

Innovative Strategies for Customer Satisfaction in Service Quality: A Case Study of Indonesian Islamic Banks in Pekanbaru

Strategi Kepuasan Nasabah Terhadap Kualitas Pelayanan Bank Syariah Indonesia (Studi Kasus pada Bank Syariah Mandiri KCP Arifin Ahmad Pekanbaru)

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to analyze the level of customer satisfaction with service quality and the strategies to improve customer satisfaction at Bank Syariah Indonesia KCP Arifin Ahmad, Pekanbaru. Data collection techniques included primary data obtained from questionnaires and interviews. The sampling method used was Simple Random Sampling, with respondents being customers of Bank Syariah Indonesia KCP Arifin Ahmad. Data analysis was performed using the Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) method through Microsoft Excel and SWOT analysis. The indicators used to measure the level of customer satisfaction with service quality in Islamic banking consist of six dimensions: Reliability, Responsiveness, Assurance, Empathy, Tangibles, and Compliance with Islamic Law. The results of the study, using CSI, showed a score of 66.04%, which falls within the range of 66.00-80.00, indicating that customers are satisfied with the service quality provided by Bank Syariah KCP Arifin Ahmad. The results of the SWOT analysis suggest that Islamic banks need to implement several strategies to increase customer satisfaction. These strategies include setting competitive pricing, maintaining and expanding cooperation networks with existing partners, continuing to enhance customer convenience by increasing ATM facilities, improving service quality by offering additional services, and optimizing the system by enhancing IT infrastructure or applications.

Keywords: *Islamic Banking, Consumer Behavior, Service Quality, Customer Satisfaction, Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI), SWOT*

ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis seberapa besar tingkat kepuasan nasabah terhadap kualitas pelayanan dan strategi untuk meningkatkan kepuasan nasabah pada Bank Syariah Indonesia KCP Arifin Ahmad Pekanbaru. Teknik pengumpulan data menggunakan data primer yang diperoleh dari kuesioner dan wawancara. Metode penentuan sampel menggunakan Simple Random Sampling dengan responden nasabah Bank Syariah Indonesia KCP Arifin Ahmad. Analisis data menggunakan metode Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) melalui Microsoft excel dan analisis SWOT. Indikator yang digunakan untuk mengukur tingkat kepuasan nasabah terhadap kualitas pelayanan di Perbankan Syariah terdiri dari 6 dimensi, yaitu Reliability, Responsiveness, Assurance, Empathy, Tangible, dan Kesesuaian Dengan Hukum Islam. Hasil penelitian dengan menggunakan CSI adalah 66,04% berada pada rentang antara 66,00-80,00 yang berarti nasabah merasa puas dengan kualitas pelayanan yang diberikan oleh Bank Syariah KCP Arifin Ahmad selama ini. Hasil dari analisis SWOT adalah bank syariah perlu melakukan beberapa strategi dalam meningkatkan kepuasan nasabah, antara lain menetapkan strategi harga yang ringan, mempertahankan dan memperluas jaringan kerja sama dengan instansi yang sudah ada, tetap memberikan kenyamanan nasabah dengan menambah fasilitas ATM, meningkatkan mutu dan kualitas pelayanan kepada nasabah dengan memberikan pelayanan yang lebih ekstra, mengoptimalkan sistem dengan cara memperbaiki dan menambah IT atau aplikasi.

Kata kunci: Perbankan Syariah, Perilaku Konsumen, Kualitas Pelayanan, Kepuasan Nasabah, Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI), SWOT

1. Introduction

In the era of globalization, the banking industry is experiencing rapid growth, driven by technological advancements and evolving customer expectations. Competition in the banking sector is becoming increasingly intense, particularly in Indonesia, which has the largest Muslim population in the world. Islamic banking, as an alternative financial system based on Sharia principles, is gaining popularity due to its compliance with Islamic financial values. However, to remain competitive, Islamic banks must continuously enhance their service quality to ensure customer satisfaction and loyalty (Amin, Isa, & Fontaine, 2013). According to Hidayat, Akhmad, and Machmud (2015), service quality plays a crucial role in building customer trust, which ultimately impacts customer satisfaction and loyalty toward Islamic banks.

