: exporters of energy or battery metals, and destination of manufacturing relocation from China. Indonesia clearly belongs in the first group, but evidence for the second is more limited so far.
- Strong investment growth should help Indonesia maintain solid GDP growth next year, amid
   solid but maxed out domestic consumption and weaker export demand.
- Indonesia's investment boom went from strength to strength, with FDI growing by 66.4% YoY in Q3-22 (to USD 11.8 Bn) while DDI grew 22.5% YoY (to IDR 139.0 Tn). Taken together, direct investment through the first three quarters of the year amounted to USD 61.7 Bn, which is a 35.2% YoY improvement over the same period in 2021.
- This boom is quite remarkable, in that FDI and DDI are both growing strongly. As we see in Panel 1 (left), FDI and DDI boom seldom coincide indeed, the large-scale infrastructure investment during peak Jokowinomics (2016-19) happened during a period of relative FDI drought. And while some of the nominal growth could be attributed to increased price of capital goods, the current pace clearly indicates real investment growth. It may be less bang for the buck, but there is a lot more bucks indeed.
- These numbers also fit in nicely with the macro picture that we have been painting for the past few months. Domestic consumption is strong but maxed out as a source of growth, fiscal stimulus is ending, while exports are likely to be impacted by the coming global slowdown. As a result, investment is the main factor that determine whether Indonesia would enjoy robust growth next year (4.7% or higher) or merely a decent one amid challenging global backdrop.
- Indonesia is among a select few countries that are expected to grow relatively strongly in 2023, and the IDR is also one of the few currencies that have held up better against the USD wrecking ball. When we glance at both these lists, two themes emerge: they are either (1) exporter of energy or of metals used in batteries or renewable energy (e.g. Australia, Chile, Philippines), and (2) potential destination of manufacturing relocation as the US decouples from China (e.g. India, Vietnam, Mexico).

- Indonesia clearly belongs in the first group, and it shows from the strong investment into metals and mining (*Chart 1*). It is also, in theory, part of the second group but the evidence here is less suggestive. Investment into manufacturing outside of smelter has not grown as strongly, although there are bright spots in chemical/pharmaceutical and food industries.
- Another relevant data point here is new export orders index under manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI). While Indonesia's headline PMI remains above water, in terms of new export orders it is way down in the contraction zone. Meanwhile, the three prime candidates for relocation – India, Vietnam, Mexico – are seeing rising (or at least flat) export orders, alongside Singapore and Thailand which also have built-in advantages in this area.
- In a sense, Indonesia may not be quite ready for the industrial relocation sweepstakes, despite
  the genuine strides it has made during the past decade. Still, it is encouraging that the two
  "enabling" sectors, namely logistics and utilities, continue to see strong investment.
  Even if Indonesia does not benefit much from the current wave of relocation, it could position
  itself better for subsequent waves especially if the legal limbo surrounding the Job Creation
  Law could be cleared up.
- Finally, there are two other points of caution. First, DDI growth in particular appears to be peaking, and may see a moderate slowdown next year. This is a reflection of the relatively conservative attitude of the corporate sector after the pandemic, with a clear preference towards maintaining liquidity and reducing leverage (*Panel 2*).
- Secondly, the FDI boom since the pandemic has not been matched by comparable FX inflows
  (*Panel 1, right*). This could reflect project delays, or otherwise tight financial control from the
  headquarters/origin countries. Either way, this means that the FDI boom may not be a
  sufficient cushion for the IDR amid the current strong USD environment. Instead, the
  trade surplus and interest rates remain critical weapons in this regard.

