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### Vietnam Holding Ltd

Overview



c.£91m

Market cap

Closed-end fund

Listed on LSE

Main Market

Independent board, active share buyback mandate to manage discount to NAV

Partner owned
Manager with
locally based team

Outperforming index over 1, 3, 5 and 10 years

+17.2%\* p.a. over 10 years vs Vietnam All Share +14.3%\*\* p.a.

### Nimble stock selection, actively managed, high-conviction portfolio with integrated ESG

25 holdings
Largest holding 11.1%
Zero gearing

Carbon footprint **60%** lower the Index\*

5-Stars from PRI\*\*\*

Thematic exposures:

**32%** Industrialization

18% Consumer

**18%** Urbanization

77% Active Share (3y avg.)

30% mid & small-cap

70% large-cap

### **Portfolio**

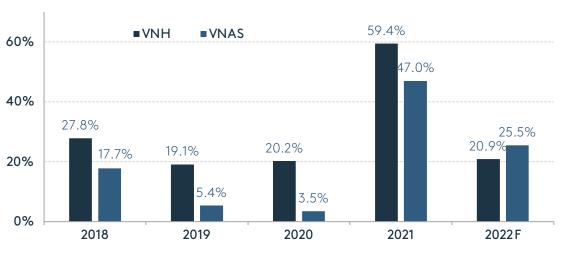
### Growth at a Reasonable Price (GARP)



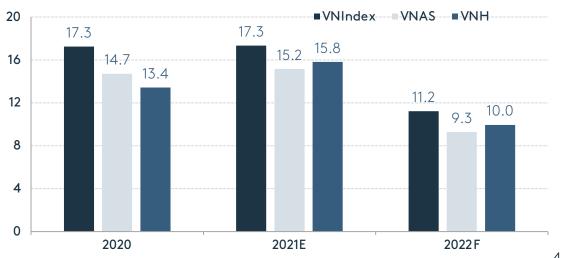
#### **Investment Criteria**

- Compounding long-term EPS growth (c20% pa)
- Attractive valuation with built-in safety margin
- Strong balance sheet and cash flow management
- Industry leaders with strong competitive position
- Best management teams among peers
- Commitment to engagement and improving ESG delivery

#### Earnings per share growth



#### Valuation (P/E Ratio)



### Content



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### Vietnam at a glance

### Asia's Emerging Champion



#### **Population**



98.5mn **Population** 15<sup>th</sup> in the world



**32.5** years Median age Youngest in ASEAN

>77%

e-commerce



85% **Ethnic Kinh** 

Stable socio-political environment



37% Urbanization

rate

Rapidly increasing



98%



Literacy rate

2<sup>nd</sup> highest among top 10 investible FM countries



Internet penetration 30% per annum growth in





2.58% 2021 GDP growth 30-year average 6.7% pa



USD31.2bn 2021 FDI influx

The 2<sup>nd</sup> largest share in ASEAN



2x GDP Total trade \$645 billion in 2021



USD3,000 2021 GDP per capita High and stable growth



1.8% 2021 Inflation Stable macroeconomic



15 FTAs concluded 2 FTAs in negotiations

### **Key export products**

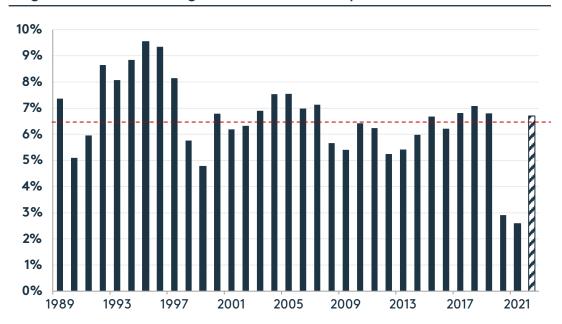
- Telephone & Accessories
- Textiles and garments
- Computer & Electrical Products
- Machinery & Equipment

- Footwear
- Wood & Wooden Products
- Iron Steel

### One of the Highest GDP Growth Countries in the World

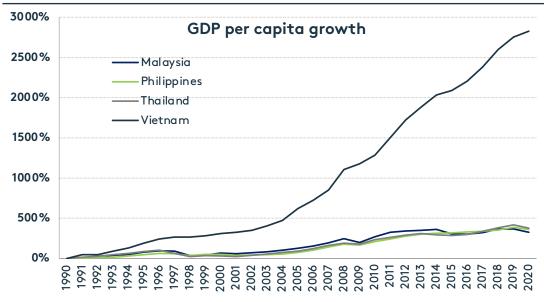


#### High and stable GDP growth over last 30 years



- GDP growth is among the highest in the world
- By 2050, Vietnam will be in the top 20 economies in the world
- Domestic growth makes the economy more resilient
- Rapid levels of urbanization and industrialization providing growing investment opportunities in real estate development and industrial services

