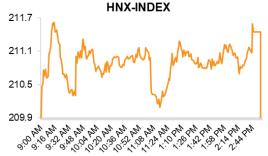


| Snapshot         | HOSE    | HNX    | UPCOM |
|------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| Close (pts)      | 1,211.0 | 211.5  | 91.5  |
| 1 Day change (%) | 1.2%    | 1.8%   | 2.0%  |
| 1 Month change   | -8.4%   | -14.0% | -7.9% |
| 1 Year change    | 2.9%    | -5.0%  | 4.5%  |
|                  |         |        |       |
| Value (USDmn)    | 531     | 24     | 16    |
| Gainers          | 280     | 131    | 253   |
| Losers           | 55      | 37     | 54    |
| Unchanged        | 58      | 136    | 581   |





## **Market Commentary**

Stocks rise as US-China trade war de-escalates; media, telecom surge

The VN-Index opened higher on Wednesday, and remained in the positive territory throughout the session, closing up 1.2% at 1,211. Total liquidity declined 44.5% DoD to VND18.9tn (USD726.6mn). The HNX-Index also increased 1.8% to 211.5.

Most sectors were in the green today, led by Media (+6.8%), Telecommunications (+6.2%), Chemicals (+3.2%) and Retail (+2.9%). Only Industrial Goods & Services (-0.1%) declined today.

Global markets rallied as US President Donald Trump signaled a softer approach toward China, saying he plans to be "very nice" in trade talks and that tariffs would "come down substantially" if a deal is reached — though not to zero. The shift follows remarks from Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, who said the standoff with Beijing was unsustainable. Separately, Trump dismissed speculation he might remove Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, telling reporters he has "no intention" of firing him. The comment comes after National Economic Council Director Kevin Hassett said Friday that Trump had been studying whether he could legally dismiss Powell, following a series of public criticisms of the Fed's rate policy.

Foreign investors net sold today with a total net selling value of VND82.3bn (USD3.2mn). Selling momentum was focused on FPT (VND142bn, USD5.5mn), MBB (VND101.7bn, USD3.9mn) and SHB (VND62.1bn, USD2.4mn). On the other hand, they net bought BAF (VND70bn, USD2.7mn), VIC (VND51.7bn, USD2mn) and HPG (VND47.2bn, USD1.8mn),

Top performers today included TCB (+3.8%), VHM (+1.7%) and GVR (+3.8%). Top laggards included VCB (-0.9%), SSB (-3.7%) and VIC (-0.7%)

### Commentator(s):



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| Country     | Index          | 1D Chg | Ytd Chg | P/E  | P/B | ROE   | Dividend  | 3M/ADTV | 5Y LC Gov  | YTD Net Foreign | LC/USD | LC/USD |
|-------------|----------------|--------|---------|------|-----|-------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------------|--------|--------|
| Peering     |                | (%)    | (%)     | (x)  | (x) | (%)   | yield (%) | (USDm)  | Bond Yield | Flow (USDm)     | %MoM   | %YoY   |
| China       | Shanghai Index | -0.1%  | -1.7%   | 14.9 | 1.3 | 9.1%  | 3.0%      | 82,637  | 1.5%       | 9,649           | -0.4%  | -0.6%  |
| India       | NSE500 Index   | 0.6%   | -0.7%   | 24.8 | 3.8 | 15.1% | 1.1%      | 9,469   | 6.1%       | -14,776         | 0.2%   | -2.4%  |
| Indonesia   | JCI Index      | 1.5%   | -6.3%   | 15.3 | 1.8 | 12.5% | 4.4%      | 631     | 6.7%       | -3,027          | -1.8%  | -3.9%  |
| Singapore   | FSTAS Index    | 1.0%   | 0.7%    | 12.4 | 1.2 | 8.3%  | 4.8%      | 1,157   | 2.2%       | 876             | 2.2%   | 4.0%   |
| Malaysia    | FBME Index     | 1.1%   | -11.6%  | 14.0 | 1.2 | 8.8%  | 4.2%      | 486     | 3.4%       | -2,900          | 0.9%   | 8.8%   |
| Philippines | PCOMP Index    | 0.2%   | -2.4%   | 10.4 | 1.1 | 10.5% | 3.3%      | 105     | 5.8%       | -289            | 1.3%   | 1.6%   |
| Thailand    | SET Index      | 0.8%   | -17.6%  | 15.1 | 1.1 | 6.9%  | 4.1%      | 1,191   | 1.6%       | -1,486          | 1.8%   | 10.7%  |
|             |                |        |         |      |     |       |           |         |            |                 |        |        |
| Vietnam     | VN-Index       | 1.2%   | -4.4%   | 13.4 | 1.5 | 12.8% | 1.9%      | 693     | 2.4%       | -1,504          | -1.3%  | -2.1%  |

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#### **Macro Note**

## Rising tide of good news shores up markets

Yesterday's VN-Index trading session exhibited considerable volatility, primarily influenced by a confluence of factors that negatively impacted investor sentiment. These headwinds included escalating trade tariff concerns between the US and China, uncertainty surrounding whether US President Trump will try to oust Fed Chair Powell, ongoing complexities in US-Japan trade negotiations, and the staggering tariffs imposed on Southeast Asia's solar panels. Adding to this downward pressure, reports indicated a substantial divestment of over USD20 billion in international bonds by Japanese investors.

However, the early hours of this morning brought a series of positive developments. First, statements from President Trump indicated that tariffs on Chinese goods will substantially decline, albeit not a complete removal, if China successfully closes deals with the US. US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent also projected a potential easing of US-China trade tensions, characterizing the current tariff levels as unsustainable. Regarding Fed Chair Powell's position, President Trump significantly moderated his stance, stating he had no intention to remove him from his position. Furthermore, there are emerging indications that India could potentially be the first nation to finalize a trade agreement with the US, potentially paving the way for other countries, such as Vietnam, seeking similar agreements within the remaining 90-day pause time frame.

Domestically, positive catalysts also emerged today. Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh issued directives mandating an upward revision of quarterly growth projections to ensure the 8% GDP growth target for 2025. Furthermore, a 100% disbursement target has been set for public investment, and the Prime Minister has suggested investigating a "Tax-Free Port" model to enhance Vietnam's position as a prominent logistics hub amid the evolving global trade landscape.

