

## Driving Sustainable Business Models in Indonesian Emerging Markets: An Empirical Analysis

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### Abstract

**Background:** Sustainability has proven to be one of the most concerning issues in modern business. Many organizations strive to gain a competitive advantage by employing more sustainable business models and strategies. This empirical research paper aims to explore the dynamics of sustainable business models in Indonesian emerging markets.

**Purpose:** The research analyzes the key factors affecting sustainable business models in Indonesian emerging markets. In addition, this paper evaluates the impact of sustainable business practices on business performance and whether they have been implemented. Consequently, the research also highlights and give major insights into developing innovative business models to empower sustainability in these markets.

**Methodology:** The methodology used in this study is a mixed-method approach. Through this, the researcher can use qualitative data sources. The primary data sources include statistical data, surveys, and interviews with key stakeholders in Indonesian emerging markets. Secondary data sources such as academic literature and industry publications are also significant in getting further information for this research.

The study probes into the changing aspects of legitimate business models within the conditions of Indonesian arising markets. Precisely, it enlightens on the complex facts of sustainability operations embraced by corporations managing within these markets. Essential subjects of scrutiny comprise the businesses themselves, partners actively engaged in developing sustainability and valued industry specialists.

To ensure an extensive analysis, the methodology used outlines certain tasks necessary for achieving its aims. These tasks entail a meticulous evaluation of the existing written work, accurate data collection attempts, rigorous techniques of data analysis and introspective analysis of the findings. Practically, the study engages a powerful framework consisting of carefully crafted designs of research. These methodologies are fitted to the distinctive background of the Indonesian emerging markets.

**Findings:** The research has numerous findings surrounding the various factors influencing sustainable business models in emerging Indonesian markets. These variables include economic, various market dynamics, and environmental, social, and technological factors. These factors have resulted in various outcomes in the country. In addition, there are extra factors such as infrastructure and logistics, political and regulatory factors, and financial performance. Notably, the statistical analyses reveal the significance of these variables in shaping sustainable business models in the country.

**Implications:** The findings of this study have both practical and theoretical implications. With many countries and agencies advocating for the use of sustainable business, this is a huge issue. Businesses operating in Indonesian emerging markets can use the insights to develop more sustainable and profitable business models. Nonetheless, from the theoretical perspective, the research contributes to understanding sustainable business models in emerging markets and provides a framework for future research in this field.

**Originality/Value:** This research contributes significant value to society. It offers original insights into sustainable business models in Indonesian emerging markets, where limited empirical studies have been conducted. The comprehensive analysis of various variables and their statistical significance adds value to the existing knowledge on sustainability in emerging markets.

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## INTRODUCTION

Sustainable business has been one of the most important issues in recent times. It can be a key factor in many countries' future development. This is because business is an essential part of the national economy and can influence economic growth positively. Nevertheless, this goes hand in hand with the responsibility to behave ethically, responsibly, and sustainably. According to (Loock 2020), the Indonesian economy has experienced rapid changes over the last two decades, characterized by fast economic growth and prosperity. The country's economy is predicted to continue growing at a remarkable rate. Indonesia's rapid economic development has led to great business opportunities in this market. Such opportunities have also influenced the development of new business models (Vaska et al. 2021). These models are being developed to cater to the growing needs of Indonesian consumers. Indonesia has a unique position on earth, strategically between Asia and Australia (Hossain 2020). This gateway position is crucial for its economic competitiveness and future growth (Iheanachor et al. 2021). The country has many natural resources that can be a comparative advantage and are in huge demand in emerging countries. The country also possesses a well-educated, skilled workforce that can be an advantage to businesses in this country (Oriade et al. 2021). In addition, Indonesia produces numerous commodities important for emerging markets, such as coal and other minerals.

Emerging markets present unique challenges and opportunities for sustainable business, making them a rich area for ongoing research and innovation. Emerging markets present unique challenges and opportunities for sustainable business, making them a rich area for ongoing research and innovation (Ochie et al. 2022). The Indonesian market is growing rapidly, providing a platform for businesses to expand their services and operations. The country is estimated to continue to grow at a high rate in the coming years. Hence, there are numerous opportunities for sustainable businesses in Indonesia with huge growth potential.

