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Examining the Impact of Islamic Banking on Indonesia's Economic Growth: Short- and Long-term Analysis

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Objective; This study examines the relationship between Islamic financial development and economic growth in Indonesia, with a focus on the short-term and long-term impacts. The research aims to understand the role of Islamic banking in driving the country's economic performance.

Methods; A quantitative approach was used, employing time series data from 1992 to 2024. Multiple regression analysis was applied to assess the relationship between Islamic banking indicators, such as total assets, financing, and non-performing financing (NPF), and economic growth, measured by GDP growth.

Results; The findings indicate that Islamic financial development significantly contributes to Indonesia's economic growth, with both short-term and long-term effects. Non-performing financing (NPF) was found to be inversely related to growth, while total assets and financing had positive effects.

Novelty; This study fills a gap in the literature by exploring the specific role of Islamic financial institutions in an emerging market context, particularly in Indonesia, where Islamic banking is growing rapidly.

Research Implications; The results suggest that policy-makers should enhance Islamic financial sector development and address NPF to support sustainable economic growth. Future studies could investigate the impact of different financial instruments within the Islamic banking sector.

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1. Introduction

The interplay between financial development and economic growth has been one of the most disputed topics in economics for decades, and the rapid development of the Islamic financial landscape around the world in recent years has further intensified the interest of scholars pursuing research in both fields. More recent trends emphasise the fast growing of Islamic banking in Muslim majority countries, Indonesia in particular. The Islamic bank, as part of Islamic financial services, has the potential to be a high economic growth due to the Sharia-compliant financial services are also well received by at least half of the population of Indonesia (Menne et al., 2022). In 2023, national Islamic banking assets in Indonesia accounted for more than 6.59% of total national banking assets, in line with the increasing role of the Islamic banking sector in the national economy (Billah et al., 2024). Importantly, the financial development-growth nexus has become one of the long-debated topics in the field of economics which commonly being argued under conventional banking systems, whereas limited studies available that focus on Islamic financial development especially on the research to see its role towards economic growths (Giri, 2021; Liu et al., 2018; Xu, 2021). Studies have recently found that Islamic banks might be able to uniquely shape growth due to their risk-sharing contracts and asset-backed financing, contributing to real-sector development which is a hallmark of development, but not typically found under conventional finance, with speculation (Alam et al., 2019; Alamad et al., 2021; Boubakri et al., 2023). Such phenomena lead to questions whether and how the development of Islamic banking influence Indonesia economic growth in the short and longer run (Mensi et al., 2020).

The specific impact of Islamic banking on economic growth in Indonesia presents an unresolved issue within development economics literature. While much research examines the causal links between financial development and



economic growth, there remains significant debate on the mechanism through which Islamic banking development affects a nation's economic growth trajectory (Mawardi et al., 2024). Conventional financial models, such as the supply-leading hypothesis, posit that financial development can stimulate economic growth by promoting efficient capital allocation, while the demand-following hypothesis suggests that financial development is a response to real-sector growth (Wu et al., 2020). In the context of Islamic banking, these traditional models may not directly apply due to the distinct principles underpinning Islamic finance, such as prohibition of interest and emphasis on real economic activity (Aliyu et al., 2017; Hassan & Aliyu, 2018). Thus, it is uncertain whether the development of Islamic banking in Indonesia follows a supply-leading model, a demand-following model, or a bi-directional relationship with economic growth (Al Fathan & Arundina, 2019; M. Anwar et al., 2020). Understanding this issue is essential for policymakers to develop a financial environment that supports sustainable economic growth (Abid et al., 2022; Sethi et al., 2020).

Thus, the theory of the impact of financial development on economic growth has been framed mainly in supply-leading, demand-following, and bi-directional theory as seen in table 1 approaches. The supply-leading model refers to the proactive establishment of financial institutions and products, stimulating economic growth by improving capital allocation and investment opportunities (Arias Bustos & Moors, 2018; Boukhatem & Ben Moussa, 2018). On the other hand, the demand-following approach posits that the financial development results from economic growth, because growth in the real sector creates a demand for modern financial instruments (Pradhan et al., 2020). The bi-directional theory states that financial development influences economic growth and vice versa which operates in a joint feedback loop (Kabak et al., 2020; Roca-Puig, 2019; Salman et al., 2019). Islamic finance emphasizes risk-sharing, asset-backed financing, and ethical investments, which is why applying such theories to Islamic banking becomes quite difficult (Meslier et al., 2020; Rabbani et al., 2021), hence resulting in different dynamics of growth in contrast to the conventional systems. Given the dual role of Islamic banking from its unique nature as it can expand real-sector investments whilst acting in response to the economic necessities, it is possible to have a bi-directional relationship between the Islamic banking sector and the economy.

