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Macroeconomy commentary:

- Vietnam's economy recorded a GDP growth of 4.5% YoY in the first quarter of 2021 which came in short of our expectation of 4.7% and consensus forecast of 5.7%. Transportation, hotel & restaurant and entertainment continued to stay in the doldrums, due to a renewed outbreak. All of them recorded negative growth in 1Q21. In the year ahead, we continue to expect further expansion in manufacturing sector. This is on the back of the gain in global electronics demand amid an increasing role of Vietnam as a manufacturing hub of the electronic supply chain. We stick to our full-year GDP growth forecast at 6.6-6.8%
- In Mar 2021, the US President Joe Biden has signed the USD 1.9 trillion stimulus package. With this package, the OECD expected the US stimulus along with faster vaccination could boost US GDP growth by over 3% points in 2021, with welcome demand spillovers in US' key trading partners. According to Allianz SE's estimates, about USD 360 bn of the stimulus package will be spent on imports. Additional gains in exports could amount to 1.4% of Vietnam's GDP in 2021-22 as Americans snap up computers, furniture and textiles.
- An acceleration in credit growth in 1Q21 while capital mobilization growth has not increased at the same pace could be a reason for recent hikes in deposit interest rates. From the beginning of Mar 2021, bank deposit rates have started inching up after a long period of reducing interest rates, showing that interest rates for depositors seem to have bottomed out. We expect interest rates to rise modestly in 2021 as inflation is still under control and monetary policy remains accommodative.
- In Mar 2021, headline CPI increased but remained well contained, rising 1.2% YoY from 0.7% in Feb 2021, while core CPI (which excludes food and energy) gained just 0.7%. The headline inflation is well below the 4% target, and is likely to remain so for the rest of this year based on our forecast (3.5%).

Market commentary: Ending on the upside

- VN-Index increased by +1.23% MoM to 1191.3. This rise underperformed that of markets around the world such as SET (+6.0%), KOSPI (+1.6%), S&P 500 (+4.2%).
- The average matched liquidity on HOSE reached VND 13.8 trillion (+7.4% MoM). VN30 accounted for 45% of that, and recorded a slight downturn of 6.3% MoM.
- While domestic individual investors maintained their net buying position of VND 14.6 trillion, local institutional investors maintained their position as net sellers with net sold value of nearly VND 3.0 trillion. Proprietary traders were also net sellers of VND 789 billion. Foreign investors they enlarged their selling value with a total net value of VND 13.5 trillion (+260% MoM).
- Foreign ETF fund recorded mixed movements when FTSE Vietnam ETF and E1VFVN30 experienced significant inflows, and KIM ETF, and MSCI Vietnam ETF were also withdrawn. VNM ETF was inactive in March.
- Except for Consumer staples and Energy, all other sectors recorded positive return in March. Noticeably, Materials and Financials were the top gainers with 5.7% and 5.5% MoM gains, respectively. Healthcare also went up 5.3% MoM. Returns from other sectors varied from -3.5% to 3.3%. The ENF fund benefited from these movements as the fund has major weight in HPG (13.7%) – a giant player in Materials sector, and

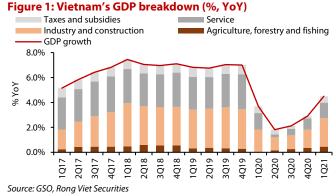


Figure 2: Vietnam's inflation movement (%, YoY)

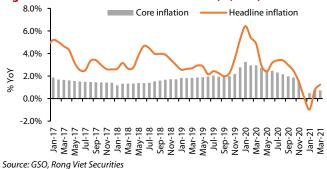
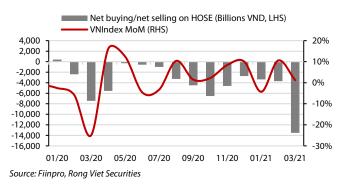


Figure 3: VNIndex performance since 2020



Source: Fiinpro, Rong Viet Securities

Figure 4: Net buying/selling on HOSE via matching-order transaction versus VNindex MoM







largest private commercial banks (MBB – 9.4%, ACB – 6.5% and TCB – 4.4%). Given the growth prospect of banking sector in the our base case, robust catalysts including recovery of loan demand, expansion of NIM and low bases effect, as well as expected money flow from ETFs, the banking stocks will be the main driver of VNIndex in the upcoming period. We predict that ENF Fund will strongly benefit from this trend.

Banking Industry: Anticipating growth with cautious

In 2021 there will be supportive factors such as low interest rate, capital flows, low base effect. Given positive news regarding the disease and the recovery of the economy, besides low interest rates that drive the prices of risky assets, we remain cautious on the development of the pandemic, which is unpredictable. Several banks will have strong earning growth, but the fundamental upside is polarized.

