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SBV continues to withdraw liquidity amid ongoing exchange rates pressure

SBV continues to withdraw liquidity

In 08W25 (17 to 21 February), the SBV continued to withdraw liquidity as interbank pressures gradually eased. Specifically, SBV conducted a net liquidity withdrawal of VND34.16tn, mainly through repos, by allowing a large volume of maturing repo contracts to expire without rolling them over. During the week, VND69.11tn in repos matured, while only VND37.06tn was reissued to moderate the withdrawal impact, leading to net withdrawal by VND32.06tn via this instrument. Additionally, the SBV further withdrew VND2.10tn via T-bills, by issuing VND21.70tn while VND19.60tn in T-bills matured.

Interbank rates cool down further

This week, the interbank rate dropped in short tenors while trading volume increased modestly. Specifically, the longer end of the curve remained unchanged, while shorter-term rates such as the overnight, 1-week, 2-week, and 1-month tenors dropped by 10bps, 7bps, 5bps, and 8bps, respectively, reaching 3.80%, 4.03%, 4.20%, and 4.47%. Additionally, the average trading volume increased by 3.38% this week, reaching VND465.56tn.

USDVND uptrend continues

This week, USDVND continued its upward trend despite a weakening USD in the global market. Specifically, the interbank USDVND rose by 0.48% from the previous week, settling at 25,520 on Friday. On the international market, the USD initially strengthened due to concerns over a potential trade war escalation following Trump's renewed tariff threats. However, it later weakened as weak economic data, raised concerns about the economy. Domestically, Vietnam's trade balance recorded a significant deficit of USD3.19bn in the first half of February. Additionally, the VST announced its intention to purchase foreign currency from commercial banks. On the Vietnamese stock market, foreign investors continued net selling of stocks, highlighting concerns over escalating trade tensions.

Vietnam economic indicators

	24-Aug	24-Sep	24-Oct	24-Nov	24-Dec	25-Jan	Corr.1
FDI %YoY	5.3	13.2	7.6	-6.7	25.2	2.0	-0.16
Retail sales %YoY	8.4	7.1	9.4	8.4	9.3	9.5	-0.18
Export %YoY	15.2	10.7	10.1	8.2	12.9	-7.0	-0.16
Import %YoY	14.7	11.1	13.6	9.8	19.2	0.2	-0.07
Trade balance (USD bn)	4.0	2.3	2.0	1.1	0.5	1.2	-0.11
CPI %MoM		0.29	0.33	0.13	0.29	0.98	-0.06
Credit %YoY	15.7	16.1	16.6	15.8	13.8	N/A	-0.23
USDVND %MoM	-1.48	-1.24	2.91	0.25	0.55	-1.59	-0.39
PMI (pts)	52.4	47.3	51.2	50.8	49.8	48.9	-0.25
VNINDEX return (%)	2.6	0.8	-1.8	-1.0	1.5	-0.1	1.00

Source: SBV, GSO, Bloomberg, KIS

Correlation to VNINDEX's monthly return

Green = acceleration; yellow = deceleration; red = contraction.

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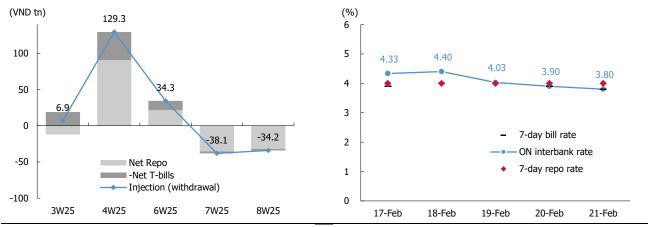
I. SBV continues to withdraw liquidity

By not rolling over a large amount of maturing outstanding repo, SBV conducted net withdrawals for the second consecutive week In 08W25 (17 to 21 February), the SBV continued to withdraw liquidity as interbank pressures gradually eased. Specifically, SBV conducted a net liquidity withdrawal of VND34.16tn, mainly through repos, by allowing a large volume of maturing repo contracts to expire without rolling them over. During the week, VND69.11tn in repos matured, while only VND37.06tn was reissued to moderate the withdrawal impact, leading to net withdrawal by VND32.06tn via this instrument. Additionally, the SBV further withdrew VND2.10tn via T-bills, by issuing VND21.70tn while VND19.60tn in T-bills matured.