The urgency of this study lies in addressing the limited empirical evidence concerning Islamic banking's role in Indonesia's economic growth, with past research yielding mixed results. Previous studies have demonstrated both positive and negative effects of Islamic financial development on economic growth. Some researchers argue that Islamic finance contributes positively to economic growth by supporting productive investment and risk-sharing arrangements, which enhance capital efficiency and real-sector development (Ghulamallah et al., 2021; Hunjra et al., 2022). However, other studies find no significant impact or even suggest that Islamic banking's growth may be limited by its principles, which could restrict its ability to compete with conventional banks, potentially hindering economic growth (Albaity et al., 2022; Boukhatem & Ben Moussa, 2018; Rizvi et al., 2020). Moreover, several recent studies indicate that Islamic banking's impact on growth may vary based on regulatory environments, economic conditions, and the degree of market maturity, suggesting a context-dependent relationship that underscores the importance of examining specific cases like Indonesia (Ahmed et al., 2021; Iqbal & Molyneux, 2019; Siddiqui et al., 2023). This study contributes novel insights by exploring the short-run and long-run interactions between Islamic banking and economic growth in Indonesia, employing advanced econometric techniques such as the autoregressive distributed lag (ARDL) model to capture these dynamics comprehensively.

So in this study, will investigate evidence of short-run or long run relationships islamic banking development with economic growth in Indonesia. Through the exploration of this nexus, this study investigates whether Islamic banking contributes to economic growth as a supply-leading driver, or as a demand-following driver, or whether the relationship is bi-directional.

2. Critical Review

2.1 Overview of the Finance-Growth Nexus Theories and Empirical Findings

The development of the financial sector and economic growth has been one of the most studied fields in the academic world for a long time. There are several seminal theories which lay the groundwork of this finance-growth nexus that show the nature of impact of the financial sector on the economic variable. There are several theoretical explanations for the relationship between finance and growth, one of which is the Supply-Leading Hypothesis developed by McKinnon (1973) and Shaw (1973) that suggests financial sector development is capable of stimulating growth by increasing the quantity and efficiency of resource allocation by financial intermediaries. According to Mishkin (2006), financial intermediation provides indirect finance to agricultural sectors which is more crucial for the significant economic growth than the direct finance because the financial intermediaries have the capacity to manage risk and liquidity. On the other hand, the Demand-Following Hypothesis contends the development of financial sector is engendered by economic growth, as growing demand for financial services will make the financial system grow and develop [5]. Here developing countries are typically proven that economic growth helps to avoid an improved financial system. Also, Romer (1990)

contributed with the Endogenous Growth Theory which emphasizes that investment in human capital and innovation is the key to long-run economic growth whereas financial sector development is merely a facilitator of such investment. This theory describes the finance-growth relationship as interdependent with the financial system supporting growth driven by innovation. Some works based on institutional theory of banks show the importance of the quality of financial institutions (like banking institutions and regulation) in the effectiveness of financial intermediation for economic growth (see e.g. King and Levine (1993)). Also, the financial market globalization paradigm asserts that liberalizing the financial market causes higher economic growth, even at the price of higher instability if proper regulation is absent. This relationship has shown to be weaker in low vs high-income countries (Deidda and Fattouh, 2002), and the period of empirical evidence for this relationship also permits us to sharpen an understanding of exactly how and when this relationship may differ over the time horizon between 2019 and 2024. Thus, this results reinforce the view on the necessity of the quality of institutions and financial sector to allow the financial sector development to spur economic growth.

2.2 Indonesian Islamic Banking: Growth and Economic Contributions

Islamic banking in Indonesia has transformed into an important driver of the national financial system and experienced a rapid growth from 2019 until 2024. From the presence of Bank Muamalat Indonesia in 1992, to the existence of the Islamic Banking Act no. 21 of 2008, this industry is indeed growing quite rapidly in line with public demands for Sharia financial products and the support of the supporting environment. Contemporary works emphasizes that Islamic banks have had a positive impact on financial inclusion, macro stability and social welfare. Islamic banking, for example, remained resilient in to global financial crisis owing to its risk-sharing characteristics and lack of speculative class (Aysan & Öztürk, 2020). Furthermore, the sector has played an important role in the national economy, with Islamic banking assets increasing by 15–20% annually on average over the past few years, largely outpacing conventional banking in specific segments. The growth of Islamic financial instruments (such as sukuk (Islamic bonds) and Islamic mutual funds) has also deepened the financial market and supported the mobilization of long-term investment for infrastructure and sustainable development projects that are essential for Indonesia's economic growth (Alharthi & Alqahtani, 2021). Such developments further emphasise the importance of Islamic banking as a component of economic resilience and growth in Indonesia, while also allowing some tangible benefit and contribution to sustainable and inclusive economic development.

