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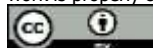
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DETERMINANTS OF ISLAMIC COMMERCIAL BANK FINANCING IN INDONESIA: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND INFLATION (2015–2023)

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ABSTRACT

Objective: This study aims to examine the effects of Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR), Return on Assets (ROA), Third-Party Funds (DPK), Non-Performing Financing (NPF), and inflation on financing disbursed by Islamic Commercial Banks (BUS) in Indonesia during 2015–2023.

Research Design & Methods: A quantitative approach was employed using secondary quarterly panel data from all 11 Islamic Commercial Banks operating in Indonesia. Data were obtained from the Financial Services Authority (OJK) and Bank Indonesia, comprising 396 bank-quarter observations. After excluding 38 observations with negative ROA that could not be log-transformed, 358 observations were analyzed. Panel regression was conducted, with the Chow and Hausman tests indicating the Fixed Effect Model (FEM) as the most appropriate specification.

Findings: The results indicate that CAR, DPK, and NPF have positive and significant effects on financing, whereas ROA and inflation have negative and significant effects. Simultaneously, all five variables significantly affect financing, with an adjusted R^2 of 34.86%. The positive relationship between NPF and financing suggests a financing-growth-driven risk exposure pattern rather than conventional risk-averse lending behavior.

Contributions: This study extends previous research by employing a full-population quarterly panel covering all Islamic Commercial Banks in Indonesia over a relatively long period, including the post-merger period. It also provides a theoretical interpretation of the counterintuitive positive relationship between NPF and financing and offers a transparent methodological framework for future panel-data studies of Islamic banking.

Novelty: This study uniquely combines full-population quarterly data from all 11 Islamic Commercial Banks during 2015–2023, including the post-merger period, while providing a novel financing-growth-driven interpretation of the positive NPF–financing relationship.

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INTRODUCTION

Banks occupy a central position in the global economic system and form the core of a complex financial architecture. As financial intermediaries, banks not only safeguard financial security but also contribute to economic transformation and social welfare. Islamic banking emerged as an alternative financial system grounded in Islamic principles, prioritizing justice, cooperation, and sustainability by replacing interest-based transactions (riba) with profit-and-loss sharing arrangements.

Financing is one of the core functions of Islamic banking. Under Article 1, Paragraph 25 of Law No. 21 of 2008 on Islamic Banking, financing is defined as the provision of funds or equivalent claims in the form of profit-and-loss sharing transactions (mudharabah and musyarakah), lease transactions (ijarah), sale-based transactions (murabahah, salam, istishna'), and lending transactions (qardh). Total financing disbursed by Islamic Commercial Banks in Indonesia grew substantially, from IDR153.97 trillion in 2015 to IDR360.34 trillion in 2023, reflecting the rapid expansion of the Islamic banking industry.

Financing growth that is not accompanied by sound risk management, however, has the potential to translate into problem financing. It is therefore necessary to identify the internal and external factors that influence the level of BUS financing. Internal factors examined in this study include the Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR), Return on Assets (ROA), Third-Party Funds (DPK), and Non-Performing Financing (NPF), while the relevant external factor is the inflation rate.

OJK data for the 2015–2023 period reveal several noteworthy dynamics: CAR increased from 15.02% to 25.41%; ROA rose from 0.49% to 1.88%; DPK grew from IDR174.90 trillion to IDR465.93 trillion; and NPF declined from 3.19% to 0.63%. These dynamics motivate an empirical investigation of the joint and partial effects of CAR, ROA, DPK, NPF, and the inflation rate on BUS financing over 2015–2023. Yet, despite this substantial body of prior work, the empirical evidence on the relationship between bank-specific financial performance and Islamic financing remains fragmented and, at times, contradictory in three respects that this study seeks to address.

First, most prior Indonesian studies examine a single bank or a small, non-exhaustive subset of Islamic Commercial Banks over relatively short windows — for example, [Agista \(2015\)](#) on Bank Muamalat alone, and [Sinaga \(2021\)](#) on murabahah financing over 2015–2018 — which limits the external validity of their conclusions for the sector as a whole. This study instead uses a saturated (census) sample of all 11 Islamic Commercial Banks operating in Indonesia over a nine-year quarterly panel (2015–2023), a period that spans a structurally important event for the industry: the 2021 merger that created Bank Syariah Indonesia (BSI), which consolidated three state-owned Islamic banks into a single entity accounting for a substantial share of national BUS assets and financing, and materially reshaped the competitive structure, funding base, and risk profile of the sector. Determinant studies estimated only on pre-merger data therefore risk misrepresenting current sector dynamics; by spanning both the pre- and post-merger periods, this study provides a more complete and current picture of sector-wide determinants than single-bank or pre-merger studies allow.