Higher credit and operating income growth

Economic recovery and pandemic control are the keys to credit growth expectation. The gap between credit and deposit growth will widen in 2021 in the base scenario of economic recovery due to abundant liquidity, higher loan demand and better capital buffer at some large lenders as a result of the private placement. Economic recovery will also support payment, international trade, bancassurance and card markets.

Bad debt concern will be addressed, but the pressure on provision remains

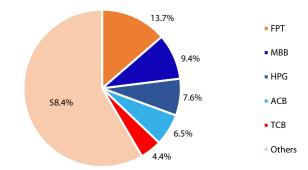
Provision costs rose significantly in 2020 but could not cover large degradation of restructured loans in the bad scenarios. In 2021, the amended Circular 01 will help relieve the pressure on banks' provision.

Sustained efficiency with a higher capital base

Sector's valuation (at 31/03/2021)

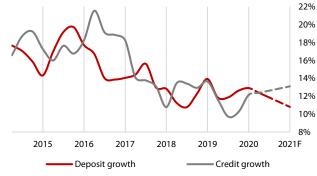
Equity issuance will help strengthen the capital at some banks. Efficiency is expected to improve due to restructuring portfolio, and technology-enabled costs optimization.

Figure 5: Top five holdings of ENF stock portfolio at the end of 03/2021



Source: ENF, Rong Viet Securities

Figure 6: Credit and deposit growth (%, YoY)



Source: SBV, Rong Viet Securities

Sector 5 Valuation (%1 M	%3M	%YTD	Basic P/E	P/B	ROE	ROA	Dividend yield (%)	PBT growth (YoY, %)	EPS growth (YoY, %)
Oil & Gas	9.5%	24.2%	24.2%	n/a	1.7	-0.8%	-0.8%	0.0%	-33.6%	-1.1%
Basic Materials	2.9%	8.3%	8.3%	17.3	1.9	14.8%	7.2%	2.9%	-75.6%	52.7%
Industrials	2.0%	2.7%	2.7%	20.2	1.9	10.9%	6.2%	3.5%	-57.3%	44.4%
Consumer Goods	0.3%	1.1%	1.1%	20.6	3.1	21.1%	13.5%	2.9%	12.6%	40.1%
Health Care	3.8%	4.2%	4.2%	16.7	1.9	15.5%	11.2%	4.1%	-39.1%	1.7%
Consumer Services	4.7%	13.6%	13.6%	n/a	3.6	-5.3%	1.5%	2.7%	-41.2%	140.2%
Telecommunications	2.0%	19.1%	19.1%	64.0	3.8	6.2%	2.3%	3.9%	1136.4%	18.7%
Utilities	0.0%	3.1%	3.1%	16.2	1.9	13.6%	9.5%	4.8%	-190.9%	8.3%
Financials	2.2%	13.5%	13.5%	21.2	2.7	15.4%	5.6%	2.1%	14.0%	44.4%
Banks	5.8%	12.1%	12.1%	13.6	2.0	17.3%	1.5%	0.0%	18.4%	8.1%
Technology	2.2%	27.3%	27.3%	18.0	2.8	17.4%	8.2%	1.4%	64.1%	405.6%

Source: Fiinpro, VDSC





Performance of funds under current management of Eastspring Investments Fund Management Limited Liability Company

*Mutual fund (Eastspring Investments Vietnam Navigator Fund ("ENF")

Investment objective

Objective of the Navigator Fund is to deliver capital appreciation through exposure to multiple asset classes, including equity, bond, and bank deposit.

Actively navigate the market through dynamic asset allocation to provide participation in equity upside when stock markets are performing well, while having a softening effect when stock markets are not performing well.

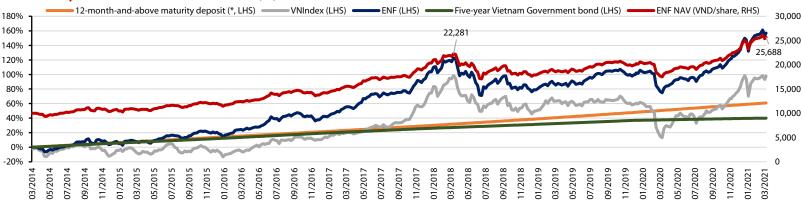
Commentary

In general, since inception until March 31th, 2021, the ENF Fund has performed better than some other investment channels such as savings deposit channel with 12-months-and-above maturity, five-year Vietnam Government bond, and stocks (VNIndex excluding dividends). In 2020, the ENF Fund increased by 17.1%, higher than the rise of the stock market (14.9%). After 3M2021, the ENF fund maintained its momentum and increased by 9.7%, while the stock market increased by 7.9%. We expect that with a stock portfolio focusing on Banking and Real Estate - two main pillars of the economy, as well as growth sectors -Information Technology and Manufacturing, the ENF Fund will continue to outperform the Vietnamese stock market.

