



Macroeconomic Update and Outlook



## Four Macro Themes for Q2 and Beyond

1. 6.5% GDP growth in 2021 looks certain

2. Consumption: Remarkably resilient

3. **Manufacturing:** Positive lending indicators

4. US Fiscal Stimulus & "Stay-At-Home" goods support exports



## Vietnam's Resilient Economic Performance in Q1

Vietnam's GDP grew 4.5% in Q1, <u>despite</u>:

#### 1. A third COVID outbreak

- GDP Growth: 4.5% in Q4  $\rightarrow$  4.5% in Q1
- (Despite modest COVID restrictions, late-January to late-March!)

#### 2. A collapse of Foreign Tourism

- GDP Growth: 3.7% in Q1, 2020 → 4.5% in Q1, 2021
- (Despite 2 months of Tourists in 1Q20, and None in 1Q21!)



### **Resilient Q1 Performance = 6.5% GDP Growth**

GDP growth of 6.5-7.0% in 2021 now *looks certain*, based on:

- 1. Rebound in Consumption growth to 7-8%
- 2. Rebound in Manufacturing growth to 10-11%

In-line with 5-year average (pre-COVID)

	2020 Growth	2021F Growth
GDP	2.9%	6.5%
Consumption	~1%	~7%
Manufacturing	6%	11%



## **Resilient Consumption, Despite COVID**

VinaCapital's estimate of Personal Consumption growth\*

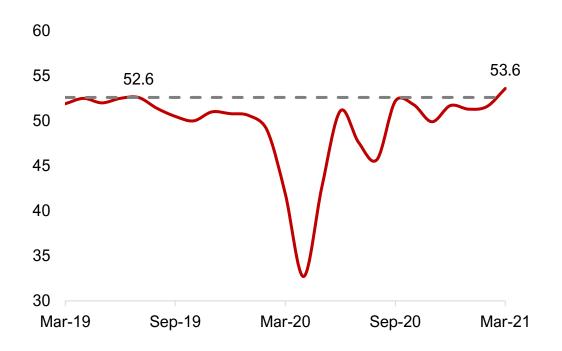
Vietnam's adept COVID handling supports Consumer Confidence

	COVID Handling Rank	Country	Lowy Institute Score**
	1	New Zealand	94.4
<b></b>	2	<b>Vietnam</b>	90.8
	3	Taiwan	86.4
	4	Thailand	84.2
	5	Cyprus	83.3

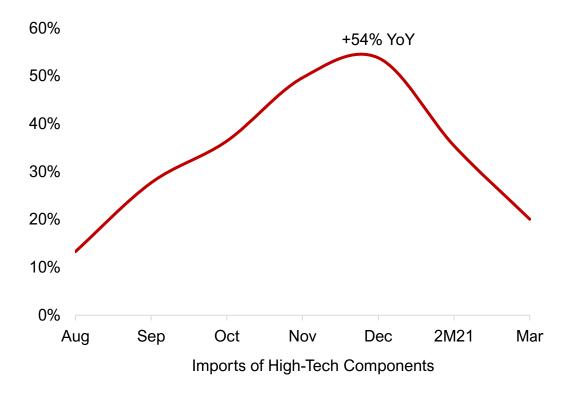


## **Manufacturing: Positive Lending Indicators**

Highest Vietnam PMI in Over Two Years



Surging Imports of Production Inputs by FDI Mfg's



All Driven by **Surging** New Orders!



## **US Fiscal Stimulus Supports Vietnam's Exports**

\$600 Stimulus Checks at End-December

① US Retail Sales +7.4% month-on-month in *January* (~10-Year High Growth)

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② Sales of most "Made in Vietnam" Products +15% (near Record-High Growth for Electronics, etc)

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③ *Vietnam Exports to the US*, +72% yoy in January

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(4) Total Exports, +24% yoy in VN & Taiwan, in 2M21

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#### The Vietnamese Recovery Is Made in America

March 30, 2021

Vietnam's economy is growing again, on the back of a strong rise in exports. The Southeast Asian nation looks to be one of the most clear-cut international beneficiaries of the U.S. stimulus package.

