

## VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunity Fund (VOF)

## **Monthly Report - April 2025**



Khanh Vu Lead Portfolio Manager Overview: VOF is a closed-ended investment company and FTSE-250 constituent whose shares are traded on the main market of the London Stock Exchange (ticker: VOF).

Objective: VOF has the flexibility to invest in the best opportunities available in Vietnam's public and private markets, using the principles of private equity to generate superior risk-adjusted returns. VOF focuses on sectors benefitting from Vietnam's rapidly growing domestic economy.

Outreach: Portfolio Manager and Chief Economist presented at the VinaCapital Investor Day in London hosted at Deutsche Numis on May 15th. Please e-mail us to receive a link to the recording.

Media: Investor Meet Company Presentation / Q1 2025 Vietnam Review and Outlook Webinar / VOF LinkedIn Page

### Portfolio

GBP 693.7mn USD 925.8mn

Net Asset Value

### **Holdings**

19 Listed Companies **7 Private Companies** 

with Top-10 accounting for 65.6% of NAV

## **Compounding Growth - NAV**

9.6% in GBP 11.0% in USD

5 Year Annualized NAV Total Return terms

## **Long-term Share Price Performance**

59.5% in GBP

5 Year Cumulative Share Price Total Return terms

## **Share Buyback - Last 12 Months**

GBP 70mn USD 90mn

Share buyback in the last 12M, equiv. to 10% of NAV

## **Share Buyback - Since Inception**

GBP 425mn USD 590mn

Share buyback since inception, equiv. to 58% of NAV

## **Dividends - Last 12 Months**

11.20 pence 14.50 cents

Dividend declared in the last 12 months

## **Dividends - Since Inception**

GBP 141mn USD 182mn

Dividend paid out since inception

### **Dividends Yield**

2.8% in GBP

Equivalent to circa 2% of NAV per share

Jul 23

GBP 566mn USD 772mn

Capital returned to investors since inception

Price And NAV Summary					
	GBP	USD			
NAV Per Share:	5.05	6.73			
Net Asset Value (mn):	693.7	925.8			
Share Price:	3.93	5.25			
Market Capitalization (mn):	540.3	721.1			
Premium/(Discount):	-22.0%	-22.0%			

GBP/USD exchange rate as of 30 April 2025: 1.3347 GBP/USD exchange rate as of 31 March 2025: 1.2907 Source: Bloomberg

Key Metrics <sup>1</sup>					
	VOF	VN Index			
2025 Price-to-Earnings	9.2	10.1			
2025 Earnings per Share Growth (%)	20.2	12.8			
Beta	0.7	1.0			
Sharpe Ratio	0.7	0.4			

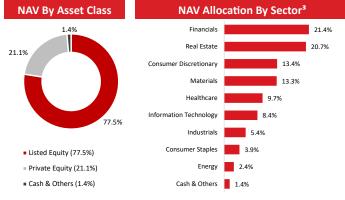
1. Based on monthly total return, USD terms in 5 years; risk-free rate is the 5-year G-bond yield. VN Index is used as a reference: VOF is benchmark agnostic

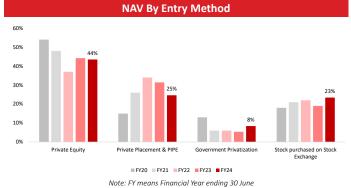
Cumulative Total Returns <sup>2</sup> (%)							
	1M	3M	FYTD	CYTD	1YR	3YR	5YR
Share Price (GBP)	-5.4	-14.9	-18.5	-14.8	-15.1	-17.0	59.5
NAV Per Share (GBP)	-10.4	-17.8	-12.6	-16.6	-11.6	-15.9	58.1
NAV Per Share (USD)	-6.8	-11.6	-7.5	-10.7	-5.2	-10.4	68.3
VN Index (USD)	-7.6	-6.3	-2.4	-5.0	0.6	-16.6	55.7
MSCI EM (USD)	1.3	2.5	4.7	4.4	9.5	13.3	38.4
MSCI Vietnam (USD)	-5.4	-1.2	-3.8	-0.5	-3.5	-34.6	-0.1