As highlighted in previous weeks, the SBV's actions this week reflect an effort to rebalance liquidity after substantial injections into the banking system following the Tet holiday. With more than VND87.48tn in outstanding repos and banking system liquidity demand cooling down, SBV is expected to continue liquidity withdrawal in the coming weeks, with the extent likely to be carefully managed to avoid excessive tightening impacts on the banking system.

Figure 1. Net injection (withdrawal) of liquidity

Figure 2. Interest rate corridor



Source: SBV, KIS Source: SBV, KIS

Figure 3. 7-day repo issuance: detail information

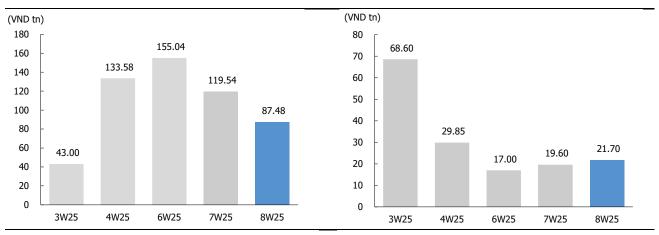
Figure 4. 7-day repo issuance: detail information

Issue date	Maturity Date	Tenor (days)	Amount (VNDtn)	Yields (%)	Issue date	Maturity Date	Tenor (days)	Amount (VNDtn)	Yields (%)
17-Feb-25	24-Feb-25	7	16.04	4.00	17-Feb-25	24-Feb-25	7	4.25	3.90
18-Feb-25	25-Feb-25	7	17.07	4.00	18-Feb-25	25-Feb-25	7	4.45	4.00
19-Feb-25	26-Feb-25	7	1.85	4.00	19-Feb-25	26-Feb-25	7	5.00	4.00
21-Feb-25	28-Feb-25	7	2.09	4.00	20-Feb-25	27-Feb-25	7	5.00	3.90
Total		7	37.1	4.00	21-Feb-25	28-Feb-25	7	3.00	3.80
					Total		7	21.70	3.92

Source: SBV, KIS Source: SBV, KIS

Figure 5. Outstanding amount of repos

Figure 6. Outstanding amount of bills



Source: SBV, KIS Source: SBV, KIS

II. Interbank rates cool down further

Short-term rates continue to decline as liquidity pressure eases This week, the interbank rate dropped in short tenors while trading volume increased modestly. Specifically, the longer end of the curve remained unchanged, while shorter-term rates such as the overnight (ON), 1-week (1W), 2-week (2W), and 1-month (1M) tenors dropped by 10bps, 7bps, 5bps, and 8bps, respectively, reaching 3.80%, 4.03%, 4.20%, and 4.47%. Additionally, the average trading volume increased by 3.38% this week, reaching VND465.56tn. As mentioned earlier, liquidity pressure in the banking system has eased as post-Tet effects gradually faded, prompting shorter-term rates to adjust more quickly, while the longer end of the interbank curve remained elevated. This possibly indicates that banks have shifted their preference toward longer tenors in anticipation of further short-term liquidity withdrawals by the SBV, contributing to the steepening of the yield curve this week.