First-quarter gross domestic product was up 4.5% relative to last year's figure, according to an initial estimate released Monday. The recovery is being driven by a surge in goods and services sold abroad, which rose almost 20% year-over-year in March. Sales to the U.S. specifically are likely rising even faster, with no sign of a slowdown on the horizon.

Using Vietnamese export data and U.S. data for imports from Vietnam, it is clear that the American share of Vietnam's overseas sales has risen considerably. In the 12 months through January, U.S. imports from Vietnam were equivalent to about 29% of the Asian country's total exports, far higher than the roughly 20% average before 2019. Some caution is needed when data come from different organizations, but historically the two series tend to match up with figures published with a lag by the International Monetary Fund, which are considered the gold standard.

Vietnam emerged as a big winner from the China-U.S. trade spat. Some supply chains reoriented away from China, and the country also was a logical docking station for multistage "transshipments" to avoid American tariffs.

Some of those gains may not be repeatable, but given the fiscal splurge in Washington, it is likely that the U.S. share of Vietnam's exports will remain high for some time. Domestic economic growth in the order of 6.5% this year—as forecast by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development—will keep U.S. import demand strong and business brisk for export-focused Vietnamese companies.

Vietnam's control of the Covid-19 pandemic is among the most impressive in the world, especially given the country's income bracket. But that hasn't been enough to protect <u>a</u> <u>domestic economy</u> with large exposure to tourism revenues during a year in which international travel all but ceased.

The country's merchandise trade—the import-export business—ran to almost 200% of GDP in 2019, among the highest in the world. Such huge exposure to international commerce would be damaging during a more normal recession, but in this one it has provided crucial economic ballast. Other countries in the region will likely have to wait far longer to fully recover economic losses incurred during the pandemic.

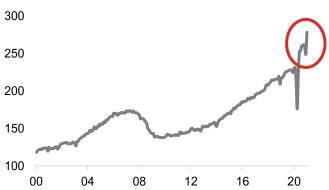
The Ho Chi Minh index of Vietnamese equities has now caught back up with the S&P 500 in price terms since the beginning of 2020. Each is up by a little over 20%. But <u>investors</u> need to be careful when seeking direct exposure to Vietnam: The sole exchange-traded



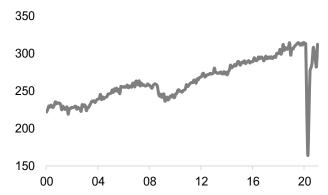
## **US Consumers Are Still Buying "Stay-At-Home" Products**

#### Vietnam Makes Stay-At-Home and Work-At-Home Products









- Vietnam's Exports to the US:
  - ✓ Up 26% in 2020
  - ✓ Up 33% in 1Q21

- Vietnam's Electronics Exports:
  - ✓ Up 24% in 2020
  - ✓ Up 31% in 1Q21



## **Strong Demand for "Stay-At-Home" Goods to Continue Into 2022**

Workers in the US/Developed Countries Want to Work At Home

Employers Willing to Let Employees Work At Home ~2 Days/Week

#### A Plethora of Surveys/Evidence:



• 72% of workers want to work at home 2+ days/week



- US Workers want to work at home ~½ week
- Employers expect workers to work at home 1-2 days/week