Fund details

Fund details				Cumulative return of ENF and other assets (%) (**)					
Supervisor Bank	HSBC (Vietnam) Ltd.	Max. Investment	No limit	Since ENF inception	ENF	VNIndex	VN 5-year bond	12-month-and-above maturity deposit (*)	
Total NAV	VND 174.3 billion	Min. Balance	100 units	Cumulative return	156.88%	97.94%	39.95%	60.83%	
Min. Initial Investment	VND 2,000,000	Min. Redemption	100 units	Annual return	14.38%	10.21%	4.90%	7.00%	
Min. Subsequent Investment	VND 1,000,000	Fund dealing frequency	Weekly						
Source: EIFMC				Source: EIFMC, Ror	ng Viet Securities				

Cumulative performance of ENF.vs other assets (**)



Source: EIFMC, Rong Viet Securities Fund fees & charges

Subscription fee Up to 3% Listed Equities 1.5% per annum of total NAV Annual management fee 39.20% Custodian, Supervisory, Transfer Agent & Up to 0.25% per annum of total NAV Cash & Money Market other fees Instruments Source: EIFMC Source: EIFMC

Asset Allocation

(*) Calculating data before March 2021 uses average 12-month-and-above maturity deposit rate from weekly SBV announcement. From March 2021, data is calculated by averaging 12-month, 18-month, 24-month and 36-month maturity deposit rates quoted by 10 largest banks in terms of deposit market share in 2020, namely BIDV, Agribank, Vietinbank, Vietcombank, SCB, MB Bank, Sacombank, ACB, Techcombank and SHB. (**) Past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future or likely performance of any particular fund, nor EIFMC. An investment in securities investment funds is subject to investment risks, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested. Potential investors may wish to seek advice from a financial adviser before purchasing any fund unit.





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<u>6 PRU*link* Funds</u>

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Year/ Assets	PRUlink Vietnam Equity Fund	PRUlink Growth Fund	PRUlink Balance Fund	PRUlink Stable Fund	PRUlink Bond Fund	PRUlink Presever Fund	3-month maturity deposit interest	12-month-and- above maturity deposit interest	Five-year Vietnam government bond return	VNIndex
2016	13.83%	12.69%	11.63%	10.45%	8.73%	3.89%	4.76%	6.82%	6.63%	14.82%
2017	56.58%	42.01%	32.46%	23.29%	10.87%	4.00%	4.81%	6.80%	5.52%	48.03%
2018	-9.22%	-4.52%	-1.51%	1.39%	5.63%	4.74%	4.41%	6.90%	4.31%	-9.32%
2019	9.75%	10.56%	10.98%	11.41%	12.19%	5.50%	5.30%	6.93%	4.46%	7.67%
2020	16.38%	16.02%	14.69%	12.48%	9.01%	5.55%	4.48%	7.09%	1.92%	14.87%
3M2021	10.79%	7.86%	5.81%	3.77%	0.84%	1.01%	0.84%	1.49%	0.28%	6.51%

Net return of PRUlink Funds (%)

Source: EIFMC, Rong Viet Securities

Note:

- Return of our funds is calculated based on the date of reported NAV. There could be difference between this return and return calculated at the end of the month. The PRUlink Funds' net return after 3M2021 have not been audited and provided by EIFMC and Rong Viet Securities and may be adjusted at the end of the financial year. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future. Customers are entitled to investment results and bear corresponding risks and should refer the terms and conditions of the insurance products for further information.
- 3-month maturity deposit interest is average of monthly quoted interest rates from three listed State-owned banks at the time of roll over (not including Vietcombank during 2015 2017 due to lack of data), 12-month-and-above maturity deposit interest before March 2021 is average rate from weekly SBV announcement, 12-month-and-above maturity deposit interest after March 2021 is calculated by averaging 12-month, 18-month, 24-month and 36-month maturity deposit rates quoted by 10 largest banks in terms of deposit market share in 2020, namely BIDV, Agribank, Vietinbank, Vietcombank, SCB, MB Bank, Sacombank, ACB, Techcombank and SHB, and five-year Vietnam government bond return has been calculated by Rong Viet Securities after it randomly selects a Vietnam government bond with duration of (or closest to) 5 years.

Commentary

- Regarding the investment trust from Prudential, for the past 5-year period from 2016 to 2020, cumulative net returns of all funds have increased sharply, in a range of 26.0% and 106.7%. Of which PRU*link* Vietnam Equity Fund had the highest growth with accumulated net return of 106.7%, followed by the PRU*link* Growth Fund with cumulative net return of 96.0%.
- The PRU*link* Vietnam Equity Fund recorded the best results after 3M2021 with 10.79%, followed by the PRU*link* Growth Fund (7.86%) and PRU*link* Balance Fund (5.81%). The PRU*link* Vietnam Equity Fund (10.79%) also had better performance than the Vietnamese stock market (VNIndex, 6.51%).





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