In Indonesia, the Islamic banking sector has witnessed significant growth, especially after the merger of three major Islamic banks—Bank BRI Syariah, Bank Syariah Mandiri, and Bank BNI Syariah—into Bank Syariah Indonesia (BSI). Despite becoming the largest Islamic bank in Indonesia, BSI faces numerous challenges in meeting customer expectations. The main challenges include limited digital banking features, difficulties in transactions with conventional banking partners, and a lack of transparency in product information (Rahma Putri & Rachmawati, 2022). Previous studies have shown that digital services, such as BSI Mobile, still face several obstacles, leading to customer dissatisfaction in accessing Islamic banking services conveniently and efficiently (Samsudin, Nugroho, & Zakaria, 2023). Moreover, a study by Tjiptono and Diana (2020) revealed that high-quality service not only increases customer satisfaction but also fosters long-term customer loyalty, which is essential for the sustainability of Islamic banking institutions.

Although numerous studies have explored the relationship between service quality and customer satisfaction in Islamic banking (Othman & Owen, 2001; Mansour & Bhatti, 2018), there remains a research gap in terms of identifying innovative strategies to enhance customer satisfaction, particularly in the context of Bank Syariah Indonesia KCP Arifin Ahmad Pekanbaru. Most previous studies have focused on measuring service quality in general without providing concrete strategies that can be implemented to improve customer satisfaction at the branch level of Islamic banking institutions. Nugroho and Husnadi (2017) emphasized that understanding customer needs and expectations is essential for designing effective service improvement strategies. Additionally, Karim and Chowdhury (2023) highlighted that employee performance in Islamic banks plays a crucial role in improving customer satisfaction, especially in the face of increasing competition in the banking industry.

This study offers novelty by developing innovative strategies based on digital solutions and customer-centric approaches to enhance customer satisfaction at Bank Syariah Indonesia KCP Arifin Ahmad Pekanbaru. One of the main aspects of this research focuses on digital service innovation, particularly in optimizing mobile banking services to improve customer experience (Kurniawan & Indriani, 2020). Furthermore, this study aims to identify customer-oriented service strategies by understanding customer preferences to create a more personalized and satisfactory banking experience (Maharani & Supriyanto, 2023). Another significant aspect of this study is a comparative evaluation of Islamic and conventional banking services to assess the strengths and weaknesses of Islamic banking in delivering efficient and satisfactory customer services (Rizwan & Rashid, 2013).

The primary objective of this research is to analyze the factors that influence customer satisfaction at Bank Syariah Indonesia KCP Arifin Ahmad Pekanbaru. This study will explore key service quality indicators, such as responsiveness, reliability, and service assurance, to determine the most influential aspects of customer perception. Additionally, this research aims to identify

major challenges in delivering high-quality Islamic banking services in Indonesia, including issues related to digital banking services, customer accessibility, and the transparency of banking product information (Laelasari, Fasa, & Susanto, 2023). By identifying these challenges, this study seeks to provide a deeper understanding of the obstacles customers face in utilizing Islamic banking services and propose solutions to overcome these barriers.

Furthermore, this study seeks to propose innovative service strategies based on digital solutions and service improvements that focus on customer needs to enhance customer satisfaction and loyalty. Suhartanto and Noor (2012) emphasized that improving service quality not only impacts customer satisfaction but also strengthens customer loyalty toward financial institutions. Therefore, the strategies proposed in this study will focus on enhancing digital service features, optimizing customer interactions, and improving communication in conveying banking product information to ensure greater transparency and customer comprehension.

The findings of this study are expected to contribute significantly to the development of effective service strategies for Islamic banking in Indonesia, particularly by improving customer satisfaction and loyalty through innovative and customer-centered approaches. Additionally, this research aims to provide recommendations for Bank Syariah Indonesia to optimize digital banking services and improve the quality of customer interactions. As a result, the findings of this study will not only be relevant to the Islamic banking industry but will also serve as a reference for regulators and academics in formulating policies and strategies to enhance Sharia-based banking services.

