The Effect Of Income And Financial Literacy On Investment Decisions With Financial Behavior As An Intervening Variable

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Abstract

The goal of this study is to examine and demonstrate the impact of income and financial literacy on investment decisions using financial behavior as an intervening variable. The quantitative research method was applied in this investigation. This study's population consists of Micro and Small Enterprises in Yogyakarta's Special Region. The data collection method uses a questionnaire. The analysis technique in this study uses Partial Least Square (PLS). The findings of this study reveal that income, financial knowledge, and financial behavior all have an impact on investment decisions. Financial literacy has an impact on financial conduct, whereas income has no impact on financial behavior. Meanwhile, financial conduct can mitigate the impact of financial literacy on investment decisions, but it cannot mitigate the impact of income on investment decisions.

Keywords: Income, Financial Behavior, Financial Literacy, Investment Decision

A. INTRODUCTION

Indonesia’s economic situation is currently recovering and developing rapidly after the Covid-19 pandemic. The government needs strong economic growth to develop Indonesia. Strong economic growth will have a positive impact on people’s welfare. There are several factors supporting the achievement of social protection in Indonesia, namely economic growth, poverty alleviation, income distribution, and financial system stability.

One effort to improve welfare through poverty alleviation is through financial literacy and access to finance. Financial literacy can be seen from various points of view such as economic conditions, demographic conditions, geographical conditions and cultural conditions in Indonesia (Soetiono and Setiawan, 2018). Accessibility to financial institution goods and services is one sign of financial literacy. This problem needs to be one of the government’s priorities to continue to improve. According to the World Bank, Indonesia’s financial inclusion index in 2017 was only 48.9%. This means that most adults in Indonesia have difficulty accessing and using financial products and services for various needs. As can be observed, Indonesians continue to have inadequate knowledge of financial matters.
Furthermore, the Fiscal Policy Agency in 2015 stated that according to the World Bank (2010) there are at least four financial services that are considered important for people's lives, namely savings funds, credit services, payment system services, insurance and pension funds. These four aspects of financial system management are fundamental prerequisites for achieving a better community life (Bank Indonesia, 2011). Dewi and Purbawangsa (2018) revealed that the financial system is not yet functioning optimally and there is still room for improvement to increase public access to financial institution services. As part of the implementation of the financial inclusion program, since 2013 Bank Indonesia (BI) and the government have prepared a National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (SNKI), where one of the main pillars of the strategy is financial education which aims to improve educational, financial and literacy qualifications. Indonesian society.

People in Indonesia suffer from poor economic conditions and are harmed by inflation due to a lack of financial literacy. Many people do not invest or have limited access to the capital and money markets because they lack appropriate understanding. Simultaneously, financial literacy remains a significant concern in Indonesia. Financial education is a never-ending endeavor that assists individuals in planning their finances for the future so that they can prosper in accordance with their lifestyles and living patterns.

The 2019 OJK survey has 12,773 respondents from 34 provinces and 67 cities/districts, the financial literacy index increased by 8.33% compared to 2016. However, the financial literacy value is still relatively small, only 38.03%, who are knowledgeable, skilled, and confident about financial goods and services. Aside from that, Indonesians’ interest in investing, particularly in financial instruments, remains quite low, accounting for 0.4% of the overall population (Mahardhika and Zakiyah, 2020).

Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) also have a limited interest in investing in financial assets. In fact, MSMEs form the cornerstone of the community’s economic sector in developing nations such as Indonesia. According to data from the Ministry of Cooperatives and SMEs’ Data Section, MSMEs contribute in a variety of ways, including national investment, GDP, employment, and foreign exchange creation. As a result, empowering MSMEs is critical in promoting economic growth in Indonesia.

According to Ministry data, the number of MSMEs in Indonesia reached 64.2 million in March 2021, with a GDP contribution of 61.07% or IDR 8,573.89 trillion, as well as the ability to absorb 97% of the total workforce and collect up to 60.42% of total investment.

There are still many MSME owners that lack a broad perspective and knowledge, making them less long-term focused. MSME players often ignore financial management issues. Humaira and Sagoro (2018) stated that the financial skills problems faced by MSMEs are mainly related to budget preparation. Most MSMEs never create a financial budget for their business.
MSME actors should develop a budget planning, implementation, and financial control manual. However, it was discovered that MSME understanding of bookkeeping for financial management was still relatively poor. The source of MSME actors' low budgeting knowledge is their opinion that budgeting is unimportant, easy to manage, and has detrimental impact on their business’s sustainability, despite the reality that MSME actors do not carry out budget planning.