Second, the direction of the NPF–financing relationship is unsettled in the literature. Several studies report a negative association consistent with conventional credit-risk-averse behavior ([Firdaus, 2015](#)), while others, such as [Puspita et al. \(2022\)](#) and [Wachidatun Khasanah \(2019\)](#), report a positive association. No consensus explanation for this divergence has been articulated in the Indonesian Islamic banking literature. This study contributes by testing the relationship on a full-population panel and by situating the finding within the bank-lending-behavior literature on financing-growth-driven risk accumulation, offering a theoretical account for why the sign may be positive rather than negative in a rapidly expanding market.

Third, methodologically, many prior panel-data studies in this literature report model selection procedures inconsistently or without fully reconciling the Chow, Hausman, and Lagrange Multiplier test outcomes with the model ultimately estimated. This study addresses that gap directly by applying, and transparently reporting, the correct sequential decision rule for panel model selection (see the Data Analysis Technique subsection), thereby offering a methodologically consistent template for future panel-data studies of Islamic bank financing determinants.

Taken together, the novelty of this study lies in (i) its use of a full-population, post-merger-inclusive quarterly panel of Indonesian Islamic Commercial Banks; (ii) its attempt to theoretically reconcile the contested sign of the NPF–financing relationship; and (iii) its methodologically rigorous and transparent panel-model-selection procedure.

Table 1. Composition of Islamic Commercial Bank Financing (IDR Billion)

Financing Type	2015	2017	2019	2021	2023
Mudharabah	7,979	6,584	5,413	3,629	5,198
Musyarakah	47,357	57,324	81,343	90,701	148,688
Murabahah	93,642	110,079	121,041	143,260	191,340
Ijarah	1,561	2,609	3,066	2,022	3,499
Qardh	3,308	5,474	8,800	8,800	11,075
TOTAL	153,968	182,088	219,674	248,417	360,342

Source: OJK Islamic Banking Statistics, 2015–2023 (processed)

Table 2. Financial Performance of Islamic Commercial Banks, 2015–2023

Year	CAR (%)	ROA (%)	DPK (IDR Trillion)	NPF (%)
2015	15.02	0.49	174.895	3.19
2016	16.63	0.63	206.407	2.17
2017	17.91	0.63	238.393	2.57
2018	20.39	1.28	257.606	1.95
2019	20.59	1.73	288.978	1.88
2020	21.64	1.40	322.853	1.57
2021	25.71	1.55	365.421	0.81
2022	26.28	2.00	429.029	0.64
2023	25.41	1.88	465.932	0.63

Source: OJK Islamic Banking Statistics, 2015–2023 (processed)

LITERATURE REVIEW

Financing in Islamic Commercial Banks

Financing in Islamic banking refers to the provision of funds by one party to another in support of a planned investment or economic activity, structured in accordance with Shariah contracts rather than interest-bearing debt (Ulpah, 2020). Based on the underlying contract, Islamic financing is classified into three categories: (1) sale-based financing (murabahah, salam, istishna’); (2) profit-and-loss-sharing financing (mudharabah and musyarakah); and (3) lease-based financing (ijarah and ijarah muntahiya bit-tamlik). Consistent with the maqasid al-shariah (objectives of Islamic law) framework articulated by Chapra (2000) and Iqbal and Mirakhor (2011), the purpose of Islamic financing extends beyond profit maximization to encompass economic justice, poverty alleviation, and the enhancement of social welfare. This normative orientation distinguishes the theoretical rationale for financing decisions in Islamic banks from the pure profit-maximization objective typically assumed for conventional lending, and motivates the inclusion of both profitability-related and risk-related determinants in the present model.

Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)

The Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) measures a bank's capital sufficiency relative to its risk-weighted assets and reflects its capacity to absorb losses arising from operational and credit risk. CAR is calculated by dividing capital by risk-weighted assets (Aktiva Tertimbang Menurut Risiko/ATMR): $CAR = (Capital / ATMR) \times 100\%$. Under Bank Indonesia Regulation No. 15/12/PBI/2013 on the Minimum Capital Adequacy Requirement, the minimum CAR threshold is 8%. From the standpoint of bank capital theory, capital serves as a buffer that absorbs unexpected losses (Brigham & Houston, 2015); a higher capital buffer therefore expands a bank's risk-bearing capacity and its ability to expand its financing portfolio, including into higher-risk projects, without breaching regulatory solvency requirements. Capital adequacy can also function as a signal of financial soundness to depositors and regulators, consistent with signaling theory in corporate finance — a well-capitalized bank is better positioned to expand financing without triggering supervisory intervention.

Return on Asset (ROA)

Return on Assets (ROA) is a profitability indicator that evaluates a bank's ability to generate net income from the total assets it employs, calculated as $ROA = (Net\ Income / Total\ Assets) \times 100\%$. Under Bank Indonesia Regulation No. 13/1/PBI/2011 on the Soundness Rating of Commercial Banks, a recommended ROA benchmark is above 1.5%. While higher profitability is conventionally associated with greater capacity to fund expansion, the risk–return trade-off framework in banking theory suggests an alternative channel: banks that have already achieved strong profitability may adopt a more conservative, efficiency-oriented posture — prioritizing asset-quality preservation over further balance-sheet expansion — rather than aggressively growing financing volumes. Agency-theory considerations reinforce this possibility, as risk-averse managers overseeing a bank with healthy earnings have less incentive to pursue growth-driven risk-taking to satisfy shareholder return expectations.