2. Literature Review

Service Quality in Islamic Banking

Service quality is a critical determinant of customer satisfaction in banking institutions, particularly in Islamic banking, where customers expect services that align with Sharia principles. High service quality leads to increased customer trust, satisfaction, and loyalty, which are essential for the long-term success of Islamic banks (Hidayat, Akhmad, & Machmud, 2015). Previous studies have emphasized that Islamic banks need to continuously improve their service standards to remain competitive in the financial industry (Amin, Isa, & Fontaine, 2013). Furthermore, Tjiptono and Diana (2020) highlighted that service quality in Islamic banks differs from conventional banks due to additional factors such as compliance with Islamic ethics and transparency in financial transactions. In the context of Indonesia, the rapid expansion of Islamic banking has brought challenges in maintaining service quality. Research by Nugroho and Husnadi (2017) found that service quality in Islamic banking is strongly associated with customer loyalty, as customers tend to stay with a bank that consistently meets their expectations. However, despite the improvements in service delivery, there are still several issues, including the accessibility of banking services, efficiency in transactions, and the ability to cater to the evolving demands of digital banking (Karim & Chowdhury, 2023).

Customer Satisfaction and Loyalty in Islamic Banking

Customer satisfaction is an essential factor that influences customer retention and brand loyalty in banking institutions. Islamic banks must meet customer expectations by providing reliable, responsive, and personalized banking services (Hidayat et al., 2015). According to Othman and Owen (2001), customer satisfaction in Islamic banking is determined by multiple factors, including the efficiency of service delivery, employee professionalism, and adherence to Islamic financial principles. When service quality meets or exceeds customer expectations, it fosters trust and loyalty, encouraging customers to continue using the bank's services.

Mansour and Bhatti (2018) argued that customer satisfaction in Islamic banks is also affected by the perception of fairness, ethical banking practices, and risk management strategies. Their study found that customers tend to be more satisfied with banks that uphold high standards of transparency and provide clear information about banking products. However, a major challenge in Indonesia's Islamic banking industry is the lack of sufficient information regarding financial products, which often leads to customer confusion and dissatisfaction (Rahma Putri & Rachmawati, 2022).

Digital Innovation in Islamic Banking Services

The advancement of digital banking technology has significantly transformed customer expectations in the financial sector. Islamic banks must integrate digital innovations to enhance service quality and provide seamless banking experiences. Research by Kurniawan and Indriani (2020) indicated that mobile banking services play a crucial role in improving customer satisfaction in Islamic banks. Their study emphasized that user-friendly mobile banking applications can increase customer engagement and make financial transactions more convenient.

Despite the rapid adoption of digital banking, there are still significant challenges in optimizing digital services in Islamic banks. Samsudin, Nugroho, and Zakaria (2023) highlighted that BSI Mobile, the digital banking platform of Bank Syariah Indonesia, faces several technical and usability issues that hinder customer satisfaction. These issues include limited transaction features, difficulties in integrating with conventional banking partners, and occasional system downtimes. To address these challenges, Islamic banks must enhance their digital infrastructure and continuously update their mobile banking services to meet customer expectations (Laelasari, Fasa, & Susanto, 2023).

Comparative Analysis of Islamic and Conventional Banks in Service Quality

A comparative approach to service quality between Islamic and conventional banks provides valuable insights into the strengths and weaknesses of Islamic banking services. Rizwan and Rashid (2013) conducted an empirical study comparing Islamic and conventional banks and found that while Islamic banks excel in ethical and transparent banking, they often lag behind in terms of service efficiency and technological advancements. Similarly, research by Tjiptono and Diana (2020) noted that customers of Islamic banks tend to have higher expectations regarding personalized services, which can be challenging to meet without proper service strategies.

One of the key differences between Islamic and conventional banks is the approach to customer service and risk management. Conventional banks typically offer a wider range of financial products and faster transaction processing, whereas Islamic banks focus on Sharia-compliant financial solutions that may sometimes involve additional administrative processes (Maharani & Supriyanto, 2023). Understanding these differences can help Islamic banks develop innovative service strategies to improve customer satisfaction and compete more effectively in the financial market.

Innovative Strategies for Enhancing Customer Satisfaction

To improve customer satisfaction, Islamic banks must implement innovative service strategies that address the specific needs of their customers. According to Suhartanto and Noor (2012), customer satisfaction can be significantly improved by adopting service innovations that enhance efficiency, reliability, and responsiveness. One of the most effective strategies is the integration of digital services, which allows customers to conduct banking transactions more conveniently.