While the long-term sustainability of these international tailwinds remains uncertain, the Vietnamese Government's proactive measures to bolster domestic growth drivers provide significant support. We anticipate that these efforts will substantially mitigate the impact of international tariff headwinds.

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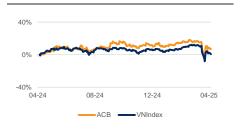
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| Current Price   | VND24,100        |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 52Wk High/ Low  | VND26,650/21,800 |
| Target Price    | VND34,100        |
| Last Updated    | 12/12/2024       |
| Last Rating     | ADD              |
| TP vs Consensus | 11.1%            |
| Upside          | 44.4%            |
| Dividend Yield  | 3.6%             |
| TSR             | 48.0%            |

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|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| Market Cap         |            | USD4,146.9mn |
| 3MADTV             |            | USD9.8mn     |
| Foreign Room       |            | USD0.0mn     |
| Outstanding Shares |            | 4,466.7mn    |
|                    | <u>ACB</u> | <u>VNI</u>   |
| P/E TTM            | 6.5x       | 11.9x        |
| P/B Current        | 1.3x       | 1.5x         |
| ROA                | 2.1%       | 3.2%         |
| ROE                | 20.8%      | 13.8%        |
| *as of 4/23/2025   |            |              |

#### Share Price Performance



#### Ownership

| Chairman & related parties        | 11.3% |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Dragon Financial Holdings Limited | 6.9%  |
| Others                            | 81.8% |

### **Business Description**

Established in 1993, Asia Commercial JSB (ACB) is a leading commercial bank in Vietnam, with a focus on sustainnable growth and healthy assets. The bank has a network of over 388 branches across the country, and serves over 7.7 million customers.

### **Earnings flash**

### ACB- Subdued earnings amid margin squeeze, rising provisions - [Missed]

- 1Q25 TOI declined 3.1% YoY due to weaker NII and a sharp drop in investment gains, fulfilling 22% of our FY25 forecast.
- Operating expenses fell 2.6% YoY, while provision expenses soared, resulting in pre-tax profit reaching 19% of FY25F, below our expectation.
- We see rising pressure on our target price of VND34,100, which we will update after further review.

## Topline dragged lower by shrinking NIM and investment losses

ACB reported a 3.1% YoY decline in total operating income (TOI) in 1Q25, fulfilling only 22% of our FY25 forecast. Net interest income (NII) dropped 5.4% YoY given ACB's net interest margin (NIM) contraction and weak loan growth.

NIM compressed to 2.96% (-85bps YoY, -56bps QoQ), reflecting continued pressure on asset yields (-59bps YoY, -51bps QoQ) and a modest rise in funding costs (+26bps YoY, +2bps QoQ). The margin pressure was driven by ACB's proactive lending rate cuts to support customers and a decline in its CASA ratio to 21.2% (-0.8% pts YoY, -1.2% pts QoQ). Additionally, loan growth remained subdued at 3.1% YTD, underperforming the sector's average of 3.9%, further weighing on topline momentum.

Non-interest income (Non-II) rose 7.5% YoY, supported by robust growth in FX (+103.9% YoY) and service fees (+17.1% YoY), but was dragged lower by a 100.7% YoY drop in investment gains, leading to a modest start to the year.

# Tight cost control, but bottom line missed expectations

Operating expenses decreased by 2.6% YoY, reflecting ACB's ongoing efforts in cost optimization. However, due to the soft topline, 1Q25 pre-provision operating profit (PPOP) still declined 3.4% YoY, completing only 21% of our full-year estimate.

Provision expense rose 22.2% YoY, as ACB booked more provisions amid a volatile macro backdrop, completing 51.6% of our FY25 estimate. Hence, pre-tax profit fell by 5.8% YoY and fulfilled only 19% of FY25F - significantly below our expectation.

#### Asset quality remains a bright spot, but warrants close watch

Despite softer earnings, ACB's asset quality stayed strong in 1Q25. The non-performing loan (NPL) ratio remained flat at 1.5% (+3bps YoY, -1bps QoQ), while group 2 loans improved slightly to 0.7% (-7bps YoY). However, the write-off rate surged to 0.67% in 1Q25 (+60bps YoY, +60bps QoQ), which could indicate a strategic move to manage reported bad debt levels and thus warrants close monitoring in coming quarters. On the positive side, NPL formation dropped by 24.4% YoY, pointing to a declining trend in new bad debt. As a result, the loan loss reserve (LLR) ratio stood at 72.1%, down from 78.6% in 1Q24.

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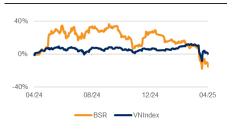


| Current Price      | VND15,000        |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 52Wk High/ Low     | VND24,061/14,550 |
| Target Price       | VND22,200        |
| TP Last Updated    | 2/25/2025        |
| Last Rating        | HOLD             |
| TP vs Consensus    | -5.8%            |
| Upside             | 48.0%            |
| Dividend Yield     | 0.0%             |
| Total stock return | 48.0%            |
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|                    |     |              |
| Fully Diluted O/S  |     | 3,100.5mn    |
| Outstanding Shares |     | 3,100.5mn    |
| Avail Foreign Room |     | USD872.6mn   |
| 3MADTV             |     | USD2.4mn     |
| Market Cap         | L   | JSD1,791.6mn |
|                    |     |              |

|                  | <u>BSR</u> | <u>VNI</u> |
|------------------|------------|------------|
| P/E TTM          | 76.0x      | 11.9x      |
| P/B Current      | 0.8x       | 1.5x       |
| ROA              | 0.7%       | 3.2%       |
| ROE              | 1.1%       | 13.8%      |
| *as of 4/23/2025 |            |            |

#### **Share Price Performance**



## Ownership

| PetroVietnam | 92.1% |
|--------------|-------|
| Others       | 7.9%  |

#### **Business Description**

Binh Son Refining and Petrochemical JSC (BSR) owns Dung Quat Refinery, the first oil refinery of Vietnam, with total investment of USD3bn, coming into commercial operation from 2011. The refinery has a design capacity of 6.5 million tonnes of low sulfur crude oil annually (equivalent to 148,000 barrels per day). For the next upgrade and expansion phase, refinery capacity will be expanded by 17% to 7.6 million tonnes annually.