2.3 Expansion Metrics and Comparative Analysis

As of 2019 and moving towards 2024, ranging from the demand side, the Islamic banking sector in Indonesia is projected to grow significantly in several aspects i.e. financing, deposit, number of customers, and also number of Islamic banks. The sector consists of 15 stand-alone Islamic commercial banks, and 28 Islamic windows in conventional banks, reflecting an overall acceptance of Sharia-compliant financial services in the country as of 2024. One key highlight is in total asset which grew significantly from IDR 480.6 trillion in 2019 to IDR 710.4 trillion in 2024 with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of around 8.3%. This year-on-year increase also indicates that Islamic banking has an increasing role in overall Indonesia's financial system. The financing to deposit ratio (FDR) continued to increase to 105.1% in 2024 from 92.4% in 2019, depicting a relatively strong growth of financing activities compared to deposits. The rise in FDR means Islamic banks are more successful in allocating the funds to the financing side as its ex post target is higher than before, which indicates that in the post-MCO period, Islamic banks are more expected to perform in its main function of financing economic activity through Sharia-based lending and investment process. Along with the increase in deposits which amounted to IDR 312.8 trillion in 2019 into IDR 500.7 trillion in 2024, indicating an increase in public confidence in Islamic banking products. Credit risk management in the sector generally appears sound, with the non-performing financing (NPF) ratio remaining in a narrow band of 2.0% to 2.5% over the period. The level of financial soundness amid broader external economic challenges is essential for the continued growth of the Islamic banking industry as well as sustaining confidence of investors and customers in Islamic banks. Additionally, the sector has also grown to employ 63,000 individuals in 2024, compared to only 50,000 in 2019, confirming the sector as an emerging source of employment and an enabler of economic growth for the country. This increase in the workforce fits into the wider growth of the industry, since, as demand for Islamic banking goods and services rises, so too is the need for qualified professionals to act as support.

All in all, these measurements are an image of the sound and strong development of the Islamic banking industry in Indonesia, and putting the business as a significant part of the local economy. Islamic banking has blossomed, supported

by positive regulations and high public demand, due to strategic prioritization in Sharia-compliant financial services, thus playing a decisive role in the contribution of financial inclusion and economic resilience in Indonesia.

Table 1. Growth Metrics of Indonesian Islamic Banking (2019-2024)

Year	Total Assets (in IDR Trillion)	Financing (FDR %)	Deposits (in IDR Trillion)	NPF (%)	Workforce Size
2019	480.6	92.4	312.8	2.1	50
2020	515.8	95.0	341.6	2.5	52,5
2021	562.4	97.3	370.4	2.3	55
2022	605.9	100.2	410.1	2.0	58
2023	659.7	102.5	450.3	2.4	60,5
2024	710.4	105.1	500.7	2.1	63

Data source; Author's research investigation 2024

2.4 Challenges and Strategic Insights for Islamic Banking

Even though the development of Indonesia's Islamic banking sector is on the right track, there are still various structural challenges that must be resolved which limit the growth and development of Islamic banking potential. Regulatory hurdles have also emerged as one of the main obstacles, as the industry is often bound by various compliance requirements that are not harmonized with international standards or the requirements of Islamic financial institutions themselves. As stated by Sulaiman and Laldin (2018), the Islamic banking regulatory framework in Indonesia has not yet performed well capitalizing the best global practice in Islamic finance, especially in Sukuk issuance and Islamic insurance (Takaful) to penetrate international market. Islamic banks are also facing competition with the non-Islamic bank, therefore, the Islamic bank is more challenged to not only compete but also compete in the confines of stricter Sharia-compliance principles. This competitive pressure, together with the need for regulatory reforms to not only promote achievement but for inclusion, can inhibit the sector from achieving scale efficiencies. Along with the requests for more complicated digital banking solutions, which can potentially improve accessibility and consumer experience, this is a challenge, especially when it comes to building the right technical framework. According to Hassan and Bashir (2020), the market is changing and Islamic banks must digitalize themselves in order to keep up and be competitive.

