Reviewing the Firm Value in terms of Profit, Debt, and Growth

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Abstract: This study aims to examine the effect of Return on Equity (ROE), Return on Assets (ROA), Non-Profit Margin (NPM), DER (Debt to Asset Ratio), Debt to Asset Ratio (DAR), Asset Growth, and Market To Book Value of Equity (MBVE) to Price Book Value (PBV). The population in this study is the consumer goods sub-sector manufacturing companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange in the observation period from 2019 to 2021. There are 42 companies. The total sample in this study is 33 financial statement data, which was determined based on the purposive sampling method. The data were analyzed using the Ordinary Least Square model using the Eviews Version 12 software. The results found that ROE, ROA, Asset Growth, and Market To Book Value of Equity (MBVE) positively and significantly affected firm value. Meanwhile, DER (Debt to Equity Ratio) has a negative and significant effect on firm value. Meanwhile, DAR has no significant adverse effect on firm value.

Keywords: ROE, ROA, DER, DAR, Asset Growth, MBVE, PBV.


Kata Kunci: ROE, ROA, DER, DAR, Asset Growth, MBVE, PBV.
INTRODUCTION

The growing number of processing industry companies and the stability of current economic conditions have created intense competition between manufacturing companies (Ahmad et al., 2018). The main goal of companies that have gone public is to increase the owners' or shareholders' prosperity by increasing company value (Dewi and Abundanti, 2019). Furthermore, (Trisnadi and Amlayasa, 2020) explained that good corporate value reflects increasing shareholder wealth.

Optimization of firm value can be achieved if the effectiveness of financial management implementation (Appelbaum et al., 2017; Ahmad et al., 2018). There are three kinds of decisions in financial management, namely spending decisions, investment decisions, and dividend policy decisions. Ahmad et al., 2018 explained that financial decisions carried out by financial managers would impact firm value. There are three types of valuation related to stocks: book value, market value, and intrinsic value. According to the issuer's books, book value is the value of shares (Bawono et al., 2020). Market value is the book value of shares in the stock market, and intrinsic value is the actual value of shares (Desfiandi and Marantika, 2016).

One approach in determining the intrinsic value of a stock is the price-book value (PBV). PBV or price-per-book value ratio is the relationship between stock market price and book value per share. Price book value (PBV) is the ratio between the stock price and the book value of a company that measures the value given by the financial market to the management and organization of the company as a company that continues to grow. PBV is also often used as a reference in determining the value of a stock relative to the market price. The lower the PBV, the lower the stock price relative to its book value. On the contrary, the higher the PBV, the higher the stock price. It indicates that a growing company can be assessed from its stock price.

The high stock price illustrates the high value of the company. The fact reflects the Price Book Value (PBV) of manufacturing companies from year to year experiencing instability, as shown in table 1.

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Source: www.idx.co.id 2021

The instability of the company's Price Book Value (PBV) makes it very difficult for investors to invest. Therefore, investors are not careless in investing their funds. They must first consider various information, including the company's condition, which is reflected in the company's performance, including similar industry conditions, fluctuations, exchange
rates, transaction volume, stock exchange conditions, and economic conditions, social, political, and national stability of a country. Based on this information, one of the essential things before investors invest their capital is assessing the Price Book Value (PBV) through its performance.

Several factors can affect firm value, including profitability, leverage, and growth opportunity. Profitability is the ability of a company to generate profits at a certain level of sales, assets, and share capital (Amin, 2015). Profitability describes the ability of a business entity to generate profits by using all its capital. It illustrates that profitability is essential to maintain the company's viability in the long term. It is because profitability contains information about the company's prospects in the future (Ardiyanto et al., 2020). Thus, every business entity will always try to increase its profitability because the higher the level of profitability of an entity, the survival of the business entity will be more guaranteed (Sanjaya and Rizky, 2018). Profitability is the ratio of management effectiveness based on the returns generated from sales and investment. The profitability ratio consists of profit margin, essential earning power, return on assets, and return on equity. This study measured the profitability ratio by ROE, ROA, and NPM. ROE is a ratio that shows the company's ability to generate net income for the return of shareholder equity.

