ABSTRACT

This study aims to analyze the effect of financial distress, debt default, and audit report lag on the issuance of going concern audit opinions with firm size as a moderating variable and audit quality as a control variable in consumer cyclicals sector companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX) for the period 2016–2025. This study uses agency theory as the theoretical foundation for hypothesis development.

The population of this study consists of all consumer cyclicals sector companies listed on the IDX for the period 2016–2025. The sample was selected using purposive sampling method, resulting in a total of 986 observations using unbalanced panel data. The analytical methods employed are logistic regression and Moderated Regression Analysis (MRA). Data processing was carried out using SPSS 25.

The results show that financial distress and debt default have a positive and significant effect on the issuance of going concern audit opinions, while audit report lag has no significant effect. Firm size is proven to moderate the effect of financial distress on going concern audit opinions in a strengthening direction, but fails to moderate the effect of debt default and audit report lag on going concern audit opinions. Audit quality as a control variable has a negative and significant effect on the issuance of going concern audit opinions.

Keywords: *financial distress, debt default, audit report lag, firm size, audit quality, going concern audit opinion*.