2. Inclusive of dividend distributions

## **Total Capital Returned**









## VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunity Fund (VOF)

## **Monthly Report - April 2025**

Top 10 Holdings							
Company (Ticker)	Sector	Market Cap (USD bn)	% NAV	1M Price Change	L12M Price Change	Description	
Asia Commercial Bank (ACB)	Financials	4.2	12.2%	-7.5%	6.6%	Leading local bank, focused on affluent retail segment and SME banking	
Khang Dien House (KDH)	Real Estate	1.0	9.1%	-19.2%	-17.2%	Leading townhouse developer in Ho Chi Minh City	
FPT Corporation (FPT)	Information Tech.	6.2	8.4%	-9.6%	3.5%	Largest IT company, focused on software outsourcing and internet services	
Hoa Phat Group (HPG)	Materials	6.3	8.0%	-4.7%	-1.2%	Largest local steel producer	
Tam Tri Hospital	Healthcare	Private Equity	5.5%	Private Equity	Private Equity	Leading private healthcare service companies in Vietnam	
Vinhomes (VHM)	Real Estate	9.3	5.4%	13.8%	43.1%	Largest real estate developer	
Airports Corporation of Vietnam (ACV)	Industrials	7.9	4.8%	-4.9%	12.8%	Largest airport operator with 22 airports nationwide	
Thu Cuc Hospital	Healthcare	Private Equity	4.2%	Private Equity	Private Equity	Private hospital in Hanoi, specializing in outpatient and corporate medical services	
Vietnam Prosperity Bank (VPB)	Financials	5.1	4.1%	-12.9%	-6.0%	Leading retail bank, providing lending, brokerage, insurance services	
IN Holdings	Consumer Disc.	Private Equity	3.9%	Private Equity	Private Equity	Largest premium conference and hospitality venue operator in Vietnam	
Total			65.6%				

### **Portfolio Manager's Commentary**

# "One major advantage of taking the long view is you can afford to ignore the short-term volatility" - Charlie Munger, Berkshire Hathaway

NAV declined 6.8% in April under tariff announcement selling pressure, however, the discount has narrowed to 22% from the last weeks of March (33-34%).

April proved to be a volatile month for global markets after the "Liberation Day" announcement of tariffs by President Trump on April 2nd. As with markets around the world, the VN Index experienced a challenging month and decreased 7.6% m-o-m (USD, total return terms, \$TR) and year-to-date of-5.0 (\$TR) on the news that the US planned to impose 46% tariffs on Vietnam, the second highest amongst countries targeted. Prior to April 2nd, Vietnam's stock market was one of the best performing markets in the region thanks to healthy corporate earnings growth. Companies listed on Vietnam's three stock exchanges reported Q1 2025 net profit after tax increases of 25.0% y-o-y and 8.7% q-o-q. At the time of writing this report, the outcome of Vietnam-US tariff negotiations is expected to reach a favorable outcome, nonetheless our Research team is operating under a base-case scenario of a 20% tariff rate, which will translate to 12.8% earnings growth for 2025. Despite these uncertainties, we do not expect manufacturers to leave Vietnam as the country still offers a greater appeal that outweighs the looming tariffs. Apple has reaffirmed its strong commitment to Vietnam by continuing to expand production and assembly of key devices, including iPads, Macbooks, Apple Watches and AirPods. This underscores Vietnam's strategic role in the global technology supply chain.

VOF remains focused on domestic oriented companies and our portfolio companies have minimal direct impact from tariffs, although they are not immune to the secondary effects such as consumer sentiment and demand growth. Nonetheless, consumer sentiment has been inching up since mid-2024 and is reflected in the recovery of consumer spending. In April alone, sales of consumer goods and services surged by 11.1% y-o-y despite tariff concerns, and reinforcing the upward momentum in real retail sales. This followed a 9.9% y-o-y increase recorded in the first four months of the year.

Mobile World Group (HOSE: MWG, NAV: 2.6%), the leading retailer in Vietnam, reported strong Q1 2025 results, with net profit surging 71.0% y-o-y to USD 57.8 million, while net sales rose 15.0% y-o-y, reaching USD 1.4 billion. In its phones and electronics segment, MWG has set an ambitious goal to capture up to 80% of market share by 2030. The growth is largely attributed to an expanded product portfolio and continued store openings in the electronics retail chain. Meanwhile, their grocery subsidiary, Bach Hoa Xanh (BHX), achieved breakeven point, and posted a positive net profit in the quarter. BHX remains committed to opening up to 400 stores this year to reach a total of 2,100 stores, with the vision to become the preferred grocery destination for every Vietnamese family.