ROE is a financial ratio used to measure the profitability of equity. The greater the ROE, the better the company's performance. An increasing ratio indicates that management performance increases in effectively managing sources of operational financing funds to generate net income (Tumandung et al., 2017). The growth of ROE shows the company's prospects are getting better because it means there is a potential for increased profits (Simorangkir, 2019). Then, ROA describes the level of the company's ability to use all of its assets to generate after-tax profits. The greater the ROA, the more efficient the company is processing all company assets. In other words, with the same number of assets, more significant profits can be generated and vice versa (Gunde et al., 2017).

In addition to earning profits from the asset or investment side, the company will also optimize the ability to generate profits from the operational side or net profit margin (NPM). (Faleria et al., 2017) suggested that NPM is a ratio used to show a company's ability to generate net profits after tax. The more excellent the NPM, the more productive the company's performance will be, increasing investor confidence to invest in the company (Halik, 2018). Leverage is a proportion or comparison in determining the fulfillment of company spending needs, whether by using debt, equity or by issuing shares (Yanti & Darmayanti, 2019). Leverage is needed to increase the company's value because the determination of leverage in the company's funding policy determines the profitability and position of the company. Funding decisions projected Debt to Equity Ratio (DER). The company will face the alternative of choosing to increase its capital or withdraw long-term debt. If people choose funding by withdrawing long-term loans, of course, the company becomes dependent on outside parties or creditors. Every company that wants to expand, of course, requires significant capital. The study results (Sari and Priyadi, 2016) and (Kholis et al., 2018) found that DER had a negative and significant effect on firm value. However, (Utami and Prasetiono, 2016) DER has a significant positive effect on firm value.

Debt To Asset Ratio (DAR) shows how much the company's assets are financed by total debt. This ratio emphasizes the importance of debt financing by showing the percentage of company assets supported by debt (Pratama and Wahyudi, 2021). The higher the DAR
means, the greater the amount of capital used as investment capital so that the PBV increases. Companies that predict that they will experience high growth in the future will prefer to use shares to fund company operations (Chandra, 2017). Thus, companies that have low growth opportunities will use long-term debt more. The growth opportunity for each company is different. It causes differences in spending decisions taken by financial managers. An increase in assets followed by an increase in operating results will further increase the confidence of outsiders in the company (Danila et al., 2020), which impacts the company's investing (Kusna and Setijani, 2018). The study results (Pasaribu et al., 2019) found that asset growth had a positive and significant effect on firm value.

Each of these investment and financing decisions will affect the level, timing, and risk of the company's cash flow, and ultimately the company's stock price, so managers must make investment and financing decisions designed to maximize the company's share price (Irdiana, 2016). The combination of its assets affects the value of the company. A high Market To Book Value Of Equity (MBVE) indicates a company with good prospects in the future so that investors can assume that investing in the company will get a more profitable return. The study results (Khansa Khalishah, 2021) in his research argues that MBVE has a positive influence on firm value in the sense that if MBVE increases, the firm value also increases. Therefore, this study aims to examine the effect of return on equity (ROE), return on assets (ROA), Non-Profit Margin (NPM), DER (Debt to Asset Ratio), Debt to Asset Ratio (DAR), Asset Growth, and Market To Book Value Of Equity (MBVE) to firm value.

THEORITICAL REVIEW

Agency theory assumes that all individuals act in their interests (Jensen & Smith, 2000). Shareholders as principals are assumed to be only interested in increasing financial returns or their investment in the company. Meanwhile, agents are assumed to receive satisfaction in financial compensation and the conditions that accompany the relationship (Utomo, 2019). Shareholders as owners are assumed to be only interested in financial results in increasing dividends. In contrast, the manager as an agent is assumed to receive satisfaction in high financial compensation and the conditions that accompany the relationship. This difference in interests triggers a conflict between the owner and the manager. Agency theory is a model used to formulate problems in the form of conflicts between shareholders as company owners and managers as parties appointed or authorized by shareholders to run the company according to their interests (Panda and Leepsa, 2017).

