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Market Analysis

1. Market recovers on pillar stocks

The market ended higher on Thursday, as recent losses triggered bottom-fishing demand, lifting the general sentiment.

On the Ho Chi Minh Stock Exchange (HoSE), the VN-Index rose 1.71 points, or 0.18 per cent, to close Thursday's trade at 947.71 points. The recovery ended the losing streak in three days due to persistent selling pressure.

The market's breadth was neutral as 167 stocks inched higher, while 166 stocks declined. Liquidity also remained low, of which matching value on HoSE reached nearly VND7 trillion (US\$280.3 million), equivalent to a matching volume of 482 million shares.

The index's reversal was boosted by gains in large-cap stocks, with the VN30-Index reporting an increase of 2.03 points, or 0.22 per cent, to 940.76 points. Eighteen of the 30 biggest stocks in the VN30 basket added points, while nine stocks dipped with three hitting the floor prices. And three stocks stayed unchanged.

In the top five stocks supporting the market's recovery, Vingroup (VIC) was the biggest gainer, with an increase of 2.18 per cent. It was followed by Vinamilk (VNM), Hoa Phat Group (HPG), BIDV (BID) and Vinhomes (VHM), up in a range of 1.35-3.99 per cent.

Also helping the rally, big names like Vincom Retail (VRE), Vietnam Rubber Group (GVR), Sacombank (STB), Asia Commercial Joint Stock Bank (ACB), and Petrolimex (PLX) posted positive performance, up at least 1.7 per cent.

However, the index pared gains as some stocks still faced sell-offs. Specifically, Masan Group (MSN) witnessed the biggest loss, down 4.2 per cent.

Saigon-Hanoi Securities JSC (SHS) said that the market continues to struggle with some strong correction and recovery sessions before entering a new rally period. Therefore, investors should not participate in the market with a large proportion at the moment, SHS recommended.

The HNX-Index on the Ha Noi Stock Exchange (HNX) also rebounded on Thursday. It finished the day at 191.22 points, up 0.22 points, or 0.12 per cent.

During the session, VND677.87 billion worth of shares, equal to a trading volume of over 60.5 million shares, was traded on the northern bourse.

Foreign investors continued to flock to the market with a total net buy of VND319.66 billion on both main exchanges. Of which, they net bought VND290.21 billion on HoSE and VND29.45 billion on HNX.

Macro & Policies

2. MoF continues favourable policies to support individuals and firms

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) has introduced many favourable policies on tax, fees and land rent to ease the financial burdens on individuals and firms, boosting economic recovery, according to Deputy Minister of Finance Cao Anh Tuan.

Tuan was speaking at the conference on tax and customs on November 22.

The deputy minister estimated that the policies would cut 98 trillion VND (3.94 billion USD) of taxes, fees and land rent for individuals and firms and extend the due dates of 135 trillion VND of the liabilities in 2022.

He also said the MoF has worked to step up administrative reform, thereby improving the business environment. Thanks to its efforts, the ministry was ranked among the top three ministries in the Public Administration Reform Index in 2022, marking eight consecutive years of brilliant performance in this regard.

Remarkably, 100% of administrative processes and public services provided by the ministry and its subordinate agencies have been moved online.

At the conference, Chairman of Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry Pham Tan Cong expressed his gratitude for the MoF's support for the business community, which has been of great help to firms during tough times.

He said Vietnam's Paying Taxes Indicator was lower than those of Laos and Cambodia sixteen years ago. However, thanks to the MoF's effort in administrative reform, the country has been inching up in the rankings year-on-year.

"The improvement has brought considerable benefits to firms and accelerated the integration of technology to public services," said Cong.

He also said technology has helped tax and customs authorities to operate more professionally and simplify their administrative processes.

Meanwhile, Vu Quang Tung, head of the Song Hong Garment JSC's Import and Export Department, underlined the favourable policies on tax, fees and land rent as a financial lifeline to firms hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

He said the policies have given a boost to their financial situation, enabling them to cut selling prices in favour of consumers.

At the conference, some other firms were making inquiries about obstacles in tax and customs processes and calling for more favourable policies to remove the obstacles.

In response, the deputy minister said the MoF would continue to carefully examine the obstacles and come up with solutions to the problem.

In the short term, the MoF would bring its policies to bear as quickly as necessary and, at the same time, evaluate the effectiveness of the policies as the situation evolves.

The MoF would also suggest revisions to the Law on Tax Administration to ensure its compatibility with international norms, thereby promoting investment and enhancing competition.

"The MoF will embrace reforms in all aspects, from institutional structure to public administration," said Tuan.

According to the General Department of Taxation, tax collection contributed 1.2 quadrillion VND to the State Budget in the first ten months of 2022, up 14.7% year-on-year.

3. VN's stock market sees volatility amid world's less positive outlook

With the economic support measures after the COVID-19 pandemic, inflation has increased sharply in many parts of the world, prompting many economies to continue tightening monetary policy at a fast and strong pace to control inflation, said the State Securities Commission (SSC) at a meeting held in Ha Noi on Wednesday.