#### **AGM** note

## **BSR - Expected earnings recovery in 2025**

- BSR set guidance for 2025 with revenue of VND114tn (USD4.5bn, -7% YoY) and NPAT of VND746bn (USD29mn, +27% YoY).
- NPAT reached VND317bn (USD12.5mn) in 1Q25, marking a return to profitability after two consecutive quarters of losses, though still down 71% YoY.
- Management confirmed that the refinery upgrade and expansion project remain on schedule, with key milestones progressing as planned.

We attended BSR's AGM on April 23, and report the following highlights.

### **Business guidance for 2024**

BSR set a base plan for 2025 with revenue of VND114tn (USD4.5bn, -7% YoY) and net profit of VND746tn (USD29.3mn, +27% YoY). While the company has historically adopted conservative business plans, this year's guidance still reflects a year-on-year recovery, largely due to the low earnings base in 2024. Management noted that financial income is expected to play a key role in offsetting pressure on core refining operations, which are likely to face continued headwinds.

## Update on 2Q24 company activity

In 1Q25, BSR ramped up diesel production to capitalize on more favorable crack spreads, taking advantage of its operational flexibility to adjust output between diesel and Jet A1. Although Jet A1 offered the highest margins, its production remained below optimal levels due to subdued demand. Net profit for the quarter reached VND317bn (USD12.5mn), with an even split between financial income and core refining operations. Looking ahead, management aims to boost financial income to help offset potential challenges in production-related profitability for the rest of the year.

## Update on Dung Quat oil refinery upgrade and expansion project

The FEED phase is in its final steps and is expected to be submitted for approval around May 2, 2025, after which EPC bidding will begin. Project execution remains on schedule, with the upgraded refinery targeted to begin operations by 2028. Funding arrangements are progressing smoothly, and management remains confident in meeting both financial and construction milestones.

# **Key Q&A Highlights**

- BSR will not distribute cash dividends for FY2024.
- Charter Capital Increase: Management believes the process is now in its final stage and expects formal approval soon. BSR has a plan to increase charter capital 61%, increasing from VND31tn (USD1.3bn) to VND50tn (USD1.96bn).
- BSR is proposing that PVN seek strategic investors to collaborate on its refinery upgrade and expansion, Phase 2 of BSR's Petrochemical Center projects in Quang Ngai and Ba Ria-Vung Tau.

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| Current Price      | VND110,400        |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 52Wk High/ Low     | VND154,300/81,476 |
| Target Price       | VND196,600        |
| TP Last Updated    | 11/12/2024        |
| Last Rating        | ADD               |
| TP vs Consensus    | N/A               |
| Upside             | 78%               |
| Dividend Yield     | 0.6%              |
| Total stock return | 78.6%             |
|                    |                   |
| Market Cap         | USD6,256.5mn      |
| 3MADTV             | USD31.7mn         |
|                    |                   |

| Fully Diluted O/S |            | 1,471.1mn  |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
|                   |            |            |
|                   | <u>FPT</u> | <u>VNI</u> |
| P/E TTM           | 20.7x      | 11.9x      |
| P/B Current       | 5.5x       | 1.5x       |
| ROA               | 12%        | 3.2%       |
| ROE               | 23.7%      | 13.8%      |
| *as of 2/3/2025   |            |            |

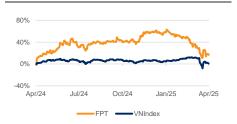
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#### **Share Price Performance**

Avail Foreign Room

**Outstanding Shares** 



## Ownership

| Truong Gia Binh | 7.01% |
|-----------------|-------|
| Vietnam SCIC    | 5.79% |
| Others          | 87.2% |

## **Business Description**

FPT is the largest technology company in Vietnam with three main businesses - IT, telecom and education. In addition, FPT is Vietnam's third largest telecommunications services company, and it is among a handful of firms that have established educational facilities to support a skilled workforce.

## **Earnings flash**

#### FPT - Softer performance amid economic worries - [In-line]

- FPT's 1Q25 net profit rose 20.1% YoY, despite a notable slowdown in revenue growth, driven by effective cost management.
- 1Q25 revenue grew 13.9% YoY, reflecting cautious sentiment amid economic concerns.
- Economic concerns pressure our previous target price, which we will update after further review.

## Top-line performance softens amid economic uncertainty

In 1Q25, FPT's net revenue grew by 13.9% YoY to VND16.1tn (USD635mn). This marked the company's slowest growth rate since the COVID-19 period, primarily due to softer performances in the technology and education segments, which grew by just 15.3% and 6.1% YoY, respectively. On a more positive note, the telecom segment showed solid improvement, posting a 14.2% YoY increase. Consequently, FPT's net profit for 1Q25 rose by 20.9% YoY to VND2.2tn (USD86mn), with the results for 1Q25 meeting 22% of our annual forecast.

## Global IT services growth slows

In 1Q25, FPT's global IT services revenue grew by 17% YoY, reaching VND8.2tn (USD323.6mn). This was the slowest growth rate since the COVID-19, reflecting growing concerns over a weak global economy that has caused many companies to hesitate in committing to IT investments. Growth varied across major markets, with Japan leading at +30.4% YoY (VND-based), followed by the EU at +24.6% YoY, the US at +7.8% YoY, and the APAC region at +4.6% YoY. Revenue from digital transformation services rose 21.1% YoY to VND3.6tn (USD142mn), focusing on cloud computing, Al/data analytics, and product engineering.

Despite the more cautious market sentiment, FPT continued to secure large international projects, signing nine major deals valued at over USD10mn each, marking a 125% YoY increase. Total signed revenue for the quarter reached VND11.5tn (USD454.7mn), up 17.2% YoY.

### Domestic IT services sustain growth momentum

In 1Q25, domestic IT services revenue increased 7.5% YoY to VND1.6tn (USD62.6mn), driven by efforts to strengthen partnerships with government bodies and promote Cloud Computing and Artificial Intelligence solutions for domestic enterprises. FPT's Made-by-FPT product ecosystem, accounting for ~33% of domestic IT services, grew 18.3% YoY, reaching VND526bn (USD20.8mn), thanks to its high applicability across both the Enterprise and Government sectors.

## Telecommunications segment maintained steady growth

In 1Q25, telecommunications services continued its upward trajectory, generating revenue of VND4.6tn (USD176.5mn), representing a 14.2% YoY increase. PBT saw a stronger rise, reaching VND943bn (USD37.3mn), up 17.2% YoY.

