





# Money Development

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Deposits growth was stagnant in April at 7.3 percent YoY. As for credit growth, it edged up to 8.9 percent in April from 8.5 percent in the previous month. Despite this, the uptrend in consumer credit growth corrected slightly as it fell to 11.1 percent.

## Money Supply: Moderate Slowdown

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The slower growth of M2 in April owed to the slowdown in net foreign assets growth since foreign exchange reserves declined as the rupiah depreciated in April. Furthermore, the growth of government accounts in BI and the banking system climbed from 11.7 percent YoY in March to 16.6 percent YoY in April, in line with government bond issuances which increased from IDR 66.83 trillion in March to IDR 78.14 trillion in April.

In May, money supply is expected to grow at a moderate pace. Global uncertainties – especially in the US – remain high, affecting rupiah volatility and creating the potential for capital outflows. BI's benchmark interest rate was hiked twice in May (50 bps in total). The onset of the fasting month of Ramadan should, however, help to support money supply growth in May.

## TRADE OUTLOOK

**May Outlook: Fairly Stable**

- After exports rose by 10.3% mom in March, they dropped by 7.2% mom in April (+8.9% yoy) to US\$ 14.4 bn. Imports, by comparison, rose further by 11.3% mom (+34.7% yoy) to US\$ 16.1 bn. As a result, Indonesia posted a sizeable trade deficit in April of US\$ 1.62 bn, owing to an oil and gas deficit of US\$ 1.13 bn and a non oil and gas deficit of US\$ 0.49 bn. The deficit was surprisingly far worse than the median estimate of a US\$ 733 mn surplus. Year-to-date, Indonesia's foreign trade posted a US\$ 1.31 bn deficit. This compares to a surplus in the same period last year of US\$ 5.4 bn.
- Oil and gas exports (-11.3% mom) and non oil and gas exports (-6.8% mom) reached US\$ 1.2 bn and US\$ 13.2 bn, respectively. The decline in exports reflects lower exports volume (-10.1% mom, +6.3% yoy) and higher average prices (+3.2% mom, +2.5% yoy). By product type, the exports of Indonesia's top non oil and gas products were mixed. The exports of mineral fuel (HS 27) and animal and vegetable fats, oil & waxes (HS 15) slumped, whereas the exports of vehicles and parts (HS 87) increased. By destination country, the value of non oil and gas exports to China, Japan and the U.S dropped by 22.8%, 2.6%, and 9.9% mom, respectively.
- Oil and gas imports (+3.6% mom) and non oil and gas imports (+12.7% mom) increased to US\$ 2.3 bn and US\$ 13.8 bn, respectively. Although the average prices of imports contracted (-2.1% mom, +13.5% yoy), volume shipments were higher on a monthly comparison (+13.7% mom, +18.7% yoy). By product type, Indonesia's main non oil and gas imports were also mixed. Imports of machinery and electrical appliances (HS 85) and iron and steel (HS 72) were higher, while imports of machinery and mechanical appliances (HS 84) were lower. By country of origin, the imports of non oil and gas products from China and Japan rose by 29.7% mom and 2.5% mom, respectively, while imports from Thailand were 5.5% mom lower.

- By type of use, the imports of raw materials, capital goods, and consumption goods rebounded by 10.7% mom, 6.6% mom, and 25.8% mom in April 2018. In the period of January-April 2018, raw materials accounted for 74.6 percent of the non oil and gas imports, followed by capital goods (16.3%) and consumption goods (9.0%).
- The latest data indicates that the economies of Indonesia's main trading partners are continuing to perform well as expected. Economic activity continues to strengthen in the U.S. and Japan, while China's economy is stabilizing. Notably, in May 2018, the average prices of Indonesia's major commodity exports rose by 0.37% mom (from -1.60% mom in April). Meanwhile, global oil prices continued to strengthen by 1.8% mom.
- The U.S. economy expanded by 2.8 percent yoy in Q1 2018, or faster than in both Q1 2017 (+2.0% yoy) and Q4 2017 (+2.6% yoy). Compared to Q1 2017, growth in the following components accelerated: gross private domestic investment (+5.8% yoy), exports (+4.2% yoy), imports (+4.3% yoy), and government expenditure (+1.1% yoy). Meanwhile, the growth in personal consumption-PCE eased (+2.6% yoy). On the manufacturing side, the expansion continued in May 2018. The May ISM Manufacturing Index rose from 57.3 to 58.7, given stronger growth of new orders, production and employment. On the consumer side, U.S. household







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