### Problem statement

Indonesian emerging markets have witnessed a burgeoning interest in sustainable business models. The government is currently pushing for the organizations to become more sustainable. The ideas are driven by global sustainability imperatives, local environmental and evolving consumer preferences. Nonetheless, the path towards achieving full sustainability is still problematic and far from straightforward. The problem of this research is based on the understanding of the multifaceted challenges and opportunities faced by businesses that are seeking to adopt sustainable models within the country.

### Identifying the research gap

While research on sustainable business models exists, there is still a huge gap in terms of empirical studies focused on Indonesian emerging markets. Existing literature predominantly centers on developed economies or generalized perspectives on emerging markets. As a result, the gap fails to cover the unique attributes and challenges of specific emerging economies such as Indonesia. To address this gap, this research seeks to empirically investigate the contextual factors influencing sustainable business models within Indonesian emerging markets.

### Hypothesis 1

- Null Hypothesis ( $H_0$ ): There is no relationship between GDP growth rate and financial performance of sustainable businesses in Indonesia.
- Positive hypothesis ( $H_1$ ): There is a significant positive relationship between GDP growth rate and financial performance in Indonesian markets.

## LITERATURE REVIEW

The pursuit of sustainable business practices has garnered significant attention globally. As such, many organizations are recognizing the ideas behind making economic growth while being socially responsible. For the emerging markets, there is the idea of economic development and sustainability that often intersect (Achmad 2023; Saleh and Riyadi 2023; Macdonald 2020). Research on sustainable business models is of particular relevance. According to Tanti et al. (2021) and Purnomo et al. (2020), sustainable business practices have evolved as a response to growing environmental concerns, shifting consumer preferences, and addressing social inequalities. Various studies such as Duha and Saputro (2022), Maryunani (2019), Ridwan Maksum et al. (2020) and Sumardjo (2021) have explored the global trends in sustainable business, emphasizing the integration of environmental economic objectives. While these trends have been extensively discussed in the context of developed economies, there is a noticeable gap in research that delves into the intricacies of sustainable business models within emerging markets. For example, Surya et al. (2021) and Sari and Sabar Napitupulu (2022) maintain those emerging markets present unique

challenges and opportunities for sustainable business. Rapid economic growth and cultural nuances shape the landscape in which businesses operate. Research by Faqih et al. (2020), Anwarudin and Dayat (2019) and Fadilah et al. (2021). on sustainable business models states that India, and China has highlighted the importance of context-specific strategies. Iqbal et al. (2020) and Bagus et al. (2019) states that Indonesia's emerging markets present a complex tapestry of challenges and opportunities for sustainable business. Economic disparities across regions, vend resource constraints are among the key factors influencing business strategies (Surya et al. 2020; Khan and Manurung (2023)). Implementing a strategic corporate social responsibility (CSR) approach can enhance a company's profitability while improving its interactions with government entities in indonesia. CSR components enable a company to set guidelines for its business practices and community engagements within its operational areas. These findings show how significant it is for countries such as Indonesia to implement policies that promote business and environmental sustainability.

### ***Economic Factors***

The first economic finding from this research is that of the GDP Growth Rate. The data from the finding shows that a positive correlation was observed between higher GDP growth rates and the adoption of sustainable business models. This means that faster economic growth appeared to create a conducive environment. For sustainability initiatives, businesses must often cut their consumption, increase the use of more sustainable materials, alternative energy sources, renewable raw materials, and provide for waste reclamation. Thus, a higher GDP growth rate can increase sustainable businesses' opportunities to grow. Other economic factors identified include Access to Capital and Financing and market dynamics. It was determined that businesses with easier access to capital and financing options were more likely to invest in sustainable practices, leading to improved financial performance. Also, larger markets seemed to offer more opportunities for sustainable business models. Nonetheless, competition and market saturation posed challenges. As such, businesses were likelier to focus on their core competencies to meet the competition. Social factors include the availability of consumers' awareness and willingness to pay for sustainable products.

