

## **ABSTRACT**

*This study aims to examine the effect of audit committee characteristics, including audit committee size, audit committee independence, audit committee meeting frequency, audit committee financial expertise, audit committee gender diversity, and audit committee tenure, on firm performance measured by Tobin's Q. This research was conducted on manufacturing sector companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX) for the period 2020–2024. The sample was selected using a purposive sampling method, resulting in 495 observations from 99 companies. The analytical method employed was panel data regression with the Fixed Effect Model (FEM) selected after conducting the model selection test.*

*The results show that audit committee financial expertise has a positive and significant effect on firm performance. In contrast, audit committee size, audit committee independence, and audit committee tenure have a negative and significant effect on firm performance. Meanwhile, audit committee meeting frequency and audit committee gender diversity do not have a significant effect on firm performance. This study contributes to the corporate governance literature, particularly in the Indonesian manufacturing sector, and provides implications for companies in forming an effective audit committee by emphasizing the financial expertise of its members.*

*Keywords: audit committee characteristics, firm performance, corporate governance, manufacturing sector.*