Over 20% of employers to allow more work at home in the future

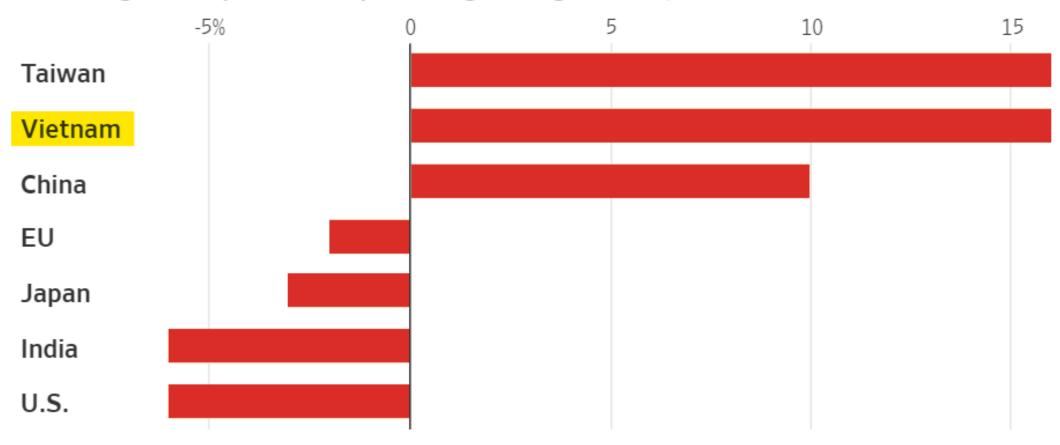


• 1/4 Employees could work at home 3-5 days/week



## **COVID Benefited Vietnam: Outstanding Export Performance in 2020**

#### Share of global exports 2020, percentage change from a year earlier



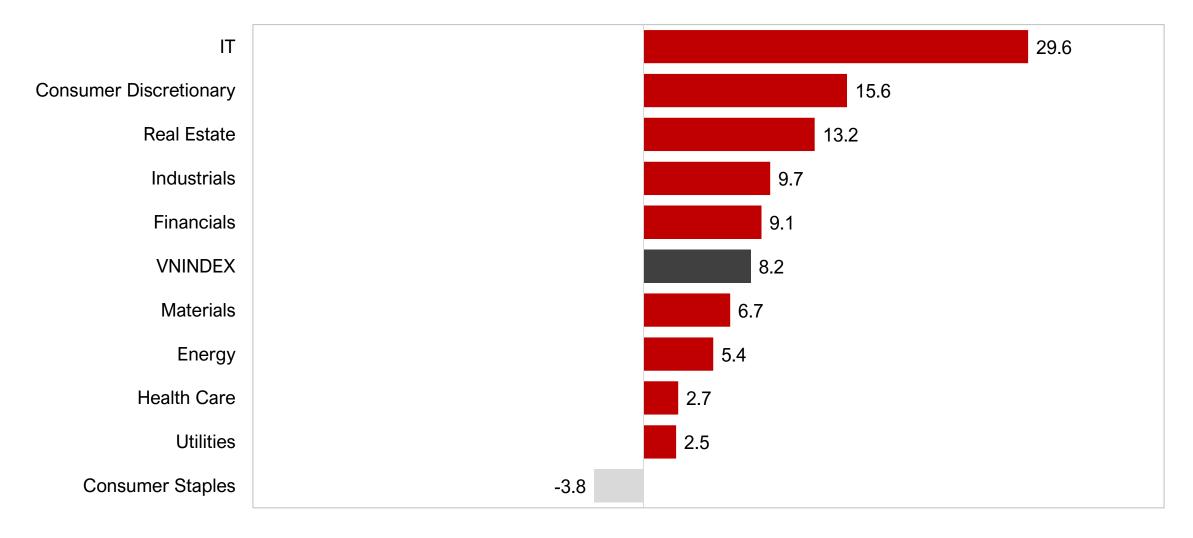


## Market Update and Outlook



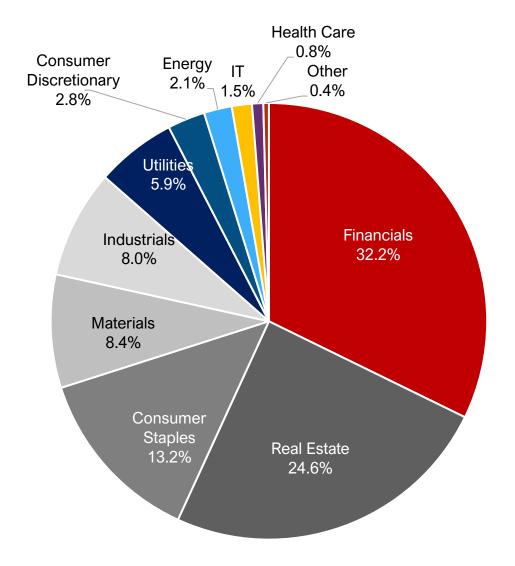


