

## DAILY UPDATE July 26, 2024

### MACROECONOMIC NEWS

**US Economy** - The U.S. economy grew more strongly than expected in the second quarter, but inflationary pressures also showed signs of cooling, raising the possibility of an interest rate cut in September. Gross domestic product increased at a 2.8% annualized rate last quarter, above the 2.0% rate expected, and considerably above the 1.4% pace seen in the first three months of the year. Still, growth remained considerably slower than the 4.2% pace logged in the second half of last year. Also of note was that the prices component of the index showed that inflation rose by 2.3% in the second quarter, a hefty fall from the 3.1% rate seen in the first quarter, and below the 2.6% expected.

**Japan Economy** - Consumer price index inflation in Japan's capital showed limited signs of growth in July, offering up mixed signs on price growth ahead of a Bank of Japan meeting next week, where the central bank could raise interest rates. Core CPI inflation, which excludes volatile fresh food prices, rose to 2.2% year-on-year in July from 2.1% in the prior month, as expected, government data showed on Friday. A core reading that excludes both fresh food and energy costs slid to 1.5% in July from 1.8%. The reading is closely watched by the BOJ as a gauge of underlying inflation, and sank further below the BOJ's 2% annual target- a trend that could delay any potential rate hikes. Headline CPI inflation grew 2.2% in July, slightly missing expectations that it would remain steady at 2.3%.

**US Economy** - The number of Americans filing new applications for unemployment benefits fell more than expected last week as distortions from the weather and temporary automobile plant closures faded. Initial claims for state unemployment benefits dropped 10,000 to a seasonally adjusted 235,000 for the week ended July 20, the Labor Department said on Thursday. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast 238,000 claims for the latest week. Claims had increased in the prior week to the upper end of their 194,000-245,000 range for this year, lifted by a surge in applications in Texas related to disruptions from Hurricane Beryl. Temporary automobile plant closures for retooling also contributed to the rise.

### Equity Markets

	Closing	% Change
Dow Jones	39,935	0.20
NASDAQ	17,182	-0.93
S&P 500	5,399	-0.51
MSCI excl. Jap	686	-0.84
Nikkei	37,988	0.31
Shanghai Comp	2,887	-0.52
Hang Seng	17,005	-1.77
STI	3,419	-0.33
JCI	7,240	-0.31
Indo ETF (IDX)	16	-0.90
Indo ETF (EIDO)	20	-0.40

### Currency

	Closing	Last Trade
US\$ - IDR	16,250	16,250
US\$ - Yen	153.94	153.84
Euro - US\$	1.0846	1.0853
US\$ - SG\$	1.343	1.344

### Commodities

	Last	Price Chg	%Chg
Oil NYMEX	78.2	1.0	1.3
Oil Brent	82.3	0.99	1.2
Coal Newcastle	134.8		
Nickel	15769	-58	-0.4
Tin	29416	-374	-1.3
Gold	2363	-25.8	-1.1
CPO Rott	975		
CPO Malay	3946	23	0.6

### Indo Gov. Bond yields

	Last	Yield Chg	%Chg
1 year	6.648	0.00	0
3 year	6.711	0.007	0.104
5 year	6.815	0.009	0.132
10 year	6.989	0.002	0.029
15 year	7.126	0.002	0.028
30 year	7.119	0.00	-0.028

## CORPORATE NEWS

**WIKA** - PT Wijaya Karya (Persero) secured IDR 10 trillion in new contracts in the first half of this year. The largest contributions came from the industrial segment, followed by infrastructure, buildings, EPC (Engineering, Procurement, and Construction) projects, and property. Most projects are from SOEs and the government, with payments based on monthly progress.

**PTPP** - PT Pembangunan Perumahan (Persero) inaugurated the Balekambang park area revitalization project in Surakarta, Central Java. The project, covering 128,000 square meters with 22,000 square meters of buildings, has a contract value of IDR 170 billion. It is a joint operation between PTPP and PT Pijar Utama. The Balekambang park performance hall received a MURI award for having the most telescopic seating. The project aims to protect cultural heritage, enhance green spaces, and provide educational and entertainment facilities for Solo residents. It was inaugurated by Vice President Ma'ruf Amin.

**AKRA** - PT AKR Corporindo will distribute IDR 986 billion (IDR 50/share) as an interim dividend for the 2024 fiscal year. The Cum-Dividend date on the Regular Market is August 2nd, 2024, and the interim cash dividend payment is scheduled for August 15th, 2024.

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