

1. Stock Market Review

Market movement: The VN-Index logged a decent gain of +4.1% in April (+12.5% YTD), reaching its all-time-high of 1,268 pts in April. Large-cap stocks led the market with the VN30 index (top 30 stocks) posting a +9.7% gain, while mid and small-cap stocks recorded +1.4% and -0.7% respectively.

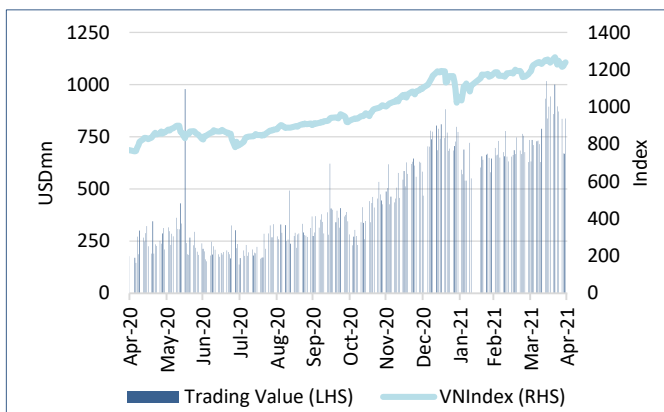
Key drivers: (1) Higher trading capacity of HoSE after reallocating unused trading quotas from inactive brokers and strong investment inflows from newly opened accounts have pushed the daily volume to US\$1bn (from US\$740mn level in the previous months). (2) Better-than-expected 1Q21 earnings results further supported the market sentiment. Profit-taking activities noted in large-cap stocks such as VIC, MSN, HPG, VCB, VPB.

Sector performance: Index was led by Real estate (+12.8% MoM), Materials (+10.1% MoM), Financials (+6.5% MoM). Lagging sectors were Energy (-9.0% MoM), Utilities (-5.6% MoM), and Consumer staples (-2.8% MoM).

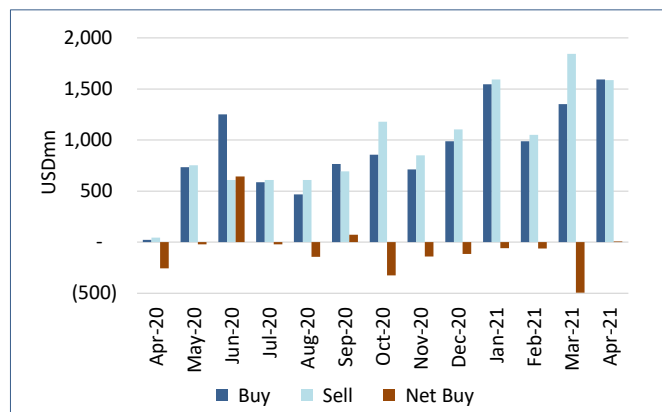
The AGM and 1Q21 earnings season kicked off from mid-April and showed very strong earnings results as well as high profit guidance for 2021. Solid earnings growth was observed in most sectors, especially in Banking, Brokers, Materials, IT, Transportation, and Real Estate. We expect upside revisions in corporate earnings forecast on the back of strong macro fundamentals.

There were several noticeable corporate headlines released during the month. Vinfast IPO story with a plan of raising US\$2bn in the U.S. continued to hold the main spotlight in the first half of the month. Others announced plans to raise capital in large ticket size (hundreds of millions ~ billion USD) through convertible bonds (NVL: +63% MoM) or majority stake sale (STB: +11.4% MoM). In the last week of the month, VPB (+31% MoM) announced successful sale of a 49% stake in FE Credit- its consumer finance subsidiary, to Japan's Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group for US\$1.4bn, recording the second-largest M&A deal in Vietnam after ThaiBev / SAB deal (US\$4.8bn) in 2018.