#### GDP per capita accelerating (USD)



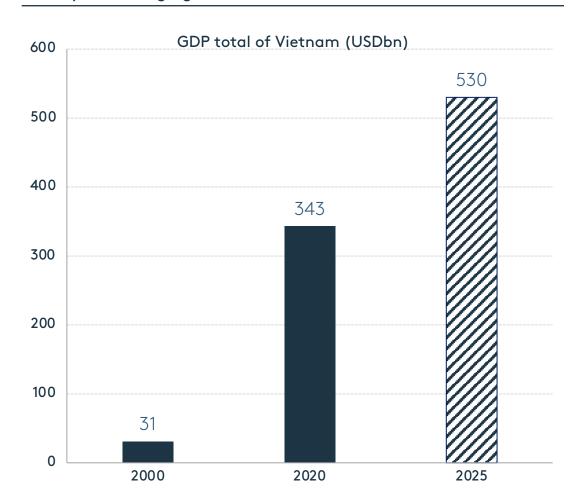
- Vietnam GDP per capita trebled since joining the WTO in 2007
- Growing middle class and increasingly consumer-driven society
- China and Thailand doubled its GDP per capita from where Vietnam is today in 5 years and 7 years, respectively
- Inflection point in growth Vietnamese consumer power could double by 2035 - with increased demand for consumer goods through rapidly growing modern trade and retail chains

Source: World Bank, CEIC

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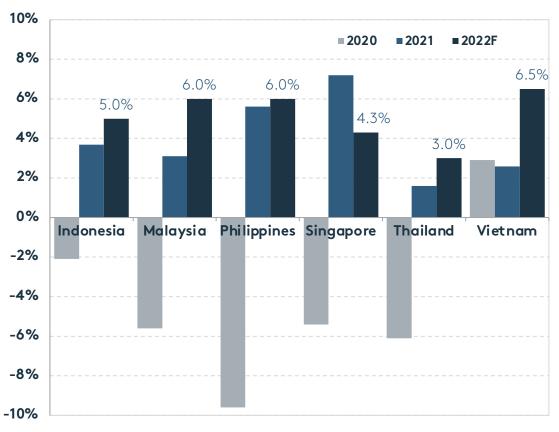


#### After years of high growth, GDP reached a sizable value



#### Positive GDP growth in years of Covid-19



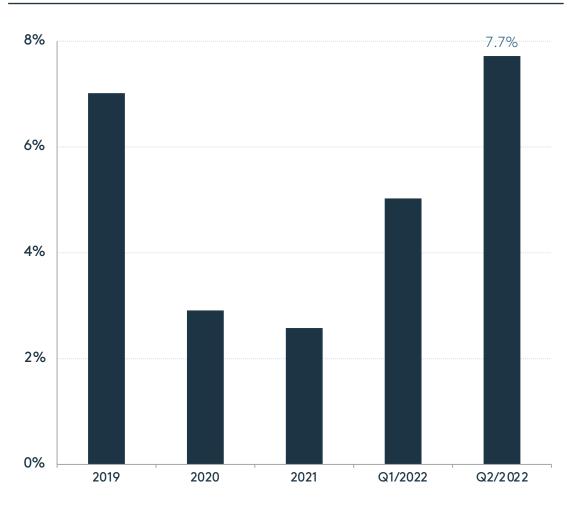


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### Strong recovery domestically – but rising external risks



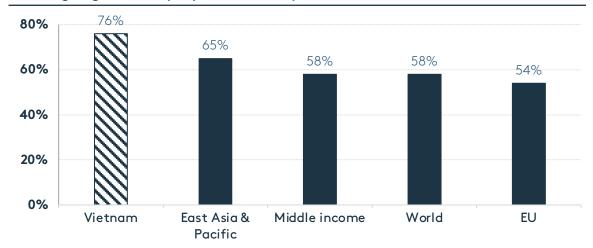
#### 2022 GDP growth expected to be back to long-term trend



- Q2 GDP growth was much higher than expected full year target of 6.5% remains intact.
- Public investment disbursement was slow in the first half of 2022 (35% of the whole year target), but still grew +10% YoY.
- Credit growth was 9% YTD. The State Bank of Vietnam (SBV) has been more cautious in providing additional credit growth 'quota' due to (1) increasing external risks; (2) higher inflation risk for 2023; and (3) H1 credit growth already high.
- The key risk for Vietnam is a global economic recession, which would hit its export growth in 2023. The SBV is expected to adjust its easing monetary policies accordingly slowly.
- Long-term trends of increasing domestic consumption (higher modern trade penetration), increasing urbanisation, digitalisation and modern industrialisation are still on track.

### Favorable Demographics Driving the Opportunities

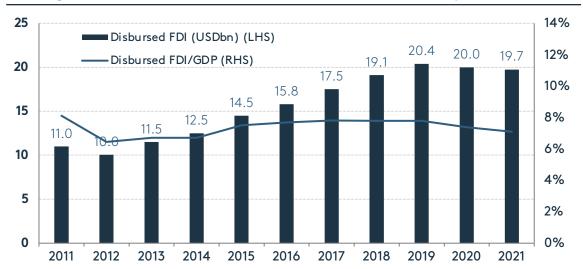
#### Among highest Employment to Population Ratio (%) in the world



#### • Young (50% below 30) and large (c100m) population

- Industrious workforce
- Manufacturing labor cost is half of China's and twothirds of Mexico's

#### Strong and sustainable influx of FDI (USD bn) with 10-y CAGR 6.0%

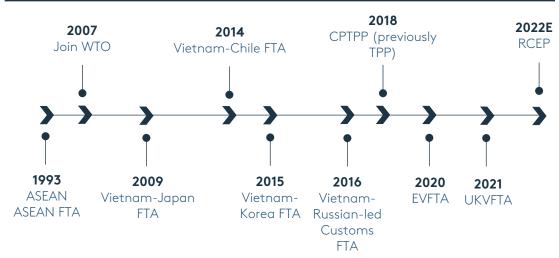


- Strategic location as manufacturing hub: in the heart of ASEAN and close to major North Asian economies (China, Japan, and Korea)
- Attracting record levels of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from multinationals (including Samsung, Intel)
- Strategic alternative to China for global sourcing (shift in Apple products, for example)