## **Education sector encounters challenges**

The education sector increased by 3.2% YoY, reaching VND1.8tn (USD72.5mn) in 1Q25 due to intensified competition from public universities and tighter budgets for private education.

Read the full report HERE



# AGM note

## VHM-FY25 business plan targets record-breaking results

- VHM targets FY25 revenue of VND180tn (USD6.9bn, +75.9% YoY) and net profit after tax of VND42tn (USD1.6bn, +19.8% YoY).
- VHM targets FY25 contracted sales reaching VND150tn (USD5.8bn) to VND200tn (USD7.7bn), with flexibility to adjust the tarrget based on residential market conditions and macroeconomic factors.
- VHM plans to launch two large-scale projects in Dan Phuong (Hanoi), Hau Nghia (Long An), capitalizing on robust housing demand driven by strong urbanization.

We attended VHM's AGM today. Here are our observations.

## 2025 business plan

VHM has set an ambitious FY25 target, aiming for record-breaking revenue of VND180tn (USD6.9bn) and net profit after tax of VND42tn (USD1.6bn), increases of 76%/20% YoY, respectively. This reflects VHM's aggressive expansion strategy, which focuses on developing large-scale model urban projects in key economic hubs such as Hanoi, Hai Phong, Ho Chi Minh, and Long An.

Regarding FY25 net profit after tax, 40-45% is contributed from contracted sales from FY24 and earlier, 10% from construction services, and the remaining from new contracted sales and bulk sales in FY25.

Concurrently, VHM will enhance its digital ecosystem, including Vinhomes Online, Vinhomes Market, and Vinhomes Residence platforms. VHM is proactively promoting a destination market strategy and community engagement by hosting a variety of cultural, artistic, sport, and philanthropic events to attract both residents and hundreds of thousands of visitors.

## 1Q25 preliminary earnings

Contracted sales in 1Q25 are relatively positive, reaching VND35tn (USD1.3bn), with a significant contribution from Vinhomes Dan Phuong project.

#### Favorable residential market outlook

VHM remains optimistic about the residential property market in FY25, citing robust housing demand and positive shifts in both the quantity and quality of supply. Additionally, lending rates are assessed to be at a stable and suitable level for young people, further supporting market growth.

## Reinvestment of profits

As of the end of FY24, VHM's undistributed profit after tax on a consolidated basis stood at VND167tn (USD6.4bn). The company plans to allocate VND5bn (USD192,000) to the reserve fund and retain the rest for business reinvestment. With this plan, VHM will not to pay dividends in FY24, a third consecutive year of not paying dividends since FY22.

## Suspension of international bond issuance plan

After carefully considering the prevailing conditions in both domestic and international capital markets, as well as the FY25 business plan, VHM decided not to proceed with an international bond issuance plan.

Read the full report **HERE** 

| Current Price         | VND58,000 |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 52Wk High             | VND60,500 |
| 52Wk Low              | VND34,500 |
| Previous target price | VND19,300 |
| TP Updated as of:     | 3/13/2025 |
| Last Rating           | ADD       |
| TP vs Consensus       | 4.8%      |
| Upside                | -6.4%     |
| Dividend Yield        | 0.0%      |
| Total stock return    | -6.4%     |

| Market Cap         | USD8.7bn  |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 3MADTV             | USD16.8mn |
| Avail Foreign Room | USD3.4mn  |
| Outstanding Shares | 4,107mn   |
| Fully Diluted O/S  | 4,107mn   |
|                    |           |

|                  | <u>VHM</u> | <u>VNI</u> |
|------------------|------------|------------|
| P/E TTM          | 7.4x       | 12.0x      |
| P/B Current      | 1.1x       | 1.6x       |
| ROA              | 6.4%       | 3.8%       |
| ROE              | 15.5%      | 14.3%      |
| *as of 4/23/2025 |            |            |

#### **Share Price Performance**



## Ownership

| Vingroup JSC | 73.5% |
|--------------|-------|
| Others       | 27.5% |

### **Business Description**

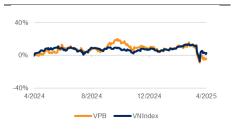
VHM is the largest listed property developer in Vietnam, with a market share of 27% across all segments, with higher shares in mid-range (38%) and high-end (39%) condominiums and landed properties (37%). The company has a substantial land bank of nearly 20,000ha, strategically located in prime areas or areas with potential for tourism development.



| Current Price      | VND16,700        |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 52Wk High/Low      | VND20,900/15,950 |
| Target Price       | VND24,500        |
| Last Updated       | 2/4/2025         |
| Last Rating        | ADD              |
| TP vs Consensus    | 4.3%             |
| Upside             | 46.7%            |
| Dividend Yield     | 0%               |
| Total stock return | 46.7%            |
|                    |                  |

| Market Cap         |            | USD5,073.7mn |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| 3MADTV             |            | USD13.3mn    |
| Avail Foreign Room |            | USD276.6mn   |
| Outstanding Shares |            | 7,933.9mn    |
| Fully Diluted O/S  |            | 7,933.9mn    |
|                    | <u>VPB</u> | <u>VNI</u>   |
| P/E TTM            | 8.2x       | 11.9x        |
| P/B Current        | 0.9x       | 1.5x         |
| ROA                | 1.8%       | 3.2%         |
| ROE                | 10.7%      | 13.8%        |
| *as of 4/23/2025   |            |              |

## **Share Price Performance**



### Ownership

| Manager & Affiliate                    | 26.0% |
|--|-------|
| Sumitomo Mitsui Banking<br>Corporation | 15.0% |
| Composite Capital Master Fund LP       | 1.7%  |
| Others                                 | 57.3% |

## **Business Description**

Founded in 1993, VPB is now the eighth largest JSC bank in terms of assets. The bank's recent fast growth pace is thanks to its subsidiary – consumer finance company FE Credit.

## **Earnings flash**

## **VPB** - Strong credit growth boosts earnings - [In-line]

- 1Q25 TOI grew by 16.1% YoY to VND15.5tn (USD596mn), driven by strong credit expansion of 5.2% YTD.
- Preliminary profit before tax 1Q24 rose 20% YoY to VND5tn (USD192mn), in line with our FY25 earnings forecast.
- We see minimal adjustment on our current target price of VND24,500, which we will update after further review.

