

Factors that affect Financial Distress: An Evidence from Jakarta Stock Exchange Listed Companies, Indonesia

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Abstract

Financial distress is a state under which the organisation's financial position is unstable yet has not gone bankrupt. Many manufacturing companies in Indonesia experienced corporate financial instability, revenues from manufacturing companies continued to fluctuate, and some companies experienced negative operating profits. It creates a significant effect on financial distress, where it is not just the business that will incur losses but also the stakeholders. Thus, the present study attempts to analyse the factors (i.e., liquidity, profitability, leverage, company size, and interest rates) that affect financial distress in Jakarta Stock Exchange-listed companies, Indonesia. This study uses secondary data collected from two sources, i.e., the Central Bureau of Statistic and Financial Services Authority website for 2012 to 2018. The data analysed using multiple linear regression by assisting with econometric software, namely Eviews-10. This study found that liquidity, profitability, leverage, and interest rate significantly affect financial distress. Besides that, firm size does not affect financial distress. The results showed that, from the independent variables studied, it was proven that the liquidity variable and the interest rate had a negative effect on financial distress. Meanwhile, the variables of profitability and leverage have a positive effect on financial distress. It means that company leaders must consider liquidity, profitability, leverage, company size and interest rates to avoid financial distress. However, it is also necessary to pay attention to the Economic Stimulus, which can moderate these variables' relationships.

Keywords

Liquidity, profitability, leverage, company size, and interest rates, financial distress, Jakarta Stock Exchange, panel regression approach

1. Introduction

Financial distress can be identified when the company has a negative net income and its operating conditions deteriorate. Thus, it leads to a heavy financial burden on the firm, resulting in its inability to pay both secured, preferential and unsecured creditors (xxxxx). Liquidity ratios show the ability to meet its short-term liabilities. The value of these ratios' weakness indicates that the organisation may face difficulties in meeting short-term financial liabilities (Durrah et al., 2016). Brigham and Houston (2010) in Dai (2016) argued that the ratio of profitability is a group that shows the ratio of the combination of the effects of liquidity, asset management, and debt on operating results. From the above definition, a ratio provides information on a company's ability to benefit by utilising the resources available within the company.

A leverage ratio is a ratio that measures the ratio of funds provided by the owner of funds borrowed from creditor companies. This ratio shows its ability to meet its financial obligations, both short and long term (Abdul, 2013; Makiwan, 2018). In this study, leverage is measured by a debt asset ratio (DAR). The debt asset ratio (DAR) is the ratio of debt to total assets called the debt ratio (debt ratio), measuring the large percentage of funds originating from debt. The company's debt is all debts owed by the company, both short term debt and long term debt. Creditors

prefer a lower debt ratio because security is getting better (Sutrisno, 2012). Firm Size is the scale to determine the size of a company that can be proxied in several ways, including total assets and total sales (Saemargani, 2015) (Wufron, 2017). The company's size can also show how much information it contains and reflect management's awareness about the importance of information, both for external parties and for internal parties. The bigger the company size, the more information it contains.

The interest rate is the cost of borrowing and is usually a percentage of the amount borrowed. In Indonesia, the interest rate is determined by Bank Indonesia as the central bank. The interest rate strategy implemented by Indonesia Bank to stabilise the rupiah exchange rate cannot be implemented continuously, considering that banks need to carry out the banking intermediary function more freely with low-interest rates. In several manufacturing companies listed on the IDX for the 2014-2020 period, there was a decrease in the company's operating profit, and some companies even had a negative operating profit. The following shows the profit of the manufacturing company each year for seven years.

Table 1. The net profit of the manufacturing company from 2014 to 2020

Index	Net Profit						
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
ADMG	2.819	34.437	10.863	(611)	(25.491)	(22.886)	(22.309)
ARGO	(244.579)	(241.058)	(138.823)	415.265	(30.333)	(11.021)	(25.344)
BATA	4.601	4.272	5.233	3.348	5.264	9.727	3.172
ESTI	111	582	(4.667)	(6.671)	(6.389)	(10.485)	3.127
HDTX	4.287	1.293	232	(16.354)	(7.746)	(26.601)	(29.436)
IMAS	33.582	80.927	66.193	60.083	597	(671)	(746)
INDR	26.000	8.000	1.000	1.600	(200)	10.100	1.500
INTA	6.213	8.991	929	(18.596)	(5.762)	(23.126)	(14.445)
LPIN	1.056	846	1.241	639	(704)	(1.359)	(4.789)
MASA	13.158	6.943	320	3.601	(311)	(27.120)	(6.483)
PRAS	2	529	3.091	6.500	8.297	3.698	(2.286)
SRSN	732	1.787	1.263	1.192	1.088	1.155	823