## **Sector Performance 1Q21 YTD**





## **Sector Weights**

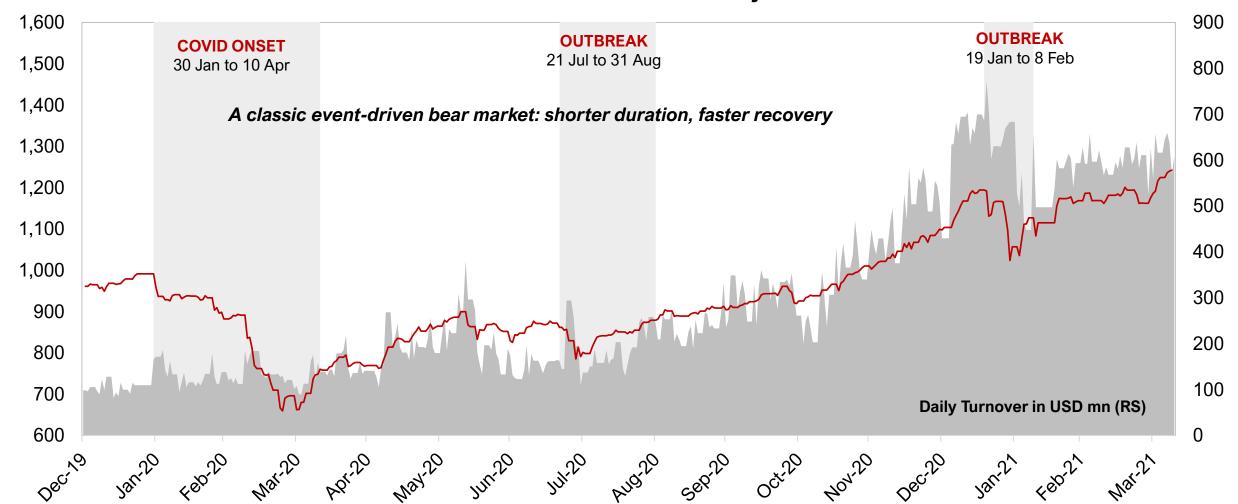


Financials and Real Estate dominate sector weightings in Vietnam



#### **VN Index**

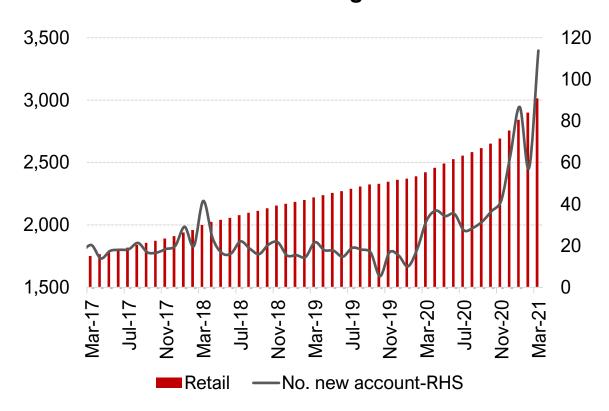
#### **Performance of VN Index and Daily Turnover**





## **Local Investor Support, Higher ADT**

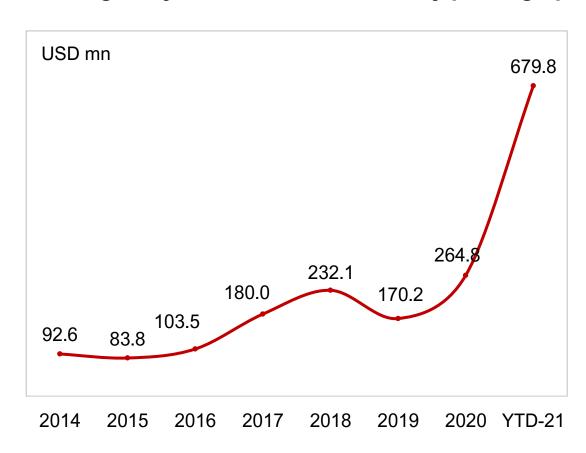
#### **Number of trading accounts**



Record account opening continues:

