VIETNAM HOLDING

VietNam Holding Ltd. (VNH) is a value investor, aiming to generate high risk-adjusted returns by combining rigorous financial analysis with interactive sustainability research. Its current investment themes are agriculture, domestic consumption and urbanization. VNH is listed on both the London and the Frankfurt stock exchanges.

### **Vietnam News**

The VNAS index climbed 1.6% in April to 556.2. The strong economy continued to be a theme, with the World Bank raising its current year GDP growth forecast to 6.5% (from 6.0%), and some private sector economists beginning to whisper 7%.

The HSBC April purchasing managers index came in at an impressive reading of 53.7 (March: 50.7), with a sharp increase in business from new customers cited. Meanwhile, April inflation remained virtually absent, at 0.14% MoM and 1% YoY. Government finances are fine despite the oil price situation, with the January-April deficit running well below the government projection at an annualised rate of under 4% of GDP.

FDI disbursed flows remain solid (USD4.2bn through April) and the property market recovery is broad-based (e.g. Saigon office occupancy is at 91%, its highest level in seven years).

Regional Valuation and Dividend Yield Comparison				
	P/E trailing	Price to Book	Dividend Yield	
Indonesia	22.1	2.5	1.9	
Philippines	21.0	2.9	1.8	
Thailand	19.9	2.0	2.9	
India	20.0	2.8	1.4	
China	22.0	2.6	1.5	
Malaysia	16.1	1.8	3.2	
Vietnam: VNAS	11.8	1.5	3.2	

Source: Bloomberg.

### VNH Insights

Your fund - whose NAV in April rose 2.4% to USD2.045, for a calendar year to date decline of 0.7% - on 23 April announced EGM approval for a new issue of warrants to shareholders: 1 warrant per 3 shares held, with an 18/24 month life and an exercise price of USD1.998 (equal to the 31 March 2015 NAV). Assuming the warrants are exercised, the increased fund size is expected to provide the potential for increased liquidity in VNH's shares and lower charges per share.

We think that the timing for these warrants is excellent because (a) the economic cycle in Vietnam is favourable, more so than in many other emerging/frontier markets; (b) the correlation with

### **Fund Facts**

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Management Fee

Performance Fee LSE Ticker Bloomberg Ticker ISIN 15 June 2006 London AIM Frankfurt Entry Standard 2.00% for NAV < \$100M 1.75% for NAV > \$100-150M 1.50% for NAV > \$150M 15% (hurdle rate 5%) VNH VNH LN Equity KYG9361X1043

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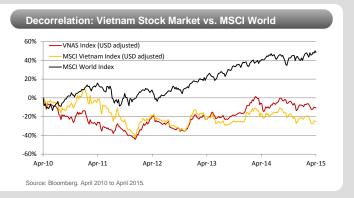
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### **Fund Statistics**

Total NAV USD 122,591,088	NAV per share USD 2.045
Shares in issue 59,933,239	Treasury shares 7,604,001
Equity investments 93.66%	Number of investments 22

Even seasoned watchers, who have learned not to overexpect on the speed of economic reform in Vietnam, have been surprised by recent measures. First, in banking, the government is moving to improve the workings of its badbank (the VAMC), by planning for it to raise more capital and by enabling it to more flexibly determine its purchase prices for NPLs. Banking mergers are proceeding in line with the sound goal of rationalising the industry. Second, with the major local brewer Sabeco set to see its government holding sold down from 89% to 36%, we see concrete signs of substantive privatisations. And thirdly, it is distinctly possible that the stock foreign ownership limit will at last be relaxed in one way or another starting later this year.

Other positive signs include leading cement company HT1 projecting 8.5% volume growth in 2015 and the auto market booming with YTD growth of over a third.



world stock markets is very low (please see our recent article on this at <u>blog.vietnamholding.com</u>); (c) Vietnam looks very modestly valued compared to its peer markets; (d) Vietnamese policy makers are showing signs of enhanced reform commitment; and (e) the external impetus of prospective free trade agreements, especially the US-led Trans-Pacific Partnership, will likely be the strongest for Vietnam compared to all other likely signatories.

With a record participation level, VNH shareholders approved the warrant issuance, as well as the deferment of our continuation vote to 2018, with over 95% supportive votes for each.

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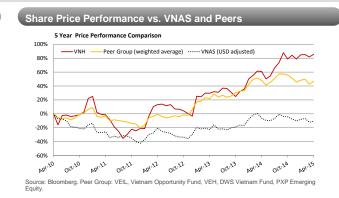
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## **Investor Report**

NAV per Share Performance	
Last month	2.35%
Year-to-date	-0.68%
Last 12 months	3.28%
Portfolio Statistics	
P/E (trailing)	11.14
Dividend yield	2.94%
PEG (trailing)	1.32
	1.22
PEG (forward)	
PEG (forward) Beta	0.82

Share Price / Discount		
Share Price Performance		
Last month	2.18%	
Year-to-date	3.83%	
Last 12 months	15.50%	
Sharpe ratio	0.45	
Alpha	0.27	
Beta	0.38	
Market capitalisation (USD million)	105.48	
Share Price Discount to NAV		
VNH	13.94%	
Peer Group weighted average	20.22%	
Operating Expense Ratio (12 month rolling)	2.98%	



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NAV Performance vs. VNAS and Peers

5 Year Performance Comparison

60%

### **Industry Allocation**



Health Care (16.5%)

- Industrial Goods & Services (13.3%)
- Food & Beverage (11.8%) Real Estate (10.9%)
- Retail (10.9%)
- Construction & Materials (8.9%)
- Automobiles & Parts (5.9%)
- Telecommunications (5.5%) Oil & Gas (3.9%)
- Banks (3.8%)
- Travel & Leisure (2.4%)

### **Top 10 Holdings**

Investee Company	Market	Percent of NAV
Traphaco	HOSE	7.88%
Hau Giang Pharma	HOSE	6.72%
Binh Minh Plastic	HOSE	6.56%
Phu Nhuan Jewelry	HOSE	6.45%
Vinamilk	HOSE	6.16%
Danang Rubber	HOSE	5.87%
Viconship	HOSE	5.67%
Hung Vuong Corporation	HOSE	5.60%
FPT Corporation	HOSE	5.52%
Thien Long Group	HOSE	4.41%

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