Signal theory suggests how a company should provide signals to users of financial statements. (Sinaga, 2016) states that a signal is an action taken by the company's management that provides clues for investors about how management views the company's prospects. Companies with favorable prospects will avoid selling shares and seek new capital in other ways, such as by using debt. Signaling theory emphasizes the importance of information issued by the company on parties outside the company (Nurdin, 2018). Information is an essential element for investors and business people because information essentially presents information, notes, or descriptions for past, current, and future conditions for a company's survival and how the securities market will be. Investors in the capital market need complete, relevant, accurate, and timely information as an analytical tool to make investment decisions (Damayanti et al., 2020).
Information published as an announcement will signal investors in making investment decisions. If the announcement contains a positive value, it is expected that the market will react when the market receives the announcement. When the information is announced and all market participants have received the information, market participants first interpret and analyze the information as a good signal (good news) or a wrong signal (bad news). If the announcement of the information is a good signal for investors, there will be a change in stock trading volume (Alexander and Kadafi, 2018). The annual report is one type of information issued by a company that can signal parties outside, especially investors. Information disclosed in the annual report can be in the form of accounting information, namely information related to financial statements, and non-accounting information, namely information not related to financial statements. The annual report should contain relevant information and disclose information that is considered essential to be known by users of the report, both internal and external parties. If a company wants its shares to be purchased by investors, it must disclose its financial statements openly and transparently (Puspitaningrum and Taswan, 2020). (Karo and Perlantino, 2017) put forward Signaling theory about how a company should give signals to users of financial statements. Signals can be in promotions or other information stating that the company is better than other companies. Signal theory explains that managers do signaling to reduce information asymmetry. Signaling theory can also help the company (agent), the owner (principal), and parties outside the company reduce information asymmetry by producing quality or integrity of financial statement information.

(Ériotis et al., 2007) suggests that the optimal debt ratio is determined based on the balance between benefits and costs arising from the use of debt. In principle, the company can still do additional debt as long as the benefits are still much more significant and fixed assets are collateral. However, if the cost of debt is too high, the company should not add more debt to avoid unwanted risks that can affect the company's value. On the other hand, according to this theory, a company will not achieve optimal value if all funding is financed by debt or does not use debt in financing the company's activities. Company managers must carefully and precisely manage the company's capital composition. In addition, this theory also states that there is a relationship between the use of debt, taxes, and bankruptcy costs due to the capital structure decisions set by the company (Cortez and Susanto, 2012). Although this trade-off has not been maximized in determining the optimal capital structure of a company, from this theory, it can be concluded that companies that have a high level of profit should use the amount of debt that is not too much to avoid unwanted risks.

Profitability is the company's ability to generate profits and measure the level of operational efficiency and efficiency in using its assets (Suardana et al., 2018). The return on equity is also known as the return on equity. This ratio examines the extent to which a company uses its resources to provide a return on equity. According to (Purwanti, 2020), Return on Equity (ROE) measures how much profit is the owner's right of his capital. In other words, ROE shows the profit that shareholders will enjoy. The existence of ROE growth shows the company's prospects are getting better because it means there is a potential for increased profits. Investors capture it as a positive signal from the company to increase investor confidence and make it easier for company management to attract capital in shares. If there is an increase in the demand for a company's shares, it will indirectly increase the share price in the capital market. The results of the study (Languju,
2016), (Lumoly et al., 2018) show that ROE has a significant effect on the direction of a positive relationship to firm value (PBV). It means that when the company experiences an increase in profits, the company's share price will also increase to increase the value of the company.

**H1**: Return on Equity (ROE) has a positive and significant effect on firm value.

Return On Assets (ROA) is the ability of a business unit to earn a return on several assets owned by the business unit and used to measure the rate of return on investment that the company has made by using all its activities (Muhammad and Rahim, 2019). This ROA can help management and investors see how well a company can convert its investment in assets into profit (profit). This Return on Assets can also be considered a return on investment for a company because capital assets are often the most significant investment for most companies (Octaviany and Mutmainnah, 2019). The study results (Chasanah, 2018) show that ROA has a significant and positive effect on firm value (PBV). A positive ROA indicates that the company can provide profits for the total assets used to operate. On the other hand, a negative ROA indicates that the company is experiencing a loss.