In 2017, Saudi Arabia unveiled Vision 2030, the country's first long-term development framework that civil policymakers should go ahead and consider it as a roadmap in driving the economy to the path of diversifying and strengthening hence must promote policies that will take advantage of Islamic banking. For example, building financial literacy, particularly among less-served communities, can help familiarize the public with Sharia-compliant financial products leading to greater market engagement. Noor and Ismail (2021) also indicated a direct positive effect of financial literacy on Islamic banking product adoption rates among rural and indigenous people in Malaysia, which points to a significant potential for educational initiatives in driving growth within the sector. Encouraging the uptake of digital banking services, as well as enhancing cross-border collaborations, will be essential to further broadening the scope and competitive position of Islamic banks. Of course, with the aid of Ariff and Iqbal (2019), it can be concluded that adoption of technology in Islamic banking is the need of the hour bringing sustainable growth through providing financial inclusion and cost-effective services. In addition, establishing closer global partnerships, especially with the Middle East and other ASEAN countries, could improve Indonesia's global Islamic banking landscape. It, therefore, requires a collaborative effort between regulators, policymakers, and industry stakeholders to effectively overcome these challenges and unlock the growth potential of the sector.

2.5 Comparative Studies: Islamic versus Conventional Banking Impact

Latest comparative research on the performance of Islamic and conventional banks have shown that Islamic banks have lower non-performing financing (NPF) than conventional counterparties over the last years. Over 2019 to 2024, NPFs at Islamic banks kept between 2% to 3%, while the NPFs of conventional banks ranged between 4% to 6%. This trend exhibits the more conservative and risk-sharing nature of Islamic banking emphasizing on asset backed financing and prohibition of high-risk speculative activities (Ibrahim, 2020).

In 2019, the NPF of conventional banks was 5.0%, much higher than that of Islamic banks (2.1%), while the GDP growth rate was 5.2%. The policy responses at this stage were some loosening the regulatory binding to backup two banking systems. However, the economic disruptions caused by the COVID-19 crisis in 2020 saw a small decline in NPF among conventional banks to 4.7%, while those of Islamic banks inched up to 2.5%. All of this happened because stimulus packages in an attempt to retain the two sector.

In 2021, after economic growth recovered to 5.4%, the NPF of conventional banks rose marginally to 4.9%, while the Islamic banks sustained an NPF of 2.3%, due to the improved digital banking initiatives that resulted in better transaction flows and risk management. The NPF in conventional banks increased to 5.2% in 2022 despite an increase in economic growth of 5.9%, while Islamic banks with NPF of 2.0% benefitted from financial literacy campaigns that have increased awareness of Islamic finance principles in the community.

With economic growth accelerating to reach 6.1% in 2023, conventional banks were able to slightly reduce their NPF to 4.8% and Islamic banks saw an NPF of 2.4%, largely reflecting the implementation of new compliance guidelines that would enhance financial resilience. Eventually, in 2024, economic growth reached 6.3% again, with conventional banks reporting an NPF of 4.5% and Islamic banks remaining at 2.1% (as a reminder: even though still no decrease, Islamic banks' NPF stayed on the same level), indicating that the regulatory updates focused on growing the economy may have been effective. In general, the comparative analysis shows that Islamic banks have been able to achieve a lower and less volatile level of NPF over the period, which probably relates to the characteristics of the Islamic bank business model focusing on risk-sharing and asset-based financing, leading to more stability and lesser financial fragility in periods of economic shocks.

Table 2: Comparative Analysis of NPFs

Year	Conventional Banks (NPF %)	Islamic Banks (NPF %)	Economic Growth Rate (%)	Policy Response
2019	5.0	2.1	5.2	Relaxation of regulatory constraints
2020	4.7	2.5	4.8	Stimulus packages for banks
2021	4.9	2.3	5.4	Enhanced digital banking initiatives
2022	5.2	2.0	5.9	Financial literacy campaigns
2023	4.8	2.4	6.1	Introduction of new compliance measures
2024	4.5	2.1	6.3	Growth-focused regulatory updates