Mar21: 114k (+98% MoM, +254% YoY); 1Q21: 258k (+325% YoY)

#### VNI Avg Daily Turnover Value steadily picking up

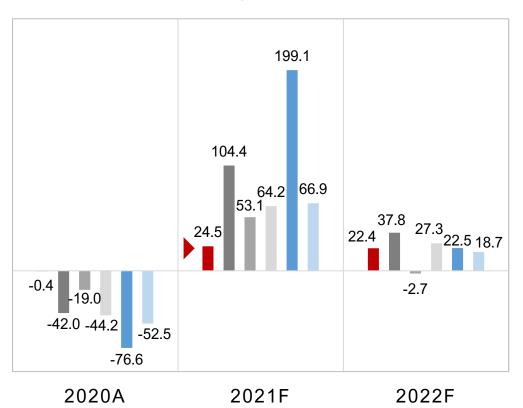




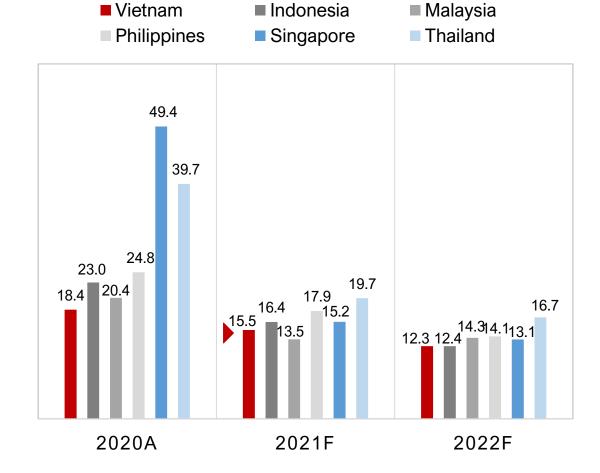
## **Greater Earnings Certainty, Cheaper Valuations**

#### CONSENSUS EPS GROWTH ESTIMATES

## ■ Vietnam ■ Indonesia ■ Malaysia ■ Philippines ■ Singapore ■ Thailand



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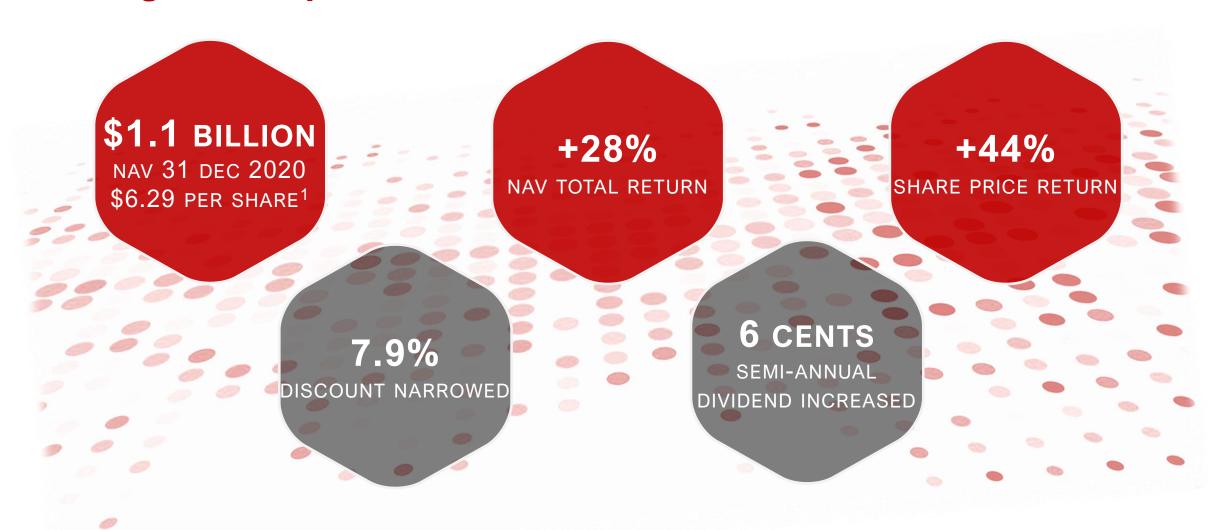