Dana Pihak Ketiga (DPK) Or Third-Party Funds

Third-Party Funds (Dana Pihak Ketiga/DPK) represent funds placed by the public with a bank and constitute the principal source of financing for Islamic banks, comprising three main components: demand deposits (giro), savings (tabungan), and time deposits (deposito): $DPK = Giro + Tabungan + Deposito$. Financial intermediation theory (Rivai et al., 2007), posits that banks function primarily as intermediaries that channel funds

from surplus units (depositors) to deficit units (borrowers or financing recipients); the larger the pool of funds a bank successfully mobilizes from the public, the greater its capacity to disburse financing, subject to statutory reserve and liquidity requirements.

Non Performing Financing (NPF)

Non-Performing Financing (NPF) is the ratio of problem financing to total financing disbursed by a bank, calculated as $NPF = (\text{Problem Financing} / \text{Total Financing}) \times 100\%$, and reflects the credit risk exposure faced by the bank. OJK's circular letter on soundness assessment classifies NPF into five ratings: Very Good ($\leq 7\%$), Good (7%–10%), Fairly Good (10%–13%), Less Good (13%–16%), and Not Good ($> 16\%$). Conventional credit risk theory predicts a negative relationship between NPF and new financing disbursement, as rising problem financing depletes capital and induces more conservative underwriting (Poetry & Sanrego, 2011). However, an alternative strand of the bank-lending-behavior literature — broadly analogous to the “procyclical credit” and “bad management” hypotheses used to explain non-performing-loan dynamics in conventional banking — suggests that rapid, growth-driven expansion of the financing portfolio can itself generate a contemporaneous rise in problem financing, particularly when origination volume outpaces the maturation of credit-monitoring capacity (Fauzikhag et al., 2020; Budianto & Dewi, 2023). Under this view, financing expansion and NPF may move together rather than in opposite directions, at least in the short-to-medium run, before risk fully materializes in later periods. This theoretical tension is the basis for the more extensive discussion developed in the Discussion section.

Inflation Rate

Inflation refers to a general and sustained increase in the price level within an economy. High inflation erodes household purchasing power, raises the cost of living, and typically prompts central banks to raise policy interest rates. From a monetarist perspective (Friedman, 1995), sustained inflation is fundamentally a monetary phenomenon that raises nominal uncertainty and distorts the informational content of prices, which in turn dampens both the demand for and the supply of credit as economic agents become more cautious. In the context of Islamic banking specifically, high inflation can reduce financing demand due to heightened economic uncertainty; unlike conventional banks, which can adjust lending rates to partially compensate for inflation, Islamic banks operating on profit-and-loss-sharing and fixed-margin sale-based contracts have comparatively less flexibility to reprice existing financing in response to inflation shocks, which may make financing supply more sensitive to inflationary conditions (cost-channel argument).

Table 3. Summary of Selected Prior Studies on Islamic Bank Financing Determinants

Study	Sample / Period	Variable(s) Examined	Key Finding
Agista (2015)	Bank Muamalat Indonesia, 2007–2013 (single bank)	DPK, CAR, NPF, ROA	Single-bank study of BUS financing determinants; motivates this study's full-population, sector-wide sample.
Sinaga (2021)	BUS Indonesia, murabahah financing, 2015–2018	DPK, NPF, CAR	CAR and DPK have a positive and significant effect on murabahah financing.
Setivia Bakti (2017)	BUS Indonesia	DPK, CAR, ROA, NPF	Higher CAR is associated with greater bank financing.
Firdaus (2015)	BUS Indonesia	Internal/external determinants of problem financing	Reports a negative NPF–financing relationship, consistent with conventional credit-risk-averse behavior.
Puspita et al. (2022)	BUS Indonesia, mudharabah financing	DPK, NPF, Inflation	Reports a positive NPF–financing relationship.
Wachidatun Khasanah (2019)	BUS Indonesia, 2014–2018	DPK, CAR, NPF (moderating)	Reports a positive NPF–financing relationship.
Fachrozi & Khotmi (2022)	BUS Indonesia, 2020, musyarakah financing	ROA, DPK, NOM, NPF	ROA has a significant negative effect on musyarakah financing.
Ismail & Kadir (2020)	BPRS Indonesia	Inflation, murabahah financing	Inflation has a negative effect on murabahah financing.
Sari, Yulianita, & Asngari (2024)	Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, UAE, Qatar, 2017–2022	GDP, Assets, NPF	Reports a negative NPF–financing relationship — an international contrast to the positive sign found in this study.