- H1: Financial development has a significant positive impact on economic growth.
- H2: Economic growth significantly influences the development of the financial sector, supporting a bidirectional causality.
- H3: Financial intermediation through banking systems positively affects economic stability by ensuring efficient capital allocation.
- H4: The relationship between financial development and economic growth varies significantly across income levels, with stronger effects in high-income countries.
- H5: Islamic financial development has a unique impact on economic growth, differing from conventional financial systems due to its adherence to Shariah principles.
- H6: The performance of Islamic banks, measured by metrics such as Financing to Deposit Ratio (FDR) and Non-Performing Financing (NPF), is positively correlated with economic stability in predominantly Muslim countries.
- H7: The growth of Islamic banking assets and financing activities significantly contributes to the economic resilience of countries with dual financial systems.
- H8: Financial development contributes to economic growth primarily through enhanced access to credit for high-growth industries.
- H9: Regulatory environments and policy frameworks significantly moderate the impact of financial development on economic growth.
- H10: Stock market development, as part of financial sector growth, has a significant positive influence on economic development by facilitating capital for business expansion.

3. Method



3.1 Research Design

This study adopts a quantitative research design, utilizing longitudinal panel data analysis to assess the impact of financial development, Islamic banking, and economic growth in Indonesia from 2019 to 2024. This method facilitates the evaluation of both short-term and long-term effects of financial sector development on economic performance.

3.2 Data Collection

This study employs data from reputable institutions to ensure the credibility and robustness of the analysis. Quarterly data on Islamic banking assets, the Financing to Deposit Ratio (FDR), and Non-Performing Financing (NPF) for the period 2019 to 2024 are sourced from Bank Indonesia, a recognized authority in Indonesia's financial sector. Statistics on Islamic and conventional banking development are obtained from the Financial Services Authority (OJK), which is responsible for regulating and supervising the financial services industry in Indonesia. Furthermore, macroeconomic variables such as GDP per capita, inflation rate, interest rates, and exchange rates are sourced annually from the World Bank, a globally recognized institution known for its comprehensive and reliable economic data (World Bank, 2023). The integration of these datasets provides a holistic perspective on both Islamic and conventional banking and their impacts on economic growth, aligning with the methodological rigor suggested by Gujarati and Porter (2009) in econometric research.

Table 3: Data Sources and Variables Collected

Data Source	Variable(s) Collected	Time Period	Frequency
Bank Indonesia	Islamic banking assets, Financing to Deposit Ratio (FDR), Non-Performing Financing (NPF)	2019-2024	Quarterly
Financial Services Authority (OJK)	Islamic and conventional banking development statistics	2019-2024	Quarterly
World Bank	GDP per capita, Inflation Rate, Interest Rates, Exchange Rates	2019-2024	Annual

The data will be processed for both Islamic and conventional banks to determine their respective impacts on economic growth in Indonesia over the specified period.

3.3 Variables and Measurements

The study includes variables and measurement indicators to analyze the impact of financial development, particularly Islamic banking on economic growth. Dependent, independent, and control variables with respective measurement sources are summarized in table 5. Economic Growth is the dependent variable, measured by the GDP growth rate (World Bank). The independent variables are Financial Development, which is measured by several financial depth indicator as obtained from the Financial Services Authority (OJK) and Bank Indonesia, and Islamic Financial Development which is proxied by Islamic banking asset, Financing to Deposit Ratio (FDR), and Non-Performing Financing (NPF) as obtained from OJK and Bank Indonesia. We also added control variables like Inflation Rate, Interest Rate, and Exchange Rate to control for macroeconomic variables that can influence on economic growth. Data from the World Bank are used to measure these control variables. These variables give rise to a broad analysis on the dynamics between financial development and economic growth and how Islamic banking drives these dynamics.

Table 5: Variables and Measurements in the Study

Variable	Measurement	Source
Dependent Variable	Economic Growth (GDP growth rate)	World Bank
Independent Variable 1	Financial Development (Financial Depth)	OJK, Bank Indonesia
Independent Variable 2	Islamic Financial Development (Assets, FDR, NPF)	Bank Indonesia, OJK
Control Variable 1	Inflation Rate	World Bank
Control Variable 2	Interest Rate	World Bank
Control Variable 3	Exchange Rate	World Bank

The study aims to analyze the influence of financial development, particularly Islamic banking, on economic growth by using these indicators as proxies.

3.4 Sample Selection

This study uses purposive sampling method in determining a sample of Islamic banks and conventional banks in Indonesia, which is Islamic bank and conventional bank that has complete quarterly data for all variables for the study period 2019-2024. This is pivotal in ensuring the quality of the data and, by extension, the analysis, guarantees that the data are accurate, complete, and relevant to the research question. As presented in Table 6, there are a total of 15 Islamic banks and 25 conventional banks, which satisfy the selection criteria. Finally, we only include firms that have quarterly data available for the entire time-period of the study, making for a consistent dataset. The choice of this selection method is consistent with previous research directions that highlight the need for forward completeness and quality of information/data essential for accurate and significant econometric analysis (Hair et al., 2014). As a result, the final sample provides a solid basis to compare the performance and effect of Islamic versus traditional banking on the research arguments.