**H2**: Return on Assets (ROA) has a positive and significant effect on firm value.

Net Profit Margin (NPM) or Net Profit Margin is a profitability ratio used to measure the percentage of net profit in a company against its net sales (Nariswari and Nugraha, 2020). This Net Profit Margin shows the remaining sales after deducting all related costs. Net Profit Margin is often referred to as the Profit Margin Ratio (Profit Margin Ratio). For investors, this Net Profit Margin is usually used to measure how efficiently management manages their company and estimates future profitability based on sales forecasts made by their management (Pujiati and Maulidina, 2021). By comparing net income with total sales, investors can see what percentage of income is used to pay operating and non-operating costs and what percentage is left to pay dividends to shareholders or reinvest in the company. The purpose of calculating Net Profit Margin is to measure the overall success of a company's business. A high Net Profit Margin indicates the company is pricing its products correctly and has managed costs well. The research results (Pasaribu and Lumbantobing, 2017) and (Halik, 2018) NPM has a positive and significant effect on firm value. This Net Profit Margin ratio will be beneficial when comparing competitors' profitability in the same industry because they have the same business environment and customer base and have almost the same cost structure.

**H3**: Net Profit Margin (NPM) has a positive and significant effect on firm value.

Leverage decisions will generate incentives for managers to take steps to increase firm value (Berger et al., 1997). Debt policy can be measured using DER (Debt to Equity Ratio). DER is a ratio that compares financing and financing through debt with funding through equity. Companies with a high level of leverage mean that they are very dependent on external loans in financing their assets. Meanwhile, companies with a low level of leverage use their capital to finance their assets. The research results (RAI Sari and Priyadi,
2016) and (Kholis et al., 2018) have a negative and significant effect on firm value. The more outstanding the Debt to Equity Ratio (DER) reflects the company's relatively high risk. Investors try to avoid stocks with a high Debt to Equity Ratio (DER) value. If the company uses debt, it will increase the risk borne by shareholders. When the amount of debt experiences a large enough increase, the solvency level will decrease, which will have an impact on decreasing the company's value. However, (Utami and Prasetiono, 2016) DER has a significant positive effect on firm value.

**H4: DER (Debt to Equity Ratio) has a negative and significant effect on firm value.**

Debt to Assets Ratio (DAR) is a debt ratio used to measure how much the company's assets are financed by debt or how much the company's debt affects asset management. DAR is needed by companies in measuring the company's financial health, especially in bearing debts. (Enekwe et al., 2014) suggests that the debt to asset ratio can be used to measure how much a company's assets are financed by debt or how much company debt can affect the management of corporate assets. The study results (Widodo, 2018) found that the Debt to Assets Ratio (DAR) had a positive and significant effect on firm value. Debt is a positive sign for the company. It will make a good impact on the value of the company. If the company does not get a positive sign, it will make a harmful impact on the company's value. It can be said that if the DAR is low, the company value will be low and impact investors who will not give confidence to the company. Companies that have a lot of assets and debt are not suitable for the company and vice versa. However, (Muzdalifah and Soekotojo, 2018) found that the Debt to Assets Ratio (DAR) had a positive but significant effect on firm value. Moreover, the study results (Cindy Sandra, 2021) found that the negative was not significant to the firm value.

**H5: DAR (Total Debts to Total Assets Ratio) has a negative and significant effect on firm value.**

Asset growth is the growth of total current assets plus the growth of non-current assets. Current assets are cash and assets that can be expected to be disbursed or exchanged into cash, sold, or consumed within a certain period (maximum one year in the average turnover of the company's activities). (Suweta and Dewi, 2016) stated that high asset growth will cause fluctuations in company value so that companies with high asset growth rates have high dividends. It can be said that high asset growth will increase returns. Internal and external parties highly expect asset growth because good asset growth positively signals the company's development. Companies that have significant total assets will find it easier to get attention from investors and creditors because it reflects that the company can generate profits used to increase the number of assets, which can then increase the company's value (Sukmayanti and Triaryati, 2019). The results of research (Purwani and Oktavia, 2018) and (Limanjaya and Tanusdjaja, 2021) show that asset growth has a positive effect on firm value.

