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Exchange rate pressure reignites ahead of reciprocal tariffs plan

SBV withdraws modestly to balance liquidity stance

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This week, the interbank yield curve flattened as short-term rates increased while longer tenors declined, accompanied by a rise in trading volume compared to the previous week. Specifically, the overnight rate, 1-week, 2-week, 1-month, and 3-month tenors rose by 5bps, 12bps, 23bps, 23bps, and 15bps, respectively, reaching 4.05%, 4.15%, 4.30%, 4.30%, and 4.50%, while the 9-month tenor dropped by 10bps to 4.80%. The average trading volume stood at VND463.57tn, up 11.68% from the previous week.

USDVND rises sharply

This week, the USDVND rate rose sharply, driven by both domestic and global factors. Specifically, the interbank USDVND rate increased by 0.29% (or 73ppts) from the previous week, settling at 25,592 on Friday. On the global front, the DXY index rose by 0.36%, closing at 104.1 on Friday, the greenback rebounded as the Fed maintained its stance on interest rates. Domestically, USDVND edged up, largely attributed to USD purchases by the VST in recent weeks, combined with continued strong net selling by the foreign bloc on Vietnam's stock exchange. In the coming weeks, USDVND is expected to remain under pressure as the Trump administration unveils its reciprocal tariff plans, particularly targeting countries with large trade surpluses with the U.S.

Vietnam economic indicators

	24-Sep	24-Oct	24-Nov	24-Dec	25-Jan	25-Feb	Corr.1
FDI %YoY	13.2	7.6	-6.7	22.1	2.0	9.1	-0.19
Retail sales %YoY	7.1	9.4	8.4	7.0	9.9	9.4	-0.17
Export %YoY	11.1	10.5	8.4	12.9	-4.0	25.7	-0.13
Import %YoY	11.5	13.8	10.4	19.0	-2.6	40.0	-0.06
Trade balance (USD bn)	2.3	2.0	1.1	0.5	3.1	-1.5	-0.12
CPI %MoM	0.29	0.33	0.13	0.29	0.98	0.34	-0.06
Credit %YoY	16.1	16.7	16.6	15.1	16.1	15.7	-0.24
USDVND %MoM	-1.24	2.91	0.25	0.55	-1.59	1.89	-0.37
PMI (pts)	47.3	51.2	50.8	49.8	48.9	49.2	-0.24
VNINDEX return (%)	0.8	-1.8	-1.0	1.5	-0.1	3.2	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 withdraws modestly to balance liquidity stance

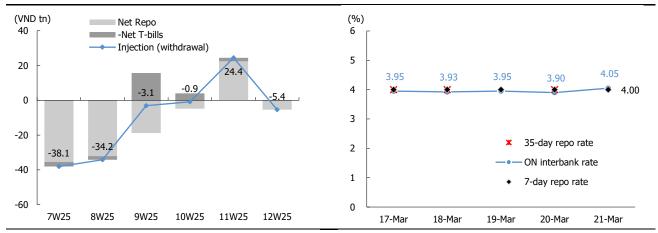
SBV conducts a mild net withdrawal to maintain banking system liquidity balance.

In 12W25 (17 to 21 March), the SBV returned to net liquidity withdrawal, albeit at a moderate level, aiming to ease maturity pressure from repo contracts issued in previous weeks. During the week, the SBV withdrew only VND5.41tn from the banking system by issuing VND70.84tn in repos to offset VND76.25tn in maturing repos, while no T-bills were used.

This move—rolling over a sufficient amount of repos to reduce rollover pressure from prior injections, limiting the use of T-bills, and issuing repos with longer tenors—reflects the SBV's continued policy direction to support banking system liquidity. This approach aims to ensure the successful execution of the government's economic objectives for the year.

Figure 1. Net injection (withdrawal) of liquidity

Figure 2. Interest rate corridor



Source: SBV, KIS Source: SBV, KIS

Figure 3. Repo transactions: 7-day tenor

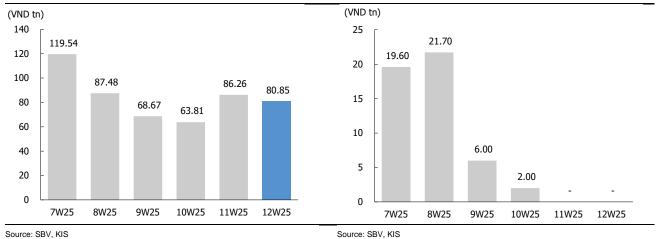
Figure 4. Repo transactions: 14-,35- & 91-day tenors