In 2022, the US Federal Reserve (FED) raised the operating interest rate by 3.75 percentage points through six consecutive adjustments; The Bank of England has adjusted interest rates up 7 times in a row since December 2021, to 2.25 per cent. The European Central Bank (ECB) has also adjusted interest rates three times already in 2022 in the context of inflation continuing to increase in this region. The move to tighten monetary policy in the world is raising concerns about the risk of recession and inflation in some countries.

The geopolitical situation will continue to be complicated and unpredictable. The Russia-Ukraine conflict, tensions between major countries and China's zero COVID strategy continue to aggravate disrupted global supply chains, and rising food and energy prices directly affect the costs of businesses and increase inflationary pressure, said SSC.

Domestically, cash flow on the stock market has been affected by changes in interest rates. After the Fed's continuous interest rate adjustments, the State Bank of Viet Nam has also increased the operating interest rate twice to cope with inflation and reduce external impacts, it said.

Deposit interest rates at commercial banks have also increased, attracting cash flow back to the banking system and reducing the attractiveness of short-term securities investment channels. In addition, investment capital flows on the stock market have also shifted to production and business activities as the pandemic is under control.

The stock market had grown strongly from 2021 to the first quarter of 2022. Therefore, when there are unfavourable factors, investors will tend to sell to take profits and avoid losses, creating selling pressure in the market. The investigation and prosecution of a number of large real estate enterprises in recent times related to violations in

the issuance of corporate bonds have also affected the general sentiment on the stock market, creating cautious psychology, and affecting cash flow in the market.

The SSC said that it will continue to closely monitor developments in the economic-political situation around the world, and assess the impact and influence on Viet Nam's stock market in order to promptly take appropriate solutions to ensure the stable and transparent development of Viet Nam's stock market.

Recently on the stock market, there have been businesses increasing bond re-purchases, and individual investors selling bonds early due to concerns that businesses will not be able to repay their debts.

However, according to the Ministry of Finance, international practice and Vietnamese law both stipulate that corporate bonds are issued by enterprises on the principle of self-borrowing, self-paying and self-responsibility.

According to the Ministry of Finance, corporate bonds are not a bank savings deposit product but often have a higher risk when accompanied by high interest rates. With this feature, investors are responsible for self-assessing the level of risks when buying corporate bonds, and are responsible for their own investment decisions.

Therefore, when individual investors are invited to buy corporate bonds, they need to request the distributing organisation to provide complete and accurate information about the issuer and the bonds. Investors need to read carefully and understand provisions in bond documents and corporate information disclosures, said Deputy Minister of Finance Nguyen Duc Chi.

When the issuer has payment difficulties, the investor can actively work with this business and the service provider to agree on a suitable settlement plan, ensuring the interests of both sides.

"Investors also need to pay close attention to the responsibilities and commitments of service providers. Commercial banks and securities

companies distribute corporate bonds does not mean that these organisations guarantee the payment of debts. These organisations are only service providers, enjoying service fees from the issuer," said Chi.

However, the Ministry of Finance said the corporate bond market is still a potential market as enterprises are in need of capital for production and business development. Therefore, the Government's view is to continue to develop a safe, healthy and transparent bond market, said the Ministry of Finance.

4. Air passenger traffic soars in November

In comparison with the same month last year, when travel restrictions were in place, air passenger traffic this month has shot up 630%.

International visitor arrivals increased 2,706.2% versus the same period last year at 1.7 million, while the number of domestic passengers grew 508.9% over November 2021 to 7 million. These numbers of local and foreign travelers are still lower than in 2019, though.

So far this year 90.8 million passengers have passed through local airports, up 221% compared to last year's 11-month period.

Vietnamese carriers handled half of the total air passengers, with 45 million travelers being served. Some 40.5 million were domestic tourists.

Rising demand for the coming Lunar New Year holiday, or Tet, bodes well for the future of the domestic aviation sector in the coming months.

As of November 20, the number of flight ticket bookings rose by 23% year-on-year, local media reported.

Still, there are plenty of seats available, as flights have been well-planned, with ticket sale campaigns launched early.

In particular, Vietnam Airlines Group, which includes Vietnam Airlines, Vasco and Pacific Airlines, had begun selling flight tickets for the Tet holiday as early as August 15.

5. Nearly US\$7.4 billion spent on fuel imports from Jan-Oct

In October alone, the country's fuel imports amounted to 602,000 tons, worth US\$556 million, inching down 4.1% in volume and 9.8% in value month-on-month, according to statistics from the General Department of Vietnam Customs.

During the 10-month period, Vietnam imported 4.15 million tons of diesel oil, up 84% year-on-year, and 1.5 million tons of gasoline, a year-on-year three-fold increase, the local media reported.

South Korea was the largest fuel supplier for Vietnam during the January-October period, with a

volume of 2.75 million tons, up 98.5% year-on-year, followed by Singapore with 1.1 million tons.

