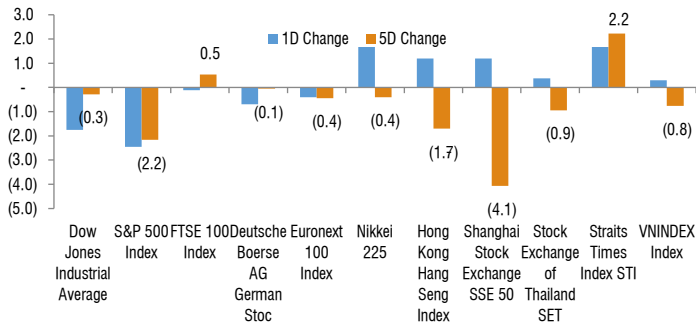
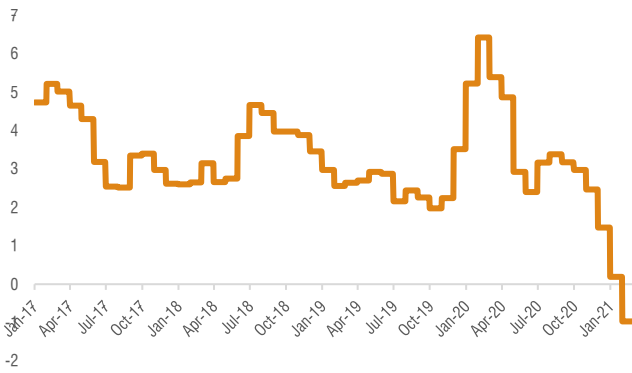


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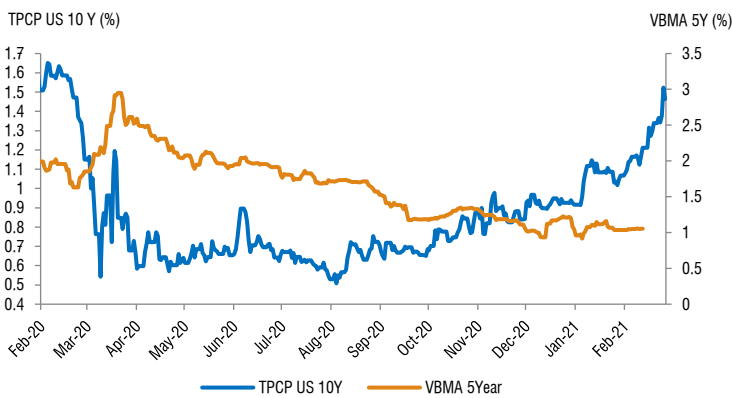
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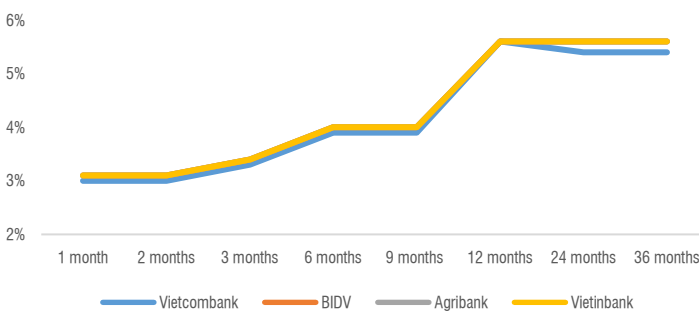
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10-year US government bond vs 5-year Vietnamese government bond yields



Deposit rates



Global: For the first time in a year, the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury exceeded 1.5%, having moved from 1.13% to as high as 1.6%, a rise of 48 basis points, the highest level in a year. The 5-year yield, which is considered to be more reactive to monetary policy shifts, rose from 0.21% to 0.82%. The bond sell-off affected equities as the S&P500 decreased by 2.5% and the tech-heavy composite NASDAQ dropped by 3.5%. The sharp moves in rising bond yields reflected investors' anticipation of the stimulus measures from Fed as the USD1.9 trillion Covid relief is expected to be approved by Friday. In addition, fear of inflation is causing investors to speculate that Fed may shift policy by raising rates or reducing bond purchases sooner than expected. Shares in high growth tech companies suffered the most as higher yields meant higher cost of capital. However, Powell, the Fed chairman played down inflation as an issue as it remains below Fed's 2% target for years.

Vietnam: After posting a sizeable trade surplus for Jan 1st – Feb 15th, 2021 (nearly \$2.8 bn), Vietnam witnessed good inflows for foreign investment YTD to Feb 20th. Registered FDI posted a small decline (12.85% YoY) given a high base in 2020 (with the \$4 bn project in January 2020), so we still view this performance as very positive.