## Supportive lending environment drives market optimism

Favourable lending rates coupled with noteworthy credit growth (3.9% system-wide in Q1 2025 and 17.6% y-o-y) further strengthened investor confidence. Access to affordable financing should benefit sectors such as real estate and consumer, both of which stood out as the only two sectors to post gains in April. Real estate showed its resilience by rising 8.4% m-o-m and 38.2% year-to-date, with **Vinhomes (HOSE: VHM, NAV: 5.4%)** the leading performer within the real estate sector. VHM reported impressive first-quarter results: consolidated revenue surpassed USD 605 million, a remarkable 124% year-on-year increase,

while net profit reached USD 104 million, soaring by 193% compared to Q1 2024. Adding to the momentum, the stock rose 14% during the month (and 46.0% year-to-date) on the news of handovers at Vinhomes Royal Island project and the launch of the next phases of Ocean Park 2 & 3 in Hanoi.

## Tourism, a welcome boost to the economy

The 50th anniversary of Reunification Day occurred on April 30<sup>th</sup>, with parades, fireworks, and other events organized across major cities. An estimated 10.5 million domestic tourists traveled during the long holiday, significantly boosting local tourism revenue and consumption. In parallel, Vietnam welcomed 7.6 million foreign tourists in the first four months of 2025, surging 24% y-o-y. The nation has achieved a 98% tourism recovery rate post-Covid which is the highest in Southeast Asia, a testament to becoming the fastest-developing tourism destination in the region. Vietnam is targeting 23 million foreign tourist arrivals this year, which would be an increase of 30% y-o-y.

One company that stands to directly benefit from this is **Airports Corporation of Vietnam (UPCoM: ACV, NAV: 4.8%)**. ACV announced a robust 1Q 2025 performance, posting net profit of USD 120 million, representing a 7% y-o-y increase and achieving 36% of its full-year profit target within just the first three months of 2025. To address long-standing congestion issues at Ho Chi Minh City's Tan Son Nhat International Airport, the nation's busiest, ACV inaugurated the new Terminal 3 on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The new terminal is designed to serve up to 20 million passengers annually and is one of several ongoing projects to expand capacity and modernize the nation's transportation hubs to meet growing demand from local and foreign travellers. As a reminder, ACV is also focused on completing the first phase of Long Thanh International Airport by end-2025 which, when fully completed, will add an additional 100 million passenger throughput annually, doubling Vietnam's existing total capacity.

Vietnam's Government approved a plan to increase infrastructure investment by nearly 40% this year to USD 36 billion, signalling a major focus on driving economic growth through development of key infrastructure such as airports, railroads, seaports and highways. The Government has ample fiscal resources to ramp up spending as Government debt is well below 40%/GDP, and has over USD 40 billion of undisbursed funds previously earmarked for infrastructure spending. The largest steel producer in Vietnam and one of VOF's long-term holding, **Hoa Phat Group (HOSE: HPG, NAV: 8.0%)**, stands to benefit. HPG reported a 22.0% y-o-y increase in net revenue and 17.0% y-o-y net profit gain. The upcoming major public projects, such as the USD 67 billion Hanoi-Ho Chi Minh City highspeed railway or the USD 8 billion Lao Cai — Haiphong railway, coupled with an expected increase in real estate project launches will create strong demand for steel and construction materials.

## **Insights Into Vietnam's Economy**



Michael Kokalari, CFA Chief Economist

Vietnam's government has embarked on a very ambitious program to help the country continue its strong economic growth and move beyond its dependency on trade. Recognizing the significance of this program, some are calling it "Doi Moi 2.0", a reference to the economic reforms introduced in 1986 which transformed the country's economy. Full <a href="Insights">Insights</a>' Report