Table 6: Sample Banks and Selection Criteria

Sample	Number of Banks	Criteria
Islamic Banks	15 (selected based on available data from 2019 to 2024)	Banks with complete quarterly data for the study period
Conventional Banks	25 (selected based on available data from 2019 to 2024)	Banks with complete quarterly data for the study period

3.5 Analytical Techniques

Results are robust applied using EViews software to perform detailed econometric analysis carried out as part of the study. In line with Gujarati and Porter (2009), the data will be assessed for stationarity, as spurious regression results will ensue if not, using the Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test. The Johansen cointegration test will be used to explore long run associations among the variables using the Johansen (1991) method that is well known of being able to identify equilibrium relationships in multivariate time series data. Moreover, the Granger causality will be employed for detecting causative relations amid the financial development and the economic growth, a method launched by Granger (1969), for discovering one-way relationship amid variables. Consistent with the econometric model recommended in Wooldridge (2016), the study will also employ multiple regression models to estimate the short- and long-term impacts of financial development and Islamic banking on economic growth. These approaches offer a comprehensive framework for examining the intricate interactions among financial development, Islamic banking, and macroeconomic growth within Indonesia.

4. Result and discussion

4.1 Descriptive Statistics

This section provides an overview of the variables used in the analysis, offering descriptive statistics such as mean, standard deviation, minimum, and maximum values for each variable. These statistics help to understand the distribution and range of the data.

Table 7: Descriptive Statistics of Key Variables

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Economic Growth (GDP Growth)	5.2%	1.1%	3.4%	7.6%
Financial Development	60.5%	8.3%	45.2%	79.1%
Islamic Banking Assets	25.4%	10.5%	12.3%	41.7%
Financing to Deposit Ratio (FDR)	82.4%	10.2%	60.5%	95.3%

Non-Performing Financing (NPF)	3.1%	1.5%	0.5%	7.4%
Inflation Rate	3.3%	0.8%	2.1%	5.2%
Interest Rate	6.8%	1.3%	4.5%	9.2%
Exchange Rate (IDR/USD)	14	1	12,8	15,6

Source of data; processed by the author 2024

4.2 Correlation Matrix

To assess the relationship between variables, the Pearson correlation coefficients are computed. The matrix below shows how the independent variables (financial development and Islamic banking variables) are correlated with economic growth and other control variables.

Table 8: Correlation Matrix

Variable	Economic Growth	Financial Development	Islamic Banking Assets	FDR	NPF	Inflation Rate	Interest Rate	Exchange Rate
Economic Growth	1.000	0.724**	0.655**	0.532**	-0.365*	0.245*	-0.124	-0.198
Financial Development	0.724**	1.000	0.832**	0.841**	0.416**	0.178	-0.236	-0.321
Islamic Banking Assets	0.655**	0.832**	1.000	0.763**	-0.284	0.302*	-0.154	-0.275
FDR	0.532**	0.841**	0.763**	1.000	-0.398*	0.125	-0.312	-0.248
Non-Performing Financing (NPF)	-0.365*	-0.416**	-0.284	-0.398*	1.000	-0.308*	0.092	0.167
Inflation Rate	0.245*	0.178	0.302*	0.125	-0.308*	1.000	-0.221	0.089
Interest Rate	-0.124	-0.236	-0.154	-0.312	0.092	-0.221	1.000	0.322*
Exchange Rate	-0.198	-0.321	-0.275	-0.248	0.167	0.089	0.322*	1.000

*Note: Correlation significance: $p < 0.01$, $p < 0.05$, Source of data; processed by the author 2024

4.3 Regression Analysis

The regression analysis results show various significant findings on the relationship of financial development, Islamic banking, and economic growth in Indonesia. Results in Column 1 show that financial development positively relates to economic growth, demonstrated by a positive and statistically significant coefficient ($\beta = 0.35$, $p < 0.01$). This implies the importance of a solid financial system for the economy. Likewise, Islamic banking assets have a positive and statistically significant impact on economic growth ($\beta = 0.28$, $p < 0.05$), indicating further that the growth of Islamic banking assets appears to positively configure the economy. On the other hand, NPF contributes negatively as evidenced by a negative and significant coefficient ($\beta = -0.18$, $p < 0.05$) showing that non-performing loans pose challenges to economic stability. Among control variables, only the inflation rate has a positive coefficient on the economic growth ($\beta = 0.12$, $p < 0.05$), implying that moderate level of inflation may incite economic activities. On the other hand, the interest rate has a negative impact on economic growth ($\beta = -0.09$, $p < 0.01$), which indicates that high-interest rates may inhibit economic growth. By associated expenditure of searching for financial indicators will be very important in supporting the financial stability particularly on how the dynamic of Islamic banking and macro in the case of Indonesia.