Source: compiled by the authors from the studies cited in this Literature Review.

Conceptual Framework and Hypothesis Development

Drawing on the theoretical foundations reviewed above and on prior empirical studies, the conceptual framework of this study posits that CAR, ROA, DPK, NPF, and the inflation rate — both partially and simultaneously — influence the level of financing disbursed by Islamic Commercial Banks. The framework is illustrated in Figure 1..

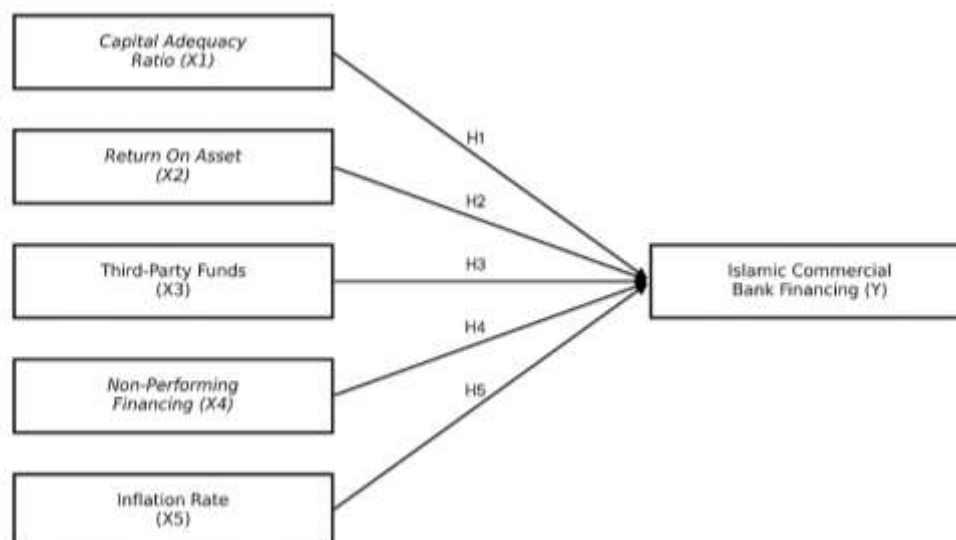


Figure 1. Conceptual Framework

Building on bank capital theory, a higher capital buffer is expected to expand a bank's risk-bearing and financing capacity (Brigham & Houston, 2015), leading to the first hypothesis:

H1: CAR has a significant effect on BUS financing in Indonesia over the 2015–2023 period.

Following the risk–return trade-off and agency-theory arguments above, higher profitability may be associated with more conservative, rather than more expansionary, financing behavior:

H2: ROA has a significant effect on BUS financing in Indonesia over the 2015–2023 period.

Consistent with financial intermediation theory, a larger base of mobilized third-party funds directly expands a bank's loanable/financeable resources:

H3: DPK has a significant effect on BUS financing in Indonesia over the 2015–2023 period.

Given the theoretical ambiguity surrounding the NPF–financing relationship — credit risk theory predicting a negative sign versus the financing-growth-driven risk-accumulation view predicting a positive sign — this study tests the relationship without imposing a directional prior:

H4: NPF has a significant effect on BUS financing in Indonesia over the 2015–2023 period.

Finally, drawing on monetarist theory and the cost-channel argument specific to Islamic contracts, inflation is expected to dampen financing activity:

H5: Inflation rate has a significant effect on BUS financing in Indonesia over the 2015–2023 period.

RESEARCH METHOD

Research Type and Approach

This study employs a quantitative method using secondary data in the form of the quarterly financial statements of Islamic Commercial Banks. A quantitative approach was chosen because it produces objective, measurable data that can be analyzed statistically to test the relationships among variables (Creswell & Creswell, 2022).

Population and Sample

The population consists of the quarterly financial statements of Islamic Commercial Banks published on the OJK website for the 2015–2023 period, together with inflation data from Bank Indonesia. A saturated (census) sampling technique was used, so that all 11 Islamic Commercial Banks operating in Indonesia were included as the

sample. The total data initially processed comprised 396 bank-quarter observations (11 banks × 36 quarters); the final estimation sample, after data screening described in the Results section, comprised 358 observations.

Table 4. List of Islamic Commercial Banks Studied

No.	Islamic Commercial Bank
1	Bank Aceh Syariah
2	Bank BCA Syariah
3	Bank Bukopin Syariah (KB Bukopin Syariah)
4	Bank Syariah Indonesia (BSI)
5	Bank Muamalat Indonesia
6	Bank Victoria Syariah
7	Bank Jabar Banten Syariah (bjb Syariah)
8	Bank Mega Syariah
9	Bank Panin Dubai Syariah
10	Bank BTPN Syariah
11	Bank Aladin Syariah

Source: OJK, compiled for this study

Operational Definition of Variables

The dependent variable is total financing disbursed by BUS (Y). The independent variables are: (X1) CAR = Capital/ATMR × 100%; (X2) ROA = Net Income/Total Assets × 100%; (X3) DPK = Giro + Tabungan + Deposito; (X4) NPF = Problem Financing/Total Financing × 100%; and (X5) the inflation rate, obtained from official Bank Indonesia reports. It should be noted that CAR, ROA, NPF, and the inflation rate are already expressed as ratios (percentages), whereas DPK and total financing (Y) are expressed in nominal Rupiah. This distinction matters for the interpretation of the log-log regression coefficients discussed below.

