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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRADING VOLUME AND STOCK PRICE VOLATILITY IN THE INDONESIAN CAPITAL MARKET

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Abstract: This study investigates the relationship between trading volume and stock price volatility in the Indonesian capital market, an emerging market characterized by rapid investor growth and heightened sensitivity to global shocks. Using daily data from 100 companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX) between 2018 and 2023, including LQ45 constituents, the analysis employs regression and correlation models, controlling for firm size, sector, interest rates, and inflation. Volatility is measured by the standard deviation of daily returns, while trading volume is captured in absolute and average daily terms. The results reveal a strong positive correlation ($r = 0.65$) between trading activity and volatility, confirming that heightened trading often amplifies price fluctuations. Regression analysis shows that a 1% increase in trading volume leads to a 0.5% rise in volatility ($p < 0.01$). Sectoral heterogeneity is evident, with technology stocks showing the strongest sensitivity ($r = 0.72$) and consumer goods displaying moderate responses. The findings underscore that while trading volume is a critical driver of volatility, external shocks and investor sentiment also play important roles. This research contributes to the literature by providing large-scale empirical evidence from Indonesia and offers practical implications for investors and regulators in managing risk and ensuring market stability.
Keywords: trading volume, stock price volatility, emerging markets, Indonesia, capital market

Abstrak: Penelitian ini mengkaji hubungan antara volume perdagangan dan volatilitas harga saham di pasar modal Indonesia, sebuah pasar berkembang yang ditandai oleh pertumbuhan investor ritel yang pesat serta sensitivitas tinggi terhadap guncangan global. Data harian dari 100 perusahaan yang tercatat di Bursa Efek Indonesia (BEI) periode 2018–2023, termasuk konstituen LQ45, dianalisis menggunakan model regresi dan korelasi dengan variabel kontrol ukuran perusahaan, sektor industri, suku bunga, dan inflasi. Volatilitas diukur melalui standar deviasi return harian, sedangkan volume perdagangan dihitung dalam bentuk absolut dan rata-rata harian. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan adanya korelasi positif yang kuat ($r = 0,65$) antara aktivitas perdagangan dan volatilitas harga, yang mengonfirmasi bahwa peningkatan volume perdagangan cenderung memperbesar fluktuasi harga saham. Analisis regresi menunjukkan bahwa kenaikan volume perdagangan sebesar 1% berhubungan dengan kenaikan volatilitas sebesar 0,5% ($p < 0,01$). Variasi sektoral juga teridentifikasi, di mana saham teknologi menunjukkan sensitivitas tertinggi ($r = 0,72$), sedangkan sektor barang konsumsi relatif lebih moderat. Temuan ini menegaskan bahwa meskipun volume perdagangan merupakan pendorong utama volatilitas, faktor eksternal dan sentimen investor juga memainkan peran penting. Kontribusi penelitian ini terletak pada penyediaan bukti empiris berskala besar dari Indonesia serta implikasi praktis bagi investor dan regulator dalam mengelola risiko dan menjaga stabilitas pasar.
Kata Kunci: volume perdagangan, volatilitas harga saham, pasar berkembang, Indonesia, pasar modal

Introduction

The Indonesian capital market, one of the largest in Southeast Asia, has shown significant expansion over the past decade. Market capitalization reached approximately IDR 7,000

trillion (USD 500 billion) in 2021, reflecting strong investor participation and an increasing number of listed companies (IDX, 2021)[1]. This development underscores the growing role of the capital market in supporting Indonesia's economic growth, providing capital access for firms while enabling wealth accumulation for investors.

Stock price volatility, representing the degree of variation in trading prices, remains a crucial issue for investors, risk managers, and policymakers. Elevated volatility often signals heightened uncertainty, influencing investment strategies and overall market stability. Understanding volatility is particularly critical in emerging markets like Indonesia, where fluctuations tend to be more pronounced (Liu et al., 2021)[2].

Trading volume, defined as the quantity of shares exchanged within a given timeframe, is widely considered a leading indicator of price movements. Prior studies suggest that higher trading activity frequently precedes substantial price adjustments, offering insights into investor sentiment and market dynamics (Chakravarty et al., 2020)[3]. In Indonesia, where investor participation is rapidly evolving, the interaction between trading volume and stock price volatility warrants closer investigation.

Despite the increasing importance of Indonesia's capital market, limited empirical research addresses the direct relationship between trading volume and volatility. This gap poses challenges for investors seeking to optimize strategies and for policymakers aiming to maintain market stability. Consequently, this study explores how trading volume influences stock price volatility in the Indonesian capital market. Specifically, it addresses three core questions: (1) What is the nature of the relationship between trading volume and stock price volatility? (2) To what extent do changes in trading activity correlate with price fluctuations? (3) Are sectoral differences observable in this relationship?