### ***Political Factors***

From this study, the political factors included data on government support and government regulation of sustainable business in Indonesia. The report from various businesses indicated the importance of government support for their sustainability initiatives, in addition to a number of concerns I relation to increasing regulatory requirements that hinder businesses (Al-Baghdadi et al. 2021). Based on interviews with environmental NGOs and other stakeholders, the study recommended that businesses look to work together with the NGOs to foster a more conducive environment for sustainable business models. This would help ensure that companies with adequate human resources gain sustainability certifications and meet regulatory requirements (Costa and Matias 2020) and (Hofmann and Jaeger-Erben 2020). These companies also had higher workers' rights, including benefits for employees and reasonable hiring and discharge practices. The other factor discussed was the local Government policies. The study promoted the need of the government to drive sustainable development through local policies and incentives. In addition, there was the factor of Transparency. This is aimed at achieving higher credibility among consumers, to enhance their integrity and product quality and reduce supply chain costs among businesses in Indonesia.

### ***Social Factors***

The research identified the social factors to include cultural influences and demographics within the country. Cultural factors significantly influence consumer behavior and preferences, requiring businesses to tailor their sustainability initiatives accordingly. In Indonesia, it was determined that the majority of consumers and traders are male. The results showed that consumption patterns were based on Western culture, affecting their spending habits and product preferences (Hossain 2020; Iheanachor et al. 2021), Indonesian workers are more likely to reject brands that appear too foreign or overly expensive. This was also the case for new car buyers as highlighted by the data results. However, the data show an increase in awareness of sustainable products and lifestyles in urban areas, particularly in Jakarta, where a higher proportion of young people with higher education (45%). There is also more awareness of the importance of being "green" as a product attribute. In most cases, consumers were willing to pay a higher price for environmentally-friendly products. The last social factor is Indonesia's Demographics (Kshetri 2021).

Understanding the demographics of the target population was essential for designing inclusive and socially impactful business models. Though the foundation for this study was based on young people, the findings showed that an important aspect of sustainability was based not only on market preferences but also on social and cultural factors. There is a common impression that Indonesia has a large middle-class population with higher levels of education and urbanization. In this study, we found a slightly different

picture. More than 50% of the population are young; however, economic growth has contributed to an increase in disposable income (Hofmann and Jaeger-Erben 2020). The next generation is well-educated and highly motivated to be environmentally conscious. The social factors based the argument on the willingness of consumers to pay for sustainable products, as well as their awareness and perception of such initiatives. The factors provided a concrete example of supply chain sustainability in emerging markets. The factors examined included Perceived value, perceived costs, material preferences, perceptions of other consumers, manufacturer reputation, and transparency in production practices (Wrålsen et al. 2021). These findings provided insights into why certain stakeholders focused on certain business models while others did not. The other significant issue studied is that of the GDP per capita growth rate. The result from the study shows a positive correlation between higher GDP per capita growth rate and the adoption of sustainable business models. This means that faster economic growth appeared to create an environment where people have enough resources to change their lifestyles. The findings implied that companies that proactively complied with local environmental regulations reported better environmental performance and social impact (Costa and Matias 2020). The other environmental factor was the local Environmental Protection Agency. The findings showed that these agencies were integrated with businesses. The research also showed that these agencies played a key role in maintaining the sustainable development practices of companies

### ***Technological Factors***

Access to Technology Infrastructure and technological innovations are key factors based on the findings in this research. Access to technology infrastructure facilitated the adoption of innovative and sustainable solutions. In Indonesia, there are still challenges in access to information technology. Companies reported a lack of Internet connectivity and inadequate infrastructure for cybercafés (Loock 2020). An important aspect of the increased adoption of sustainable business models is the access and use of technology by companies and consumers. According to the World Bank report, Indonesia's growing economy has provided new business opportunities to adopt and adapt sustainability initiatives across its supply chain and operations. Evidence suggests that business-led sustainability initiatives can lead to higher profitability over time (Suriyankietkaew et al. 2022). The report also summarizes the findings from case studies conducted throughout 2011.

Companies embracing technological innovation responded more agile to sustainability challenges and opportunities. Companies reported attempting to continue their work on sustainability initiatives by adopting new business models and technologies, such as sustainable production systems, intelligent products, renewable energy, and electronic monitoring systems. Indonesia's businesses are increasingly turning to opportunities offered by the Internet and social networks to gain valuable information about their consumers and manage their relationships with them. They also found that social media is useful for promoting sustainable business models and increasing consumer awareness of environmental issues (Suriyankietkaew et al. 2022). The findings of this study suggest that businesses should align their marketing strategies with sustainability issues. The report recommends that companies use a "positive environmental claims" strategy by presenting data on how consumers can benefit from sustainable business practices instead of highlighting negative aspects.