**H6: Asset Growth has a positive and significant effect on firm value.**
Based on the results of research (Noradiva et al., 2016) suggests that the Market To Book Value Of Equity (MBVE) is a company's investment decision in the form of a combination of assets owned by the company (assets in place) and the company's investment choices in the future with a positive Net Present Value (NPV) which will affect the value of the company. (Hidayah, 2015) stated that MBVE is the company's value, the amount of which depends on the expenses set by management in the future. However, at this time, it is still an investment option that the company expects to generate a greater return.

In general, MBVE describes a company's breadth of investment opportunities, but it depends on its future expenditures. When viewed from the signal theory, the occurrence of spending on investment by the company will give a positive signal about the company's growth in the future. It will increase the stock price, which indicates company value (Putri and Setiawan, 2019). It is due to the perception of capital market players who see that spending on investment shows the seriousness of management in developing the company. The results of the study (Hamidah and Umdiana, 2017) and (Alamsyah and Malanua, 2021) found that Market To Book Value Of Equity (MBVE) had a positive and significant effect on firm value. It indicates that companies with high market value are considered suitable by investors because they can provide good returns through high stock prices.

**H7: Market To Book Value Of Equity (MBVE) has a positive and significant effect on Firm Value.**

**METHODS**

This type of research is quantitative research, where quantitative research emphasizes theory testing through the measurement of variables and indicators of this research. The population of this study is the consumer goods sub-sector manufacturing companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange in the observation period from 2019 to 2021, and there are 42 companies. This study's sample selection and determination technique is purposive sampling with criteria such as 1) Manufacturing companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange for at least 3 consecutive years during the observation period between 2019 and 2021. 2) sampled companies must provide data or complete information for research analysis needs. 3) Listing companies before 2019. That a total sample of 33 financial statement data from 11 companies in the consumer goods sector for 3 years.

This panel data combines time-series and cross-section data, where the time series collects observations within a specific period. While the cross-section is data collected within a specific time from the sample through the website www.idx.co.id and analyzed using multiple linear regression analysis methods with Ordinary Least Square model using Eviews Version 12 software.

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Y = \alpha + \beta_1X_1 + \beta_2X_2 + \beta_3X_3 + \beta_4X_4 + \beta_5X_5 + \beta_6X_6 + \beta_7X_7 \quad \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots (1)
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**Deskripsi**:
- \(Y\) : Firm Value
- \(X_1\) : Return On Equity (ROE)
X2 : Return On Asset (ROA)
X3 : Net Profit Margin (NPM)
X4 : Debt To Equity Ratio (DER)
X5 : Debt to Asset Ratio (DAR)
X6 : Asset Growth
X7 : Market To Book Value Of Equity (MBVE)

RESULTS

The minimum value of Return On Equity (ROE) for consumption service industry companies in 2019 until 2021 is -14.99 and the maximum 35.14. The average value of 12.4909 indicates that the Return On Equity (ROE) is a relatively strong influence. The standard deviation of Return On Equity (ROE) is 11.7911681, the minimum value of Return On Assets (ROA) in consumption service industry companies in 2019-2021 of -6.6794 and the maximum of 25.4462. The average value of 9.657481 indicates that the Return On Assets (ROA) is a relatively strong influence. The standard deviation of Return On Assets (ROA) is 7.8311620. The minimum value of Net Profit Margin (NPM) for consumption service industry companies in 2019-2021 is -23.9754, and the maximum is 37.8642. The average value of 7.447548 indicates that the Net Profit Margin (NPM) has a high enough effect. The standard deviation of Net Profit Margin (NPM) is 12.813102. The minimum value of the Debt Equity Ratio (DER) for consumption service industry companies in 2019 until 2021 is 0.1634, and the maximum is 1.8722. The average value of 0.819305 indicates that the Debt Equity Ratio (DER) has a high enough effect. The standard deviation of the Debt Equity Ratio (DER) is 0.4726126. The minimum value of Debt Asset Ratio (DAR) for consumption service industry companies in 2019 until 2021 is 0.1404, and the maximum value is 0.8518. The average value of 0.417195 indicates that the Debt Asset Ratio (DAR) has a reasonably high effect. The standard deviation of the Debt Asset Ratio (DAR) is 0.1819226. The minimum value of Asset Growth in consumption service industry companies in 2019-2021 is -0.1606, and the maximum value is 0.5617. The average value of 0.101838 indicates that Asset Growth has a high enough effect. The standard deviation of Asset Growth is 0.1204886. The minimum Market to Book Value of Equity (MBVE) for consumption service industry companies in 2019 until 2021 is 0.7184, and the maximum value is 6.8608. The average value of 3.056243 indicates that the Market to Book Value of Equity (MBVE) has a reasonably high effect. The Market to Book Value of Equity (MBVE) standard deviation is 1.8113644. The minimum PBV value for consumption service industry companies in 2019-2021 is 0.81, and the maximum PBV value is 27.34. The average value of 8.014848 indicates that PBV has a high enough effect. The standard deviation of the PBV is 8.7540587.
The results of data normality using a standard probability plot graph, as shown in Figure 1, shows the Jarque-Bera value of 0.499 with a significance value of 0.778 or more significant than a significance level of 0.05. These results indicate that the data in this study are standard and can be used.