Figure 7. Interbank daily transaction

Figure 8. Interbank rate curve

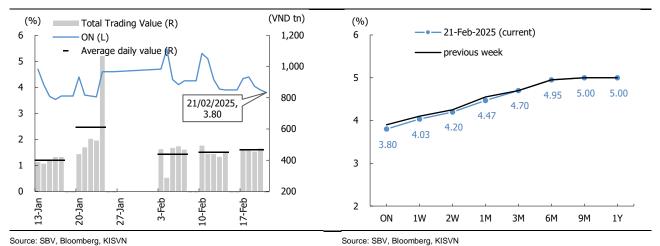
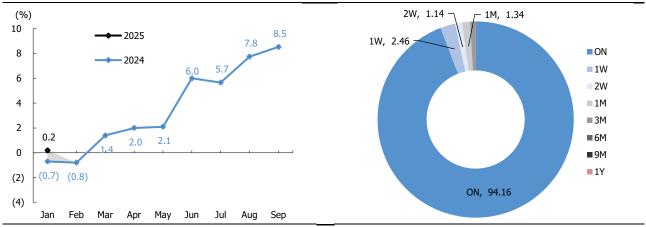


Figure 9. Credit growth by month of the year

Figure 10. Interbank transaction structure



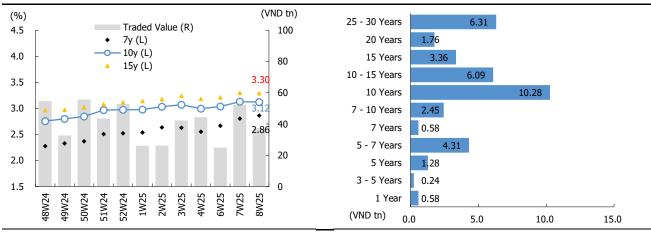
Source: SBV, Bloomberg, KISVN Note: Updated by 11 February, 2024 Source: SBV, Bloomberg, KISVN

III. G-bond yield likely unchanged

G-bond yields remained largely stable across most tenors This week, G-bond yields remained largely stable across most tenors. Specifically, yields for the 2-year, 5-year, and 30-year tenors edged up by 1bp, reaching 2.12%, 2.43%, and 3.45%, respectively. Meanwhile, the 7-year yield rose by 7bps to 2.86%. Total trading value declined by 28.56% compared to last week, reaching VND37.29tn, with a daily average of VND7.46tn.

Figure 11. G-bond traded value by week

Figure 12. G-bond traded value by tenor

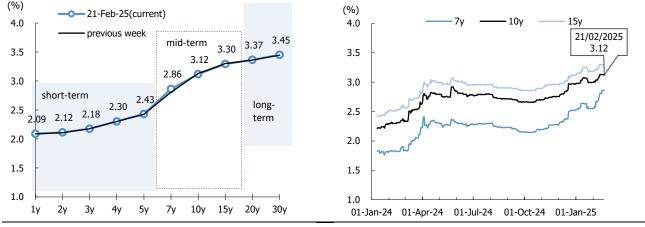


Source: HNX, Bloomberg, KIS

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Figure 13. G-bond trading yield curve

Figure 14. Historical daily government bond yields



Source: HNX, VBMA, KIS

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In the primary market, 08W25 saw increases in both winning yields and issuance value. Specifically, the VST successfully issued VND10.18tn this week, up 1.5% from last week, while the winning yield climbed 10bps to 3.00%. This development reflects expectations of increased bond issuance by the government to raise capital for accelerating public investment projects. Notably, in its 18 February session, the National Assembly approved investment plans for key infrastructure projects, including the Lao Cai - Ha Noi - Hai Phong railway and urban railway networks in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. To date, the VST has issued a total of VND45.00tn since the beginning of the year, achieving 9.0% of its 2024 target, slightly below the 9.36% recorded in the same period last year.