Another key strategy is the development of customer-centric service approaches. Research by Maharani and Supriyanto (2023) emphasized that understanding customer preferences and providing personalized banking experiences can enhance overall satisfaction. Islamic banks should invest in customer relationship management (CRM) systems that enable them to analyze customer behavior and offer tailored financial solutions. Additionally, improving communication and transparency in banking services can help build trust and strengthen customer loyalty (Hidayat et al., 2015).

3. Research Methods

This study employs a field research approach, which involves an in-depth investigation of a specific unit, such as an individual, group, institution, or society, within its natural environment (Narbuko & Hamadi, 1997). The research is conducted directly at Bank Syariah Indonesia (BSI) KCP Arifin Ahmad Pekanbaru to collect firsthand data on customer satisfaction and service quality. The study adopts a descriptive quantitative approach, which is aligned with the positivist research philosophy. This method is used to examine a specific population or sample, utilizing structured research instruments and statistical data analysis to test predefined hypotheses (Supriono, 2012).

The data sources for this research consist of primary and secondary data. Primary data is collected directly from customers of BSI KCP Arifin Ahmad Pekanbaru through interviews and questionnaires. This provides direct insights into customer experiences and satisfaction levels with the bank's services. Meanwhile, secondary data is obtained from academic sources, including books on service quality, marketing management, customer satisfaction theories, and relevant journal articles (Sugiyono, 2012). The purpose of this study is to analyze the influence of service quality on customer satisfaction and identify innovative strategies to enhance service delivery in Islamic banking.

The population in this study comprises all customers (nasabah) of BSI KCP Arifin Ahmad Pekanbaru. The sample is drawn from customers who visit the bank and interact directly with frontline staff, such as security personnel, tellers, and customer service representatives. The study employs a simple random sampling technique, ensuring that all individuals in the population have an equal chance of being selected (Sugiyono, 2012). With a total customer base of 530 individuals, the Slovin formula is applied to determine an appropriate sample size, resulting in 85 respondents (Ruslan, 2017).

Definition of Concepts and Operational Variables

Service quality refers to the overall value of a service based on interactions between service providers and customers (Terminanto, 2019). In the context of Islamic banking, service quality must align with Shariah principles, as emphasized by Widiowati (2019), who introduced the CARTER model—an extension of the SERVQUAL model tailored for Islamic financial institutions. This model includes Compliance, Assurance, Reliability, Tangibles, Empathy, and Responsiveness, with "Compliance" representing adherence to Islamic laws and banking principles. Given the limitations of traditional service quality frameworks in capturing the unique characteristics of Islamic banking, the CARTER model provides a more comprehensive measurement tool for evaluating service performance.

Customer satisfaction is defined as the extent to which a service meets or exceeds customer expectations (Sudaryono, 2016). Satisfied customers are more likely to continue using a service,

demonstrate brand loyalty, and recommend the service to others through word-of-mouth marketing. Furthermore, Ranguti (2002) highlights the importance of SWOT analysis in evaluating service performance. SWOT analysis involves three key stages: data collection, analysis, and decision-making. External factors such as market trends, competitor analysis, and government regulations, along with internal data such as financial reports and customer feedback, are analyzed to formulate strategic improvements.

Customer Satisfaction Analysis Using CSI

To measure customer satisfaction, this study applies the Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) method. CSI quantifies overall satisfaction levels by considering the importance and performance of specific service quality attributes. The analysis of 100 respondents at BSI KCP Arifin Ahmad Pekanbaru yielded a CSI score between 66.00 and 80.00, indicating that customers are generally satisfied with the bank's services. However, despite this positive outcome, certain service attributes require improvement. Key areas that need enhancement include providing clear promotional information, improving communication with customers, increasing sensitivity to customer feedback, and enhancing the availability of service-related brochures and suggestion boxes.

Although the CSI results indicate a satisfactory service level, continuous improvement is necessary to maintain and enhance customer satisfaction. Addressing these service gaps will enable Bank Syariah Indonesia KCP Arifin Ahmad Pekanbaru to strengthen its competitive position and ensure long-term customer loyalty in the highly competitive Islamic banking sector.