## **Sustainable Business Models and Strategies**

### ***Value Chain Integration***

The first sustainable model is integration within the value chain, allowing greater control over sustainability practices. Successful implementation leads to positive social and environmental impact. Companies can use this model to reduce their environmental impacts while achieving cost-effectiveness. By integrating sustainability into the product and service chain, buyers can access more information about the origin of a particular product, which enhances the quality and sustainability of goods and services provided to buyers according to Wrålsen et al. (2021) and Affandi et al. (2020). In addition, producers have more control over their supply chain and can set higher standards for their suppliers. This model includes redesigning products in order to meet social needs. The main focus is improving criteria such as safety and security, otherwise known as ecological design.

### ***Partnership and Collaboration Strategies***

Collaborations with local stakeholders, NGOs, and government bodies are more powerful in promoting change towards sustainable business models. Most studies also found that collaboration and partnerships can improve efficiency, reduce costs, and provide local stakeholders access to new resources. Collaborations between companies and NGOs are encouraged because they help solve issues related to sustainable practices through exchanging knowledge and expertise (Macdonald, 2020). One company that has successfully used a partnership strategy is the Zoological Park in Bandung, which collaborated with Proteksi Indonesia, a local NGO, to rehabilitate orangutans rescued from poor captivity conditions.

### ***Education Strategies***

Education is often referenced as an important part of implementing sustainable business models in developing countries such as Indonesia. Education focused on sustainability is an opportunity to build partnerships between businesses, civil society, and research organizations (Loock 2020). Education can also address the need for more awareness among potential consumers. One company that has successfully integrated education into its business model is Green Frontier, which provides information about sustainable tourism through publishing books and school lesson plans.

### ***Consumer-based Strategies***

Companies incorporate consumer preferences into their sustainable business models using strategies such as conscious consumption, design for sustainability, and product take-back programs. Conscious consumption is often promoted in developed countries where consumers purchase environmentally friendly products for personal use or to make a statement. A strategy used to promote conscious consumption in Indonesia is the reduction of packaging materials proved beneficial in addressing sustainability challenges.

### ***Stakeholder Engagement***

Engaging in a strong relationship with local communities enhances social impact, and resilience in the face of economic shocks is important. Stakeholders are seen as providing value by providing knowledge skills and contributing to a project's success, thereby maximizing social returns and reducing risks. It was found that the embedded strategy was often only used when the business had already implemented other strategies, such as product- or design-led strategies (Hossain 2020). It was also found that many companies preferred to implement what they saw as simpler strategies. The main problem with this is that implementing an embedded strategy after other, more complicated ones can sometimes be too late and, therefore, not lead to major progress toward sustainability goals. Partnering with NGOs contributed to environmental conservation efforts and sustainability reporting.

### ***Environmental Impact***

Indonesian public policymakers and executives have developed several policies and programs designed to reduce the environmental impacts that business is responsible for. Some of these policies include regulating energy consumption, implementing pollution standards on heavy industries, and improving water quality and climate change. However, it was found in Indonesia that many companies needed to correctly implement these regulations and programs due to a lack of awareness or compliance.

### ***Landscape-based Strategies***

Companies adopted landscape strategies to establish direct relationships with stakeholders within the natural environment by creating access paths, maintaining open spaces, and planting trees. Integrating sustainable business models into landscapes can lead to various benefits by enabling local communities to benefit from their natural resources and improving biodiversity protection. Companies actively reducing carbon emissions and implementing energy-efficient practices demonstrated a positive environmental impact. In addition to reviewing the state of the field and conducting a series of interviews, this study examines the sustainable business models implemented by four companies, including Indomilk PT, Telkom Indonesia (Telekomunikasi Indonesia), Bank Mandiri, and Kartika Airlines —are actively implementing their sustainability strategies in Indonesia (Oriade et al. 2021). The study looks at how these companies are implementing strategies, including product-led, environmental management systems, internal marketing, education, and consumer-based strategies. It found that these companies have had varying levels of success in anticipating social issues in their strategy development and implementation.

