

KIM Vietnam Growth Fund

Marketing communication - May 2024

KIM Vietnam Growth Fund is an actively managed UCITS-compliant fund that invests in equities and equity-related securities of companies based in Vietnam, with an objective to achieve superior long-term capital appreciation by primarily investing in stocks with growth potential. The Investment Manager seeks to add value through careful stock selection while mitigating frontier market risks.

FUND PERFORMANCE



 $^{^{\}rm 1}{\rm The}$ performance figures are based on realized past performance and do not guarantee future performance.

SECTOR ALLOCATION



(*) Compared to VNIndex sector allocation for reference purpose

TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Company Name	Ticker	%
FPT Corp	FPT	8.6
Hoa Phat Group	HPG	8.3
Gemadept Corp	GMD	7.5
Bank for Foreign Trade	VCB	6.0
Quang Ngai Sugar JSC	QNS	4.1
Idico Corp JSC	IDC	4.1
Saigon Thuong Tin Commercial Bank	STB	3.5
FPT Digital Retail JSC	FRT	3.4
Airports Corporation	ACV	3.3
Bank for Investment and Development	BID	3.3

Source: KIM Vietnam, data as of 31 May 2024.

MONTHLY COMMENTARY

MARKET MOVEMENT

The VN Index finished with a +4.3% MoM gain, with the Large-Cap Index (VN30) recording a +2.9% MoM increase, while the Mid-Cap Index (VN70) and the Small-Cap Index (VNSC) recorded +9.1% MoM and +10.1% MoM, respectively. The outperformance of small and mid-cap stocks is driven by several factors. Heavy and consistent selling by foreign investors has negatively impacted large-cap stocks, with net sales of USD 745mn in May causing significant declines. Favourable news flows have further supported smaller stocks, as 1Q24 earnings showed robust growth for non-bank companies (excluding Vingroup) compared to lacklustre growth for large-cap companies, particularly banks. Additionally, macroeconomic volatility is affecting interest rates, with rising deposit rates and stagnant lending rates due to weak credit demand, suggesting a potential shrink in banks' NIM and reducing catalysts for banking stocks.

This month, all sectors saw gains, with Energy (+16.7%), Materials (+12.6%), and Industrials (+12.0%) leading the market. Energy's rise was fueled by the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MOIT) revoking licenses of four petroleum distributors, benefiting the remaining major players. Progress in the Block B project, with EPCI contracts expected by June 30, also bolstered the sector. The Utilities sector posted a 3.78% gain, driven by market expectations of an upcoming retail electricity price adjustment, which could benefit independent power producers (IPPs). Notable contributions from companies like POW significantly boosted the sector. Industrials experienced robust growth, primarily due to HVN's strong performance. This growth was supported by improved business conditions, including higher passenger volumes, increased fare prices, and reduced competition.

MACRO REVIEW

Vietnam's macro numbers in May 2024 continued to show further recovery signals, although the rate of recovery seems to be slowing down:

- FDI flows: Registered -9.1% YoY & disbursed +7.8% YoY.
- Trade: Exports +15.8% YoY & Imports +29.9%, posting the first month of trade deficit in more than two years.
- PMI for Manufacturing: Maintains its expansionary status with 50.3 points.

A major concern in April, FX, remains elevated in May, with USD/VND reaching a new high of 25,450 (+0.45% MoM & +4.87% YTD). VND weakness continues despite SBV's effort to sell USD from FX reserves, and DXY cooled down in May. This shows the tightness of Vietnam's monetary market and raises concerns over SBV using other tools to control FX, such as raising policy rates in the coming months.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S VIEW

Despite the challenging FX situation, the VN-Index maintains its strength and approaches recent highs after a strong correction in April. We see the strength of the VN-Index as being supported by the solid fundamentals of strong 1Q earnings, as discussed in last month's report. We expect 2Q to continue the recovery trend, which will be the key factor supporting the VN-Index's direction in the next couple of months. As of the end of May, the VN-Index is traded at a P/E of 14.3x and a P/B of 1.75x, which is quite attractive given the strong earnings growth outlook and the low interest rate environment.

As mentioned in last month's report, we have made quite a few changes to our portfolios during May, considering 1Q earnings results. The most noticeable change is the reduction of banking weight, as the banking sector posted weak earnings in 1Q and guided for further weakness in the next couple of quarters. On the opposite side, we increased our bet in sectors that posted better-than-expected earnings and have a stronger outlook for recovery, including Materials (HPG), Consumer Discretionary (FRT), and Aviation (ACV).

² Class I USD: 17 Jan 2018. Class I EUR: 18 Jun 2018. Class A USD: 23 Jul 2021.



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MACRO INDICATORS

	2023	May 2024	YTD 2024	YoY
GDP growth (%)	5.1	-	-	-
Inflation (%)	3.3	4.4	4.0	-
FDI commitments (USDbn)	28.1	1.8	11.1	2.2%
FDI disbursements (USDbn)	23.2	2.0	8.25	7.8%
Imports (USDbn)	326.4	33.8	148.8	18.2%
Exports (USDbn)	354.7	32.8	156.8	15.2%
Trade balance (USDbn)	28.3	-1.0	8.01	-17.0%
Exchange rate (USD/VND)	24,269	25,450	4.9%	-
PMI	48.9	50.3	-	-

Source: GSO, Vietnam Customs, SBV, Bloomberg, data as of 31 May 2024.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT MONEY FLOW



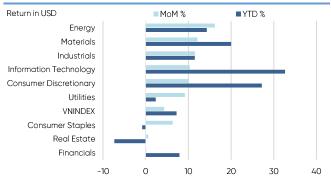
FUND DESCRIPTION

Global Category	Asia ex-Japan Equity
Sub-Fund Launch	8 June 2017
Base Currency	USD, EUR
NAV Frequency	Daily
Total NAV	USD 41.9mn
Fund Legal Structure	SICAV
Domicile	Luxembourg
Registered	CH, DE, ES, FR, GB, IT, LU, SG
Transfer Agent	State Street Bank
Management Company	Lemanik Asset Management S.A. (Luxembourg)
Fund Manager	KIM Vietnam Fund Management Co., Ltd.
Distribution Platform	Allfunds, Banco Inversis

MARKET PERFORMANCE



SECTOR PERFORMANCE



FUND STATISTICS

Time Period: 02-01-2020 to 31-05-2024

	Fund	Index
Gain/Loss Ratio	1.17	1.01
Tracking Error	15.4	N/A
IR (arith)	1.79	N/A
Std Dev	26.95	27.81
Turnover Ratio		

Source: KIM Vietnam, data as of 31 May 2024. Note: All data are of Class I USD Shares.

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	Class A USD	Class I USD	Class I EUR
Min. Initial Investment & Holding	1,000	500,000	500,000
Min. Subsequent Investment	1,000	100,000	100,000
Sales Charge ¹	Up to 5%	N/A	N/A
Investment Management Fee ¹	Up to 2.5%	Up to 1.5%	Up to 1.5%
ISIN	LU1586949056	LU1586949999	LU1586951466
Bloomberg	KIMVGAU LX Equity	KIMVGIU LX Equity	KIMVGIE LX Equity

¹ The costs are not exhaustive. Further information in this respect is available in the Prospectus/KID.

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