Data Analysis Technique

Data were analyzed using panel data regression with three candidate model specifications: the Common Effect Model (CEM), the Fixed Effect Model (FEM), and the Random Effect Model (REM). The best-fitting model was selected using the standard sequential decision procedure for panel data (Zulfikar, 2018), applied as follows:

1. Chow Test: compares CEM against FEM. If the null hypothesis (CEM) is rejected, FEM is preferred and the analysis proceeds directly to the Hausman test; the Lagrange Multiplier test is not required at this stage.
2. Hausman Test: compares FEM against REM. If the null hypothesis (REM is consistent and efficient) is rejected, FEM is the final model.
3. Lagrange Multiplier (LM) Test: used only when the Chow test fails to reject CEM (i.e., when CEM is preferred over FEM), to compare CEM against REM. Because this study's Chow test rejects CEM in favor of FEM (see Table 5), the LM test is not decision-relevant here and is reported only for completeness.

Prior to estimating the regression, classical assumption tests were conducted, comprising multicollinearity and heteroskedasticity tests. All variables were then transformed into natural logarithms (LOG). Because the natural logarithm is undefined for non-positive values, and ROA in this sample ranges from a minimum of −20.13% to a maximum of 13.58%, quarters in which any bank recorded negative ROA could not be log-transformed and were necessarily excluded from the log-log estimation sample; this is the source of the reduction from 396 to 358 observations, and is discussed further in the Results section. The estimated regression equation is:

$$\text{LOGYit} = \alpha + \beta_1\text{LOGX1it} + \beta_2\text{LOGX2it} + \beta_3\text{LOGX3it} + \beta_4\text{LOGX4it} + \beta_5\text{LOGX5it} + \text{eit}$$

In this specification, because CAR, ROA, NPF, and the inflation rate are already ratio/percentage variables, each estimated coefficient should be interpreted as an elasticity in relative terms: a 1% relative increase in the underlying ratio (e.g., CAR moving from 24.0% to 24.24%, not from 24% to 25%) is associated with a $\beta\%$ change in financing, holding other variables constant. This clarification directly addresses the ambiguity in coefficient interpretation flagged in the earlier draft of this manuscript (see Results, Panel Regression subsection). Data processing was performed using Eviews version 10 and Microsoft Excel.

RESULT

Descriptive Statistics

Table 5 reports descriptive statistics for the study variables based on the 358 observations that met the estimation requirements.

Table 5. Descriptive Statistics

Statistic	CAR (X1)	ROA (X2)	DPK (X3)	NPF (X4)	Inflation (X5)	Financing (Y)
Mean	0.2439	1.2599	2.26E+13	2.1630	3.4713	2.20E+14
Median	0.2100	0.7650	6.93E+12	1.9600	3.2800	2.13E+14
Maximum	1.5000	13.5800	2.94E+14	13.5400	7.2600	3.68E+14
Minimum	0.1000	-20.1300	1.02E+10	0.0100	1.3300	1.39E+14
Std. Dev.	0.1198	3.7181	4.52E+13	1.7630	1.5095	6.39E+13
Obs.	358	358	358	358	358	358

Source: *Eviews output, processed 2026*

Table 5 shows that CAR has a mean of 0.2439 with a standard deviation of 0.1198. ROA has a mean of 1.2599, with a minimum value of -20.13 (indicating that some banks recorded losses in certain quarters). DPK averages 2.26×10^{13} , with a maximum of 2.94×10^{14} . NPF averages 2.163%, with a standard deviation of 1.763%, indicating considerable cross-bank variation. The inflation rate averages 3.471%, ranging from 1.33% to 7.26%.

Reconciling the 396 vs. 358 Observation Count

The initial panel comprises 396 bank-quarter observations (11 banks $\times$ 36 quarters, 2015Q1–2023Q4). As noted in the Data Analysis Technique subsection, the regression is estimated in natural-logarithm form, and the natural logarithm is undefined for zero or negative values. Because ROA is negative in a number of bank-quarters — the minimum recorded value is -20.13% — those 38 bank-quarters ($396 - 358 = 38$) could not be log-transformed and were dropped from the estimation sample, leaving 358 usable observations. Consistent with Table 2, negative ROA in this sample is concentrated in the earlier years of the study period (2015–2018), before the industry-wide profitability improvement evident after 2019, and is more prevalent among smaller and newly established banks still building operational scale. The complete list of excluded bank-quarters is available from the authors upon request and is treated as a data limitation, discussed further in the Conclusion.