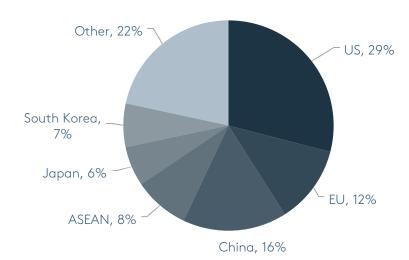
Source: Dynam Capital, GSO, World Bank

### Supportive Policies for A More Open Economy

#### Increasing foreign trade thanks to FTAs



#### Well-diversified foreign trade partners

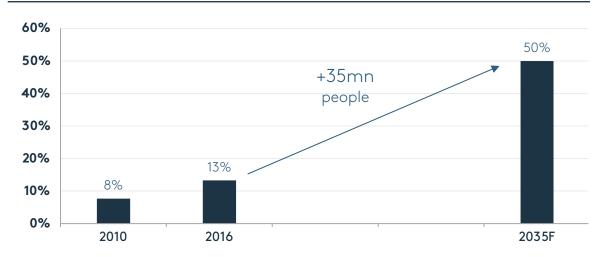


- Total trade as of percentage of GDP doubled to >200% since 2000 – one of the most open economies in the world
- CPTPP (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement of Trans-Pacific Partnership), Vietnam-EU FTA, and RCEP (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership) are boosting foreign trade advantage
- Vietnam's Global Competitiveness score has improved the most globally, rising 10 places from 77<sup>th</sup> in 2018 to 67th in 2019
- Friend to all servant to none: healthy growth of trade with all major import and export markets last 10 years
- Diversified pool of trade partners
- Recent surge in exports to the US as a result of trade tensions between the US and China

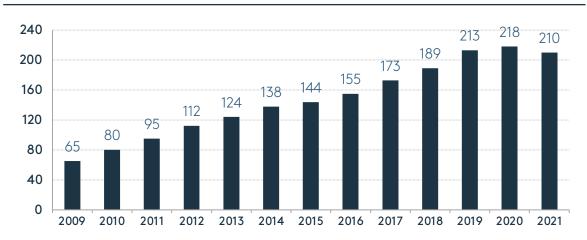
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### Rapidly Growing Consumer Middle-class

#### Emerging middle-class population (consumption >USD15/day)



#### Vietnam retail sales (USD bn)

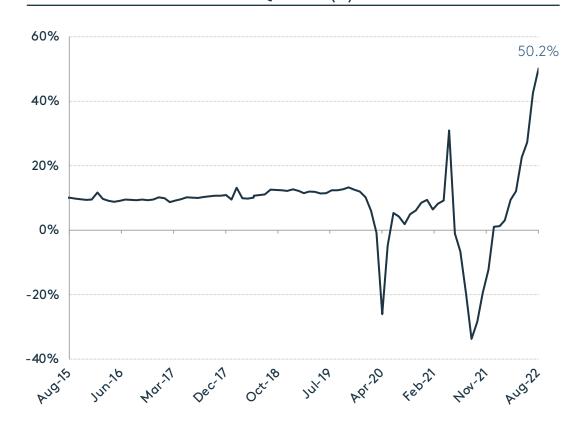


- 35mn more middle-class consumers by 2035
- Car ownership doubled over last 5 years, yet still low by regional standards
- Consumer loans increased by 5x to US\$51bn over last 5 years
- 6x increase in air passenger traffic over last decade\*
- Modern trade already at about 30% currently and expected to reach 38% in 2025
- 30% life insurance premium annual growth over last
   5 years
- Vietnam's Internet economy forecast to reach US\$57bn by 2025 growing by 30% per annum





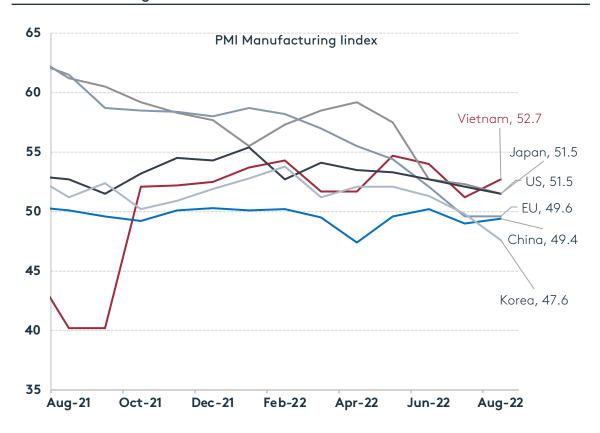
#### Retail sales recovered further in Q2-2022 (%)



### • Retail sales continued to recover well in August as domestic tourism resumed and the new school year started.

• In 8M2022, retail sales was up 19% YoY on average.