SWOT Analysis

A SWOT analysis is a strategic tool used to assess the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of a business or organization. This approach helps systematically identify key internal and external factors to formulate effective strategies. The goal is to maximize strengths and opportunities while minimizing weaknesses and threats.

According to Ranguti (2002), conducting a SWOT analysis involves three key stages:

1. **Data Collection:** Involves gathering, classifying, and pre-analyzing data. External data includes market analysis, competitor analysis, customer behavior, regulatory policies, and industry trends. Internal data covers financial reports, HR performance, operational efficiency, and marketing activities.
2. **Analysis Stage:** Uses quantitative models to objectively formulate strategies based on the collected data.
3. **Decision-Making Stage:** Determines actionable strategies based on SWOT analysis findings to improve service quality.

4. Results and Discussion

Data Accumulator Level

Based on the data obtained from interviews and observations related to the quality of services at the Islamic Bank Indonesia KCP Arifin Ahmad, as well as an analysis of its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, this study aims to analyze the impact of internal and external factors on service quality at Sharia Bank Indonesia.

A. Internal Factors

From the internal environment analysis, several strengths and weaknesses of Sharia Bank Indonesia KCP Arifin Ahmad have been identified:

1) Strength Analysis (Strengths)

Strengths are internal factors that support the company in achieving its objectives. Based on interviews with representatives from Indonesian Sharia banks and their customers, several strengths have been identified that support service quality improvement. The strengths of Sharia Bank KCP Arifin Ahmad include:

- a. **Interest-Free Banking System:** Islamic banking operates without using an interest-based (riba) system but instead generates reasonable profits based on agreed-upon contracts, in accordance with Law No. 21 of 2008 on Sharia Banking. This principle serves as an advantage in providing high-quality services to customers.
- b. **0% Down Payment:** Financing at Indonesian Sharia Bank KCP Arifin Ahmad requires a minimal down payment, making it highly beneficial for customers seeking financial assistance.
- c. **Loan Terms of up to 15 Years:** The long loan tenure provides financial flexibility to customers, ensuring they are not overburdened by repayment terms.
- d. **Convenient Installment Payments**
 - Customers can directly make installment payments through automatic debit from their savings accounts, eliminating the need for manual deposits.
 - ATM transactions can be conducted anywhere without additional fees, and in some cases, customers may even receive profit-sharing benefits.
 - Low margins and no penalty fees make financing more attractive.

2) Weakness Analysis (Weaknesses)

Weaknesses refer to organizational activities that are not functioning optimally or essential resources that the organization lacks. Based on interviews with customers and bank representatives, several weaknesses at Indonesian Sharia Bank KCP Arifin Ahmad have been identified that hinder service quality, including:

- a. **Lengthy Processing Time (Up to 30 Days):** The process of applying for and disbursing funds can take up to 30 days due to various factors, such as income analysis, system disruptions, and other administrative delays.
- b. **Limited Human Resources:** The bank has a limited number of employees handling both fieldwork and data management, which negatively impacts service quality.
- c. **IT & Human Resource Limitations:** Due to a lack of IT expertise and human resources, customers must visit the KCP branch for disbursement processes, leading to longer processing times.
- d. **Insufficient Operational Facilities & Infrastructure:** The bank's office facilities and infrastructure are still inadequate, limiting operational efficiency and customer service quality.

B. External Factors

From the external environment analysis, several opportunities and threats affecting Sharia Bank Indonesia KCP Arifin Ahmad have been identified:

1) Opportunity Analysis (Opportunities)

Opportunities refer to external factors that provide advantages to the organization. These opportunities are not limited to financial policies but also include public perception and market demand. Based on interviews with bank representatives, the following opportunities have been identified:

- a. **Word-of-Mouth Promotion:** Positive customer experiences can encourage existing customers to recommend the bank to others, making word-of-mouth promotion a powerful marketing tool.
- b. **Cooperation with Institutions:** The bank collaborates with various institutions, including retiree organizations (PWRI), government agencies (Kemenag), and other groups, expanding its customer base.
- c. **Majority Muslim Population:** Since the majority of the Indonesian population is Muslim, there is an increasing awareness of the prohibition of *riba* (interest) in conventional banking, which strengthens the potential customer base for Sharia banking.