Access to April Macroeconomic Report

Board of Directors		VinaCapital Invest	VinaCapital Investment Management Ltd				
VOF's Board of D non-executive di	irectors is composed entirely of independent rectors:	Investment Manager's senior management team:					
Name	Role	Name	Role				
Huw Evans	Non-executive Chairman	Don Lam	Group CEO				
Julian Healy	Non-executive Director	Brook Taylor	Group COO				
Kathryn Matthew	vs Non-executive Director	Alex Hambly	Group CIO				
Peter Hames	Non-executive Director	Khanh Vu	Managing Director				
Hai Trinh	Non-executive Director	Dieu Phuong Nguyen	Deputy Managing Director				
Charlotta Ginmar	n Non-executive Director						
Fund informati	ion						
LEI		2138007UD8FBBVAX9	2138007UD8FBBVAX9469				
ISIN		GG00BYXVT888	GG00BYXVT888				
Ticker		VOF					
Fund summary							
Fund Launch		30 September 2003					
Term of Fund		Five years subject to shareholder vote for liquidation (next vote to be held by December 2028)					
Fund Domicile		Guernsey					
Investment Man	ager	VinaCapital Investment Management Ltd, with sub-delegation to VinaCapital Fund Management JSC an entity regulated by the State Securities Commission of Vietnam					
Joint Corporate	Brokers	Barclays Bank PLC, Deutsche Numis					
Management and Incentive Fee (Effective From 01 July 2023)		A tiered management fee structure has been introduced, with the following annual rates applied to net assets:  - 1.30% of net assets, levied on the first USD1,000 million of net assets  - 1.00% of net assets, levied on net assets between USD1,000 million and USD1,500 million  - 0.75% of net assets, levied on net assets between USD1,500 million and USD2,000 million  - 0.50% of net assets, levied on net assets above USD2,000 million and USD2,000 million  The incentive fee is 10% of any increase in NAV above an 10% per annum hurdle rate, with the cap on incentive fees paid out in any year at 1.5% of weighted average of month-end net assets. Excess fees are stil carried forward, but can be clawed back if NAV declines after the year end. The Investment manager must use 25% of any incentive fee paid to buy VOF shares via open market purchases, subject to a minimum holding period of 5 years.					
ESG		other publications are	bible Investment Policy, alongside details of VOF's ESG Reporting and Voting, and e available on the Company's website.    TASK FORCE   CLIMATE - RELATED   PRINCIPLES FOR Responsible   Responsible				



### Important Information

This document, and the material contained therein, is not intended as an offer or solicitation for the subscription, purchase or sale of securities in VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunity Fund Limited (the "Company"). Any investment in any of the Companies must be based solely on the Admission Document of that Company or other offering document issued from time to time by that Company, in accordance with applicable laws.

The material in this document is not intended to provide, and should not be relied on for accounting, legal or tax advice or investment recommendations. Potential investors are advised to independently review and/or obtain independent professional advice and draw their own conclusions regarding the economic benefit and risks of investment in either of the Companies and legal, regulatory, credit, tax and accounting aspects in relation to their particular circumstances.

The securities of the Companies have not been and will not be registered under any securities laws of the United States of America nor any of its territories or possessions or areas subject to its jurisdiction and, absent an exemption, may not be offered for sale or sold to nationals or residents thereof.

No undertaking, representation, warranty or other assurance, express or implied, is given by or on behalf of either of the Companies or VinaCapital Investment Management Ltd or any of their respective directors, officers, partners, employees, agents or advisers or any other person as to the accuracy or completeness of the information or opinions contained in this document and no responsibility or liability is accepted by any of them for any such information or opinions or for any errors, omissions, misstatements, negligence or otherwise.

No warranty is given, in whole or in part, regarding the performance of either of the Companies. There is no guarantee that investment objectives of any of the three Companies will be achieved. Potential investors should be aware that past performance may not necessarily be repeated in the future. The price of shares and the income from them may fluctuate upwards or downwards and cannot be guaranteed.

This document is intended for the use of the addressee and recipient only and should not be relied upon by any persons and may not be reproduced, redistributed, passed on or published, in whole or in part, for any purposes, without the prior written consent of VinaCapital Fund Management Ltd.

Investor Relations/Communications ir@vinacapital.com +84 28 3821 9930

Joint Corporate Broker
Barclays Bank PLC
+44 207 623 2323
BarclaysInvestmentCompanies@barclays.com

Deutsche Numis +44 20 7260 1000 funds@numis.com

www.vinacapital.com

Marketing Cadarn Capital +44 20 7019 9042 info@cadarncapital.com