Figure 15. Weekly winning values

Figure 16. Weekly absorption rate

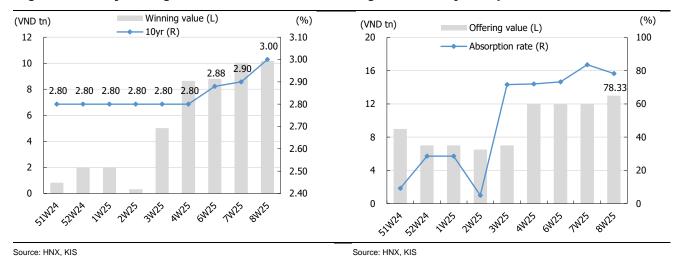
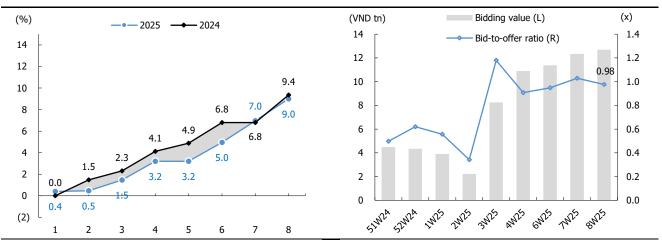


Figure 17. Completion ratio by week-of-the-year

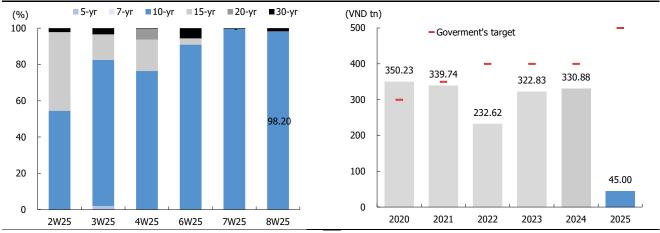
Figure 18. Weekly bid-to-offer ratio



Source: HNX, KIS Source: HNX, KIS

Figure 19. Weekly winning G-bond structure

Figure 20. Yearly issued amount of G-bond



Source: HNX, KIS Source: HNX, KIS

IV. USDVND uptrend continues

USDVND continued its upward trend despite a weakening USD in the global market

This week, USDVND continued its upward trend despite a weakening USD in the global market. Specifically, the interbank USDVND rose by 0.48%, equivalent to 121ppts from the previous week, settling at 25,520 on Friday. On the international market, the USD initially strengthened due to concerns over a potential trade war escalation following Trump's renewed tariff threats. However, it later weakened as weak economic data, such as services PMI figures, raised concerns about the economy. Despite this, market sentiment remained cautious amid disappointing U.S. labor data and "hawkish" remarks from the Federal Reserve. Domestically, Vietnam's trade balance recorded a significant deficit of USD3.19bn in the first half of February, reflecting increased demand for the greenback in payment settlements. Additionally, on Tuesday, the VST announced its intention to purchase foreign currency from commercial banks, with an expected value of up to USD150mn. On the Vietnamese stock market, foreign investors continued net selling of stocks, accounting for 1.20% of total trading value, highlighting concerns over escalating trade tensions.

Considering FX developments across segments, the ask price at Vietcombank increased by 0.31% (or 80ppts) compared to the previous week, while in the shadow market, it declined by 0.14% (or 35ppts). On Friday, ask prices at Vietcombank and the shadow market stood at 25,660 and 25,715 per U.S. dollar, respectively.

These factors contributed to the sharp rise in USDVND this week.