In other news, the first shipment of Covid-19 vaccines have arrived yesterday (117,000 doses) and the Minister of Health provided an updated estimate for the 2021 Covid-19 vaccines shipments at around 90 mil doses (Q1: 1.3 mil, Q2: 9.5 mil, Q3: 25.9 mil, Q4: 51.1 mil). If this turns out to be the case, the country could be largely vaccinated by Q1 2022. Also by the same time next year, Vietnam could also manufacture its own Covid-19 vaccine. However, the Vietnamese government believes that vaccination is not solely on its own a gamechanger factor, and they need to be prudent on disease control also.

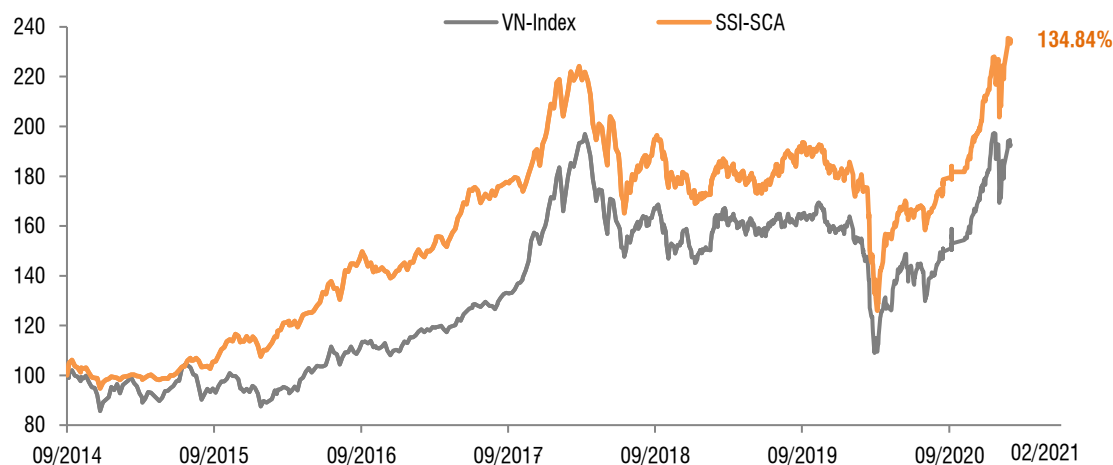
In the second week of trading after the Lunar New Year, VN-Index closed with a decrease of 0.4% in comparison to the session on February 19th. The average matched trading value on HSX reached VND 13,500 billion, similar to the week before. In spite of periods when the index plummeted heavily, it managed to regain balance. Stock prices fluctuated in a narrow band of +/-4%. Some industrial real estate related tickers such as KBC, IJC and KCN attempted to have a breakthrough but did not succeed. Oil and gas tickers saw the most positive session in the past week when crude oil price exceeded the benchmark of USD 67/barrel.

Foreign investors group saw net sales in 5 consecutive sessions that amounted to more than VND 2,844 billion. This action came out of fear as the 10-year Treasury yield reached the highest level since May 2020. However, the 10-year Treasury yield in Vietnam remained at a low level of 2.3% (in comparison to 2.45% on December 31st) when the VN-Index's E/P stood at 5.6%. The yield gap shrank in comparison to March 2020 but not as much as the US market. Despite the yield increase, and the consequent inflation, which is a natural consequence in a global economic recovery, is an important indicator to follow but we are not pessimistic upon the Vietnamese stock market. In addition, the market may not react strongly as Vietnam enters the “vaccine rollout” phase in the campaign against COVID-19 but this could be a positive development for the economy in general and the market specifically. Seasonal sectors such as consumer discretionary, exports, logistics and tourism will receive more attention in the coming time. We continue to follow the market closely to balance the portfolio appropriately in a phase where the trends are not clearly defined.

NAV as of 25th Feb

NAV/Unit		% WoW	Profit		
			% MTD	% YTD	Since inception
23,484.35	SSI-SCA	-0.27%	12.84%	9.34%	134.84%
	VN-Index	-0.76%	12.55%	5.58%	92.64%

* Fund inception dated 26 Sep 2014



TOP HOLDINGS

TICKER	SECTOR	% NAV
MWG	Consumer Discretionary	11.97%
HPG	Materials	11.81%
FPT	Information Technology	9.25%
TCB	Financials	4.94%
MBB	Financials	4.18%

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

	SSI-SCA	VN-INDEX
P/E (12 month)	12.97x	18.29x
P/B	2.3x	2.44x
ROE	19.30%	13.99%
Yield	2.81%	1.52%

Source: Bloomberg, SSIAM

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