

## DAILY UPDATE April 26, 2024

### MACROECONOMIC NEWS

**Tokyo Economy** - Consumer price index inflation in Tokyo grew substantially less than expected in April, sinking below the Bank of Japan's annual target and somewhat complicating expectations for a more hawkish stance from the central bank. Headline Tokyo CPI rose 1.8% year-on-year in April, government data showed on Friday. The reading was much weaker than expectations that it would remain steady at the 2.6% seen in the prior month. Tokyo core CPI, which excludes volatile fresh food prices, rose 1.8% in April, weaker than expectations of 2.2% and slowing substantially from the 2.4% seen in March.

**US Economy** - The US economy cooled more than expected in the first quarter of the year, but remained healthy by historical standards. Economic growth has slowed steadily over the past 12 months, which bodes well for lower interest rates, but the Federal Reserve has made it clear it's in no rush to cut rates. Gross domestic product, which measures all the services and goods produced in the economy, measured an annualized rate of 1.6% in the first quarter, the Commerce Department reported Thursday. It was the weakest pace of growth since the second quarter of 2022 when the economy contracted. That's a steep slowdown from the fourth quarter's 3.4% rate and also below the 2.2% rate economists projected, according to a FactSet poll. The figures are adjusted for seasonal swings and inflation.

**US Economy** - The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits unexpectedly fell last week, pointing to still tight labor market conditions. Initial claims for state unemployment benefits dropped 5,000 to a seasonally adjusted 207,000 for the week ended April 20, the Labor Department said on Thursday. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast 215,000 claims in the latest week. Claims have been bouncing around in a 194,000-225,000 range this year. Companies are hoarding workers after experiencing difficulties finding labor during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, and are enjoying higher profit gains because of strong pricing power. Low layoffs are keeping wage growth elevated, sustaining consumer spending, which accounts for more than two-thirds of economic activity.

### Equity Markets

	Closing	% Change
Dow Jones	38,086	-0.98
NASDAQ	15,612	-0.64
S&P 500	5,048	-0.46
MSCI excl. Jap	650	-0.57
Nikkei	37,662	0.09
Shanghai Comp	3,053	0.27
Hang Seng	17,285	0.48
STI	3,277	-0.33
JCI	7,155	-0.27
Indo ETF (IDX)	16	-0.06
Indo ETF (EIDO)	21	-0.76

### Currency

	Closing	Last Trade
US\$ - IDR	16,188	16,188
US\$ - Yen	155.65	155.61
Euro - US\$	1.0730	1.0725
US\$ - SG\$	1.359	1.360

### Commodities

	Last	Price Chg	%Chg
Oil NYMEX	83.9	1.1	1.4
Oil Brent	89.4	1.42	1.6
Coal Newcastle	129.3	0.25	0.19
Nickel	19157	212	1.1
Tin	32872	1036	3.3
Gold	2329	8.7	0.4
CPO Rott	933	-12.5	-1.3
CPO Malay	3850	-107	-2.7

### Indo Gov. Bond yields

	Last	Yield Chg	%Chg
1 year	7.12	0.01	0.155
3 year	7.029	0.006	0.085
5 year	7.089	0.013	0.184
10 year	7.123	0.025	0.352
15 year	7.144	0.009	0.126
30 year	7.089	-0.01	-0.07

## CORPORATE NEWS

**HRTA** - PT Hartadinata Abadi is set to distribute IDR 69.07 billion (IDR 15/share) in dividends for the fiscal year 2023, approved by shareholders at the AGM. HRTA's dividend yields approximately 3-4%, with a dividend payout ratio of 23%.

**DRMA** - PT Dharma Polimetal will distribute IDR 171.29 billion (IDR 36.4/share) in cash dividends, approved by shareholders at the AGMS. This dividend distribution amounts to 28% of net profit. DRMA management conservatively sets a revenue growth target of 10% for 2024. Furthermore, DRMA's management has allocated between IDR 300-400 billion for capex, earmarked for electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure development. This funding will also be utilized to finalize ongoing plant projects, including PT Controlcable Indonesia and PT Dharma Precision Parts, located in Jababeka, Cikarang, West Java. The new plants, equipped with advanced technology like solar panels for power, will produce various EV support infrastructures such as electric batteries and other components.

**OASA** - PT Maharaksa Biru Energi is constructing a biomass raw material plant in Jepon, Blora Regency, Central Java. The company aims for an industrial biomass capacity of 60,000 tons/year at the Blora plant. The plant's development, targeted to be operational by the end of 2024, was marked by the signing of a cooperation agreement between OASA and the Farmer Group Association (Gapoktan) on April 25th, 2024.

**SMAR** - PT Sinar Mas Agro Resources and Technology (PT Smart) secured a term loan of USD 250 million (IDR 3.84 trillion) from PT Bank Negara Indonesia Tbk (BBNI) on April 23th, 2024. SMAR plans to use the funds for working capital, refinancing existing debt, and capex. The loan, with applicable margins and a three-month forward SOFR, has a 60-month term after the first drawdown, backed by collateral including land, buildings, machinery, and facilities in Tarjun, South Kalimantan.

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