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BI Policy:

A Merry Mix of Two Mandates

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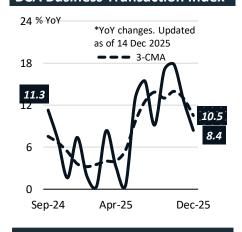
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BCA Consumer Spending Index*



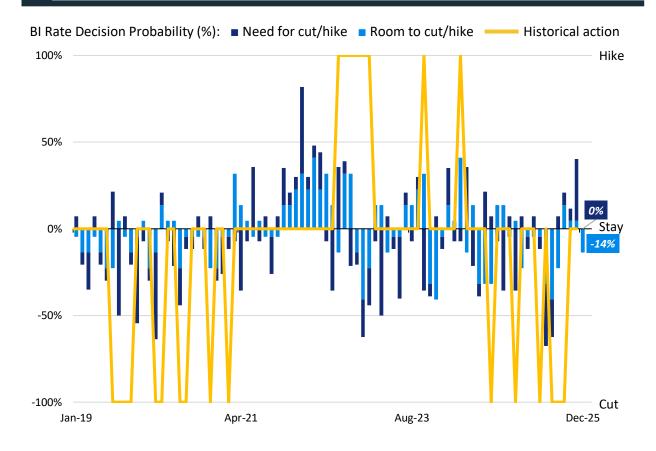
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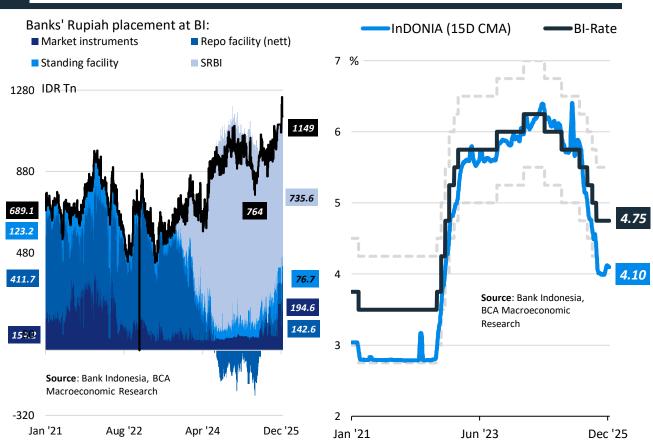
- Bank Indonesia (BI) maintained its benchmark interest rate at 4.75% during the Dec-25 meeting, in line with market consensus. Accompanying this decision, BI also made slight adjustments to the existing KLM (Macroprudential Liquidity Incentive Policy) structure and introduced interest rates on banks' excess reserves at BI.
- What has happened in the last two months does justify BI's tilt towards a pro-stability decision. The volatility of the Rupiah has increased, but several indicators in the real sector have shown recovery, despite credit growth remaining stagnant at 7.74% YoY (Nov-25). Meanwhile, the Fed's interest rate cut last week cannot be said to create room for BI to be more accommodative, as it was accompanied by a widening divergence among FOMC members, reducing the certainty of further rate cuts next year.
- Nevertheless, the pro-growth side did not leave empty-handed from yesterday's meeting. BI slightly adjusted the portion of the KLM incentive by shifting 50 bps from the lending channel to the interest rate channel. This means that, although it is only 50 bps, there is an additional incentive that is not limited to specific sectors, but is applicable more broadly, which should facilitate a quicker transmission to M2 growth.
- Perhaps what is more interesting and raises questions is BI's decision to offer an interest rate of 3.5% on banks' excess reserves at BI (previously none). In theory, providing additional incentives for reserves at the central bank is an absorption policy. But BI may be looking at a broader pipeline. In addition to providing flexibility for banks to choose where to place their assets, the additional buffer for bank profits will lead to better capital and liquidity, which may subsequently lead

to improved credit growth. For BI itself, this serves as another tool to control the level of excess reserves, which we can argue is slightly more direct to loans, rather than relying on transmission from policy rates to the interbank market first.