#### The manufacturing sector continued to bounce back



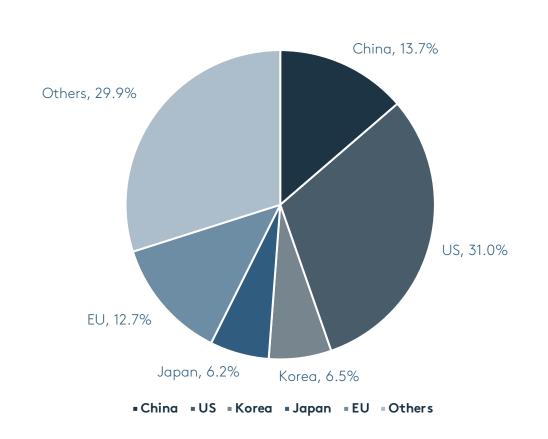
• PMI Vietnam in August increased to 52.7, still showing expansion trend.

Source: Bloomberg, GSO Vietnam, Vietnam Customs

### FX risk: Balanced export and import markets mitigating the risk

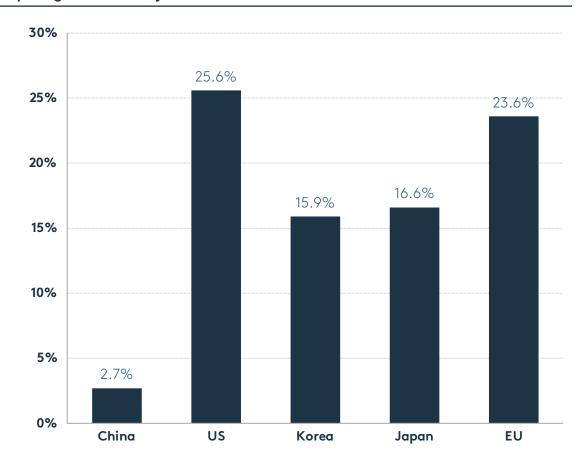


#### US is the largest export partner



- Vietnam has trade surplus with the US (stronger USD) but trade deficit with China, Korea, and Japan (weaker currencies versus VND).
- EU's weakness poses more risks for Vietnam.

#### Export growth to major markets sustained in 8M2022



• Positive export growth in all major market.

Source: Dynam Capital, GSO, Bloomberg.

FX risk: Balanced export and import markets mitigating the risk (continued)



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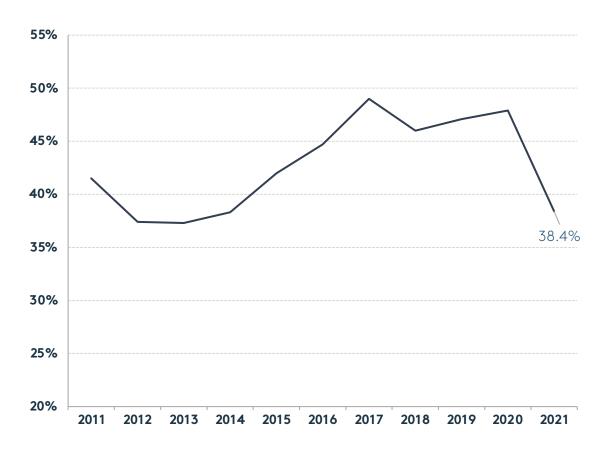
#### Diversified trade partners

Country	8M export (USD bn)	8M import (USD bn)	Surplus/ Deficit (USD bn)	YTD currency valuation vs. USD
China	34.3	82.1	-47.8	-7.77%
US	77.7	10	67.7	3.04%
Korea	16.4	43.8	-27.4	-11.19%
Japan	15.5	15.9	-0.4	-17.16%
EUR	31.9	10.3	21.6	-11.57%

### Vietnam has trade surplus with the US (stronger USD) but trade deficit with China, Korea, and Japan (weaker currencies versus VND).

#### • Euro area weakness poses some risks for Vietnam.

#### Controllable foreign debts as of % of GDP

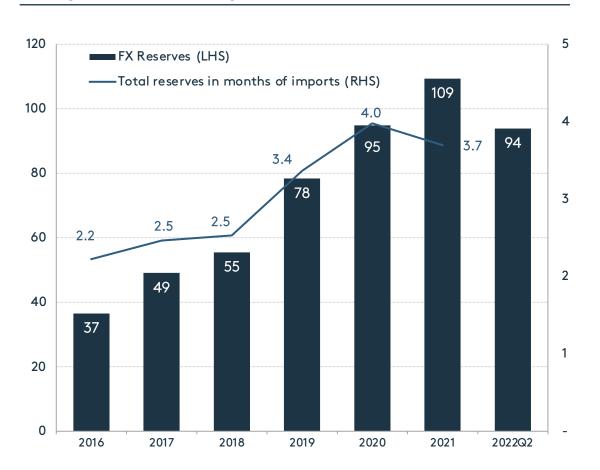


• Foreign debt levels are manageable

Source: Dynam Capital, GSO, Bloomberg.

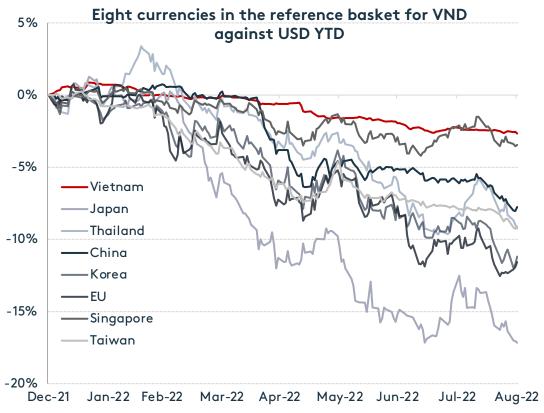
### Rising but manageable FX risk

#### No big intervention in August 2022 in the FX market



• The State Bank of Vietnam (SBV) intervened recently to stabilize the FX market.