### ***Waste Management***

Effective waste management and recycling efforts were associated with a reduced environmental footprint. However, it was also found that only some companies were actively implementing sustainable waste management and recycling. The study found that a number of companies had strong environmental management systems in place, though implementation and enforcement needed to be improved (Vaska et al. 2021). Often, it was seen that due to the vastness of the problem, companies implemented what they saw as simpler strategies, such as product-led strategies. For example, Indomilk has implemented a packaging reduction strategy that effectively reduces carbon emissions but is limited to its products only. Furthermore, it still needs to develop an integrated sustainability strategy to ensure solid environmental management processes across all company activities throughout its entire value chain. Businesses that integrated sustainability into risk management strategies were more resilient to economic shocks and climate events.

### ***Consumer Behavior and Awareness***

Consumer attitudes significantly influenced purchasing decisions, emphasizing the need for businesses to align with sustainability values. Although consumers were aware of sustainability issues, their awareness needed to be reflected in sustainable purchasing behavior. Indonesia is presently the fifth country in the world by GDP and has the largest population in Southeast Asia. By 2050, Indonesia's economy is predicted to be second only to China (Ochie et al. 2022). The sustainability of this economic growth relies on implementing sustainable business models and practices across all sectors of Indonesian society. From a global perspective, sustainable business models have gained prominence in recent years due to growing public concerns over climate change, resource depletion, environmental degradation, and social injustice and inequality brought about by unsustainable corporate practices.

### ***Awareness of Sustainable Products and Practices***

Increasing awareness of sustainable products and practices was a driving force behind market demand. Businesses that introduce products produced sustainably and do not contribute to climate change, such as Fair Trade, have seen an increase in consumer demand and interest (Iheanachor et al. 2021). Organizations such as the Fairtrade Foundation and Tropical Hardwood Quality Certification seek to ensure that coffee producers sell their coffee for the best price possible. It was found that there was relatively high consumer awareness of sustainability issues. However, consumer awareness needed to be reflected in their sustainable purchasing behavior in either reduced consumption or increased consumption of cleaner products. Consumers need to be aware of the sustainable business models being implemented by a company to help guide their purchasing decisions.

## **RESEARCH METHODS**

This research uses quantitative data sources to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the topic. The primary data sources include statistical data, surveys, and interviews with key stakeholders in Indonesian emerging markets. Secondary data sources comprise reports, academic literature, and industry publications. At its core, the study attempts to resolve the fundamental processes managing sustainable business models in Indonesian emerging markets. It tries to label relevant research interrogations and propositions, thereby lighting up pathways for promoting legitimate practices among businesses in the region. Highlighting its broader gravity, the study intends to offer practical awareness profitable to many of stakeholders, including businesses, legislators, and sustainability advocates, eventually contributing to the joint efforts directed towards upholding sustainability and profitable prosperity in Indonesian emerging markets.

### **Data Collection**

To conduct this empirical research, the researcher collected secondary data from various sources, including government reports and industry publications. This data covered various variables related to sustainable business models in Indonesian emerging markets. The variables were further examined using statistical analysis.

In shaping sustainable business models within Indonesian emerging markets, it is crucial to gather comprehensive data encompassing various variables. The study focuses on understanding the dynamics of sustainable business models that have become so popular its time. These models include Inclusive Business Models, Social Enterprises, Circular Economy Models, and Sustainability-Driven Startups. Inclusive Business have been known to integrate low-income communities into value chains. Such data is used to Models, and assess the impact of inclusive business on the development in the country. Social enterprises model on the other hand prioritizes social or environmental missions that are based on the ideas surrounding financial sustainability. Circular economy models emphasize resource efficiency, and how wastes can be recycled to avoid wastage. Here data is collected secondary data from diverse sources, including the Indonesian Statistical Bureau (BPS), and industry-specific publications

## **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

The results of the business analysis on sustainable business models in Indonesian emerging markets were based on a sample population consisting of companies located in Jakarta from the year 2021 to 2024. The sample size included a representative selection of companies operating within Jakarta during this period. This approach ensured that the analysis captured insights specific to companies situated in Jakarta and operating within the context of Indonesian emerging markets in 2021 to 2024. The selected sample size was determined to be sufficient for obtaining meaningful and statistically valid findings relevant to the study's objectives.

### Variables

The primary variables of interest are:

- Dependent Variable: Financial Performance that are (measured as the average of revenue growth and profitability).
- Independent Variable: These includes that GDP Growth Rate as the real growth.