## 03 Interim Results and Portfolio Update





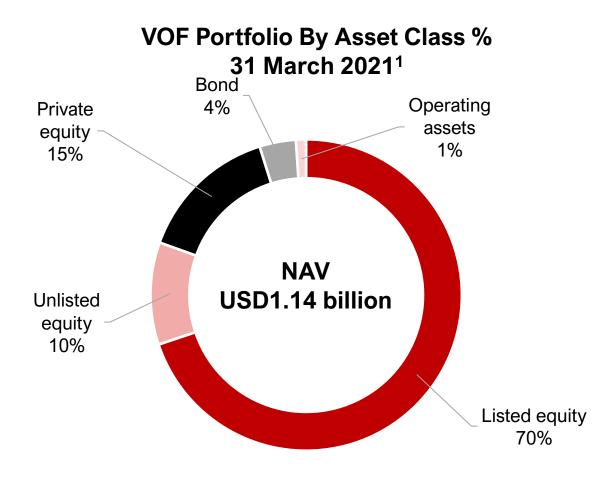
## **Strong interim performance as of 31 December 2020**



- 1. Total NAV and NAV per share, USD terms
- 2. Source: Bloomberg. VN Index total returns, NAV per share total return, USD terms.
- 3. Total amount spent on share buybacks for FY2020, to acquire 8.7 million shares
- 4. Annual dividend paid 11 US cents (5.5 US cents paid semi-annually). Annual dividend yieldு ஒறு ஒரு முற்ற மாக்க மாக வி. December 2020. Source:



# Public Equities performing well, but we remain focused on Private Equity opportunities



#### 31 March 2021

Total Return <sup>2</sup>	1Q21	FYTD
NAV per share	5.9%	35.4%
Share price	0.6%	43.4%

Valuation	VOF <sup>3</sup>	VN Index
PE 2021F	10.8x	15.3x
EPS growth 2020A	21%	0%
EPS growth 2021E	36%	24%

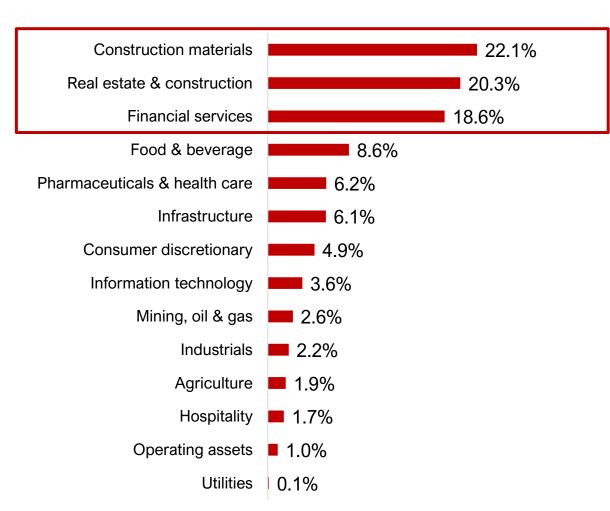


<sup>1.</sup> VOF portfolio by asset class as at 31 March 2021, excluding Cash & Others.

<sup>2.</sup> Total return, USD terms.