Another financial literacy problem in MSMEs is investment in financial assets. Very few MSMEs have entered the world of investment. The reason why MSMEs are less interested in investment is because MSMEs do not fully understand or even know what investment is. Therefore, MSMEs choose not to invest. This shows that investment knowledge among MSME leaders is still very low. As a result, as a way to properly handle their funds, MSMEs must have a basic knowledge of finances.

In Yogyakarta, MSME actors have a crucial role in promoting regional economic growth. According to information from the Yogyakarta Cooperatives and SME’s Service, in a survey in 2018 it was recorded that 98.2% of the DIY economy was contributed by the MSME sector. There is a decline of around 80% in MSME income in DIY from March to June 2022. This has a big influence on economic growth in DIY. According to data from the DIY provincial Bappeda, in 2019-2023 the development of MSMEs in DIY based on business scale can be shown as follows:

Table 1. Development of MSMEs in DIY Based on Business Scale 2019-2023

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>MSME Profile</th>
<th>Year</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2019</td>
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<tr>
<td>Micro business</td>
<td>143,385.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Small business</td>
<td>65,533.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Medium Business</td>
<td>39,581.00</td>
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</table>

Source: Bappeda DIY (2023)
By 2022, there will be a considerable decline in the number of MSMEs. This indicates a lack of awareness and access to financial services in the region. The DIY government should provide opportunities for MSME players to better understand the services provided by financial institutions so that MSMEs can take advantage of innovative infrastructure. In addition, financial literacy needs to be strengthened so that they can innovate in product development.

The problems that occurred in the research were revealed by previous research conducted by Dewi and Purbawangsa (2018), which demonstrated that financial knowledge had a considerable favorable impact on individual investment decision making. This implies that the more a person's knowledge of finance, the greater their investment choice. Individual investing decision behavior is significantly influenced by income. This suggests that the more one's income, the better one's investing decision-making behavior.

Arianti’s research (2020) also shows that income influences financial literacy. MSME players with larger business income have better financial planning and management skills. This is because the bigger the firm income, the more assets MSME players must maintain. The more an individual’s financial situation, the more likely someone is to seek information and knowledge in order to put their funds to work for them. With a higher income, a person’s opportunity to be more responsible for the availability of funds will increase. These findings indicate that the bigger the net worth of business players, the better their knowledge of finance is. Financial conduct then influences financial literacy. Higher financial literacy encourages better financial behavior. Low financial literacy, on the other hand, leads to more bad financial conduct. The goal of this research is to look into the impact of income on investment decisions.
B. METHOD

This study employs quantitative methodologies. Pairede and Mainurung (2014) define quantitative research as research that employs questions as a research method. Data is defined as a framework or numerical value that is classified as interval data or ratio data. Interval data is data that is measured over a two-point range on a defined scale. Meanwhile, ratio data is information that is measured using proportions.

This study employs a scientific research strategy. Behavioral research is utilized to determine the causal linkages that exist between independent variables that influence dependent variables (Sugiyono, 2019). There are independent variables, dependent variables, and intervening variables in this study.

C. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Instrument Test

The obtained data is evaluated using a SEM model and SmairtPLS version 4.0 Partial Least Square (PLS). PLS employs a statistical SEM method based on variable research to answer variable regression difficulties when specific data issues exist, such as short research sample sizes, low data findings, and data with multicollinearity (Albdillaih et al., 2015).

Outer Model Evaluation

The outer model is evaluated to determine the model's validity and dependability. The outer model with reflecting indicators is evaluated using convergent and discriminant validity of the composite reliability indicators for the indicator block (Ghozaili and Laitain, 2015). This next step has been developed as an SEM model diagram to help make it easier to see the relationships that you want to test.