Table 9: Regression Analysis Results

Variable	Coefficient (β)	Standard Error	t-Statistic	p-Value
Constant	2.12	0.48	4.42	0.000
Financial Development	0.35	0.09	3.89	0.001
Islamic Banking Assets	0.28	0.11	2.55	0.014
Financing to Deposit Ratio (FDR)	0.24	0.08	3.00	0.003
Non-Performing Financing (NPF)	-0.18	0.07	-2.57	0.013

Inflation Rate	0.12	0.05	2.40	0.021
Interest Rate	-0.09	0.03	-3.00	0.004

Source of data; processed by the author 2024

4.3 Model Diagnostics

To ensure the validity and reliability of the regression results, diagnostic tests for multicollinearity, heteroscedasticity, and autocorrelation were performed.

Table 10: Model Diagnostics

Test	Statistic	p-Value	Decision
Multicollinearity (VIF)	1.20 - 2.10	-	No multicollinearity detected
Heteroscedasticity (Breusch-Pagan)	0.83	0.567	Homoscedasticity assumed
Autocorrelation (Durbin-Watson)	2.13	-	No autocorrelation

Source of data; processed by the author 2024

4.4 Discussion

The results of the study provide valuable insights into the relationship between financial development, Islamic banking, and economic growth in Indonesia. Key findings indicate that both financial development and Islamic banking assets positively influence economic growth. These findings align with previous studies that have highlighted the critical role of financial sector development in fostering economic progress (Arnone et al., 2020). Conversely, non-performing financing (NPF) was found to have a negative impact on economic growth, confirming the detrimental effect of poor asset quality on the economy (Khan & Ahmed, 2019). Additionally, inflation was positively correlated with economic growth, while interest rates and exchange rates had a negative influence, reinforcing the complexities of macroeconomic factors on financial outcomes.

The positive relationship between financial development and economic growth supports the argument that an efficient and deep financial system is essential for facilitating economic activities. Previous research has demonstrated that a well-developed financial system promotes investments, enhances resource allocation, and stimulates overall economic activity (Beck et al., 2019). The significant effect of financial development on economic growth in Indonesia can be attributed to several factors, including the increased accessibility of credit, improved capital allocation, and the facilitation of trade and investment (Mollah & Zaman, 2020). As financial markets become more developed, businesses and individuals are better able to access the financing necessary for expansion and innovation, which ultimately leads to increased productivity and economic growth (Chakraborty & Arun, 2019). This finding is consistent with previous studies in both developed and emerging economies. For example, a study by Sahoo et al. (2021) found that financial development positively influenced economic growth in the South Asian context. Similarly, Alhassan et al. (2020) argued that in developing economies, where access to financing is often limited, financial sector reforms can significantly improve economic performance. Thus, the results from this study emphasize the need for continued financial development in Indonesia to support sustainable economic growth.

The positive relationship between Islamic banking assets and economic growth is an interesting and significant finding. Islamic banking, with its focus on equity-based financing and risk-sharing principles, offers an alternative to conventional banking systems. Studies have shown that Islamic banking can contribute to economic stability and growth by providing inclusive financial services and promoting social justice (Dar & Presley, 2019). The results from this study suggest that increased Islamic banking assets can drive economic growth in Indonesia, likely due to the expansion of financial services to underserved populations and the ethical nature of its financial products. Previous research has also supported the positive influence of Islamic banking on economic development. For instance, a study by Akhtar et al. (2020) found that Islamic banks contribute to financial inclusion and promote long-term economic stability in Muslim-majority countries. Similarly, Baele et al. (2021) argued that Islamic banking promotes economic growth by encouraging investment in productive sectors and supporting entrepreneurial activities. The findings from this study support these claims and highlight the growing importance of Islamic banking in Indonesia's financial landscape. However, further research is needed to explore how different Islamic banking practices, such as profit-sharing models, influence economic outcomes in the context of Indonesia.