NOF public equities portfolio, as at 2 April 2021. FY2021 EPS growth estimate for VOF portfolio and VN Index (Source: Bloomberg).
Classified: Public

## Materials, Real Estate and Financials dominate portfolio sectors



#	Top 10 Holdings	Asset class	Sector	Amount (US\$'000)	% NAV
1	Hoa Phat Group (HPG)	Listed	Construction materials	214,827	18.9%
2	Khang Dien House (KDH)	Listed	Real estate & construction	100,889	8.9%
3	Airports Corp. Vietnam (ACV)	Unlisted	Infrastructure	70,235	6.2%
4	Asia Commercial Bank (ACB)	Listed	Financial services	64,235	5.7%
5	Phu Nhuan Jewelry (PNJ)	Listed	Consumer discretionary	55,795	4.9%
6	Vinhomes (VHM)	Listed	Real estate & construction	55,459	4.9%
7	Eximbank (EIB)	Listed	Financial services	53,299	4.7%
8	Orient Commercial Bank (OCB)	Listed	Financial services	51,782	4.6%
9	Quang Ngai Sugar (QNS)	Unlisted	Food & beverage	43,322	3.8%
10	FPT Corporation (FPT)	Listed	Information technology	41,801	3.7%
				751,644	66.2



## Summary of significant transactions (8 months to 28 Feb 2021)

Up to 28 Feb 2021	Divested USDm	Invested USDm
Public equities	89.0	66.6
Private equity	80.4	95.6
Total	169.3	162.2



## Private Equity and Public Equity investments during FY2021

## Private Equity Investments Total USD95.6m

Thu Cuc International General Hospital USD26.2m



Structured notes / convertible bonds: Project Norfolk (Real Estate) USD43.4m Project Kuala Lumpur (Consumer) USD15.0m

## Public Equity Investments Total USD66.6m

**Financial Sector:** 







**Real Estate Sector:** 







## **Pipeline: Private equity opportunities**

#### **Asset classes**

#### **Structured Investments**



Minimum IRR, protections Why? Clear exits

#### **Private Equity**



Aggressively pursue Uncertain performance

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**Public Equity** 

Sufficient capacity Meaningful stakes



**Equitisations** 

Few interesting opportunities

#### **Sectors**



Real Estate
Financials / Banks



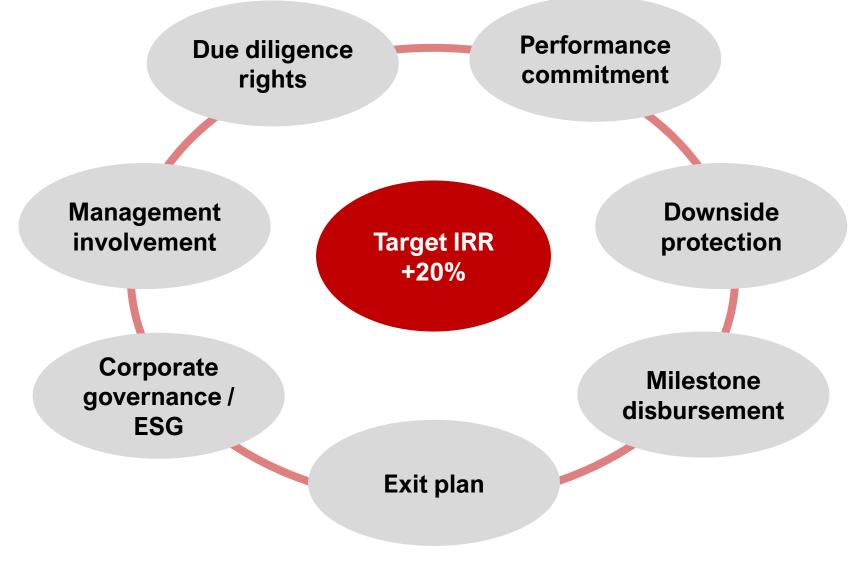
Healthcare
Materials
Information Technology and
Education



**Energy Consumer Staples Consumer Discretionary** 



## VOF's Private Equity approach to investing





## Risks, opportunities and resiliency

#### **Exogenous Risks:**

- COVID-related issues (global 2<sup>nd</sup> wave; virus mutation; vaccine rollout)
- Geopolitical tensions

#### **Endogenous Risks:**

- Access to vaccines, new COVID outbreaks
- Rising inflation, cost of doing business
- Logistic and friction costs

#### **Opportunities:**

- Investing into future leaders
- Access to a deep pipeline of deals
- Strong domestic economy and consumer

## Resiliency:

- Local economy and businesses
- Quality of VOF's portfolio
- Earnings forecast higher than market



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