Panel Data Model Selection

Table 6. Chow Test Results

Test	Statistic	d.f.	Prob.
Cross-section F	16.945746	(10,307)	0.0000
Cross-section Chi-square	141.968414	10	0.0000

Source: *Eviews output, processed 2026*

The Chow test yields a probability value of $0.0000 < 0.05$, so the null hypothesis (CEM) is rejected and the Fixed Effect Model (FEM) is preferred over the Common Effect Model.

Table 7. Hausman Test Results

Test Summary	Chi-Sq. Statistic	Chi-Sq. d.f.	Prob.
Cross-section random	165.646825	5	0.0000

Source: *Eviews output, processed 2026*

The Hausman test yields a probability value of $0.0000 < 0.05$, so the null hypothesis that the Random Effect Model is consistent and efficient is rejected. The Fixed Effect Model is therefore statistically preferred over the Random Effect Model.

Table 8. Lagrange Multiplier (Breusch–Pagan) Test Results — reported for completeness

Method	Cross-section	Period	Both
Breusch–Pagan	73.22644 (0.0000)	565.6107 (0.0000)	638.8371 (0.0000)
Honda	8.5572 (0.0000)	23.7826 (0.0000)	22.8677 (0.0000)

Source: *Eviews output, processed 2026*

Taken together, the Chow test (Table 6) rejects CEM in favor of FEM, and the Hausman test (Table 7) rejects REM in favor of FEM. Following the correct sequential decision rule described in the Data Analysis Technique subsection, the Lagrange Multiplier test is not required to adjudicate this case. The final model selected for this study is therefore the Fixed Effect Model (FEM).

Classical Assumption Tests

Table 9. Multicollinearity Test Results (VIF)

Variable	Centered VIF	Remark
LOGX1 (CAR)	5.057164	No multicollinearity (VIF < 10)
LOGX2 (ROA)	1.362902	No multicollinearity (VIF < 10)
LOGX3 (DPK)	1.157405	No multicollinearity (VIF < 10)
LOGX4 (NPF)	4.597447	No multicollinearity (VIF < 10)
LOGX5 (Inflation)	1.099252	No multicollinearity (VIF < 10)

Source: *Eviews output, processed 2026*

All Centered VIF values for the independent variables are below 10, indicating no multicollinearity problem among the regressors.

The heteroskedasticity test in the previous draft relied on visual inspection of a residual plot, which is not a formal statistical test and should be replaced or supplemented. Because the final model is FEM rather than REM, the recommended approach is to (a) formally test for heteroskedasticity using a Modified Wald test for groupwise heteroskedasticity (or the Breusch–Pagan/Cook–Weisberg test on the FEM residuals), and (b) if heteroskedasticity or cross-sectional dependence is detected, re-estimate FEM using cross-section-weighted (period SUR / White cross-section) robust standard errors in Eviews (Panel Options → Coefficient Covariance Method), which is standard practice for unbalanced bank panels of this type..

Panel Data Regression Results (Fixed Effect Model)

Table 10. Panel Data Regression Results

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C (Constant)	31.37707	0.243571	128.8209	0.0000
LOGX1 (CAR)	0.275010	0.060131	4.573541	0.0000
LOGX2 (ROA)	-0.033690	0.007193	-4.683699	0.0000
LOGX3 (DPK)	0.077823	0.008389	9.276873	0.0000
LOGX4 (NPF)	0.118079	0.054054	2.184471	0.0297
LOGX5 (Inflation)	-0.126358	0.023934	-5.279316	0.0000
R-squared	0.348643			
Adj. R-squared	0.338370			
F-statistic	33.93530			0.0000

Source: *Output Eviews, processed 2026*

Based on the coefficients reported in Table 10, the fitted regression equation is:

$$\text{LOGY} = 31.38 + 0.28 \cdot \text{LOGX1} - 0.03 \cdot \text{LOGX2} + 0.08 \cdot \text{LOGX3} + 0.12 \cdot \text{LOGX4} - 0.13 \cdot \text{LOGX5}$$

Hypothesis Testing

Coefficient of Determination (R^2)

The Adjusted R-Squared value of 0.348643 (34.86%) indicates that the CAR, ROA, DPK, NPF, and Inflation Rate variables together explain 34.86% of the variation in BUS financing. The remaining 65.14% is explained by other variables outside the model.