#### VND depreciated 2.7% YTD against USD



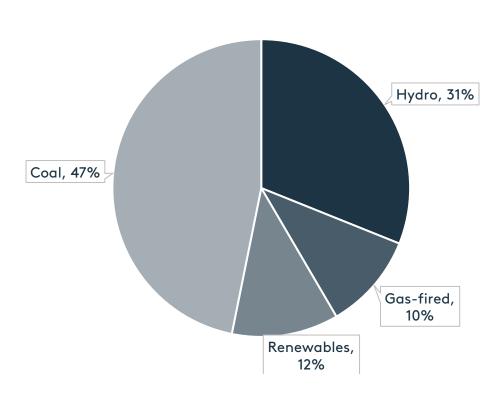
• VND has been more resilient than other currencies in the region.

Source: Dynam Capital, GSO, Bloomberg

### Inflation: Energy cost increasing but controllable

#### The electricity price under control

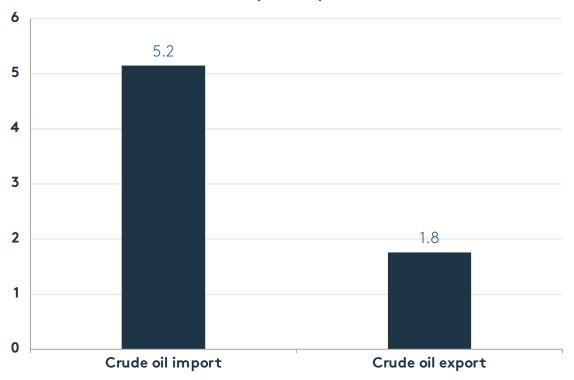
#### Source of electricity in 2021



• Vietnam imports about 20% of its coal for electricity production.

#### Crude oil trade deficit about 1% of GDP

### Value of import and export of crude oil of Vietnam 2021 (USD bn)

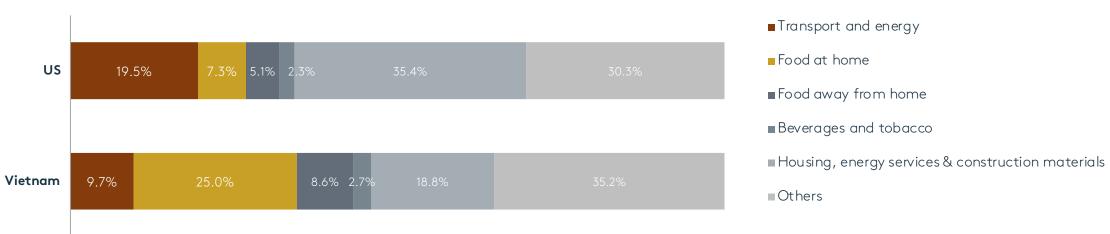


Source: Dynam Capital, GSO, Bloomberg

Inflation: rising but not as severe as in the West







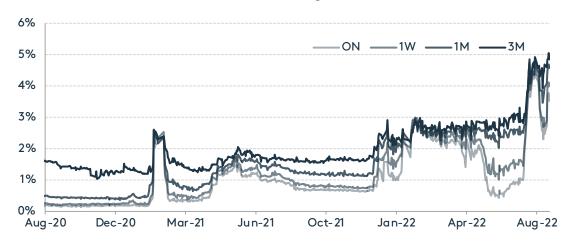
- Much less energy consumption per capita than Western countries.
- 50% of Vietnam's energy mix is from domestic renewables (hydro, solar. wind) and natural gas.
- Car ownership is still relatively small so retail gasoline prices are less of a concern than in UK, Europe and the US.
- Food (particularly pork) is the recent key driver of CPI in Vietnam. Pork price has been increasing due to increasing input costs, but the supply increased significantly after the African Swine Flu.
- The peak of inflation of Vietnam could be delayed until early 2023, but still not severe.
- We expect inflation to remain below 5% in 2023.

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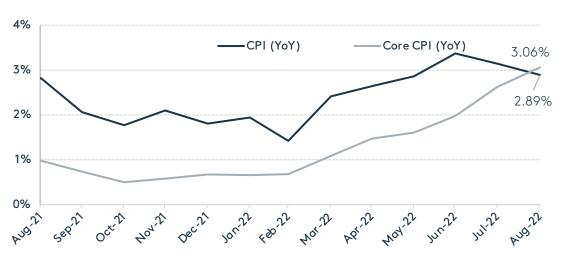
### The peak of inflation in Vietnam could be delayed to 2023