Issue date	Maturity Date	Tenor (days)	Amount (VNDtn)	Yields (%)	Issue date	Maturity Date	Tenor (days)	Amount (VNDtn)	Yields (%)
17-Mar-25	24-Mar-25	7	19.72	4.00	21-Mar-25	4-Apr-25	14	8.99	4.00
18-Mar-25	25-Mar-25	7	13.64	4.00	18-Mar-25	22-Apr-25	35	1.02	4.00
19-Mar-25	26-Mar-25	7	1.84	4.00	20-Mar-25	24-Apr-25	35	3.01	4.00
20-Mar-25	27-Mar-25	7	4.38	4.00	21-Mar-25	25-Apr-25	35	3.91	4.00
21-Mar-25	28-Mar-25	7	12.71	4.00	21-Mar-25	20-Jun-25	91	1.62	4.00
Total		7	52.30	4.00	Total			18.55	4.00

Source: SBV, KIS Source: SBV, KIS

Figure 5. Outstanding amount of repos

Figure 6. Outstanding amount of bills



II. Interbank rates ticked up

Interbank rates diverged across tenors

This week, the interbank yield curve flattened as short-term rates increased while longer tenors declined, accompanied by a rise in trading volume compared to the previous week. Specifically, the overnight rate (ON), 1-week (1W), 2-week (2W), 1-month (1M), and 3-month (3M) tenors rose by 5bps, 12bps, 23bps, 23bps, and 15bps, respectively, reaching 4.05%, 4.15%, 4.30%, 4.30%, and 4.50%, while the 9-month (9M) tenor dropped by 10bps to 4.80%. The average trading volume stood at VND463.57tn, up 11.68% from the previous week.

This week's interbank rate movements reflect mild liquidity pressure in the system, as a large amount of maturing contracts resulted from the SBV's injections last week. With the assumption that the SBV continues its liquidity support measures in the coming weeks, interbank rates are expected to remain around the lower bound, with the overnight rate hovering near the 4.00% mark, although volatility may still increase due to rollover pressure from open market operations.

Figure 7. Interbank daily transaction

Figure 8. Interbank rate curve

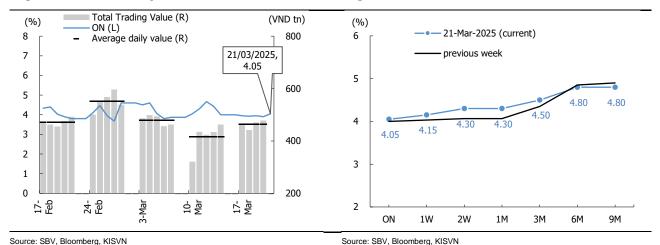
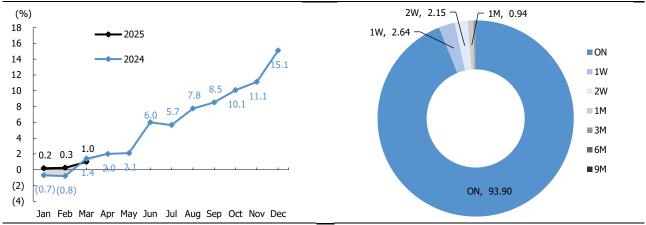


Figure 9. Credit growth by month of the year

Figure 10. Interbank transaction structure



Source: SBV, Bloomberg, KISVN Note: Updated by 13 March, 2024 Source: SBV, Bloomberg, KISVN

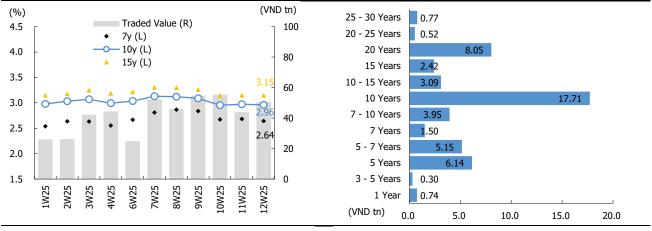
III. G-bond yields slightly drop

G-bond yields dropped across most tenors

G-bond yields declined slightly across most tenors, while trading value increased significantly. Specifically, yields for actively traded tenors such as 5-year, 7-year, and 10-year bonds dropped by 2bps, 4bps, and 1bp, respectively, reaching 2.30%, 2.64%, and 2.96%. The total trading value rose by 14.68% compared to last week, reaching VND50.42tn, with a daily average of VND10.08tn.