This study has three main objectives: to empirically examine the correlation between trading volume and stock price volatility, to identify behavioral patterns that drive price movements, and to provide practical recommendations for investors and regulators. The contribution of this research is twofold. Academically, it fills a gap in the literature by offering empirical evidence from an emerging Southeast Asian market. Practically, it provides insights for investors on risk management and for policymakers on regulatory frameworks designed to mitigate excessive volatility. As emphasized by Jansen and de Jong (2022)[4], effective regulations are essential for strengthening investor confidence and ensuring sustainable market development.

The remainder of this article is structured as follows: the next section reviews prior studies and theoretical perspectives on trading volume and volatility, followed by the research methodology. The subsequent section presents the findings and discussion, while the final section concludes with implications and directions for future research.

Methods

This study applies a quantitative design to examine the effect of trading volume on stock price volatility in the Indonesian capital market. Quantitative methods enable objective

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[2] Liu, Y., Zhang, Y., & Wang, Y. (2021). Volatility and investor behavior: Evidence from emerging markets. International Review of Financial Analysis, 75, 101–120.

[3] Chakravarty, S., Duffy, J., & Lee, K. (2020). The role of volume in stock price dynamics: An empirical analysis. Journal of Financial Markets, 50, 100–120.

[4] Jansen, W., & de Jong, F. (2022). Regulatory frameworks and market stability: Lessons from emerging markets. Emerging Markets Review, 48, 100–115.

measurement and statistical testing, which are essential for validating market behavior theories (Creswell & Creswell, 2020; Nugroho et al., 2021)[5].

Data are drawn from the Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX), complemented with Bloomberg and Yahoo Finance, covering 2018–2023 to capture market dynamics during economic shocks such as the COVID-19 pandemic (Halim & Setiawan, 2023)[6]. The sample consists of LQ45 stocks, representing the most liquid securities in the market (Prabowo & Yulianto, 2021)[7].

Trading volume is measured in absolute and average daily terms, while volatility is proxied by the standard deviation of daily returns (Rizal & Setiawan, 2022; Wang & Chen, 2021)[8]. Control variables include market capitalization, sector, interest rates, and inflation to ensure robust estimation.

Analysis employs regression and correlation models to assess both causality and association, processed with SPSS and R, which are widely recognized for large-scale financial data analysis (Sari & Nugroho, 2021)[9]. This approach ensures reliable findings for investors and policymakers seeking to understand volatility drivers in emerging markets..

Results And Discussions

This study analyzes daily trading volumes and stock price data from the Indonesian Capital Market covering January 2021 to December 2022. The dataset consists of 100 companies across various sectors listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX), ensuring comprehensive market coverage. Preliminary analysis reveals that the average daily trading volume reached approximately 1.5 million shares, with substantial sectoral variation, reflecting the diverse nature of trading activities (IDX, 2023)[10].

Trading activity demonstrated a marked increase during periods of economic uncertainty. For example, volumes surged by 30% in March 2021 amid post-pandemic volatility. Stock price fluctuations, measured by the standard deviation of daily returns, followed similar patterns, peaking during national elections and global economic shocks. The average volatility during the observation period was 2.5%, relatively high compared to historical averages (Suhartono et al., 2021)[11].

Correlation analysis using Pearson's coefficient indicates a strong positive association ($r = 0.65$) between trading volume and volatility. This supports the argument that increased trading activity often amplifies price movements, particularly in emerging markets where sentiment-driven behavior is dominant (Halim & Rahman, 2022)[12]. Sectoral results reveal heterogeneity: the technology sector exhibits a strong correlation ($r = 0.72$), while consumer goods display a moderate association ($r = 0.55$), suggesting that trading volume influences vary across industries (Sari & Widyastuti, 2022)[13].

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5 Creswell, J. W., & Creswell, J. D. (2020). Research design: Qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods approaches. Sage.

6 Halim, A., & Setiawan, R. (2023). The impact of economic indicators on stock market volatility in Indonesia. Journal of Indonesian Economic Studies, 12(1), 45–60.

7 Prabowo, D., & Yulianto, R. (2021). Trading volume and its effect on stock price volatility: Evidence from Indonesia. International Journal of Financial Studies, 9(4), 58–75.

8 Rizal, M., & Setiawan, R. (2022). Analyzing stock market liquidity and volatility in Indonesia. Asian Journal of Finance & Accounting, 14(2), 100–115.

9 Sari, N., & Nugroho, A. (2021). Statistical software for financial data analysis: A comparative study. Journal of Financial Research, 18(2), 120–135.

10 IDX. (2023). Indonesia Stock Exchange Annual Report 2022. IDX Press.

11 Suhartono, D., Prabowo, H., & Widiastuti, E. (2021). Volatility and trading volume: A study of Indonesian stocks. Indonesian Journal of Business and Entrepreneurship, 7(1), 45–59.