#### Vietnam interbank even stabilized in August 2022



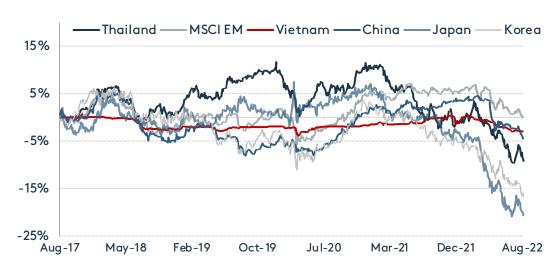
#### Still controllable inflation



#### Vietnam government bond yields inched down in August 2022 (%)



#### VND stabilized in August 2022



Source: Bloomberg GSO, Vietnam Customs



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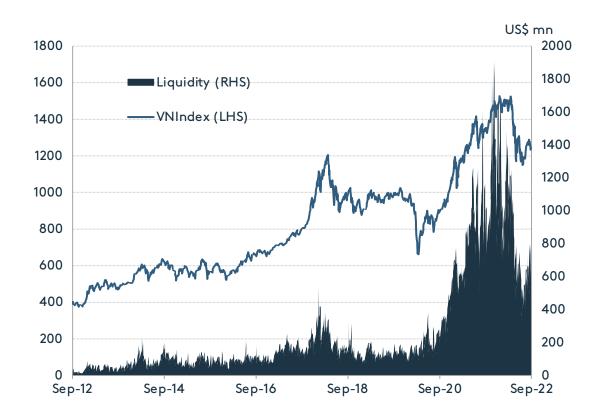
### Vietnam Equity Market

### Blue-chips performing better than Mid-caps



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#### The Vietnam equity market corrected sharply in the last two months



#### The market valuations derated due to external risks of a recession in the US and Europe

• Average daily liquidity also reduced by one third due to increasing domestic fears among Vietnam's growing retail investor base

#### more opportunities at these current valuation levels



- The market valuation is already at its long term low and current inflation levels in Vietnam are below historical levels
- Double-digit EPS growth is still forecast (even after record 2021)

Source: Dynam Capital, Bloomberg

### Vietnam Equity Market

### Attractive valuation compared to peers

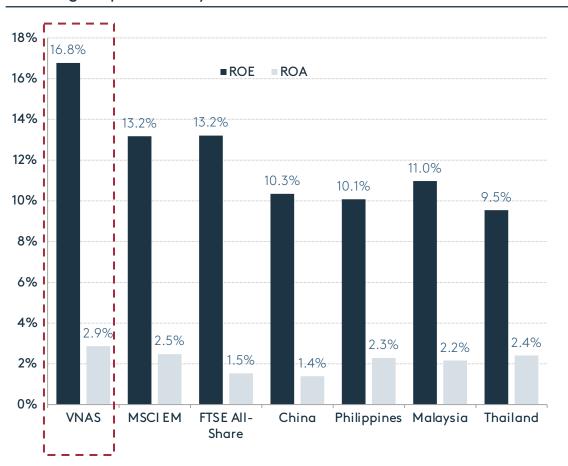


#### Valuation remains in line with regional peers



(\*) Bubble size represents dividend yield.

#### With higher profitability

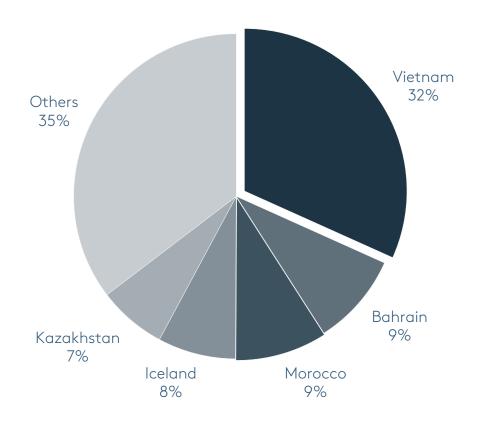


# Vietnam Equity Market Largest market in the MSCI Frontier Market Index



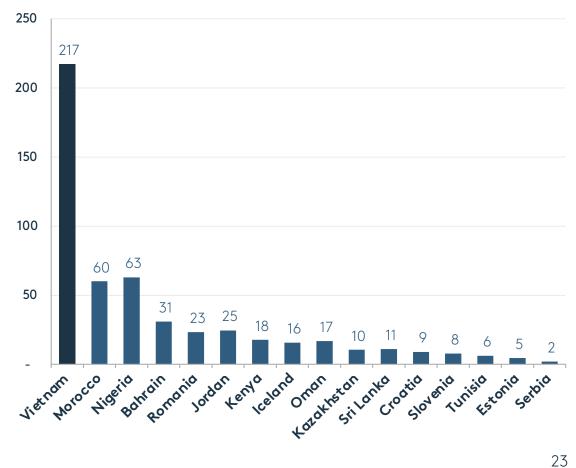
Vietnam is the largest weighting in the MSCI FM Index

#### Weighting of MSCI Frontier Markets Index (%)



#### ...and the largest market capitalization

#### Market capitalization of MSCI FMs (USD bn)



Source: Bloomberg, MSCI; Data as of 31 Aug 2022

### Vietnam Equity Market

MSCI EM Index Inclusion remains elusive for now: key impediments are being solved





#### **Key impediments:**

- Foreign Ownership Limit (FOL): 30% for banks and 49% for others -> Progress has been made with FOL removed in F&B, Pharma, and Brokerage sectors but more than 10% of the market remains impacted by FOL
- Foreign room: more than 1% of the index is impacted by FOL New Security Law (Jan 2021) envisages Non-Voting Depository Receipts (NVDRs) as a may to potentially address this
- Market infrastructure: trading system being improved, to reduce settlement time, and improve central depository
- Information transparency and equality between local and foreign investors: improving more English language docs
- Liberalization of currency market: unlikely in the near term, no offshore currency market exists

The government supports MSCI EM inclusion and views the stock market as a way to boost reform of state-owned enterprises, but EM inclusion will likely be at least 3 years away.