Source: www.idx.co.id (in thousand USD)

Table 1 shows a decrease in operating profit in several manufacturing companies. A total of 12 from 30 companies experienced a decrease in operating profit at the end of 2016. There were eight (8) manufacturing companies including negative operating profits, including PT Polychem Indonesia (ADMG), PT Indo Acidatama Tbk (ARGO), PT Panasia Indosyntec Tbk (HDTX), PT Indo Mobil Sukses International Tbk (IMAS), PT Intraco Penta Tbk (INTA), PT Multi Prima Sejahtera Tbk (LPIN), PT Multstrada Prima Sarana Tbk (MASA), and PT Prima Alloy Steel Tbk (PRAS). As experiencing financial distress, a categorised company is if the company experiences negative operating income for two consecutive years.

2. Methodology

For achieving the research objective, this study uses secondary data collected from two sources, i.e., the Central Bureau of Statistic and Financial Services Authority website for 2012 to 2018. The data analysed using regression analysis by assisting with econometric software, namely Eviews-10.

3. Results and Discussion

Using multiple regression analysis, this study found that Liquidity, Profitability, Leverage, Size and Interest Rate have a significant relationship with financial distress. The value of F-stat is 4.568 and significant at the level 1 per cent (0.001). Then, the coefficient determination (R square) is 0.459. It means that 45.9 per cent of Liquidity, Profitability, Leverage, Size and Interest Rate could explain its relationship with financial distress. The remaining 54.1 per cent is explained by other variables, which not study in this investigation. In details, the results of multiple regression analysis, as seen in Table 2 below:

Table 2. Results of Multiple Regression Analysis

Model	B	t-test		Coefficient R ²	F-test	
		t stat	Sig		F stat	Sig

(Constant)	0.793	3.733	0.000			
Liquidity	-0.517	-2.253	0.003			
Profitability	0.152	3.619	0.037	0.459	4.568	0.001 ^b
Leverage	0.562	3.346	0.001			
Size	0.230	1.861	0.095			
Interest Rate	-0.197	-2.735	0.004			

Further, we also identify the results of each variable in influencing financial distress with t-stat. The result shows that liquidity has a significant negative effect on financial distress with the beta value is 0.517, t stat is 2.253 and significant at the level 1 per cent (e.g. 0.003). Profitability has a significant positive on financial distress, with the beta value is 0.152, t stat is 3.619 and significant at the level 5 per cent (e.g. 0.037). Leverage has a significant positive t on financial distress with the beta value is 0.562, t stat is 3.346 and significant at the level 1 per cent (e.g. 0.001). Interest Rate has a significant negative on financial distress, with the beta value is 0.197, t stat is 2.73 and significant at the level 1 per cent (e.g. 0.004). However, this study indicated that firm size has no significant effect on financial distress. We also test the classical assumption for compliance with the OLS approach and found that all of the requirements are achieved. The data is the normal distribution and fulfil linearity—no multicollinearity, heteroscedasticity and autocorrelation issues.

4. Conclusion

This study found that liquidity, profitability, leverage, and interest rate significantly affect financial distress. Meanwhile, firm size does not affect financial distress. The results showed that, from the independent variables studied, it was proven that the liquidity variable and the interest rate had a negative effect on financial distress. Meanwhile, the variables of profitability and leverage have a positive effect on financial distress. It means that company leaders must consider liquidity, profitability, leverage, company size and interest rates to avoid financial distress. This implication is considered very important because it can be used to make decisions related to financial distress in companies by considering financial ratios such as liquidity, profitability, leverage, company size, and interest rates against conditions driven by economic stimulus. However, it is also necessary to pay attention to the Economic Stimulus, which can moderate these variables' relationships. This study's results are expected to contribute policy implications to company management, investors and potential investors, and other related parties.

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