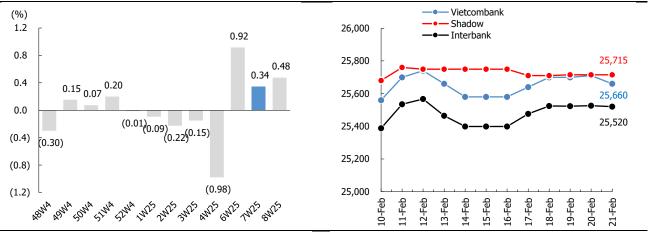
Table 1. Events of the week



Source: KIS

Figure 21. Weekly USDVND performance

Figure 22. VCB & shadow market USDVND spread

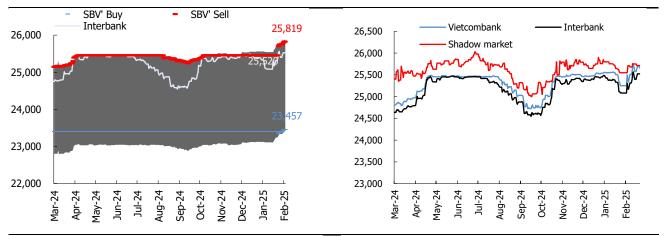


Source: Bloomberg, KIS

Source: SBV, Vietcombank, KIS

Figure 23. SBV's movement

Figure 24. USDVND by market

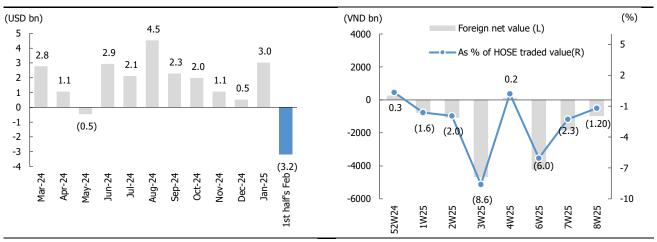


Source: SBV, Bloomberg, Fiinpro, KIS Note: shaded region is the daily trading band. The effective trading band is +/- 5% (the effective date is 17 October, 2022).

Source: SBV, Bloomberg, KIS

Figure 25. Vietnam's trade balance by month

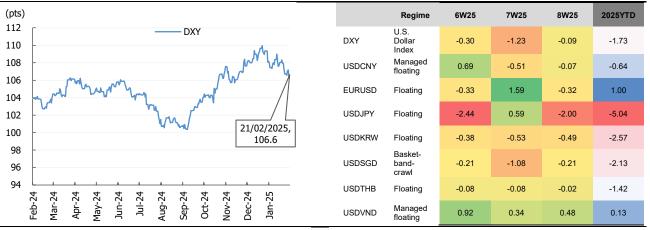
Figure 26. Trading of the foreign bloc in Vietnamese stock market



Source: GSO, KIS Note: Updated until 20 February, 2025 Source: Fiinpro, KIS

Figure 27. Historical DXY

Figure 28. Weekly change of USDVND and peers



Source: Bloomberg

Source: SBV, Bloomberg

Note: Green = appreciation; yellow = appreciate at slower pace; red = depreciation.

Macro scorecard

	24-Sep	24-Oct	24-Nov	24-Dec	25-Jan	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	2021	2022	2023	2024
Real GDP growth (%)						5.66	6.93	7.43	7.55	2.58	8.02	5.05	7.09
Registered FDI (USD bn)	4.26	2.48	4.12	6.85	4.34	6.18	9.01	9.59	13.44	31.15	27.72	36.61	38.23
GDP per capita (USD)										3,725	4,110	4,285	4,479
Unemployment rate (%)						2.24	2.29	2.23	2.22	3.22	2.32	2.26	2.24
Export (USD bn)	34.05	35.59	33.73	35.53	32.15	93.06	98.2	108.6	105.9	335.7	371.85	355.5	405.5
Import (USD bn)	31.76	33.60	32.67	35.00	30.92	84.98	94.0	99.7	101.9	331.1	360.65	327.5	380.8
Export growth (%)	10.70	10.09	8.16	12.85	-6.97	16.98	13.59	15.82	11.46	18.74	10.61	-4.4	14.3
Import growth (%)	11.06	13.56	9.81	19.23	0.21	13.88	20.65	17.19	14.91	25.9	8.35	-8.9	16.7
Inflation (%)	2.63	2.68	2.77	2.94	3.63	3.77	4.39	3.48	2.87	1.84	3.15	3.25	3.63
USD/VND	24,093	25,282	25,346	25,386	25,082	24,786	25,458	24.093	25,386	22,790	23,650	23,784	25,386
Credit growth (%)	16.1	16.2	15.8	13.8	N/A	12.5	15.3	16.1	13.8	13.61	14.2	13.7	13.8
10Y gov't bond (%)	2.66	2.70	2.76	2.94	2.99	2.59	2.81	2.66	2.94	2.11	5.08	2.39	2.94