### Total operating income grew, driven by outperforming credit growth

VPBank delivered a robust topline performance in 1Q25 with consolidated TOI reaching VND15.5tn, up 16.1% YoY. This was underpinned by a 5.2% YTD and 21.9% YoY rise in consolidated credit. Credit growth mainly came from the trading sector and mortgages. Meanwhile, annualized NIM edged down 20bps QoQ (-7bps YoY) due to a drop in asset yield in 1Q25.

## Non-interest income grew thanks to robust bad debt recovery

Non-interest income rose 5.9% YoY in 1Q25, primarily supported by a strong recovery of bad debt. Income from bad debt collection surged 129% YoY to VND855bn (USD33mn), offsetting weakness in core fee-based services. Meanwhile, net fee income declined 25% YoY, reflecting ongoing challenges in bancassurance and payment-related services.

## Asset quality weakened as NPLs edge up

By the end of 1Q25, the consolidated non-performing loan (NPL) ratio rose by 93bps QoQ (down 9bps YoY) to 4.74%, in our estimation. The parent bank NPL ratio climbed 29bps QoQ (up 2bps YoY) to 3.33%. On the bright side, the consolidated group 2 loan ratio fell 196bps YoY (down 400bps YoY) to 4.3%. While this signals improvement in early-stage delinquencies, we remain cautious given current economic uncertainty. The bank's focus on individual lending—which is vulnerable to global trade shifts, such as US tariff policies—could present headwinds for asset quality recovery.

## Despite rising expenses, profit before tax remained strong

Provision expenses increased by 15.9% YoY in response to the uptick in NPLs, while operating expenses also rose 11.8% YoY. However, thanks to solid revenue growth, the cost-to-income ratio (CIR) improved to 24.9%, down from 25.8% in 1Q24. As a result, VPB's profit before tax climbed nearly 20% YoY to **VND5tn**.

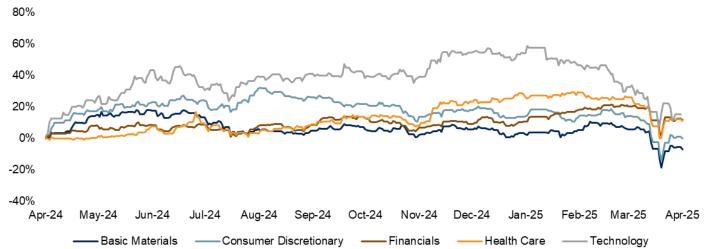
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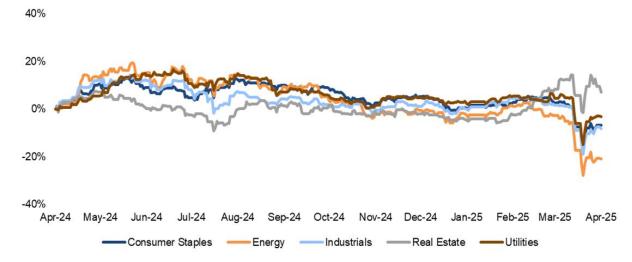
|                        |         | Price     |      |     |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|------|-----|
| (VN-Index)             | Wgt (%) | 1D chg(%) |      |     |
| Consumer Discretionary | 3.2     | 2.7       | 30.5 | 3.8 |
| Consumer Staples       | 7.5     | 1.8       | 39.5 | 2.7 |
| Energy                 | 2.5     | 1.8       | 39.8 | 1.1 |
| Financials             | 45.8    | 0.6       | 11.0 | 1.6 |
| Health Care            | 0.7     | 1.1       | 19.6 | 2.4 |
| Industrials            | 9.0     | 1.5       | 20.6 | 1.9 |
| Π                      | 3.6     | 0.2       | 19.5 | 4.8 |
| Materials              | 8.3     | 2.6       | 17.5 | 1.6 |
| Real Estate            | 14.7    | 1.8       | 31.7 | 1.5 |
| Utilities              | 5.3     | 0.4       | 15.3 | 2.0 |

All sectors rose today, led by Consumer Discretionary (+2.7%), Materials (+2.6%), and Real Estate (+1.8%). Top index movers included TCB (+3.8%), VHM (+1.7%), GVR (+3.8%), HPG (+2.0%), and BCM (+5.8%). Top index laggards consisted of VCB (-0.9%), SSB (-3.7%), VIC (-0.7%), HVN (-1.6%), and GEE (-4.0%).

# **HSX TOP 5 ONE-YEAR PERFORMANCE**



## **HSX BOTTOM 5 ONE-YEAR PERFORMANCE**





# **Commodity prices**

| Energy             | % dod | % m om | % yoy  |
|--------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| WTI                | 1.6%  | -5.3%  | -22.4% |
| Brent Crude        | 1.5%  | -5.1%  | -22.6% |
| JKM LNG            | -3.0% | -17.6% | 4.1%   |
| Henry Hub LNG      | 0.2%  | -12.1% | 16.8%  |
| NW Thermal Coal    | -1.9% | -21.3% | 89.0%  |
| Singapore Platt FO | 0.4%  | -8.3%  | -15.2% |

| Precious Metals   | % dod | % m om | % yoy |
|-------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Gold              | -2.1% | 10.2%  | 43.1% |
| Domestic SJC Gold | -4.5% | 22.5%  | 42.6% |
| Silver            | 0.2%  | -1.0%  | 20.5% |
| Platinum          | -0.5% | -2.6%  | 3.4%  |

| Base Metals | % dod | % m om | % yoy  |
|-------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Tungsten    | 0.0%  | 0.0%   | 10.6%  |
| Copper      | 0.6%  | -3.5%  | 10.7%  |
| Aluminum    | 0.8%  | -9.8%  | -10.8% |
| Nickel      | 0.3%  | -2.2%  | -20.8% |
| Zinc        | 0.8%  | -4.8%  | 1.3%   |
| Lead        | NA    | NA     | NA     |
| Steel       | 4.4%  | -3.1%  | -8.9%  |
| Iron Ore    | 0.8%  | -0.1%  | -14.8% |

| Agriculture      | % dod | % m om | % yoy  |
|------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Rice             | -0.3% | -1.2%  | -30.9% |
| Coffee (Arabica) | 1.5%  | -2.1%  | 70.7%  |
| Sugar            | 0.5%  | -8.3%  | -9.2%  |
| Cocoa            | 1.5%  | 21.7%  | -10.7% |
| Palm Oil         | 1.9%  | -5.1%  | NA     |
| Cotton           | 1.8%  | 4.5%   | -14.9% |
| Dry Milk Pow der | 0.2%  | -6.0%  | 11.8%  |
| Wheat            | 0.3%  | -3.8%  | -8.2%  |
| Soybean          | 0.6%  | 3.1%   | -10.9% |
| Cashew s         | NA    | -6.5%  | 2.9%   |
| Rubber           | -1.6% | -17.6% | -9.4%  |
| Urea             | 0.0%  | -10.4% | 22.1%  |

| Livestock | % dod | % m om | % yoy |
|-----------|-------|--------|-------|
| Live Hogs | 1.3%  | 7.1%   | -4.6% |
| Cattle    | 0.8%  | 2.1%   | 15.0% |