Panel 1. Investment growth has been strong, but actual FX inflow is more limited

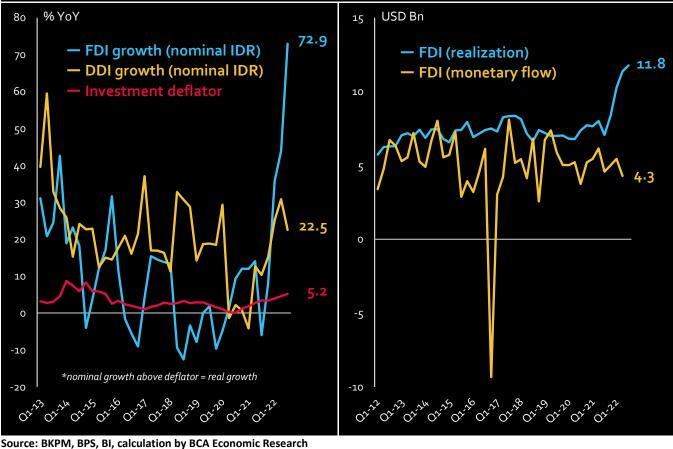
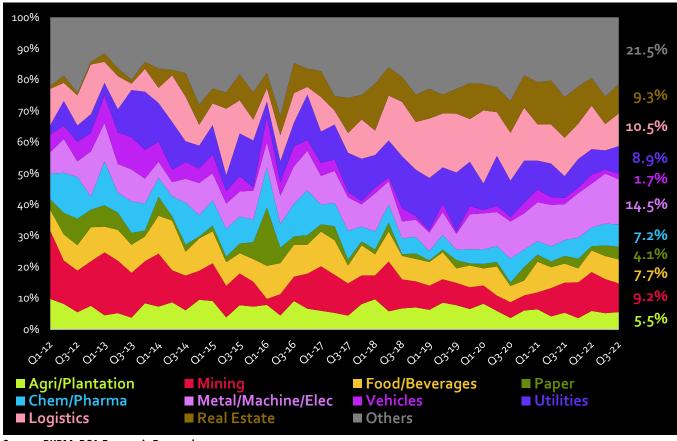
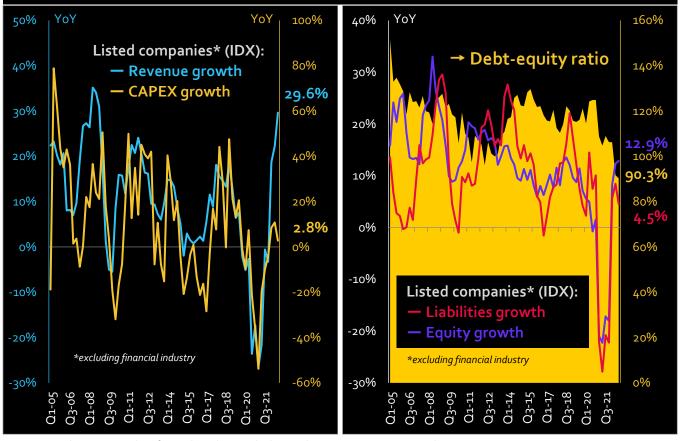


Chart 1. Investment in recent years have been dominated by metals and mining



Source: BKPM, BCA Economic Research

Panel 2. Despite the recovery, corporations have been relatively conservative in taking on more debt and spending towards CAPEX



Source: Listed companies data from Bloomberg, calculations by BCA Economic Research

# **Selected Macroeconomic Indicator**

Table 1. FDI realization by sector (USD Million, current price)

	2019	2020	2021	Q4-2021	Q1-2022	Q2-2022	Q3-2022
PRIMARY SECTORS	3,293.8	3,280.0	4,826.2	1,676.8	1,636.5	1,695.1	1,602.0
Food crops, plantations, & livestock	946.9	1,184.2	950.6	190.7	456.2	401.1	503.1
Forestry	36.3	42.6	41.4	9.0	8.0	23.8	39.9
Fishery	54.1	48.1	17.2	4.0	1.2	12.0	6.7
Mining	2,256.5	2,005.1	3,816.9	1,473.0	1,171.1	1,258.2	1,052.4
SECONDARY SECTORS	9,550.8	13,202.2	15,802.8	3,898.6	5,429.2	6,114.3	6,595.1
Food industry	1,272.2	1,592.2	2,337.4	319.2	685.9	552.7	698.7
Textile industry	238.9	279.8	312.1	67.9	126.1	109.5	285.1
Leather goods & footwear industry	188.2	214.0	484.9	200.2	96.8	163.1	241.2
Wood industry	94.9	84.7	68.1	20.8	22.6	112.0	71.9
Paper & printing industry	446.1	942.8	952.5	359.6	156.4	504.8	648.2
Chemical & pharmaceutical ind.	1,486.1	1,742.6	1,656.5	355.3	854.0	896.5	958.4
Rubber & plastic industry	291.6	291.4	262.2	38.0	67.2	72.4	119.6
Non metallic mineral ind.	475.0	248.3	327.0	72.7	101.5	94.1	102.8
Metal, machinery, electronics, & other instruments	4,058.6	6,570.5	7,653.8	2,146.4	2,716.7	3,283.1	2,993.1
Transport equipment & other transport	754.1	941.9	1,501.9	271.8	542.0	236.0	316.5
Other industries	245.3	294.0	246.3	46.6	60.0	90.1	159.6
TERTIARY SECTORS	15,364.3	12,183.8	10,464.2	2,795.9	3,193.3	3,560.9	3,572.0
Electricity, gas and water supply	5,921.2	4,613.9	2,938.6	995.8	982.5	836.3	1,225.8
Construction	161.6	189.5	93.3	22.7	24.5	31.0	67.8
Trade & reparation	421.3	434.1	463.8	114.4	184.5	242.8	222.4
Hotel & restaurant	625.9	441.1	432.2	136.9	155.3	95.6	111.9
Transport, warehouse & telco	4,727.8	3,580.5	3,159.1	782.1	872.1	881.4	859.2
Real estate, industrial estate & business activities	2,888.6	2,191.4	2,186.4	401.0	516.1	997.4	765.5
Other services	617.9	733.3	1,190.7	342.9	458.3	476.4	319.4
TOTAL	28,208.9	28,666.0	31,093.2	8,371.3	10,259.0	11,370.3	11,769.1