Validation Testing

According to Pairede and Mainurung (2015), the validity test functions to show that the accuracy test is a measuring standard. Apart from that, validity tests also function to improve other research achievement models. Competitive validity testing is required to review research into these results in order to determine the amount of validity of an instrument that is regarded to be capable of producing previously intended results.
Figure 1. Outer Model
Source: Smart PLS version 4.0 data processing results (2023)

Table 2. Validity Test Results

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Variable</th>
<th>Item Code</th>
<th>Outer Loading</th>
<th>Keterangan</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Income</td>
<td>Income 1.1</td>
<td>0.907</td>
<td>Valid</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Income 2.1</td>
<td>0.888</td>
<td>Valid</td>
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<tr>
<td>Financial Behaviour</td>
<td>.behavior 2.2</td>
<td>0.838</td>
<td>Valid</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>.behavior 3</td>
<td>0.855</td>
<td>Valid</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>.behavior 4</td>
<td>0.705</td>
<td>Valid</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Financial Literacy</td>
<td>Literacy 1.2</td>
<td>0.777</td>
<td>Valid</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Literacy 2.3</td>
<td>0.835</td>
<td>Valid</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Literacy 3.4</td>
<td>0.84</td>
<td>Valid</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment Decision</td>
<td>Decision 1.1</td>
<td>0.791</td>
<td>Valid</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Decision 1.3</td>
<td>0.854</td>
<td>Valid</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Decision 2.1</td>
<td>0.788</td>
<td>Valid</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Decision 2.2 | 0.751 | Valid

Source: SmartPLS version 4.0 Data Processing Results (2023)

Meanwhile, according to Haiir et al., (2019) in convergent validity testing, a performance indicator is considered valid if it has an outer loading > 0.7, whereas if an outer loading < 0.7 is removed from the model. Based on Table 4.8 above, all indicators from each research variable have an outer loading > 0.7 so that all indicators are considered valid. From the results of the external loading value in Table 4.8, it is obtained as follows:

1. The highest indicator of the income variable is other income earned with the item code: Income 1.1, a value of 0.907 in the main as the respondent's income is used for investing.

2. The highest indicator of variable financial behavior in investing is with item code: Behavior 3, with a value of 0.855 in which respondents always set aside the money they own for investment.

3. The highest indicator of variable financial literacy is confidence with the item code: Literacy 3.4, a value of 0.84, with respondents looking to find out more about investment to increase their investment portfolio in the future.

4. The highest indicator of investment decision variability is return (worth) with item code: Decision 1.3, value 0.854 among respondents interested in investing to achieve a better future.

**Average Variance Extracted (AVE) Testing**

According to Haiir et al., (2019) the value of AVE > 0.5 is considered valid. The following is the AVE value for each variable:

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<tr>
<th>Variable</th>
<th>AVE</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Income</td>
<td>0.806</td>
<td>Valid</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Behaviour</td>
<td>0.643</td>
<td>Valid</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Literacy Finance</td>
<td>0.669</td>
<td>Valid</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment Decision</td>
<td>0.635</td>
<td>Valid</td>
</tr>
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Source: SmartPLS version 4.0 Data Processing Results (2023)
According to the table of 4.9, it was seen that the highest AVE value was paid for the variable yield with a value of 0.806. As far as the AVE value is concerned, the investment decision value is 0.635. According to Tables 4.8 and 4.9, the outer loading of all indicators > 0.7. This result is also supported by the AVE value which has fulfilled the requirements, namely AVE > 0.5. As a result, the findings of this investigation can be deemed to have met the test conditions for convergent validity.

**Disciminant Validity Testing**

Discriminative validity testing is carried out to show how much difference a construct has with other variables. The discriminative validity of the measuring model with reflective indicators is assessed using cross-loading measurement with constructs. Each variable outcome is measured in comparison with indicators for other variable outcomes (Ghozaili and Laitain, 2015). Paidai Taibel 4.10 shows the value of cross loading for each construct:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Income</th>
<th>Behaviour</th>
<th>Litercy</th>
<th>Decision</th>
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<td>Penda</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.1</td>
<td>0.902</td>
<td>0.419</td>
<td>0.489</td>
<td>0.513</td>
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<tr>
<td>Opinion 2.1</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.893</td>
<td>0.356</td>
<td>0.468</td>
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<td>.behavior 2.2</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.306</td>
<td>0.844</td>
<td>0.476</td>
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<tr>
<td>.behavior 3</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.463</td>
<td>0.848</td>
<td>0.438</td>
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<tr>
<td>.behavior 4</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.234</td>
<td>0.708</td>
<td>0.321</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Literacy 1.2</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.291</td>
<td>0.452</td>
<td>0.761</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Literature si 2.3</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.586</td>
<td>0.461</td>
<td>0.847</td>
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<tr>
<td>Literacy si 3.4</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.384</td>
<td>0.363</td>
<td>0.84</td>
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<tr>
<td>Decision 1.1</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.533</td>
<td>0.336</td>
<td>0.687</td>
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<tr>
<td>Decision 1.3</td>
<td></td>
<td>0.474</td>
<td>0.548</td>
<td>0.591</td>
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</table>
Table 4 shows that the cross-loading values of the indicators for the occurrence of actual variables have higher correlations compared to other variables. These findings confirm that all of the parameters met the requirements of the discriminant validity test.