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## **Market Value Drivers**

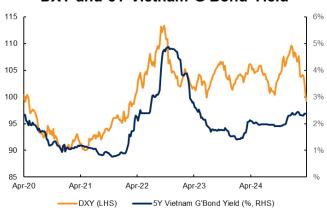
## **VN-INDEX CURRENT P/B**



## **VN-INDEX TTM P/E**



## **DXY and 5Y Vietnam G'Bond Yield**





# **VNDS RESEARCH COVERAGE SUMMARY**

| Ticker       | Market<br>cap<br>(US\$m) | 3M<br>ADTV<br>(US\$m) | Foreign<br>Room<br>(US\$m) | Closing<br>price<br>(VND) | Adjusted target price (VND) | Total shareholder (%) | return | Dividend<br>(%) | yield | TTM<br>P/E | Current<br>P/B |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|-------|------------|----------------|
| AVIATION     |                          |                       |                            |                           |                             |                       |        |                 |       |            |                |
| ACV          | 7,558                    | 1.8                   | 3,450                      | 90,200                    | 136,200                     | 52.0%                 | 1.0%   | ADD             | 18.8  | 327%       | <u>HOLD</u>    |
| VJC          | 1,787                    | 2.2                   | 311                        | 85,700                    | 113,600                     | 40.1%                 | 0.0%   | 32.6            | 2.7   | 9%         | <u>HOLD</u>    |
| Simple Avg   | 4,672                    | 2.0                   | 1,881                      |                           |                             | 46.1%                 | 0.5%   | 32.6            | 10.8  | 168%       |                |
| CONGLOMERA   | TE                       |                       |                            |                           |                             |                       |        |                 |       |            |                |
| VIC          | 8,625                    | 13.5                  | 3,522                      | 58,600                    | 45,600                      | -20.1%                | 0.0%   | 18.3            | 1.6   | 10%        | <u>HOLD</u>    |
| CONSTRUCTIO  | N                        |                       |                            |                           |                             |                       |        |                 |       |            |                |
| CTD          | 305                      | 5.1                   | 0                          | 79,400                    | 101,700                     | 29.3%                 | 1.3%   | 21.4            | 0.9   | 4%         | <u>ADD</u>     |
| HHV          | 201                      | 4.0                   | 85                         | 12,100                    | 14,800                      | 22.3%                 | 0.0%   | 12.2            | 0.6   | 5%         | HOLD           |
| Simple Avg   | 253                      | 4.6                   | 42                         |                           |                             | 25.8%                 | 0.6%   | 16.8            | 0.7   | 5%         |                |
| CONSUMER     |                          |                       |                            |                           |                             |                       |        |                 |       |            |                |
| BAF          | 409                      | 4.7                   | 150                        | 34,950                    | 33,300                      | -4.7%                 | 0.0%   | 20.3            | 2.9   | 13%        | HOLD           |
| DGW          | 276                      | 1.9                   | 83                         | 32,700                    | 48,600                      | 50.2%                 | 1.6%   | 16.0            | 2.4   | 16%        | HOLD           |
| IMP          | 254                      | 0.5                   | 65                         | 42,900                    | 51,300                      | 19.6%                 | 0.0%   | 21.8            | 2.9   | 14%        | HOLD           |
| MWG          | 3,347                    | 17.1                  | 68                         | 58,800                    | 80,400                      | 36.7%                 | 0.0%   | 23.1            | 3.1   | 15%        | ADD            |
| PNJ          | 895                      | 3.0                   | 23                         | 68,800                    | 115,100                     | 69.0%                 | 1.7%   | 10.9            | 2.1   | 20%        | ADD            |
| QNS          | 635                      | 0.9                   | 247                        | 44,900                    | 55,100                      | 29.2%                 | 6.5%   | 5.8             | 1.4   | 25%        | HOLD           |
| VHC          | 389                      | 2.2                   | 295                        | 45,000                    | 85,000                      | 93.0%                 | 4.1%   | 8.0             | 1.2   | 14%        | HOLD           |
| VNM          | 4,537                    | 10.4                  | 2,312                      | 56,400                    | 74,800                      | 39.5%                 | 6.8%   | 14.0            | 3.7   | 26%        | ADD            |
| SAB          | 2,399                    | 2.2                   | 978                        | 48,600                    | 59,900                      | 23.3%                 | 0.0%   | 14.5            | 2.7   | 18%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| Simple Avg   | 1,343                    | 5.1                   | 405                        |                           |                             | 41.6%                 | 2.6%   | 15.0            | 2.4   | 18%        |                |
| FINANCIALS   |                          |                       |                            |                           |                             |                       |        |                 |       |            |                |
| ACB          | 4,229                    | 10.6                  | 1                          | 24,600                    | 34,100                      | 42.1%                 | 3.5%   | 6.5             | 1.3   | 22%        | ADD            |
| BID          | 9,554                    | 5.3                   | 1,187                      | 35,350                    | 42,700                      | 20.8%                 | 0.0%   | 9.7             | 1.7   | 20%        | HOLD           |
| CTG          | 7,710                    | 12.9                  | 252                        | 37,300                    | 43,500                      | 18.9%                 | 2.3%   | 7.9             | 1.4   | 19%        | HOLD           |
| HDB          | 2,738                    | 9.0                   | 20                         | 20,350                    | 31,800                      | 56.3%                 | 0.0%   | 5.5             | 1.3   | 26%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| LPB          | 3,829                    | 4.8                   | 161                        | 33,300                    | 33,400                      | 0.3%                  | 0.0%   | 10.0            | 2.2   | 24%        | HOLD           |
| MBB          | 5,496                    | 20.8                  | 60                         | 23,400                    | 28,600                      | 26.4%                 | 4.2%   | 6.3             | 1.3   | 22%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| ОСВ          | 1,001                    | 1.5                   | 27                         | 10,550                    | 13,400                      | 27.0%                 | 0.0%   | 8.2             | 0.8   | 11%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| SSI          | 1,718                    | 24.3                  | 0                          | 22,750                    | 31,100                      | 36.7%                 | 0.0%   | 15.0            | 1.7   | 11%        | HOLD           |
| STB          | 2,917                    | 20.2                  | 267                        | 40,200                    | 45,700                      | 13.7%                 | 0.0%   | 7.5             | 1.4   | 20%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| TCB          | 7,097                    | 17.8                  | 0                          | 26,100                    | 31,100                      | 19.2%                 | 0.0%   | 8.7             | 1.2   | 15%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| TPB          | 1,373                    | 10.4                  | 88                         | 13,500                    | 21,000                      | 55.6%                 | 0.0%   | 5.9             | 0.9   | 17%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| VCB          | 18,654                   | 8.2                   | 1,405                      | 58,000                    | 73,300                      | 26.4%                 | 0.0%   | 14.3            | 2.5   | 19%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| VIB          | 2,024                    | 7.6                   | 0                          | 17,650                    | 23,600                      | 33.7%                 | 0.0%   | 7.4             | 1.3   | 18%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| VPB          | 5,100                    | 14.3                  | 280                        | 16,700                    | 24,500                      | 46.7%                 | 0.0%   | 8.2             | 0.9   | 11%        | ADD            |
| Simple Avg   | 5,246                    | 12.0                  | 268                        |                           |                             | 30.3%                 | 0.7%   | 8.7             | 1.4   | 18%        |                |
| GARMENT & TI | EXTIILE                  |                       |                            |                           |                             |                       |        |                 |       |            |                |
| MSH          | 118                      | 0.7                   | 52                         | 41,000                    | 54,100                      | 35.9%                 | 5.6%   | 7.5             | 1.7   | 24%        | <u>HOLD</u>    |