2) Threat Analysis (Threats)

Threats refer to external factors that pose challenges to the organization's growth and operations. Based on interviews with bank representatives, the following threats have been identified:

- a. **Rapid Technological Developments:** The fast pace of technological advancements requires banks to continuously adapt to remain competitive. Failure to do so may hinder service improvements.
- b. **Lack of Public Knowledge About Sharia Banking:** A lack of awareness and understanding of Sharia banking principles can slow its adoption. To address this, the bank must improve service quality and conduct promotional campaigns to educate the public.

C. Level Analysis

The level analysis involves using quantitative models for strategy formulation based on all collected data and information, ensuring objectivity. A widely used tool for this purpose is the SWOT matrix, which helps align strengths with opportunities while addressing weaknesses and mitigating threats.

D. Decision-Making Level

Based on the SWOT matrix analysis, the strength factor outweighs the weakness factor at Indonesian Islamic Bank KCP Arifin Ahmad, while the opportunity factor is also greater compared to the threat factor. Given these conditions, the bank is well-positioned to compete with other financial institutions.

1) SO Strategies (Strength-Opportunities)

SO strategies leverage internal strengths to take advantage of external opportunities. These strategies include:

1. Providing excellent and courteous service, especially to customers transitioning from conventional banks.
2. Expanding cooperation networks with organizations such as PWRI and Kemenag.
3. Enhancing customer convenience by increasing the number of ATMs, allowing customers to conduct transactions anytime, anywhere.

2) ST Strategies (Strength-Threats)

ST strategies use internal strengths to counteract external threats. These include:

1. Educating customers about Sharia banking through socialization and promotional efforts.
2. Enhancing service quality by offering additional benefits and thoroughly explaining banking products to improve customer satisfaction.
3. Optimizing banking systems by upgrading IT infrastructure to prevent system failures and improve transaction efficiency.

3) WO Strategies (Weaknesses-Opportunities)

WO strategies aim to minimize weaknesses by leveraging available opportunities. These include:

1. Improving transaction processing by implementing more advanced and accurate systems to reduce errors.
2. Strengthening public trust in Sharia banking through clear and targeted marketing campaigns.

4) WT Strategies (Weaknesses-Threats)

WT strategies focus on reducing weaknesses while mitigating external threats. These include:

1. Enhancing service convenience by investing in better facilities and infrastructure to improve customer experience.
2. Improving HR quality through training programs, ensuring employees can effectively explain Sharia banking products to customers.
3. Increasing the number of skilled human resources to improve operational efficiency and service delivery.

Discussion

The findings from the internal factors analysis of Indonesian Islamic Bank KCP Arifin Ahmad highlight several strengths that significantly contribute to its service quality. One notable strength is the bank's interest-free banking system, which adheres to Sharia principles and avoids the use of *riba* (interest). This aligns with the research of Sumarni and Ibrahim (2022), who argue that the unique feature of Islamic banking—operating without interest—enhances customer trust and satisfaction, as it ensures ethical financial practices. Additionally, the 0% down payment requirement for financing and loan tenures of up to 15 years provide customers with more flexible and accessible financial options. These features echo the findings of Abdullah and Rizal (2023), who highlight that providing easy access to finance with favorable terms is a key factor in customer satisfaction, particularly in Islamic banks, where ethical financing is a primary concern. Furthermore, the bank's convenient installment payment system, which allows customers to make payments directly through automatic debits, enhances customer convenience and efficiency. This service design is consistent with the research by Firdaus and Syamsuddin (2021), who suggest that seamless payment systems significantly contribute to overall satisfaction in the banking sector. These strengths collectively position the bank well in meeting customer expectations for high-quality service, which is crucial for long-term customer loyalty.

However, despite these strengths, the analysis also reveals some weaknesses that hinder the bank's service quality. The lengthy processing time for disbursing loans—sometimes extending

up to 30 days—has been identified as a significant issue. This delay, as observed by Taufik and Siti (2020), could stem from inadequate technological infrastructure and inefficient processes. The lack of sufficient human resources and IT expertise exacerbates this problem, as customers must visit the bank in person for certain transactions, leading to customer frustration. This situation is also highlighted by Ramadhani and Yuliana (2023), who found that inadequate staff and technological limitations in Islamic banks can negatively impact service delivery and customer experience. Moreover, insufficient operational facilities and infrastructure also restrict the bank's ability to serve customers effectively, which is consistent with the challenges identified in the studies by Hidayat and Lestari (2022), who suggest that infrastructure limitations hinder customer satisfaction and service quality in financial institutions.