Source: GSO, Bloomberg, FIA, IMF

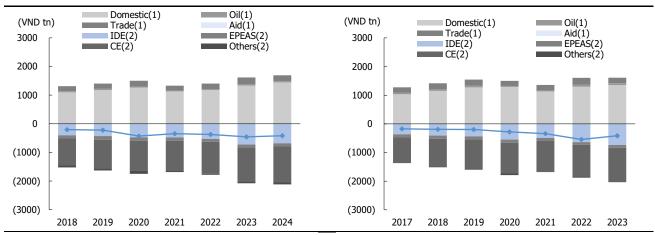
**Glossary

- * Winning yield rate = each group's highest bidding rate, 3.00%
 * Absorption rate = winning value / offering value, 78.33%
 * Bid to offer ratio = offering value / bidding value, 0.98%
 * DXY = U.S. Dollar Index, ~106.6
 * OMO = Open market operation
 * Tenor = due for payment
 * ON = overnight interbank interest rate, ~3.80%

Appendix

Figure 1. Vietnam's state budget by year: plan

Figure 2. Vietnam's state budget by year: actual



Source: MoF, SBV, KIS

 ${\it Domestic=Domestic revenues; Oil=Crude \ oil \ revenues; Trade=Balanced \ income \ from \ export \ and \ import \ activities; \ Aid=Revenue \ from \ aid.}$ IDE= Investment and development expenditures; EPEAS= Interest payment expenses & Aid spending; CE= Current expenditures

Figure 3. Vietnam's balance of payment (USD bn)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2Q24	3Q24
Current account	15.1	(4.6)	(1.1)	25.1	4.5	7.8
Goods, credit (exports)	282.6	335.9	371.3	354.7	97.9	108.2
Goods, debit (imports)	251.9	318.5	345.6	310.7	89.3	94.6
Balance on goods	30.7	17.5	25.7	44.0	8.5	13.6
Services, credit (exports)	7.6	4.2	12.9	19.6	5.5	5.9
Services, debit (imports)	17.9	19.9	25.5	29.1	8.3	9.8
Primary income, credit	1.4	1.0	2.3	4.6	1.4	1.4
Primary income, debit	16.2	17.7	22.0	27.0	5.4	6.1
Secondary income, credit	11.4	13.6	12.2	16.1	3.8	3.9
Secondary income, debit	2.0	3.2	6.7	3.1	1.1	1.0
Financial account	(8.5)	(30.9)	(9.5)	(2.8)	(6.3)	(2.7)
Direct investment, assets	0.4	0.3	2.7	1.6	(0.1)	(0.2)
Direct investment, liabilities	15.8	15.7	17.9	18.5	5.0	5.2
Portfolio investment, assets	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	0.0	0.0	(0.1)
Portfolio investment, liabilities	(1.3)	0.3	1.5	(1.2)	(1.6)	(0.8)
Other investment, assets	8.4	0.6	13.7	(14.3)	(5.2)	(2.6)
Other investment, liabilities	2.8	15.9	6.4	(7.4)	(4.4)	(4.2)
Net errors and omissions	(6.9)	(10.4)	(31.1)	(16.6)	(4.3)	(5.1)
Reserves and related items	16.6	15.9	(22.7)	(5.6)	6.1	(0.1)

Source: SBV, IMF, KIS

⁽¹⁾ indicates the item belongs to the revenue
(2) indicates the item belongs to the expenditure and plotted as a negative number

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