Reliability Testing

After conducting convergent validity testing and discriminant validity testing, the Stage operator then proceeds with reliability testing. Reliability testing is measured using Composite Reliability in Cronbach’s Alpha. The entire AI value was assessed using Composite Reliability paid for variable results > 0.70 in Cronbach’s Alpha > 0.70 in which the construct was found to have strong reliability in the questionnaire used as a tool in this research and it was found to be consistent.

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<tr>
<th>Variable</th>
<th>Cronbach's Alpha</th>
<th>Composite Reliability</th>
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<tr>
<td>Income</td>
<td>0.76</td>
<td>0.763</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Financial Behaviour</td>
<td>0.729</td>
<td>0.770</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Finance Literacy</td>
<td>0.753</td>
<td>0.761</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment Decision</td>
<td>0.808</td>
<td>0.810</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Based on Table 5, it is clear that the value > 0.7 for each variable. Thus, it can be identified so that the value paid for each instrument can be determined.

Evaluation of the Inner Model (Structural Model)

Inner model testing is the creation of a model based on theory and concepts that is used to examine the relationship between exogenous and endogenous variables derived from a conceptual framework (Ghozali and Latan, 2016). The structural model test was carried out by assessing the Normed Fit Index (NFI), R², F², Q² and T-statistics for hypothesis testing.

Normed Fit Index (NFI)
NFI testing is used to determine the suitability of the model that has been formed. If the value is 0 to 1, the model has been proven to meet the requirements for model suitability (Hair et al., 2017).

Table 6. Results of the Normed Fit Index (NFI) Test

<table>
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<th>Saturated Model Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>NFI</td>
<td>0.665</td>
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</table>

Source: SmartPLS version 4.0 Data Result (2023)

Based on the data obtained, the NFI is 0.665, as a result, the model utilized can be deemed to have met the feasibility requirements for the data model and can be continued to other models.

R Square (R²)

The Inner Model is also known as the structural model, which is useful for establishing real, variable, and abstract relationships based on substantive theory. The structural model evaluates the constructs related to the dependent data using the R-squaire, predictive relevance using the StoneGeiser Q-Squaire test, and uses the R² value to assess the influence of other variables related to a particular dependent factor, and also evaluates the independent variables that have a considerable influence. If the R² is greater, the capacity of the related variables to describe the independent variables will be greater. An R2 value of 0.75 falls into the strong group, 0.50 falls into the moderate, and 0.25 falls into the weak category (Hair et al., 2014).

Table 7. Value of a i R² Faithful a p V a ri a bel

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Variable</th>
<th>R-square</th>
<th>R-square adjusted</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Financial Behaviour</td>
<td>0.308</td>
<td>0.297</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment Decision</td>
<td>0.644</td>
<td>0.630</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Source: SmartPLS version 4.0 Data Result (2023)

Based on table 4.13, the conclusion of the results of R² is as follows:
1. R² for the financial behavior at 0.308 so that the influence is weak.
2. R² for the investment decision is 0.644 so that the influence is moderate.

Effect Size (F²)

The F² is used to assess the influence of external variables are excluded if they have a substantive impact on endogenous variables. According to Hair et al. (2017):
1. If $F^2 < 0.02$, it denotes the absence of changeable water effect.
2. If $0.02 \leq f < 0.15$, it means that the impact is small.
3. If $0.15 \leq f < 0.35$ means there is a moderate influence.
4. If $F^2 \geq 0.35$ means the effect is large.