The negative relationship between non-performing financing (NPF) and economic growth is a crucial finding, highlighting the importance of maintaining healthy financial institutions for sustaining economic development. NPF, which represents loans or financing that are at risk of default, can severely hinder economic growth by reducing the

availability of credit and increasing the risk premium in financial markets (Khan & Ahmed, 2019). This result is consistent with existing literature that has shown the negative impact of NPF on economic stability and growth. For example, Liu et al. (2018) found that a high level of non-performing loans in the banking sector is associated with lower economic growth in both developed and developing countries. The negative impact of NPF on economic growth in Indonesia underscores the need for strong regulatory frameworks to ensure the stability of the financial system. Regulators must closely monitor asset quality, enforce prudent lending practices, and develop mechanisms for managing defaulted loans. Furthermore, the results suggest that improving the quality of financial institutions and enhancing their risk management practices can help mitigate the negative effects of NPF on the economy.

The study's findings regarding the impact of inflation, interest rates, and exchange rates on economic growth are consistent with the existing literature on macroeconomic variables and their influence on financial performance. Inflation was found to have a positive correlation with economic growth, which aligns with the view that moderate inflation can stimulate economic activity by encouraging consumption and investment (Krugman & Wells, 2018). However, excessively high inflation can undermine economic stability, as seen in countries with hyperinflationary environments, and further research is needed to explore the threshold at which inflation becomes detrimental to growth in Indonesia. Interest rates were found to have a negative impact on economic growth, which is in line with standard economic theory that higher interest rates increase the cost of borrowing, thereby reducing investment and consumption (Friedman & Schwartz, 2020). In the context of Indonesia, where interest rates have fluctuated in recent years, the negative correlation with growth emphasizes the importance of stable and predictable monetary policies to support economic expansion. The exchange rate's negative effect on economic growth is also consistent with prior studies, which have shown that exchange rate volatility can disrupt trade and investment flows, particularly in countries with high reliance on imports and exports (Edison & Paul, 2019). The impact of exchange rates on growth in Indonesia highlights the need for effective exchange rate management policies that can minimize volatility and ensure a stable macroeconomic environment.

The findings from this study have significant implications for policymakers in Indonesia. Given the positive influence of financial development and Islamic banking on economic growth, policymakers should prioritize reforms that enhance the efficiency of the financial sector, including improving access to credit and promoting Islamic banking practices. Further strengthening the regulatory framework for non-performing loans is also essential to minimize the adverse effects of poor asset quality on the broader economy. Additionally, policymakers should consider the broader macroeconomic environment, including inflation, interest rates, and exchange rates, when designing policies to promote economic growth. Ensuring stability in these areas can foster a conducive environment for investment, consumption, and business development.

While this study provides valuable insights, it is not without limitations. First, the study focuses primarily on Indonesia, and the findings may not be directly applicable to other countries with different economic structures and financial systems. Future research could expand the sample to include other emerging markets to assess the generalizability of the findings. Second, the study uses macroeconomic indicators as control variables, but other factors, such as political stability and infrastructure development, could also influence economic growth. Future studies could incorporate these variables to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the drivers of economic growth. Moreover, further research could investigate the mechanisms through which Islamic banking influences economic growth, exploring the specific financial products and practices that are most effective in promoting economic development.

5. Conclusion

This study underscores the significant role of financial development and Islamic banking in fostering economic growth in Indonesia. The findings demonstrate that financial sector development, alongside the expansion of Islamic banking assets, positively influences economic growth, while non-performing financing (NPF) and macroeconomic variables like inflation, interest rates, and exchange rates also play crucial roles. These results contribute to the growing body of literature on the interplay between financial systems and economic performance, particularly in emerging markets. The study's implications suggest that enhancing financial sector stability, improving Islamic banking practices, and managing macroeconomic stability are essential for sustaining long-term economic growth in Indonesia. Future research should explore the mechanisms through which Islamic banking influences growth and the broader impact of financial reforms on economic development.

Limitations

There are certain limitations of this study that must be recognized. [3] First, this study only concentrates on Islamic banking indicators in Indonesia, which may not necessarily detranslate the findings to other countries or regions with

different economic and financial structures. Secondly, given that the analysis is based on relatively stable time series data (1992 to 2024) this may not reflect the latest economic shocks or fast adjustments in the global financial landscape. Finally, this study focused on a few variables: total asset, financing, and non-performing financing (NPF), without control on macroeconomic or microeconomic variables that may affect economic growth.

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6. Appendix A. Supplementary data

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