The statistics indicated that Vietnam's total import-export turnover reached US\$616.3 billion during the 10-month period, up 14% year-on-year.

Of this, the country's export revenue rose by 16% year-on-year at US\$312.94 billion, while the import spending amounted to US\$303.35 billion, up 12.2% against the year-ago period, resulting in a trade surplus of US\$9.59 billion.

6. Vietnam eyes to boost economic, education cooperation with Hong Kong

About 100 leading businesses of Hong Kong (China) will join together in a field trip to Vietnam to explore market and meet representatives of government agencies and localities, aiming to promote partnerships in trade, investment, production, innovation and high technology, according to the Vietnamese Consulate General in Hong Kong.

The office will pay heed to connecting human resources training between Vietnam and Hong Kong, focusing on encouraging Hong Kong's universities to provide more scholarships and cooperate with Vietnamese universities, said Consul General Pham Binh Dam.

Efforts will be also promoted to solve visa-related issues for Vietnamese labourers to work in Hong Kong, he stated.

According to the diplomat, the agency has established and maintained good relations with authorised agencies, associations, trade unions and

influential entrepreneurs in Hong Kong in order to promote relationships between important local partners with ministries, sectors, localities, businesses of Vietnam.

Hong Kong is among the top economic partners of Vietnam, while Vietnam is also the 7th largest trading partner of this HongKong, he noted.

Two-way trade between Vietnam and Hong Kong hit 28.5 billion USD in 2021 and 25.2 billion USD in the first nine months of this year. As of October 20, Hong Kong poured 28.9 billion USD in 2,133 projects in Vietnam.

From January 2021, Hong Kong officially started the issuance of visas for Vietnamese students to study in the region, Dam noted.

According to the diplomat, Hong Kong businesses are also tending to prioritise the ASEAN market, including Vietnam.

7. Vietnam, Philippines look toward 10 bln USD in trade by 2026

Chairman of the Vietnamese National Assembly Vuong Dinh Hue on November 24 reiterated the goal of lifting two-way trade between Vietnam and the Philippines to 10 billion USD in a more balanced manner by 2026 when they celebrate the 50th anniversary of diplomatic ties.

Addressing the Vietnam-Philippines Investment-Trade Forum, Hue said the two countries share similar strategic benefit values, with two-way trade hitting 7 billion USD.

Vietnam will continue to perform well in farm produce trade, ensuring a high and stable export of rice at reasonable prices while staying ready to import products of the Philippines' strength, he said.

The NA leader informed participants that under its 2021-2030 socio-economic development strategy, Vietnam has targeted rapid and sustainable development in the socio-economic and environment pillars. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic last year, the country still recorded one of the world's highest growths of 2.58%. Since early this year, its economy has made breakthrough recovery with quarter-on-quarter growth. About 8.3% of the total GDP have been used to help citizens and businesses recover from the pandemic.

According to him, Vietnam has become one of the 20 countries with the world's biggest trade and an attractive business destination. The country now has investment relations with 141 countries and territories with 135,000 valid projects worth 435 billion USD. It has also been named among the best

20 FDI destinations in the world by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

The two Governments and legislatures will offer all possible support for investors and enterprises, he said, adding that the two economies are not competitive but supplementary to each other. So far, Vietnam has been the only strategic partner of the Philippines in ASEAN while their geographical distance is close.

President of the Philippine Senate Juan Miguel Zubiri, for his part, hailed Vietnam for its vibrant and pro-business environment. He said he fully supports the strengthening of economic, trade and investment ties with Vietnam.

In order to draw more FDI, the Philippines had reduced corporate income tax to 25% from 31%, which is applicable to Vietnamese firms, he added.

Philippine corporate representatives expressed their interest in electric vehicles, apparel, and renewable energy. Several opinions highlighted the potential of cooperation in cement, construction

steel and materials, footwear, e-commerce and industry.

Vietnamese Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Le Minh Hoan said the Philippines and other ASEAN member states are always key markets for Vietnam's farm produce.

Meanwhile, Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment Tran Duy Dong suggested further expanding bilateral ties in green growth, circular economy and innovation.

Deals on export-import of cement and clinker, and distribution of vaccines against African swine flu in the Philippines were also signed at the event.

In the morning the same day, Chairman Hue laid wreaths at Rizal Monument and President Ho Chi Minh Monument at ASEAN Park.

Corporate News

8. TCB: BOD resolution dated November 23, 2022

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The Board resolution dated November 23, 2022, the BOD of Vietnam Technological and Commercial Joint Stock Bank approved to receive the free transfer of all intellectual property rights with all

T-Pay trademarks being used under the registered name of Masan Group Joint Stock Company (Masan) to the legal entity of Vietnam Technological and Commercial Joint Stock Bank (Techcombank).

9. MWG: Report on redemption of treasury shares

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Report on redemption of treasury shares of Mobile World Investment Corporation as follows:

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