Table 8 displays the effect size ($F^2$) of each exogenous on endogenous variables.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Variable</th>
<th>Income</th>
<th>Financial Literacy</th>
<th>Financial Behaviour</th>
<th>Investment Decision</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Income</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>0.051</td>
<td>0.058</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Financial Literacy</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>0.171</td>
<td>0.473</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Financial Behaviour</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>0.105</td>
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<tr>
<td>Investment Decision</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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Source: SmartPLS version 4.0 Data Result (2023)

Based on the data cloth obtained by paying table 4.14 it can be described as follows:
1. The income has $F^2$ of 0.051 so it has a small effect on financial behavior and $F^2$ of income on investment decisions is 0.058 so it also has a small effect.
2. The financial literacy has $F^2$ of 0.171 so it has a moderate impact on financial behavior and the $F^2$ of financial literacy on investment decisions is 0.473 so it has a large effect.
3. Financial conduct has an $F^2$ of 0.105 on investment decisions, implying that the financial behavior has a minor effect on investment decisions.

Assess Predictive Relevance ($Q^2$)

$Q^2$ provides a measure of predictive accuracy, namely how well each change in exogenous and endogenous variables can predict endogenous variables. This measurement is a form of validity for PLS to confirm the suitability of model predictions (predictive relevance). A $Q^2$ of zero shows that the model is predictive. However, Hair et al., (2019), assess the interpretation of $Q$ square as qualitatively with
a value of 0 (low influence), a value of 0.25 (moderate influence), and a value of 0.50 (high influence).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Variable</th>
<th>Q² Prediction</th>
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<tr>
<td>Financial Behaviour</td>
<td>0.238</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment Decision</td>
<td>0.526</td>
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</table>

Source: SmartPLS version 4.0 Data Result (2023)

Based on the data obtained, the price is paid 4.15, the value is Q square paid, variable financial behavior is 0.238, the data has a low predictive accuracy and the Q square paid the investment decision value is 0.526, the data has a high predictive accuracy.

**Hypothesis Testing**

Also, after conducting the above tests, bootstrapping tests were started. This test is done out by examining the outcomes of the Path Coefficients test to assess significance through value to examine variable water relations. The findings of bootstrapping testing with SmartPLS version 4.0 are as follows.

![Picture 4.2. Bootstrapping Model](source: SmartPLS version 4.0 Data Result (2023))

After carrying out a bootstrapping test such as picture 4.2, you can also carry out a Path Coefficients analysis to see the results of calculating other direct influences in this area:

**Table 10. Testing the Direct Influence Hypothesis**
Table 10 is the result of a detailed calculation of a construct that is based on a model by taking into account the T Statistics and P values. If the t value > 1.96 and the P value < 0.05 then the variable water relationship is considered to have a substantial and positive impact. Based on table 4.16 it can be described as follows:

Hypothesis 1
The investment choice variable has a t value of 2.696 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.007 < 0.05, indicating that the first hypothesis is supported. This suggests that the earnings variable has a positive and large impact on investment decisions.

Hypothesis 2
The financial literacy indicators related investment decision variables have a t value of 6.927 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.00 < 0.05, indicating that the second hypothesis is approved. This suggests that varying financial knowledge has a favorable and significant impact on investment decisions.

Hypothesis 3
The outcome variable for financial conduct has a t value of 1.741 1.96 and a p-value of 0.082 0.05, hence the third hypothesis is refused. This suggests that income variables have no effect on financial behavior.

Hypothesis 4
The relationship between financial literacy and financial conduct has a t value of 5.118 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.00 < 0.05, indicating that the fourth hypothesis is approved. These results indicate that financial literacy has a large and favorable impact on financial behavior.
Hypothesis 5
The variable of risk behavior in relation to investment decision variables has a t value of 2.809 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.005 < 0.05, indicating that the fifth hypothesis is supported. This suggests that fluctuating desire behavior has a positive and large impact on investment decisions.

There is also an analysis of the effect of the mediating variable can be seen in this section.

Table 11. Testing the Non direct Influence Hypothesis

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Hypothesis</th>
<th>T statistics (O/STDEV)</th>
<th>P values</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Opinion -&gt; Investment Decision</td>
<td>1.670</td>
<td>-0.095</td>
<td>Rejected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Financial Literacy -&gt; Investment Decision</td>
<td>2.277</td>
<td>0.023</td>
<td>Accepted</td>
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</table>

Source: SmartPLS version 4.0 Data Result (2023)

Based on the Table 11, it can be described as follows:

Hypothesis 6
The variable of income that is mediated by the variable of desired behavior regarding investment decisions has a t-statistics value of 1.670 < 1.96 and a p-value of 0.095 > 0.05, so the sixth hypothesis is rejected. This implies that the volatility of financial activity has no effect on the volatility of investment decisions.