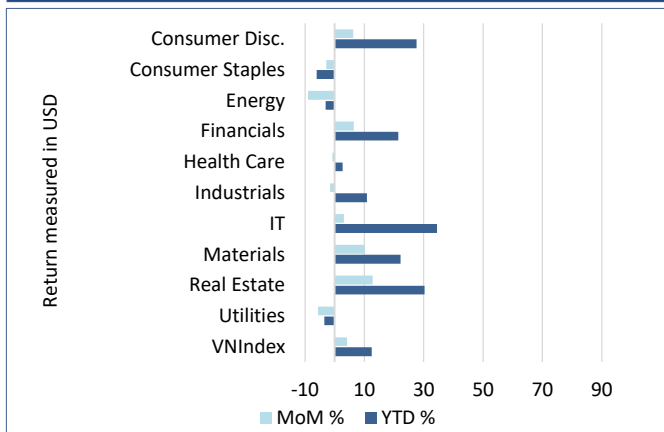
Market Performance



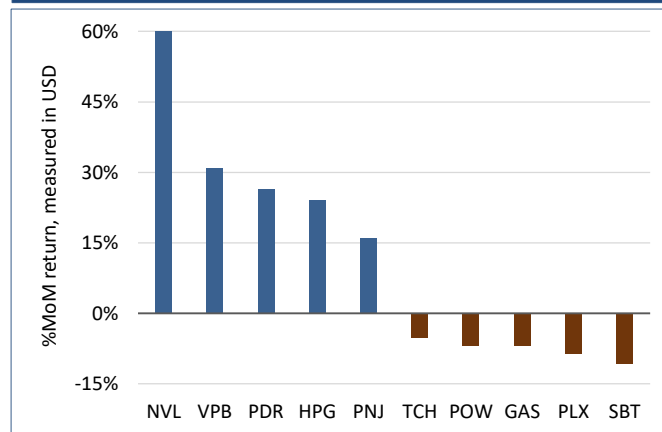
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Sector Performance



5 Best & Worst Stocks in VN30 Index as of April-2021



2. Macro Review

All macro readings in April recorded YoY growth. Low base effect aside, we see signs of Vietnam's economy at a steady expansion.

Industrial production (IIP) recorded +24.1% growth in April (+3.9% in March). Although the surge this month was due to low base effect, we saw broad jump across all sectors. Manufacturing +29.1% (+5.5% in March), Electricity & Gas +16.4% (+3.4% in March), and even Mining, the most hit segment, posted +1.8% (-8.6% in March).

Retail sales in April reached +30.9% YoY (or +2.3% MoM). Cumulative 4M21 reached +10.0% YoY (vs. +5.1% YoY in 3M21) nearly back to the growth level of +11~12% YoY in pre-COVID period, evidencing resilience of consumer spending.

Trade growth was boosted by base effect in April. Both exports and imports jumped +44.9% YoY and +43.5% YoY respectively - significantly higher than March's numbers +19% YoY and +28% YoY. Export growth was mainly driven by a rebound in telephone +60% (-13.4% in March), machineries +75.8% (+77% in March), and computer & electronics +29.4% (+26.6% in March). Other items on the export list, textile & garments +42.2% (+16.3% in March) and footwear +32.5% (+23.9% in March) continued to record growth this month. On MoM basis, trade turnover was a bit lower than the level of March, but well above the pre-COVID level.

CPI accelerated in April +2.7% YoY from +1.2% YoY in March due to the base effect. Items such as transportation +17.7% YoY (+0.5% YoY in Mar) and housing & construction materials +2.8% YoY (+0.8% YoY in Mar) have put main upward pressure. However, MoM CPI recorded -0.04% (vs. -0.27% in March). We believe the pace of CPI increases will subside in the coming months thanks to passing of the low base comparison period (April and May) and the global commodity prices are expected to stabilize after the prolonged rally. Lower inflation pressure would be able to create room for further monetary easing to push growth later of the year.