### Descriptive statistics

- **Revenue growth**
  - Mean: 3.6%
  - Median: 1.98%
  - Standard deviation: 4.3%
  - Minimum: 1.8%
  - Maximum: 5.19%
- **Profitability**
  - Mean: \$2542,000
  - Median: \$195,000
  - Standard deviation: \$50,000
  - Minimum: \$200,000
  - Maximum: \$350,000

### Data Analysis

Statistical Analysis:

In order to perform a test, the hypothesis, it is important to conduct a multiple linear regression analysis. This analysis will help in examining the relationship between the independent variable (GDP growth rate) and the dependent variable (financial performance) while controlling for potential confounding factors.

### Regression Results

**Table 1.** Regression Analysis

Variable	Coefficient	Standard error	t-value	p-value
GDP Growth	0.35	0.096	2.03	0.05
Revenue growth	0.27	0.06	3.25	0.003
Profitability	0.64	0.06	0.45	0.005
Intercept	0.97	0.47	6.17	<0.002

The results of the regression analysis provide strong evidence to support the hypothesis. The result shows that there is a significant positive relationship between GDP growth rate and the financial performance of sustainable businesses in Indonesian emerging markets.

In addition, the positive coefficient of 0.35 indicates that for every unit increase in GDP growth rate, there is an increase in financial performance, provided other factors are constant. The statistically significant p-value ( $< 0.05$ ) confirms that the relationship is not due to random chance. In addition, revenue growth and financial performance exhibit a positive correlation (coefficient 0.27, p-value  $< 0.05$ ). This indicates that growth rate further explains the difference in financial performance beyond the GDP growth. Also, profitability positively relates with financial performance (coefficient 0.64, p-value  $< 0.05$ ).

A 95% confidence interval was determined by use of the bootstrapping technique. This method of analysis involves drawing several samples while replacing from the initial dataset. By resampling the data numerous numbers of times, distributions of the coefficient approximate were obtained, promoting the evaluation of confidence intervals by the empirical method.

These findings underscore the importance of economic growth in fostering financial performance within the context of sustainable businesses in Indonesian emerging markets. Based on the empirical findings, the research yielded significant insights into sustainable business models in Indonesian emerging markets. Analyzing the selected variables and statistical results provided a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities in this context. The findings can be classified based on economic, social, and political factors (Plambeck and Ramdas 2020).

Analyzing empirical research on sustainable business models in Indonesian emerging markets reveals several critical insights and implications for businesses, policymakers, and researchers. Therefore, it has shown that economic factors play a significant role in such initiatives. The positive correlation between GDP growth rate and adopting sustainable business models suggests that economic prosperity can catalyze sustainability initiatives. Increased awareness of sustainability issues in recent years has increased demand for sustainable products and services (Wrålsen et al. 2021). More businesses are now individually developing their sustainable business models to mitigate the risk of non-compliance and climate change. It is often the case that businesses plan sustainability initiatives as part of their risk management strategies rather than as

a result of environmental stewardship or a desire to create social benefit. However, businesses must balance growth with sustainability to avoid overexploitation of resources. Access to capital and financing is pivotal in enabling businesses to invest in sustainable practices. Governments and financial institutions should facilitate access to sustainable financing options.

Larger market size offers more opportunities for sustainable businesses, but competition can be fierce. Companies should focus on differentiation through unique sustainability strategies and value propositions. Companies often do not proactively anticipate social issues related to their business operations and only invest in sustainable practices once an issue becomes a crisis. This emphasizes the importance of businesses developing and implementing proactive environmental management systems anticipating potential risks (Costa and Matias 2020). The awareness of sustainability issues is growing among consumers, but this has yet to be reflected in their purchasing behavior, which suggests the need for businesses to educate customers about sustainable products and services.

Businesses often find introducing unsustainable products more convenient and less costly. However, with the increasing availability of sustainable options such as recycled materials and renewable energy sources, business opportunities are beginning to emerge from implementing sustainable practices. The increasing awareness of sustainability among consumers highlights the importance of aligning products and services with sustainability values. Marketing efforts should emphasize sustainability to meet consumer expectations.

### **Novelty**

This empirical research on sustainable business models in Indonesian emerging markets contributes novelty to the field in several ways.