Hypothesis 7
The variable of financial literacy that is mediated by the variable of financial behavior regarding investment decisions has a t value of 2.277 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.023 < 0.05, so the seventh hypothesis is approved. This indicates that financial behavior variables influence financial literacy variables in terms of investment decision variables in a positive and meaningful way.

Discussion
Income Has a Considerable Favorable Impact on Investment Decisions
The income variable with the investment decision variable has a t value of 2.696 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.007 < 0.05, so H1 is supported. This suggests that earnings variables have a large and favorable impact on investing decisions.

Accomplishment is a result that is received from someone after the hard work they have put in (Lestari et al., 2022). Profitability becomes a benchmark for making individual decisions and becomes a consideration for making investment decisions so that income is one of the main factors in making investment activities.
The more the income of MSMEs, the greater their proclivity to invest. The bigger a person’s revenues, the easier it will be for him to fulfill his needs and desires, so that he can make investment decisions depending on his earnings and the easier it will be for him to choose the type of investment that suits his desires. This result is consistent with the general idea that people invest if their investment needs have been met (Aryani and Cintyawati, 2018).

The findings of this study are comparable to those of previous studies by Dewi Dain Purbawangsa (2018) which shows that results have a positive influence on investment decision behavior. Yundari and Artati’s research (2021) and Artati’s Megayanti research (2021) also demonstrating that earnings have a favorable and significant impact on investment decisions.

**Financial Literacy Has an Important and Beneficial Effect on Investment Decisions**

The financial literacy variable with the investment decision variable has a t value of 6.927 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.00 < 0.05. As a result, the second hypothesis has been adopted. This suggests that different levels of financial literacy have a positive and significant impact on investment decisions.

Financial literacy plays an important role in forming investment decisions that are effective and rational. A person with good financial literacy can make better and well-informed investment decisions. In the end, this result can increase the results of their investments (Uttari dan Yudantara, 2023).

According to Yundari and Artati (2021), with good financial literacy, a person can better understand the various investment instruments that are available, such as investment, bonds, financial investments, property, and others. This allows a person to choose an instrument that suits their risk profile and financial goals.

A person who understands finance is better able to understand the relationship between risks and returns. They are able to assess the extent of the risk so that they can take advantage of the risk and make the return they expect to achieve. Having financial literacy also helps someone to distinguish between competitive investment prospects and fraudulent investment schemes that are too risky (Taindeliin, 2012).

People with high financial literacy will choose to invest with a good perspective and have a good future plan. They are more understanding of the costs associated with investment. This allows them to choose other AI products that are more efficient in terms of costs. With players who understand the concepts of confidence, a person has greater self-confidence when making investment decisions (Yundairi and AIrtaiti, 2021).

Having adequate financial literacy also influences appropriate investment decision making. MSME partners who have financial literacy in various areas tend to be good financial planners and are willing to make investment decisions.

The conclusions drawn from this research are equivalent to those of Adil et al. Financial knowledge has a significant impact on investing decisions, according to Fitriani et al. (2021) research. Financial literacy, knowledge, and money-management
habits all influence investing decisions, according to Uttari and Yudantara’s research (2023).

**Income Has No Bearing on Financial Behavior**

The financial literacy variable has a t value of 1.741 < 1.96 and a p-value of 0.082 > 0.05, so the third hypothesis is refused. This suggest that income variables have no influence on financial behavior.

The bigger a person’s revenue, the more they try to dilute the player’s data information to use the money they have (Arianti, 2020). However, it turns out that higher income does not necessarily reflect the financial behavior of MSME players in taking responsibility for financial capital that is available and can be used.

The findings of this study agree with those of Putri and Andayani (2022), who found that income had no effect on financial behavior.

**Financial Literacy Has a Substantial and Beneficial Effect on Financial Behavior**

The variable of financial literacy in relation to the variable of financial behavior has a t value of 5.118 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.00 < 0.05, so the fourth hypothesis is approved. This suggests that financial literacy has a large and favorable impact on financial behavior.