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|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------|-----------------|-------|------------|----------------|
| TCM         | 110                      | 2.6                   | 0                          | 28,050              | 55,200                      | 96.8%                    | 0.0%   | 11.0            | 1.3   | 12%        | <u>HOLD</u>    |
| Simple Avg  | 114                      | 1.7                   | 26                         |                     |                             | 66.3%                    | 2.8%   | 9.3             | 1.5   | 18%        |                |
| INDUSTRIALS |                          |                       |                            |                     |                             |                          |        |                 |       |            |                |
| BCM         | 2,191                    | 1.6                   | 702                        | 55,000              | 82,800                      | 52.0%                    | 1.5%   | 26.0            | 2.9   | 11%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| ВМР         | 374                      | 1.3                   | 58                         | 115,500             | 140,000                     | 31.6%                    | 10.4%  | 11.1            | 3.3   | 34%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| GMD         | 760                      | 3.6                   | 73                         | 47,000              | 73,700                      | 60.2%                    | 3.4%   | 15.3            | 1.6   | 13%        | <u>HOLD</u>    |
| НАН         | 299                      | 4.9                   | 49                         | 59,900              | 55,900                      | -5.0%                    | 1.7%   | 11.8            | 2.2   | 21%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| VSC         | 217                      | 2.0                   | 102                        | 18,850              | 19,100                      | 4.0%                     | 2.6%   | 15.6            | 1.2   | 9%         | <u>HOLD</u>    |
| IDC         | 459                      | 2.6                   | 145                        | 36,100              | 62,700                      | 80.6%                    | 6.9%   | 6.0             | 2.1   | 38%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| KBC         | 647                      | 7.0                   | 210                        | 21,900              | 30,000                      | 37.0%                    | 0.0%   | 39.5            | 0.9   | 2%         | HOLD           |
| PHR         | 217                      | 1.9                   | 72                         | 41,700              | 65,300                      | 63.8%                    | 7.2%   | 13.1            | 1.5   | 13%        | <u>HOLD</u>    |
| РТВ         | 128                      | 0.6                   | 13                         | 49,600              | 79,650                      | 62.6%                    | 2.0%   | 8.9             | 1.1   | 13%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| SCS         | 214                      | 1.1                   | 31                         | 58,600              | 85,000                      | 52.0%                    | 6.9%   | 7.8             | 4.2   | 53%        | <u>HOLD</u>    |
| SZC         | 202                      | 3.6                   | 35                         | 29,200              | 42,700                      | 51.7%                    | 5.5%   | 14.1            | 1.6   | 12%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| VTP         | 485                      | 3.2                   | 206                        | 103,500             | 126,500                     | 23.7%                    | 1.5%   | 44.1            | 7.9   | 18%        | <u>HOLD</u>    |
| Simple Avg  | 516                      | 2.8                   | 141                        |                     |                             | 42.9%                    | 4.1%   | 17.8            | 2.5   | 20%        |                |
| MATERIALS   | _                        |                       | •                          |                     |                             |                          |        | •               |       |            |                |
| DGC         | 1,327                    | 7.4                   | 450                        | 90,800              | 143,600                     | 63.2%                    | 5.0%   | 11.7            | 2.5   | 22%        | <u>HOLD</u>    |
| HPG         | 6,290                    | 29.1                  | 1,722                      | 25,550              | 30,000                      | 17.4%                    | 0.0%   | NA              | 1.4   | 11%        | <u>HOLD</u>    |
| HSG         | 319                      | 4.6                   | 136                        | 13,350              | 12,400                      | -7.1%                    | 0.0%   | NA              | 0.7   | 4%         | HOLD           |
| NKG         | 207                      | 4.7                   | 92                         | 12,000              | 12,600                      | 5.0%                     | 0.0%   | NA              | 0.7   | 8%         | <u>HOLD</u>    |
| Simple Avg  | 2,036                    | 11.4                  | 600                        |                     |                             | 19.6%                    | 1.3%   | 11.7            | 1.3   | 11%        |                |
| OIL & GAS   | •                        |                       | -                          | •                   |                             |                          |        | ·               |       |            |                |
| BSR         | 1,838                    | 2.2                   | 895                        | 15,400              | 28,400                      | 89.2%                    | 4.8%   | N/A             | 0.9   | N/A        | HOLD           |
| GAS         | 5,185                    | 2.4                   | 2,452                      | 57,500              | 85,000                      | 41.6%                    | 5.2%   | 13.0            | 2.2   | 17%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| OIL         | 374                      | 0.5                   | 1                          | 9,400               | 14,600                      | 57.0%                    | 1.7%   | 29.7            | 0.9   | 3%         | <u>ADD</u>     |
| PLX         | 1,636                    | 2.3                   | 43                         | 33,450              | 46,100                      | 39.9%                    | 2.1%   | 14.7            | 1.6   | 11%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| PVD         | 374                      | 3.6                   | 153                        | 17,500              | 30,900                      | 76.6%                    | 0.0%   | 14.1            | 0.6   | 5%         | <u>HOLD</u>    |
| PVS         | 489                      | 4.0                   | 161                        | 26,600              | 45,800                      | 76.0%                    | 3.8%   | 11.9            | 0.9   | 8%         | <u>ADD</u>     |
| PVT         | 281                      | 1.8                   | 106                        | 20,500              | 33,000                      | 65.8%                    | 4.8%   | 6.7             | 0.9   | 15%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| Simple Avg  | 1,454                    | 2.4                   | 544                        |                     |                             | 63.7%                    | 3.2%   | 15.0            | 1.2   | 10%        |                |
| PETROCHEMIC | ALS                      |                       |                            |                     |                             |                          |        |                 |       |            | •              |
| DPM         | 488                      | 4.1                   | 198                        | 32,400              | 36,900                      | 20.0%                    | 6.1%   | 26.4            | 1.2   | 5%         | <u>HOLD</u>    |
| DCM         | 642                      | 2.9                   | 282                        | 31,500              | 37,300                      | 18.4%                    | 0.0%   | 13.2            | 1.6   | 13%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| PLC         | 74                       | 0.3                   | 36                         | 23,700              | 30,800                      | 38.7%                    | 8.7%   | 44.3            | 1.5   | 3%         | ADD            |
| Simple Avg  | 401                      | 2.4                   | 172                        |                     |                             | 25.7%                    | 5.0%   | 28.0            | 1.4   | 7%         |                |
| POWER       |                          |                       |                            |                     |                             |                          |        |                 |       |            |                |
| NT2         | 192                      | 0.4                   | 69                         | 17,350              | 27,100                      | 68.1%                    | 11.9%  | 18.4            | 1.2   | 7%         | HOLD           |
| POW         | 1,077                    | 4.0                   | 488                        | 11,950              | 14,900                      | 24.7%                    | 0.0%   | 25.2            | 0.9   | 4%         | <u>ADD</u>     |
| Simple Avg  | 635                      | 2.2                   | 278                        |                     |                             | 46.4%                    | 6.0%   | 21.8            | 1.1   | 5%         |                |