### Vietnam Equity Market Healthy Market Development



#### Introduction of the derivatives market

- VN30 Index futures were introduced in July 2017
- Covered warrants were introduced in July 2019
- Bond futures were introduced in July 2019
- Non-Voting Depositary Receipt (NVDR) issuance being considered
- Local ETFs give more access for foreign investors to the market, especially to full room stocks

#### New Law on Securities effective 2021

- Easing restrictions on FOL
- Clearer regulations on private placement
- Improvements on the legal framework for securities offering, public company, and information disclosure
- Vietnam Stock Exchange will streamline the operation of its two subsidiaries Ho Chi Minh Stock **Exchange and Hanoi Stock Exchange**
- The new KRX trading system expected to go online in late 2022
- T+1.5 trading settlement and central depository to be introduced

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### Investment Philosophy and Approach



Top down – Bottom up

- Combining top-down and bottom-up strategies for a balanced portfolio
- **Top-down:** Portfolio structuring process integrating macroeconomic forecasts into asset allocation
- Bottom-up: Extensive analysis and disciplined investment process

Fundamental long term investment philosophy

Integrating ESG into the full investment cycle

- ESG integration and commitment to the highest standards of investment management
- Close engagement with portfolio companies

Disciplined portfolio construction process

- Active Weighting of portfolio companies according to the degree of conviction
- Portfolio weights based on macro-economic factors and company specific trends and events
- A balanced portfolio for outperformance and stable return throughout economic cycles

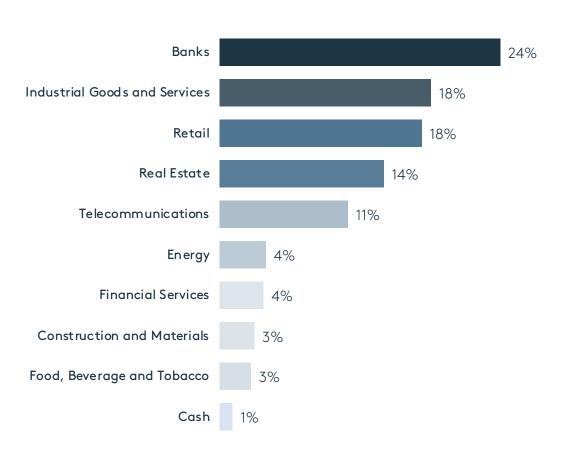




### Top Ten Holdings

Company	% NAV	
FPT Corp	11.1%	
Mobile World	9.4%	
Gemadept	8.0%	
Phu Nhuan Jewelry	7.0%	
Saconbank	5.9%	
MB Bank	5.7%	
Khang Dien House	5.4%	
VPBank	5.3%	
Hai An Transport	4.6%	
VietinBank	4.1%	
Total	66.5%	

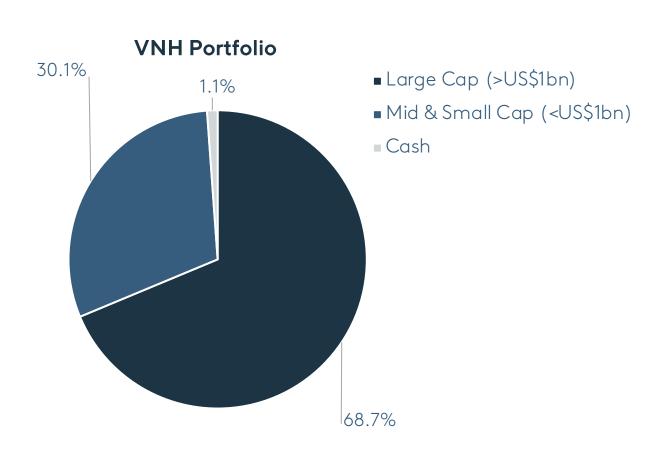
#### **Sector Allocation**

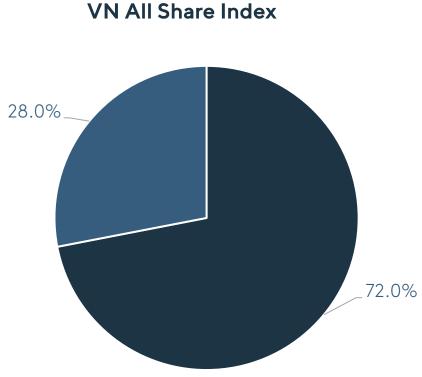


Source: Dynam Capital; Data as of 15 Sep 2022

### High Active Weight (70%) with Median Cap of US\$1,337m







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# VNH Portfolio Strong outperfomance against indices