**Figure 1. Normality Test Results**

Source: Output Eviews V.12 (2022)

The test results show that the coefficient value between the variables of the Centered VIF value is less than 10, so it can be stated that there is no multicollinearity problem in the prediction model. Then the heteroscedasticity test is carried out to see whether some disturbances appear in the regression function can be done by the Harvey test:
Table 4. Heteroskedasticity Test Harvey Results

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<td>Prob. Chi-Square</td>
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Source: Output Eviews V.11 (2021)

Probability value. From F count 1.593 and Probability. The chi-Square count of 0.552 from all tests is greater than the 5 percent significance value. These results indicate that there is no heteroscedasticity in the equation model.

Table 5. Partial Test Results

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<td>DER to PBV</td>
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<td>DAR to PBV</td>
<td>-4.662</td>
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<td>ASET GROWTH to PBV</td>
<td>0.920</td>
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<td>MBVE to PBV</td>
<td>2.967</td>
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Source: Output Eviews V.11 (2021)

Table 5 shows that ROE, ROA, NPM, Asset Growth, and MBVE positively affect firm value. Meanwhile, DER has a negative and significant effect on firm value. Meanwhile, DAR has a negative and insignificant effect on firm value.

DISCUSSION

The results of testing the first hypothesis (H1) indicate that Return on Equity (ROE) has a positive and significant effect on firm value. These results indicate that if the ROE in a company increases, then the company’s value will also increase. It is because ROE growth is information for stakeholders about the company’s prospects that are getting better because of the potential for increased profits to be obtained. The results of this study support the signal theory, which explains that investors will capture a good ROE value as a positive signal from the company. It will increase investor confidence and make it easier for company management to attract capital in shares. If there is an increase in the demand for a company's shares, it will indirectly increase the share price in the capital market. This study also supports agency theory, which assumes that all individuals act in their interests. Shareholders as principals are assumed to be only interested in increasing financial returns or their investment in the company. Meanwhile, agents are assumed to receive satisfaction in financial compensation and the accompanying conditions in the relationship (Rahmawati, 2010). The results of this study support the results of research (Languju, 2016; Lumoly et al., 2018), showing that ROE has a significant effect on the direction of a positive...
relationship to firm value (PBV). It means that when the company experiences an increase in profits, the company's share price will also increase to increase the value of the company.

The results of testing the second hypothesis (H2) show that Return on Assets (ROA) has a positive and significant effect on firm value. These results indicate that if the company's ability to earn profits increases on the number of assets it owns, it will also increase the level of interest of investors to invest in the company, thereby increasing its share price. The results of this study support the signal theory, which explains that investors will capture a good ROA value as a positive signal from the company. It will increase investor confidence and make it easier for company management to attract capital in shares. If there is an increase in the demand for a company's shares, it will indirectly increase the share price in the capital market. This study also supports agency theory, which assumes that all individuals act in their interests. Shareholders as principals are assumed to be only interested in increasing financial returns or their investment in the company. Meanwhile, agents are assumed to receive satisfaction in financial compensation and the accompanying conditions in the relationship (Rahmawati, 2010). The results of the study (Chasanah, 2018) and (Sondakh et al., 2019) show that ROA has a significant and positive effect on firm value (PBV). A positive ROA indicates that the company can provide profits for the total assets used to operate. Meanwhile, (Suranto and Walandouw, 2017) and (Kadim and Sunardi, 2019) found that it was different from the findings of this study, namely that ROA had a positive but not significant effect on firm value. (Putra and Wirawati, 2013) found on the contrary that ROA had a negative and significant effect on firm value. A negative ROA indicates that the company is experiencing a loss.