Monthly Macro Scorecard

	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	Units
Retail Sales	18.7	18.2	19.0	19.6	20.0	20.0	20.8	18.3	17.4	17.8	USD bn
Retail Sales growth	5.3	2.3	5.0	7.5	7.7	7.1	6.4	3.6	9.2	30.9	%YoY
IIP	1.8	(0.6)	4.8	3.9	6.0	9.5	22.2	(7.2)	3.9	24.1	%YoY
PMI	47.6	45.7	52.2	51.8	49.9	51.7	51.3	51.6	53.6	54.7	Index
Exports	23.0	26.5	27.5	26.7	24.8	27.7	28.5	20.2	28.6	25.5	USD bn
Export growth	0.2	2.7	17.7	10.5	8.6	22.7	50.5	8.6	19.2	44.9	%YoY
Imports	22.0	23.0	24.0	24.5	24.2	27.9	26.4	20.6	28.2	27.0	USD bn
Import growth	(1.8)	0.9	6.7	8.9	13.4	22.4	41.0	11.6	27.7	43.5	%YoY
Trade balance	1.0	3.5	3.5	2.2	0.6	(0.3)	2.1	(0.8)	0.4	(1.5)	USD bn
Disbursed FDI	1.5	1.3	2.3	2.0	1.4	2.9	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.4	USD bn
Registered FDI	3.1	0.7	1.7	2.3	2.9	2.1	2.0	3.5	4.7	2.1	USD bn
Government investment	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.6	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.3	USD bn
Gov' investment Growth	55.7	52.9	50.8	39.2	36.0	37.8	23.1	1.1	14.0	23.4	%YoY
Inflation	3.4	3.2	3.0	2.5	1.5	0.2	(1.0)	0.7	1.2	2.7	%YoY

Yearly Macro Scorecard

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021F (*)	Units
GDP Growth (real)	5.2	5.4	6.0	6.7	6.2	6.8	7.1	7.0	2.9	6.5	%YoY
Retail Sales	111.5	124.1	137.8	144.2	154.9	173.2	189.4	213.2	219.1	236.6	USD bn
Retail Sales growth	16.0	12.6	10.6	9.5	10.2	10.9	11.7	11.9	2.8	8.0	%YoY
Exports	114.6	132.2	150.0	162.4	175.9	213.8	244.7	263.5	281.5	295.5	USD bn
Export growth	18.3	15.4	13.6	8.1	8.6	21.1	13.8	8.1	6.5	5.0	%YoY
Imports	114.3	131.3	148.1	165.6	173.3	211.1	237.5	253.5	262.4	270.3	USD bn
Import growth	7.1	15.4	12.1	12.0	4.6	20.8	11.5	7.0	2.4	3.0	%YoY
Trade balance	0.3	0.9	2.0	(3.2)	2.7	2.7	7.2	9.9	19.1	23.0	USD bn
Disbursed FDI	10.5	11.5	12.4	14.5	15.8	17.5	19.1	20.4	20.1	21.0	USD bn
Government investment	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.8	11.8	12.8	14.0	14.8	20.2	19.6	USD bn
Inflation	9.2	6.6	4.1	0.6	2.7	3.5	3.5	2.8	3.2	4.0	%YoY
Bank deposit rate	7.8	6.5	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.5	5.0	3.9	4.0	%
Exchange rate	20,840	21,095	21,388	22,485	22,761	22,698	23,175	23,173	23,098	23,150	USD/VND

Source: KIM Vietnam, General Statistics Office (GSO) and Bloomberg as of 30 April 2021

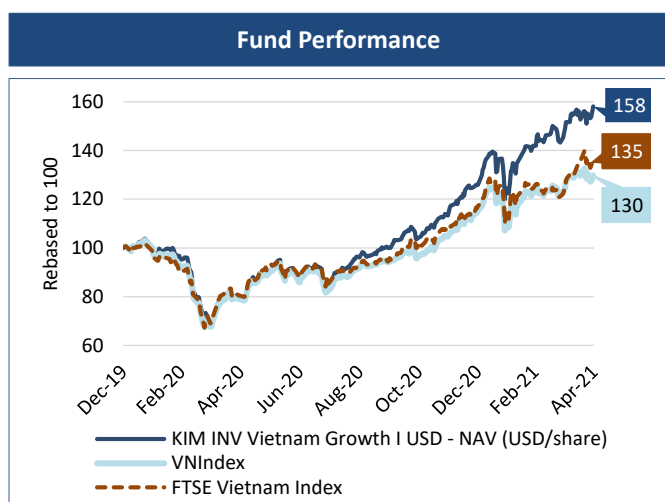
(*) Government Target and Brokers' Forecast