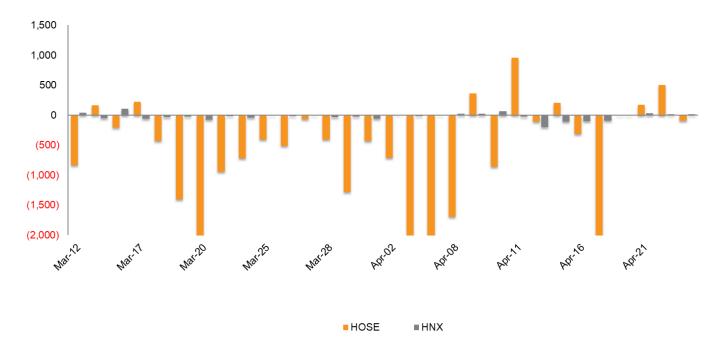




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|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------|-----------------|-------|------------|----------------|
| POWER & PRO | PERTY                    | •                     | •                          |                     |                             |                   |        |                 |       |            |                |
| HDG         | 298                      | 2.6                   | 91                         | 23,000              | 34,100                      | 50.4%             | 2.2%   | 13.4            | 1.2   | 9%         | <u>ADD</u>     |
| PC1         | 285                      | 1.9                   | 95                         | 20,700              | 35,300                      | 70.5%             | 0.0%   | 17.6            | 1.3   | 8%         | <u>ADD</u>     |
| REE         | 1,242                    | 2.3                   | 0                          | 68,500              | 72,900                      | 7.9%              | 1.4%   | 16.2            | 1.7   | 11%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| Simple Avg  | 608                      | 2.3                   | 62                         |                     |                             | 42.9%             | 1.2%   | 15.7            | 1.4   | 9%         |                |
| PROPERTY    |                          |                       |                            |                     |                             |                   |        |                 |       |            |                |
| DXG         | 494                      | 7.7                   | 145                        | 14,750              | 18,200                      | 23.4%             | 0.0%   | 43.1            | 1.1   | 3%         | <u>HOLD</u>    |
| KDH         | 1,045                    | 3.5                   | 148                        | 26,850              | 41,300                      | 70.6%             | 0.0%   | 34.0            | 1.6   | 5%         | <u>ADD</u>     |
| NLG         | 408                      | 4.0                   | 50                         | 27,500              | 46,200                      | 70.8%             | 2.8%   | 21.4            | 1.1   | 5%         | <u>ADD</u>     |
| VHM         | 9,249                    | 18.6                  | 3,484                      | 58,500              | 48,800                      | -7.2%             | 0.0%   | 7.9             | 1.2   | 17%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| VRE         | 1,920                    | 9.0                   | 586                        | 21,950              | 20,200                      | -8.0%             | 0.0%   | 12.2            | 1.2   | 10%        | <u>ADD</u>     |
| DXS         | 136                      | 0.5                   | 39                         | 6,100               | 7,000                       | 14.8%             | 0.0%   | N/A             | 0.6   | 2%         | <u>HOLD</u>    |
| Simple Avg  | 2,623                    | 8.6                   | 883                        |                     |                             | 29.9%             | 0.6%   | 23.7            | 1.2   | 8%         |                |
| TECHNOLOGY  | ,                        |                       |                            |                     |                             |                   |        |                 |       |            |                |
| FPT         | 6,251                    | 34.1                  | 467                        | 110,400             | 196,600                     | 80.0%             | 1.9%   | 19.7            | 5.1   | 28%        | ADD            |



# Foreign net buy/sell (30 sessions) in VND'bn





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