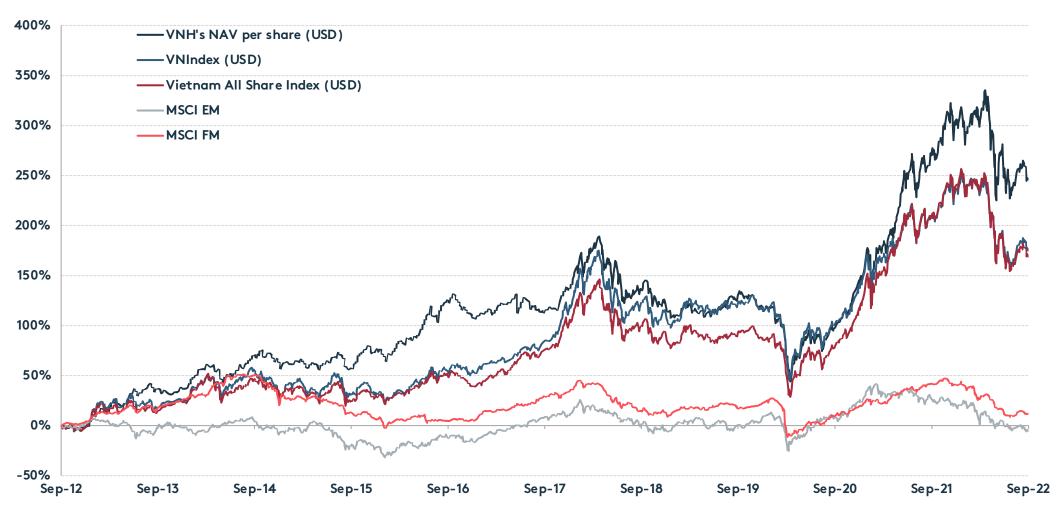


	VNH NAV per Share	VNAS (USD)	MSCI Emerging Market	FTSE All-Share
1 year	-7.4%	-13.1%	-25.6%	-17.8%
3 years	50.2%	39.7%	-6.6%	-9.1%



Low correlation to broader Emerging and Frontier market opportunities

10-year NAV per Share Performance vs. VNAS Index (Sep 2012 – Sep 2022)





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## **Dynam Capital**Experienced Managing Partners





Craig Martin
Chairman

- 27-years investment experience in Vietnam and Southeast Asia
- Previously Head of Private Equity for Prudential Vietnam (now Eastspring)
- Former co-CEO of CapAsia managing cUSD 350m across Southeast Asia
- Founding team member of Standard Chartered Private Equity (now Affirma)
- Masters of Electronic Engineering, University of York; MBA with Distinction from INSEAD



Vu Quang Thinh

- Portfolio Manager of Vietnam Holding since 2011
- 30-years experience in Vietnam including 12 years in Corporate Restructuring
- Previously Head of Management Consulting at KPMG Vietnam
- Founder member and former chairman of the Vietnam Institute of Directors
- BA of Mathematical Economics, Hanoi National Economic University; MBA, Washington State University

### **Dynam Capital**

### Leading edge of responsible investing in Vietnam



Responsible investing drives sustainable growth and manages downside risk

Integrated into established investment process:

- Initial Screening with Dynam's ESG exclusion list
- Proprietary ESG scoring matrix and database
- Detailed ESG due diligence including site visits
- Active ownership and dedicated company engagement process

Focus on Governance - supported by advocacy and training











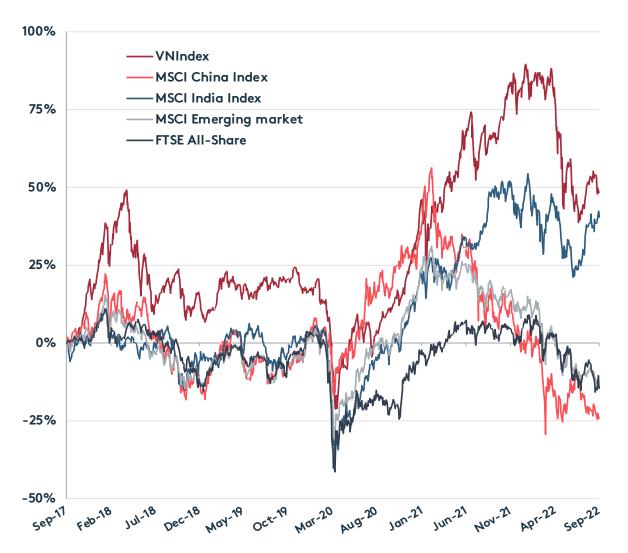


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### Why now?

### Expanding capital markets, increasing liquidity, inflection point in economic growth





- Top Performing Stock Market Globally: Vietnam's stock market has outperformed China and India over the last five years.
- Attractive Valuations: Portfolio trades at 11x 2022 earnings, forecast earnings growth of >25%
- MSCI Index inclusion: Vietnam is 30% of the MSCI Frontier Market Index and could achieve MSCI Emerging Market status within three years
- Domestic Consumption: passed important developmental inflection point of US\$3,000 per capita
- Export Boom: multinationals continue to diversify their supply chains into Vietnam
- Privatization: ongoing sales of state-owned assets is driving economic efficiency and funding infrastructure spending
- Alignment: Government policy focused on creating a modern industrialized economy, and a key player in global supply chains

# Vietnam Holding Product Features



Vietnam Holding Limited	LSE: VNH
Inception	June 2006
Investment Universe	Equities in Vietnam
ISIN / BIC Code	GG00BJQZ9H10 / SCBLSGSG
Fund Type	Closed-End / Active management
Base Currency	USD with GBP quote
Style	Growth At a Reasonable Price/ESG Integration
Fund Size (As of 30 June 2022)	USD 128.8 million
NAV Frequency	Daily NAV Estimation
Distribution	Re-investment of dividends
Management Fee	1.75% of NAV up to USD300 million 1.50% of NAV between USD300 – USD600 million 1.00% of NAV above USD600 million
Performance Fee	None

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