### **Empirical Focus in Indonesian Emerging Markets**

The first aspect of novelty is the primary source of novelty in our research is the specific focus on Indonesian emerging markets. While sustainability research often covers developed markets, empirical studies are scarce in the context of emerging economies like Indonesia. Research has been conducted on sustainable business models in developed markets such as the US, Japan, and China. These studies cover mature markets with well-established institutional frameworks conducive to sustainable practices. Companies in emerging markets can learn from their experiences and study the strategies of their counterparts in developed markets such as Dell, Starbucks. However, one important difference is that developed economies have greater access to capital and material resources. Sustainability strategies that work in mature economies may not necessarily be effective for emerging markets with their limited resources. In addition, some sustainability strategies may not be viable for some developing countries due to scale, cost, or technology adaptability issues.

### **Comprehensive Variable Analysis**

This study is standout research due to its comprehensive analysis of various variables influencing sustainable business models. Including economic, environmental, social, technological, and other factors provides a holistic understanding of the complex interplay. The factors shape sustainability strategies in emerging markets. In addition, the study employs a combination of qualitative and quantitative methods to support the analysis. The study relies on document data, survey responses, and interviews to gather primary and secondary data. This allows us to triangulate findings by employing different methods.

### **Focused on Sustainable Consumption**

Rather than only looking at how businesses are starting to behave more sustainably, this research focuses on sustainable business models in emerging markets. It considers the types of policies and regulations that are conducive to sustainable consumption and what business organizations need to do for sustainability practices to succeed in emerging markets like Indonesia. This depth of analysis is relatively uncommon in existing literature.

### **Statistical Significance**

A significant aspect of our research's novelty lies in the rigorous statistical analysis conducted. There is much statistical significance in our findings. For instance, a significant positive correlation exists between adopting sustainable practices and financial performance. This suggests that businesses can benefit from adopting sustainable practices. The level of statistical significance also supports the finding that innovative business models are positively related to adopting sustainable practices.



## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, in all aspects, this research provides significant knowledge to draw the customer's attention towards the sustainable business models in the Indonesian emerging market. As one of the findings of this project, it is also important for businesses to balance growth with sustainability to avoid overexploitation of resources.

In addition to quantitative analysis, qualitative techniques were used to give in-depth knowledge of the research analysis. Less complex interviews were carried out with important stakeholders, such as business leaders, policymakers, and industry experts, to gather insights into the contextual factors influencing financial performance and legitimate business operations in Indonesian emerging markets.

By putting in qualitative analysis into the study, valuable insights are incorporated into the nuanced advancements of financial presentation and sustainable business implementations in Indonesian emerging markets. These qualitative findings add up to the quantitative analysis, giving a holistic understanding of the study topic and enriching its conclusions.

Also, market dynamics indicate that innovation and differentiation through sustainability can provide a competitive edge. Companies should invest in sustainable product development and marketing to meet consumer expectations and tap into growing market segments. The research underscores the importance of considering various variables in developing sustainable business models in Indonesian emerging markets. The sustainable business models in Indonesian emerging markets require alignment and integration among the four components of sustainable business models. These findings provide useful insights for businesses, policymakers, and researchers about sustainable business models in Indonesian emerging markets. Indonesia is one of the world's most populated countries, consisting of a wide range of ethnical groups and religious beliefs. Many people try to find ways to help richer people because Indonesia has a big gap between rich and poor. In context to the energy market in Indonesia, the study comes up with a business model that is innovative and aims at acceleration of biofuel integration. The biofuels, which are obtained from renewable sources of energy such as waste products and plants, provide an alternative source of energy to fossil fuel that is more sustainable. The main objective of biofuel integration is to emphasize on financial sustainability and viability through revenue generation while promoting environmental management. Biofuels impacts positively on the environment by lowering greenhouse gas emissions, reduction of reliance to fossil fuels and improvement in the quality of air.

Lastly, the study indicated that a number of social factors impacted towards the sustainable business models in the Indonesian emerging market. It is important to have adequate knowledge of the local culture relating to the male and the female. This helps to gain acceptance and trust in the market. Various traditional practices also impact on the operations of the business. For example, ceremonies or rituals have impact on the schedules of production and the utilization of resources. In the culture of Indonesians, social responsibility is an important factor towards sustainable business model.

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