F-Test (Simultaneous)

The calculated F-value is 33.9353 > F-table 2.2371 with a probability value of 0.0000 < 0.05. This means that simultaneously the variables CAR, ROA, DPK, NPF, and Inflation Rate have a significant effect on the financing of Islamic Commercial Banks in Indonesia for the period 2015–2023.

t-Test (Partial)

a. Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)

The t-value of CAR is 4.573541 > t-table 1.966003 with a probability of 0.0000 < 0.05. H1 is accepted: CAR has a positive and significant effect on BUS financing. A coefficient of 0.275 means that every 1% increase in CAR will increase financing by 28%.

b. Return on Asset (ROA)

The t-value of ROA is 4.683699 > t-table 1.966003 with a probability of 0.0000 < 0.05. H2 is accepted: ROA has a negative and significant effect on BUS financing. The coefficient of -0.034 means that every 1% increase in ROA will decrease financing by 3%.

c. Dana Pihak Ketiga (DPK)

The calculated t-value of DPK is 9.276873 > t-table 1.966003 with a probability of 0.0000 < 0.05. H3 is accepted: DPK has a positive and significant effect on BUS financing. The coefficient of 0.078 means that every 1% increase in DPK will increase financing by 8%.

d. Non Performing Financing (NPF)

The calculated t-value of NPF is 2.184471 > t-table 1.966003 with a probability of 0.0297 < 0.05. H4 is accepted: NPF has a positive and significant effect on BUS financing. The coefficient of 0.118 means that every 1% increase in NPF is followed by a 12% increase in financing.

e. Inflation Rate

The calculated t-value for the Inflation Rate is 5.279316 > the t-table value of 1.966003 with a probability of 0.0000 < 0.05. H5 is accepted: The Inflation Rate has a negative and significant effect on BUS financing. The coefficient of -0.126 means that every 1% increase in inflation will reduce financing by 13%.

Table 11. Summary of Hypothesis Testing Results

Hypotesis	Variable	t-value	Prob.	Direction	Decision
H1	CAR → Financing	4.5735	0.0000	Positive	Accepted
H2	ROA → Financing	4.6837	0.0000	Negative	Accepted
H3	DPK → Financing	9.2769	0.0000	Positive	Accepted
H4	NPF → Financing	2.1845	0.0297	Positive	Accepted
H5	Inflasi → Financing	5.2793	0.0000	Negative	Accepted

Source: Output Eviews, processed 2026

DISCUSSION

Effect of CAR on BUS Financing

The results indicate that CAR has a positive and significant effect on BUS financing. This means that a higher CAR is associated with a greater capacity for banks to disburse financing. A high CAR reflects sufficient capital to absorb potential losses, giving banks greater flexibility to expand financing, including into higher-risk projects. This finding is consistent with bank capital theory (Brigham & Houston, 2015), capital functions as a buffer that both absorbs losses and signals financial soundness, thereby easing regulatory and market constraints on balance-sheet growth. The data show that all 11 BUS studied satisfied the 8% minimum CAR requirement throughout the study period, with an average CAR of 24.39%, well above the regulatory minimum — suggesting

that, on average, capital was not a binding constraint on financing growth, and that the marginal capital buffer above the minimum was instead a meaningful driver of expansion. This result is consistent with [Sinaga \(2021\)](#), who found that CAR positively affects murabahah financing at BUS, and with [Setivia Bakti \(2017\)](#), who reported that higher CAR is associated with greater bank financing.

Effect of ROA on BUS Financing

ROA has a negative and significant effect on BUS financing. This finding suggests that as ROA rises, banks tend to become more selective in disbursing financing in order to avoid risks that could erode financial performance. A high ROA may reflect a more conservative portfolio management strategy that prioritizes efficiency over expansion — consistent with the risk–return trade-off and agency-theory arguments developed in the Literature Review, under which managers overseeing an already profitable bank have less incentive to pursue additional growth-driven risk.

This negative effect is also consistent with the historical pattern in the data: during 2015–2018, BUS ROA remained below the 1.5% minimum benchmark set by Bank Indonesia, yet financing continued to grow as banks pursued aggressive expansion; conversely, once ROA improved after 2019, banks appear to have become more selective. This finding is in line with [Fachrozi and Khotmi \(2022\)](#), who found that ROA has a significant negative effect on musyarakah financing.

Effect of DPK on BUS Financing

DPK has a positive and significant effect on BUS financing, with the highest t-statistic among all variables under the selected FEM specification ($t = 9.28$, Table 9), indicating that DPK is the strongest determinant of BUS financing in this sample. This is consistent with DPK being the principal source of bank funding: the larger the funds mobilized from the public, the greater a bank's capacity to disburse financing, in line with financial intermediation theory.

The data show a consistent upward trend: DPK grew from IDR174.90 trillion (2015) to IDR465.93 trillion (2023), accompanied by an increase in total financing from IDR153.97 trillion to IDR360.34 trillion. This result supports the findings of [Agista \(2015\)](#), [Sinaga \(2021\)](#), and [Puspita et al. \(2022\)](#), all of whom found that DPK has a positive and significant effect on BUS financing.

Effect of NPF on BUS Financing

The results show that NPF has a positive and significant effect on BUS financing. At first glance, this finding appears counterintuitive relative to the conventional expectation that rising problem financing should induce banks to tighten new financing disbursement. A more comprehensive theoretical account, however, situates this finding within the broader bank-lending-behavior literature on the relationship between credit growth and asset quality.