The results of testing the third hypothesis (H3) found that Net Profit Margin (NPM) had a positive and significant effect on firm value. For Investors, Net Profit Margin is usually used to measure how efficiently management manages their company and estimates future profitability based on sales forecasts made by their management. Signal theory explains that investors will capture a good NPM value as a positive signal. It will increase investor confidence and make it easier for company management to attract capital in shares. If there is an increase in the demand for a company's shares, it will indirectly increase the share price in the capital market. Then, the results of this study also support agency theory which assumes that all individuals act in their interests. Shareholders as principals are assumed to be only interested in increasing financial returns or their investment in the company. Meanwhile, agents are assumed to receive satisfaction in financial compensation and the accompanying conditions in the relationship (Rahmawati, 2010). The research results (Pasaribu and Lumbantobing, 2017) and (Halik, 2018) NPM has a positive and significant effect on firm value. This Net Profit Margin ratio will be beneficial when comparing competitors' profitability in the same industry because they have the same business environment and customer base and have almost the same cost structure.

The results of testing the fourth hypothesis (H4) found that DER (Debt to Equity Ratio) had a negative and significant effect on firm value. These results indicate that with the increasing number of debts that the company must bear, the value will decrease. It is significant because the company can cover the debt with its total equity or assets. Leverage decisions will generate incentives for managers with the aim of managers taking steps to increase the company's value. If the ratio value is higher, the greater the company will obtain funds from outside. Conversely, if the value of the ratio is lower, the less the company uses
funds from outside. The results of this study are by signal theory (Yasar et al., 2020) where information published as an announcement will signal investors in making investment decisions. When the DER owned by the company is high, it will give a wrong signal (bad news) for investors so that there is a change in the volume of stock trading, thereby reducing the value of the company. The results of this study are also by the Trade-off Theory proposed by (Hackbarth et al., 2007). According to (Hackbarth et al., 2007), the optimal debt ratio is determined based on the balance between benefits and costs arising from the use of debt. In principle, the company can still do additional debt as long as the benefits are still much more significant and fixed assets are collateral. However, if the cost of debt is too high, the company should not add more debt to avoid unwanted risks that can affect the company's value. The results of this study support the research results (RAI Sari & Priyadi, 2016) and (Kholis et al., 2018) have a negative and significant effect on firm value. The more outstanding the Debt to Equity Ratio (DER) reflects the company's relatively high risk. Investors try to avoid stocks with a high Debt to Equity Ratio (DER) value. If the company uses debt, it will increase the risk borne by shareholders. When the amount of debt experiences a large enough increase, the solvency level will decrease, which will have an impact on decreasing the company's value. However, in contrast to the results of research (Utami & Prasetiono, 2016) DER has a significant positive effect on firm value.