12 Halim, A., & Rahman, F. (2022). Trading volume and volatility: A study of the Indonesian stock market. Indonesian Journal of Finance, 14(2), 115–130.

13 Sari, R., & Widyastuti, A. (2022). Sectoral analysis of trading volume and stock price volatility in Indonesia. Journal of Business and Economic Research, 20(4), 234–245.

To further validate these findings, multiple regression analysis was conducted with trading volume, market capitalization, and sector classification as independent variables. Results confirm a statistically significant effect of trading volume ($p < 0.01$), where a 1% increase in trading volume corresponds to a 0.5% rise in volatility. Conversely, market capitalization exhibited a negative coefficient, indicating that larger firms tend to experience lower volatility due to stronger investor confidence and established market positions (Nugroho & Santoso, 2021; Prasetyo et al., 2023)[14].

Additional analysis incorporating control variables such as consumer confidence and global commodity price fluctuations enriches the interpretation. The Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) was positively correlated with volatility, implying that heightened optimism may accelerate speculative trading. In contrast, external shocks such as declining commodity prices dampened trading volumes, emphasizing the role of macroeconomic stability in shaping investor behavior (Mauliansyah, H. 2024)[15].

Unexpected anomalies were also observed. For instance, the healthcare sector exhibited increased volatility despite lower trading volumes, likely due to speculative behavior during the pandemic. This highlights that trading volume alone cannot fully explain volatility; investor sentiment and exogenous events play critical roles in shaping market outcomes (Setiawan & Lestari, 2021)[16].

Collectively, these findings underscore the importance of trading activity as both an indicator and a driver of stock price volatility in Indonesia. Investors and policymakers may benefit from closely monitoring trading volume, as heightened activity often precedes significant price adjustments. The results are consistent with prior studies in other emerging markets (Chong et al., 2021)[17], while offering localized insights into the Indonesian market, characterized by sectoral heterogeneity and sensitivity to global shocks.

Conclusion

This study provides evidence of a significant relationship between trading volume and stock price volatility in the Indonesian capital market. The findings reveal that heightened trading volume often precedes increased volatility, confirming the role of investor sentiment and information flow in amplifying price fluctuations (Prabowo & Sari, 2021)[18]. Data from the Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX) during the COVID-19 pandemic illustrate this dynamic, as trading volumes surged by 40% while the composite index dropped by 25%, underscoring the strong interaction between market activity and volatility (OJK, 2022)[19].

Sectoral analysis further indicates that industries such as technology and consumer goods are more sensitive to trading activity, with significant volume increases translating into notable volatility spikes (Budiarto, 2021)[20]. In contrast, defensive sectors like utilities display more stability, reflecting differences in investor behavior across industries. Moreover, institutional

14 Nugroho, A., & Santoso, H. (2021). Market capitalization and stock volatility: Evidence from Indonesia. Asian Economic and Financial Review, 11(5), 543–558.

15 Mauliansyah, H. (2024). Pengaruh Ukuran Perusahaan, Profitabilitas Dan Likuiditas Terhadap Kebijakan Dividen Pada Perusahaan Sub Sektor Food and Beverage yang Terdaftar Di Bursa Efek Indonesia Periode 2021-2022. BE-HISZ, 1(2).

16 Setiawan, B., & Lestari, R. (2021). Anomalies in stock price movements: Evidence from the Indonesian market. Journal of Financial Markets, 24(2), 78–92.

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18 Prabowo, H., & Sari, R. (2021). The impact of trading volume on stock price volatility: Evidence from Indonesia. Asian Journal of Finance & Accounting, 13(2), 75–89.

19 Otoritas Jasa Keuangan. (2022). Market report: Impact of COVID-19 on Indonesian capital market. OJK. https://ojk.go.id

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investors play a critical role in shaping this relationship; their large-scale transactions magnify market movements, contributing to volatility during periods of stress (Santoso et al., 2022)[21].

These insights carry important implications for investors, regulators, and financial institutions. For investors, awareness of the strong link between trading activity and volatility is essential for managing risks, particularly during periods of heightened market uncertainty Mauliansyah. H, 2024)[22]. Strategies such as diversification, stop-loss mechanisms, and active portfolio adjustments can help mitigate potential downsides. For regulators, enhancing transparency, improving access to real-time trading data, and considering stabilizing mechanisms—such as circuit breakers—are vital to maintaining market integrity. Meanwhile, financial institutions are encouraged to provide investors with robust analytical tools, educational resources, and advisory support to strengthen financial literacy and informed decision-making.

Ultimately, addressing the challenges of volatility requires collaboration among stakeholders. Regular dialogue between regulators, investors, and researchers can promote the exchange of best practices and foster a more resilient market. By integrating investor education, regulatory oversight, and institutional support, the Indonesian capital market can better navigate volatility while sustaining growth and stability.

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