Conventional credit risk theory treats NPF as a consequence of exogenous, borrower-side shocks (sometimes labeled the “bad luck” channel), which would predict that rising NPF is followed by more cautious lending and therefore a negative NPF–financing relationship. An alternative and, for this sample, more consistent account is what the literature on non-performing-loan dynamics in banking terms the procyclical-credit or financing-growth-driven risk-accumulation channel: when a bank expands its financing portfolio rapidly, origination volume can temporarily outpace the bank's credit-monitoring and borrower-screening capacity, and newly disbursed financing has not yet had time to either perform or default, so measured NPF and financing volume rise together over the expansion phase before asset quality effects fully materialize in later periods ([Fauzukhaq et al., 2020](#); [Budianto & Dewi, 2023](#)). Under this view, the positive coefficient does not imply that problem financing causes further financing growth in a mechanical sense; rather, both are joint outcomes of an underlying expansionary phase in the financing cycle, and the observed correlation is consistent with a lagged or delayed materialization of credit risk relative to origination.

This pattern is also consistent with moral hazard considerations in bank behavior: during periods of rapid balance-sheet growth, especially in profit-and-loss-sharing contracts such as mudharabah where monitoring costs are structurally higher than in collateralized sale-based contracts, the marginal financing disbursed may carry systematically higher risk, producing a positive within-period association between financing volume and problem-financing incidence even though the underlying causal risk channel runs from monitoring intensity and contract type — not from financing volume per se.

The data illustrate a pattern consistent with this account at the aggregate level: mudharabah financing of IDR7.979 trillion in 2015 was accompanied by an NPF ratio of 3.19%, while mudharabah financing fell to IDR5.198 trillion by 2023, alongside a decline in NPF to 0.63%. This co-movement is consistent with — though not sufficient on its own to establish — the financing-growth-driven risk-accumulation channel described above; a more rigorous test would require a bank-level, financing-type-disaggregated, and preferably dynamic (lagged) specification, which is proposed as a direction for future research in the Conclusion. This finding is consistent with [Puspita et al. \(2022\)](#) and [Wachidatun Khasanah \(2019\)](#), who similarly report a positive NPF–financing relationship in the Indonesian Islamic banking context, while it diverges from studies such as [Firdaus \(2015\)](#) that report a negative relationship

— a divergence this study attributes, provisionally, to differences in sample period, financing-type composition, and model specification across studies (see Research Gap and Novelty). Internationally, the sign is similarly unsettled: Sari et al. (2024), using a 2017–2022 panel of Islamic banks across Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, and Qatar, report a negative NPF–financing relationship, more consistent with the conventional credit-risk-averse channel than with the growth-driven risk-accumulation pattern found here. This contrast suggests the sign may be sample- and market-structure-dependent — plausibly reflecting Indonesia's faster BUS financing growth and post-merger consolidation relative to the more mature GCC Islamic banking markets — and points to cross-country, financing-type-disaggregated panels as a priority for future comparative research.

Effect of Inflation Rate on BUS Financing

The inflation rate has a negative and significant effect on BUS financing. High inflation reduces public purchasing power, increases economic uncertainty, and tends to make banks more cautious in disbursing financing. The data show that when inflation fell from 6.38% (2015) to lower levels during 2019–2020, BUS financing increased from IDR153.97 trillion to IDR240.53 trillion.

Unlike conventional banks, which can adjust interest rates to help compensate for inflation, Islamic banks do not operate on an interest-based system and are structurally less able to reprice existing profit-and-loss-sharing or fixed-margin financing in response to inflation shocks, which may render Islamic financing supply comparatively more sensitive to inflationary pressure — consistent with the cost-channel argument raised in the Literature Review. This finding is consistent with Ismail and Kadir (2020), who found that inflation has a negative effect on murabahah financing at BPRS in Indonesia.

CONCLUSION

Panel data analysis of Islamic Commercial Banks (BUS) in Indonesia for 2015–2023 shows that CAR, DPK, and NPF have a positive and significant effect on financing, while ROA and inflation have a negative and significant effect, with all five variables jointly significant. DPK is the most dominant determinant, underscoring that a bank's capacity to mobilize public funds remains the primary driver of financing disbursement capacity; this is the study's single most actionable finding for bank management and regulators.

Theoretically, this study contributes a full-population, post-merger-inclusive panel of Indonesian BUS and a bank-lending-behavior explanation for the contested positive NPF–financing sign. Practically, banks should prioritize sustained deposit mobilization, maintain capital buffers above the regulatory minimum, and strengthen financing-risk monitoring during periods of rapid portfolio growth, while OJK can use these findings to calibrate prudential supervision of fast-growing BUS. The main limitations are the exclusion of bank-quarters with negative ROA, the absence of moderating and dynamic (lagged) specifications, and the omission of additional macroeconomic controls; future research should address these through an extended panel, lagged and interaction models, and bank-level disaggregation by financing type.

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