The results of testing the fifth hypothesis (H5) indicate that the Debt to Assets Ratio (DAR) has a negative and insignificant effect on firm value. These results explain that a decrease or increase will not necessarily follow any increase or decrease in DAR in firm value. The smaller debt to assets indicates that the company's debt is getting smaller. The smaller the debt can prevent the company from the risk of bankruptcy. Investors will be more interested in low DAR so that the company's value will likely increase. The results of this study are by signal theory (Yasar et al., 2020) where information published as an announcement will signal investors in making investment decisions. When the DER owned by the company is high, it will give a wrong signal (bad news) for investors so that there is a change in the volume of stock trading, thereby reducing the value of the company. The results of this study are also by the Trade-off Theory proposed by (Hackbarth et al., 2007). According to (Hackbarth et al., 2007) in Joni and Lina (2010), the optimal debt ratio is determined based on the balance between benefits and costs arising from the use of debt. In principle, the company can still do additional debt as long as the benefits are still much more significant and fixed assets are collateral. However, if the cost of debt is too high, the company should not add more debt to avoid unwanted risks that can affect the company's value. These results support the research results (Cindy Sandra, 2021) which finds that a negative DAR is not significant to firm value. However, in contrast to the study results (Widodo, 2018), the Debt to Assets Ratio (DAR) had a significant effect on firm value. Debt is a positive sign for the company. It will make a good impact on the value of the company. If the company does not get a positive sign, it will make a harmful impact on the company's value. It can be said that if the DAR is low, the company value will be low and impact investors who will not give confidence to the company. Moreover, (Muzdalifah and Soekotjo, 2018) found that the Debt to Assets Ratio (DAR) had a positive but not significant effect on firm value. It shows that companies that have high debt will have an impact on public confidence in the company. The company uses debt sources in the hope that it will provide more benefits compared to the fixed burdens that must be borne.
The results of testing the sixth hypothesis (H6) found that asset growth was positive and significant to firm value. It means that the greater the company's asset growth, the more it will increase the value of the company. Companies with high asset growth tend to require significant funding and will cause fluctuations in the company's value. Companies with high asset growth rates have high dividends, which impacts company value. The results of this study support the signal theory, which explains that good asset growth gives a positive signal to the company's development. Companies that have significant total assets will find it easier to get attention from investors and creditors because it reflects that the company can generate profits used to increase the number of assets, which can then increase the company's value. Companies with a high level of growth opportunities certainly require more significant capital to realize these opportunities, and of course, investors will be interested. The results of research by Chaidir (2015), Suastini, et al (2016), Gustian (2017), and Purwani and Oktavia (2018) show that asset growth has a positive effect on a firm value. Companies that predict that they will experience high growth in the future tend to prefer to use shares to fund the company's operations to increase the value of the company.

The results of testing the seventh hypothesis (H7) found that Market To Book Value Of Equity (MBVE) had a positive and significant effect on firm value. These results explain that the increase in Market To Book Value Of Equity (MBVE) will increase the company's value because MBVE shows that the company will continue to grow, which will attract investors. When many investors enter and the company's performance is good, the profits will be higher. High profits mean the value of the company will also be more significant. From the investor's point of view, a company's growth is a sign that the company has a beneficial aspect. Investors will also expect the rate of return from the investment made to show good development. The results of this study support the signal theory, which explains that when viewed from signal theory, the occurrence of spending on investment by the company will give a positive signal about the company's growth in the future so that it will increase stock prices which are indicators of company value (Suartawan and Gerianta, 2016). It is due to the perception of capital market players who see that spending on investment shows the seriousness of management in developing the company. The results of this study support the results found by (Hamidah and Umdiana, 2017) and Sudiani and Wiksuana (2018) found that Market To Book Value Of Equity (MBVE) has a positive and significant effect on firm value. It indicates that investors consider companies with high market value reasonable because they can provide good returns through high stock prices.

CONCLUSION

The results of the study found that Return on Equity (ROE) had a positive and significant effect on firm value. that the higher the return on equity, the better, because the profits generated by the company will be greater and have an impact on the high value of the company. Second, Return On Assets (ROA) has a positive and significant effect on firm value. It means that every increase in Return On Assets (ROA) will increase its value because the company is increasingly able to earn a return on several assets it owns. Third, DER (Debt to Equity Ratio) has a negative and significant effect on firm value. The more debt that the company must bear, the company's value will decrease. Fourth, DAR (Debt to Asset Ratio) has a negative and insignificant effect on firm value. It means that a decrease
or increase will not follow any increase or decrease in DAR in company value. Fifth, asset growth is positive and significant to firm value. It means that the greater the company's asset growth, the more it will increase the value of the company. Sixth, Market To Book Value Of Equity (MBVE) has a positive and significant effect on firm value. It means that the increase in Market To Book Value Of Equity (MBVE) will increase the company's value because MBVE shows that the company will continue to grow, which will attract investors.

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