\*Gold = Top 5 sectors for the year

Source: BKPM

Table 2. DDI realization by sector (IDR Billion, current price)

	2019	2020	2021	Q4-2021	Q1-2022	Q2-2022	Q3-2022
PRIMARY SECTORS	78,884.9	47,580.1	62,766.7	16,905.2	31,125.0	26,713.3	24,139.8
Food crops, plantations, & livestock	43,598.9	32,096.6	29,374.7	5,793.4	10,073.3	9,814.8	9,808.8
Forestry	9,366.5	1,163.6	6,862.7	4,392.4	2,526.0	1,672.1	607.3
Fishery	247.5	564.9	1,012.1	251.7	140.1	242.5	522.6
Mining	25,672.0	13,755.0	25,517.1	6,467.6	18,385.6	14,983.9	13,201.1
SECONDARY SECTORS	72,673.8	82,817.9	94,698.7	31,724.1	25,575.7	39,575.1	39,714.4
Food industry	36,602.6	27,872.7	26,517.5	6,089.8	9,715.9	14,485.7	13,762.5
Textile industry	1,312.6	2,103.3	1,972.4	436.9	587.9	2,008.4	1,412.3
Leather goods & footwear industry	77.3	394.7	700.4	238.9	61.1	127.8	90.4
Wood industry	1,585.5	1,263.4	1,143.7	418.1	733.3	855.1	1,178.8
Paper & printing industry	2,950.2	3,745.9	7,833.6	2,144.9	1,584.1	3,009.7	3,137.0
Chemical & pharmaceutical ind.	9,484.2	22,526.1	23,363.6	11,123.6	4,657.1	8,226.0	8,279.0
Rubber & plastic industry	3,069.1	4,428.7	7,803.1	3,953.4	1,062.2	1,941.3	2,005.6
Non metallic mineral ind.	3,572.9	5,861.9	6,522.2	1,082.1	1,231.3	1,783.0	1,889.0
Metal, machinery, electronics, & other instruments	9,334.8	10,013.6	16,190.9	5,511.2	3,652.9	4,419.9	5,218.9
Transport equipment & other transport	2,608.2	2,556.6	1,459.3	276.4	385.7	677.0	650.4
Other industries	2,076.5	2,051.0	1,192.0	448.8	1,904.2	2,041.2	2,090.4
TERTIARY SECTORS	234,933.2	283,137.7	289,598.5	70,708.0	78,481.1	72,728.8	75,098.7
Electricity, gas and water supply	37,164.2	35,518.8	38,727.7	7,715.5	8,970.7	6,297.9	9,676.4
Construction	55,090.7	68,289.2	39,569.4	9,742.5	6,229.7	11,127.2	4,132.7
Trade & reparation	13,662.9	16,748.4	22,432.3	6,051.0	6,840.7	10,646.0	8,591.4
Hotel & restaurant	16,163.6	10,203.1	17,819.3	5,064.6	5,000.4	7,233.3	3,875.6
Transport, warehouse & telco	68,082.5	93,282.8	61,241.6	15,915.3	26,966.7	12,932.0	20,179.8
Real estate, industrial estate & business activities	27,796.5	44,852.8	85,497.8	22,724.4	17,467.4	12,428.4	17,894.1
Other services	16,972.7	14,242.6	24,310.4	3,494.7	7,005.5	12,064.0	10,748.6
TOTAL	386,491.9	413,535.7	447,064.0	119,337.35	135,181.80	139,017.20	138,952.88

\*Gold = Top 5 sectors for the year



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# **Indonesia - Economic Indicators Projection**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022E
Gross Domestic Product (% YoY)	5.1	5.2	5.0	-2.1	3.7	5.1
GDP per Capita (US\$)	3877	3927	4175	3912	4350	4564
Consumer Price Index Inflation (% YoY)	3.6	3.1	2.7	1.7	1.9	6.4
BI 7 day Repo Rate (%)	4.25	6.00	5.00	3.75	3.50	5.5
USD/IDR Exchange Rate (end of year)**	13,433	14,390	13,866	14,050	14,262	15,584
Trade Balance (US\$ billion)	11.8	-8.5	-3.2	21.7	35.3	45.5
Current Account Balance (% GDP)	-1.6	-3.0	-2.7	-0.4	0.3	1.4

<sup>\*\*</sup> Estimation of Rupiah's fundamental exchange rate

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