3. Portfolio Review

The fund delivered strong returns in April-2021, up +6.2% MoM and +25.5% YTD. We outperformed VN-Index by +2.0% but underperformed FTSE Vietnam by -2.7%. The reason for the underperformance vs. FTSE Vietnam is due to the higher concentration of index components in FTSE Vietnam where the Top 2 names each account for ~15% of the index. SICAV is restricted by diversification rule (our position is limited to be under 10%). Our fund's strong return in April was owing to our active bets in Financials (+11.1% MoM) and Materials (+16.0% MoM). The two sectors have been recording resilient growth year to date. The return was weighed down by our exposure in Industrials (+1.3% MoM) and Unclassified (-9.4% MoM; the group mainly includes our investment in UPCOM-listed stocks).

The real estate stocks have had strong run during the month, led by the largest conglomerate Vingroup (+11.2% MoM). The trigger for the strong gain is believed to be due to the news of potential Vinfast (auto-manufacturing subsidiary) IPO. The portfolio has no exposure to the stock, bringing negative impact to our performance. We did not chase the stock, as a principle, because the implied valuation of Vinfast seems excessive, lacking margin of safety.

During the month of April 2021, it is worth to highlight that Materials sector has had great performance, mainly thanks to stocks in steel sector. Two stocks have emerged in our Top 10 holdings, Nam Kim Steel and Hoa Phat Group. Both companies have announced excellent financial results in 1Q21 and the momentum should continue to be strong given high demand and record-high price for steel products.



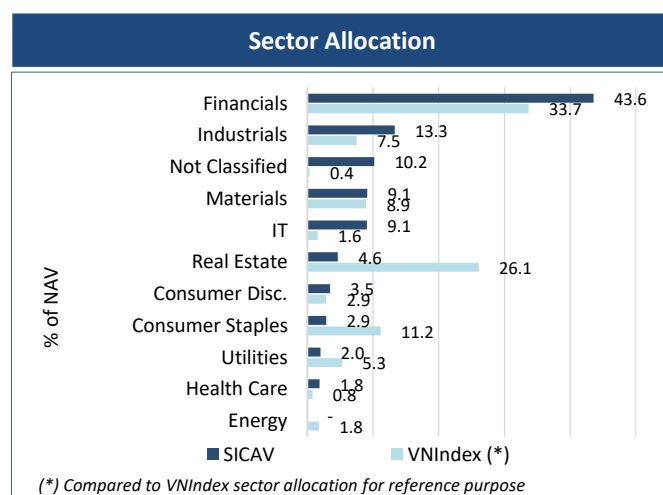
Cumulative Performance in April 2021

Rolling (%) (*)	KIM Investment Vietnam Growth NAV	Fund outperformance vs. FTSE VN Index	Fund outperformance vs. VN-Index
1M	6.2	-2.7	2.0
3M	26.8	9.3	9.5
6M	51.8	17.5	17.2
YTD	25.5	10.1	13.0
1YR	96.6	28.4	32.8
3YR	32.9	16.0	16.4
Since Inception	81.7	9.4	19.1

(*) Return measured in USD KIM INV Vietnam Growth I USD (KIMVGIU LX Equity)

Top 10 Holdings*

Name	Ticker	% NAV
Vietnam International Commercial JSB	VIB	9.6%
FPT Corp	FPT	9.1%
Vietnam Technological and Commercial JSB	TCB	8.3%
Vietnam Prosperity JSCB	VPB	7.6%
Sai Gon Thuong Tin Commercial JSB	STB	5.0%
Nam Kim Steel JSC	NKG	4.8%
MB Commercial JSB	MBB	4.7%
Gemadept Corp	GMD	4.5%
Hoa Phat Group JSC	HPG	4.3%
Vietnam Electrical Equipment JSC	GEX	3.9%



Source: KIM Vietnam and Bloomberg as of 30 April 2021