

DAILY UPDATE March 6, 2025

MACROECONOMIC NEWS

US Economy - US private payrolls grew by only 77,000 in February, the slowest in seven months, raising economic concerns after recent weak data. This follows an upwardly revised 186,000 gain in January. Meanwhile, the ISM non-manufacturing PMI unexpectedly rose to 53.5 from 52.8, but inflation risks persist as its prices paid index climbed to 62.6 from 60.4. The data precede Friday's nonfarm payrolls report.

US Market - The S&P 500 closed higher Wednesday after the White House delayed tariffs on US automakers complying with the USMCA, easing trade war fears. The Dow rose 485 points (1.1%), the S&P 500 gained 1.1%, and the NASDAQ climbed 1.5% after recent sharp declines. Capital Economics warned of rising downside risks to U.S. markets due to weak economic data, policy uncertainty, and fading investor confidence. CrowdStrike fell over 6% on weak revenue forecasts, Campbell Soup dropped nearly 3% on soft demand, while Foot Locker jumped 4% after strong earnings.

US Tariffs Policy - Trump granted a one-month tariff delay for US automakers complying with USMCA, boosting auto stocks like GM, Ford, and Stellantis. The move raised hopes the tariffs, which include a 25% duty on Canadian and Mexican imports, may be short-lived. Commerce Secretary Lutnick signaled Trump's willingness to negotiate, as concerns grow over inflation and economic impact.

Eurozone Economy - Germany's potential new government plans a EUR 500 billion infrastructure fund and fiscal rule easing, boosting sentiment and stocks like Heidelberg (+13%) and Bilfinger (+24%). Meanwhile, the eurozone economy remained stagnant in February, with services growth offset by a manufacturing slump. The ECB is expected to cut rates by 25 bps to 2.50% on Thursday to spur growth.

Oil Price - Oil prices hovered near five-month lows Wednesday as WTI fell 4.3% to USD 65.33 and Brent dropped 3.7% to USD 68.43. Weighing on the market were OPEC+ plans to raise output in April and concerns over US tariffs on Canada, Mexico, and China.

Equity Markets

	Closing	% Change
Dow Jones	43,007	1.14
NASDAQ	18,553	1.46
S&P 500	5,843	1.12
MSCI excl. Jap	729	2.26
Nikkei	37,679	0.70
Shanghai Comp	3,355	0.38
Hang Seng	24,029	1.84
STI	3,926	0.72
JCI	6,583	0.80
Indo ETF (IDX)	13	3.36
Indo ETF (EIDO)	17	3.58

Currency

	Closing	Last Trade
US\$ - IDR	16,313	16,316
US\$ - Yen	148.88	148.99
Euro - US\$	1.0789	1.0816
US\$ - SG\$	1.331	1.330

Commodities

	Last	Price Chg	%Chg
Oil NYMEX	66.7	-1.1	-1.6
Oil Brent	69.7	-1.18	-1.7
Coal Newcastle	104.1	2.6	2.56
Nickel	15901	-82	-0.5
Tin	31706	127	0.4
Gold	2925	15.7	0.5
CPO Rott	1295		
CPO Malay	4383	45	1.0

Indo Gov. Bond yields

	Last	Yield Chg	%Chg
1 year	6.47	0.03	0.45
3 year	6.559	-0.007	-0.107
5 year	6.618	0.003	0.045
10 year	6.861	0	0
15 year	7.015	0.01	0.143
30 year	7.021	0.00	0

CORPORATE NEWS

JPFA - PT Japfa Comfeed Indonesia plans to buy back up to 2% of its outstanding shares, with a maximum budget of IDR 470 billion, pending shareholder approval on April 10th, 2025. The buyback will follow POJK 29/2023 regulations and will be conducted through the stock exchange or privately, once existing treasury shares (98 million shares) are fully utilized. JPFA aims to enhance shareholder value by improving ROE, optimizing capital management, and efficiently returning excess cash. While the buyback will reduce assets and equity, JPFA believes it will not materially impact its financial condition.

LPPF - PT Matahari Department Store plans to buy back up to 10% of its paid-up capital, specifically Series C shares, with a maximum budget of IDR 150 billion, pending shareholder approval on April 10th, 2025. The buyback, aimed at enhancing shareholder value and optimizing capital structure, will be conducted through the stock exchange or privately over 12 months. LPPF expects no significant impact on revenue, financing costs, or operations, as it has sufficient working capital. The buyback will be funded internally, without affecting the company's ability to meet future financial obligations.

TBIG - PT Tower Bersama Infrastructure will issue IDR 2.67 trillion in bonds as part of its IDR 20 trillion sustainable bond program, having previously issued IDR 10.5 trillion. The offering consists of two series: Series A (IDR 804. billion, 7% fixed annual interest, 3-year tenor) and Series B (IDR 1.87 trillion, 7.25% fixed annual interest, 5-year tenor). Interest is paid quarterly, with first payments on June 21st, 2025, and maturity on March 21st, 2028 (Series A) and March 21st, 2030 (Series B). Proceeds will be used to repay debts to various banks and subsidiaries. The public offering runs on March 17–18th, 2025, allocation on March 19th, and listing on the Indonesia Stock Exchange on March 24th, 2025.

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