In terms of external factors, the opportunities identified in the analysis further emphasize the potential for growth. The word-of-mouth promotion stemming from satisfied customers is a powerful tool for the bank, as highlighted by Mahmud and Ali (2021), who found that customer recommendations are highly effective in expanding the customer base for Islamic banks. The majority Muslim population in Indonesia also presents a significant opportunity for growth, as many customers prefer Sharia-compliant services due to religious reasons. This aligns with the findings of Hidayat and Lestari (2022), who argue that the growing awareness of Sharia banking among the Muslim population in Indonesia creates a strong market demand for Islamic financial products. However, the analysis also reveals threats such as rapid technological developments and the lack of public knowledge about Sharia banking. The fast pace of technological advancements, if not kept up with, could cause the bank to fall behind competitors, as suggested by Taufik and Siti (2020). Similarly, the need for public education about Sharia banking, as pointed out by Sumarni and Ibrahim (2022), is crucial for increasing adoption and overcoming misconceptions about Islamic finance.

The SWOT analysis provides a comprehensive understanding of the factors impacting service quality at Indonesian Islamic Bank KCP Arifin Ahmad. The bank's strengths, particularly its interest-free banking model and customer-friendly financing options, position it well to leverage external opportunities, such as promoting its services through word-of-mouth and appealing to the large Muslim population in Indonesia. However, addressing weaknesses such as lengthy processing times, limited resources, and inadequate infrastructure will be critical for enhancing service quality. Moreover, the bank must adapt to external threats by upgrading its technology and educating the public about the benefits of Sharia-compliant banking. By aligning strengths with opportunities and mitigating weaknesses and threats, the bank can improve its service quality and better meet customer needs.

4. Conclusions

Based on the analysis and discussion presented in the previous chapter, several key insights can be drawn. The Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) for Indonesian Islamic Bank KCP Arifin Ahmad is found to be 66.04%, which is above the optimum score set in the Indonesian Sharia bank customer satisfaction survey. However, this score is still within the vulnerable range of 66.00-80.00, indicating that customers are somewhat satisfied but there are areas for improvement. The five dimensions of service quality, namely tangibles, reliability, responsiveness, assurance, and empathy, reveal several areas where improvements are needed. The tangibles dimension highlights the bank's inadequate physical facilities, such as its small building, limited space, and lack of parking. In terms of reliability, errors in service delivery and delays in meeting agreed-upon timelines still occur. The responsiveness dimension shows that employees need to improve in addressing customer

complaints promptly and accurately. For assurance, the bank's staff lacks in-depth knowledge of Sharia banking, which hinders their ability to fully reassure customers. Lastly, the empathy dimension points out that the bank has not provided sufficient personal attention to customers, which can be attributed to a shortage of human resources.

The SWOT analysis conducted further clarifies the bank's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. The results led to the identification of several strategies: S-O strategies focus on maintaining competitive pricing, expanding cooperation with organizations such as PWRI and Kemenag, and enhancing customer convenience through more accessible ATM facilities. S-T strategies involve increasing customer knowledge through better socialization, improving service quality by offering additional services, and optimizing the bank's systems by upgrading and adding more applications. W-O strategies aim to improve the disbursement process by implementing more sophisticated and accurate systems and boosting customer trust through clearer promotional campaigns. Lastly, W-T strategies focus on improving the physical infrastructure and facilities to ease customer service, enhancing the quality of human resources through targeted training, and increasing the number of skilled staff to improve operational efficiency.

For future research, it would be valuable to conduct a longitudinal study to monitor the impact of these strategies on customer satisfaction over time. Future research could also explore the role of digital transformation in enhancing service quality at Islamic banks, particularly in the context of mobile banking and digital platforms, which have become essential in the modern banking environment. Additionally, a comparative study across different branches of Islamic banks in Indonesia could provide a more comprehensive understanding of the factors influencing service quality and customer satisfaction at a national level.

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