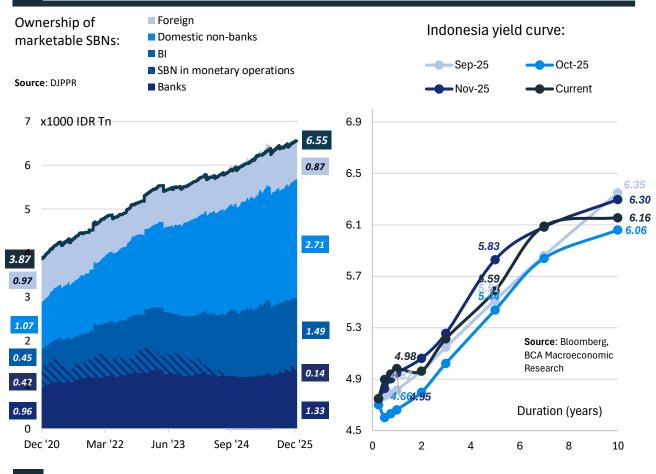
• Next year, we see room for BI to continue rate cuts, following the Fed. However, the transmission to credit growth may be uncertain if the stability of the Rupiah continues to be a concern due to several risks, such as a declining trade surplus and high global long-term yields.

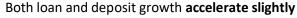


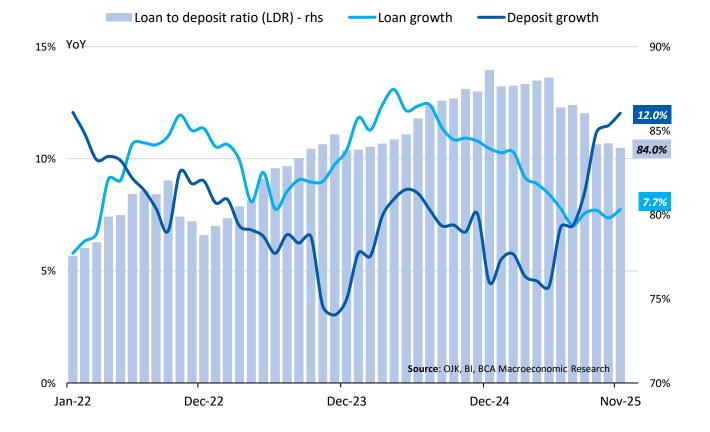
2 Government interventions lead to a sizable improvement in banks' liquidity



Yield curve moves lower as liquidity condition improves

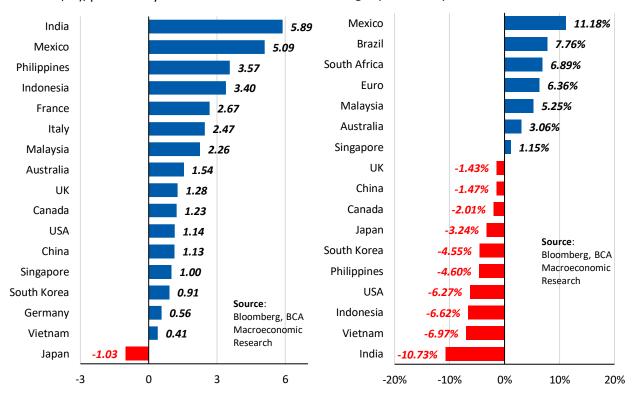






Real interest rates (10Y Sovereign bond yield - CPI inflation, %), per country:

Nominal effective exchange rate (NEER), YTD % changes per country:



Selected Macroeconomic Indicators

Key Policy Rates	Rate (%)	Last Change	Real Rate (%)	Trade & Commodities	17-Dec	-1 mth	Chg (%)
US	3.75	Dec-25	0.75	Baltic Dry Index	2,204.0	2,125.0	3.7
UK	4.00	Aug-25	0.80	0.80 S&P GSCI Index		559.3	-3.6
EU	2.15	Jun-25	0.05 Oil (Brent, \$/brl)		59.7	64.4	-7.3
Japan	0.50	Jan-25	-2.50 Coal (\$/MT)		106.1	113.9	-6.8
China (lending)	2.00	Sep-24	3.65 Gas (\$/MMBtu)		3.66	3.49	4.9
Korea	2.50	May-25	0.10	0.10 Gold (\$/oz.)		4,084.1	6.2
India	5.25	Jun-25	4.54	Copper (\$/MT)	11,727.2	10,855.9	8.0
Indonesia	4.75	Sep-25	2.03	Nickel (\$/MT)	14,202.2	14,696.9	-3.4
Manay Mkt Pates	17-Dec	-1 mth	Chg	CPO (\$/MT)	969.8	981.0	-1.1
Money Mkt Rates	17-Dec	-1 111(11	(bps)	Rubber (\$/kg)	1.77	1.75	1.1
SPN (1Y)	4.73	4.49	23.2	External Sector	Oct	Sep	Chg (%)
SUN (10Y)	6.12	6.11	0.6	External Sector			
INDONIA (O/N, Rp)	4.16	4.00	15.8	Export (\$ bn)	24.24	24.68	-1.79
JIBOR 1M (Rp)	5.03	5.05	-1.5	Import (\$ bn)	21.84	20.34	7.41
Bank Rates (Rp)	Sep	Aug	Chg (bps)	Trade bal. (\$ bn)	2.39	4.34	-44.91
Lending (WC)	8.46	8.55	-9.00	Central bank reserves (\$ bn)*	149.9	148.7	0.80
Deposit 1M	4.96	5.24	-28.00	(1 -)			
Savings	0.70	0.70	0.00	Prompt Indicators	Oct	Sep	Aug
Currency/USD	17-Dec	-1 mth	Chg (%)	Consumer confidence index (CCI)	121.2	115.0	117.2
UK Pound	0.748	0.759	1.56	Car sales (%YoY)	-4.4	-15.1	-19.0
Euro	0.852	0.861	1.03	, ,			
Japanese Yen	155.7	154.6	-0.73	Motorcycle sales	8.4	7.3	0.7
Chinese RMB	7.044	7.099	0.79	(%YoY)			
Indonesia Rupiah	16,688	16,704	0.10			Oct	Chg (bps)
Capital Mkt	17-Dec	-1 mth	Chg (%)	Manufacturing PMI	Nov		
JCI	8,677.3	8,370.4	3.67	USA	52.2	52.5	-30
DJIA	47,886.0	47,147.5	1.57	Eurozone	49.6	50.0	-40
FTSE	9,774.3	9,698.4	0.78	Japan	48.7	48.2	50
Nikkei 225	49,512.3	50,376.5	-1.72	-1.72 China		50.6	-70
Hang Seng	25,468.8	26,572.5	-4.15	Korea	49.4	49.4	0
Foreign portfolio ownership (Rp Tn)	Nov	Oct	Chg (Rp Tn)	Indonesia	53.3	51.2	210
Stock	4,017.6	3,823.5	194.16				
Govt. Bond	872.2	1,343.0	-470.87				
Corp. Bond	4.1	4.1	-0.04				

Source: Bloomberg, BI, BPS

Notes:

^{***}For PMI, >50 indicates economic expansion, <50 otherwise





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^{*}Data from earlier period

^{**}For changes in currency: **Black** indicates appreciation against USD, **Red** otherwise

Indonesia - Economic Indicators Projection

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E
Real GDP growth (% YoY)	5.0	-2.1	3.7	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.0
Nominal GDP growth (% YoY)	6.7	-2.5	9.9	15.4	6.7	6.0	7.2
GDP per capita (USD)	4175	3912	4350	4784	4920	4960	5014
CPI inflation (% YoY)	2.7	1.7	1.9	5.5	2.6	1.6	2.8
BI Rate (%)	5.00	3.75	3.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	4.75*
SBN 10Y yield (%)	7.04	5.86	6.36	6.92	6.45	6.97	6.32
USD/IDR exchange rate (average)	14,141	14,529	14,297	14,874	15,248	15,841	16,461
USD/IDR exchange rate (end of year)	13,866	14,050	14,262	15,568	15,397	16,102	16,625
Trade balance (USD Bn)	-3.2	21.7	35.3	54.5	37.0	31.0	40.0
Current account balance (% of GDP)	-2.7	-0.4	0.3	1.0	-0.1	-0.6	0.0

Notes:

- USD/IDR exchange rate projections are for fundamental values; market values may diverge significantly at any moment in time
- Numbers marked with (*) for 2025 are final; other numbers for 2025 are our projections

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