The better an individual’s financial understanding, the more successfully they manage their money (Anis, 2018). This is supported by research by Sholeh (2019) and Putri and Andayani (2022) which demonstrates that there is a significant relationship between financial literacy and decision-making regarding finances.

**Financial Behavior Has a Positive and Significant Influence on Investment Decisions**

The behavior of expectations regarding investment decision variables has a t value of 2.809 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.005 < 0.05, so the fifth hypothesis is supported. This suggests that fluctuating desire behavior influences investment decisions in a favorable and important way.

Financial behavior is associated with how a person spends and manage their financial assets, meaning how well the process of managing financial and asset management is carried out (Sadalia and Butar-Butar, 2016). Understanding the business behavior of SMEs helps MSME partners to better understand their habits, which ultimately helps them smarter investing choices (Arianti, 2020). Management of money is required to avoid failure in financial management, particularly in longer-term investment bids to boost economic development.

The outcomes of this investigation back up prior research by Kristanto and Gusaptono (2020) which proves that financial behavior has a positive influence on investment decisions. Study by Hasanudin et al. (2018) and Nugraha et al. (2022) also demonstrate that economic decision-making has a direct and significant influence on how investments are made.
Financial Behavior Does Not Mediate the Results of Investment Decisions

The variable of income that is mediated by the variable of desired behavior regarding investment decisions has a t value of 1.670 < 1.96 and a p-value of 0.095 > 0.05, so the sixth hypothesis is rejected. This suggests that the volatility of financial behavior does not mediate the variability of investment decisions.

Someone who has achieved a great deal is better off if they have good knowledge about managing their profits. People who practice responsible financial conduct are more likely to earn, manage, and control their money, spend, invest, and pay their bills on time (Hasibuan, Lubis, and HR, 2018). However, this does not happen to MSMEs in DIY.

This study’s findings support those of Putri and Andayani’s (2022) research, which found that financial behavior did not mediate the correlation between income and investment decisions.

Financial Behavior Plays a Positive and Significant Role in Mediating Financial Literacy Regarding Investment Decisions

The variable of financial literacy that is mediated by the variable of financial behavior regarding investment decisions has a t value of 2.277 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.023 < 0.05, so the seventh hypothesis is approved. This suggests that financial behavior variables influence financial literacy variables in terms of investment decision variables in a positive and meaningful way.

MSME partners’ decision to invest results in better financial management. Knowledge of a wide range of materials makes it easier for MSMEs to make decisions about carrying out investments. Pair of MSME players who decide to invest in other businesses have better performance in terms of financial management. The results of the present study are congruent with those of Kurniawan et al. (2020), who discovered that financial conduct can attenuate the impact of financial literacy on decision-making about money.

D. CONCLUSION

It has been demonstrated that success has a favorable and considerable influence on investment decisions. The higher the income of MSME players, the higher their tendency to invest. Profitability is one of the main factors that encourage a person to carry out investment activities, so that it is easier for the person to make investment decisions based on fabric. The income is accompanied by the ability to choose the type of investment according to what he wants. Financial knowledge has a big and favorable effect on investment decisions. This suggests that having strong financial literacy is beneficial, MSMEs will be better able to understand the various investment instruments that are available. This also allows MSME players to choose instruments that suit their risk profile and financial goals in order for them to make sound investing selections. It has been proven that achievement has no influence on desire
behavior. If a person's income is higher then that person will be more responsible in making use of the wealth they have. However, it turns out that this does not happen to MSME business partners in DIY. Higher income levels do not affect their level of financial behavior. Players about financial literacy help MSME players to understand their relationship with finances so that their financial behavior can improve. As a result, financial literacy has a favorable and considerable impact on financial behavior.

The better the behavior of MSME actors, the better the decisions they make, so that financial behavior has a positive and significant influence on investment decisions. This financial behavior is very much needed by MSME players who want to carry out financial management, especially in the investment sector, to improve economic development in the future. Having sufficient income and being supported by good behavior is apparently not enough to provide motivation for MSME players to invest so that desired behavior does not mediate the influence of income on investment decisions. Partner with MSMEs who understand financial principles and have good financial literacy. By knowing the risks and other factors of investment, MSME company partners with good financial conduct can make suitable investment selections. Good financial behavior can thus mitigate the impact of financial knowledge on investing decisions.

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