Figure 11. G-bond traded value by week

Figure 12. G-bond traded value by tenor

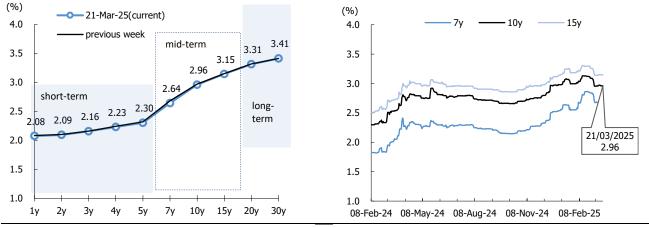


Source: HNX, Bloomberg, KIS

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Figure 13. G-bond trading yield curve

Figure 14. Historical daily government bond yields



Source: HNX, VBMA, KIS

Source: HNX, VBMA, KIS

In the primary market, 12W25 saw a sharp increase in bond issuance, with the winning value rising while yields remained unchanged. Specifically, the VST issued VND20.23tn this week, exceeding the planned issuance of VND13.50tn and 33.8% higher than last week, while the winning yield held steady at 2.96%. To date, the VST has issued a total of VND98.47tn since the beginning of the year, achieving 19.7% of its 2025 target, slightly higher than the 18.19% recorded in the same period last year.

Figure 15. Weekly winning values

Figure 16. Weekly absorption rate

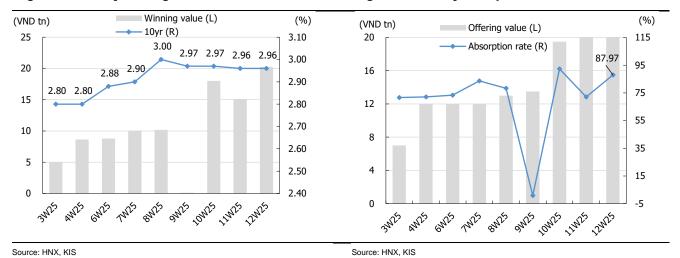
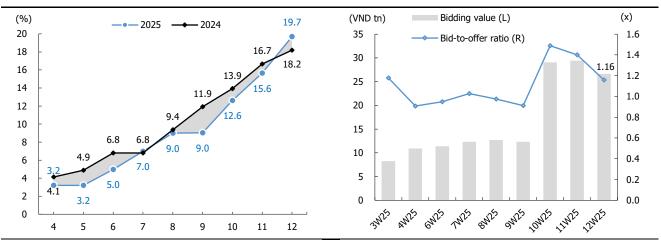


Figure 17. Completion ratio by week-of-the-year

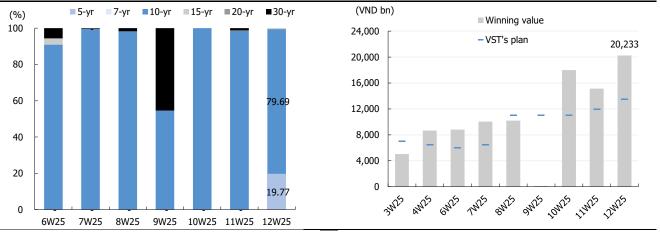
Figure 18. Weekly bid-to-offer ratio



Source: HNX, KIS Source: HNX, KIS

Figure 19. Weekly winning G-bond structure

Figure 20. Weekly issued amount of G-bond



Source: HNX, KIS Source: HNX, KIS

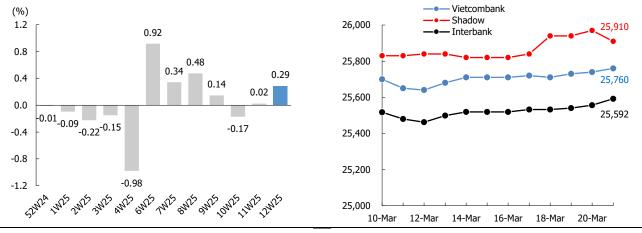
IV. USDVND rises sharply

USD increases as both domestic and global factors support the dollar This week, the USDVND rate rose sharply, driven by both domestic and global factors. Specifically, the interbank USDVND rate increased by 0.29% (or 73ppts) from the previous week, settling at 25,592 on Friday. On the global front, the DXY index rose by 0.36%, closing at 104.1 on Friday. The USD strengthened after the Fed maintained its stance, signaling no urgency to cut interest rates amid ongoing uncertainties surrounding U.S. tariff policies. Domestically, USDVND faced upward pressure as the VST continued bidding for USD300mn during the week. Notably, heightened concerns over reciprocal tariffs and their potential impact on global trade sentiment further reinforced the greenback's strength, exacerbating foreign outflows. Additionally, the foreign bloc extended its net selling streak on the HOSE exchange, with total net foreign selling reaching VND3.99tn, or 3.98% of the week's total trading value. In contrast, the upside of USDVND was somewhat limited as the trade balance recorded a surplus of USD0.31bn in the first half of March, increasing USD supply in the domestic market, albeit at a modest level.

Considering FX developments across segments, the ask price at Vietcombank rose by 0.19% (or 50ppts), while the shadow market saw a sharper increase of 0.35% (or 90ppts) compared to the previous week. On Friday, ask prices at Vietcombank and the shadow market were recorded at VND25,760 and VND25,910 per USD, respectively.

Figure 21. Weekly USDVND performance

Figure 22. VCB & shadow market USDVND spread

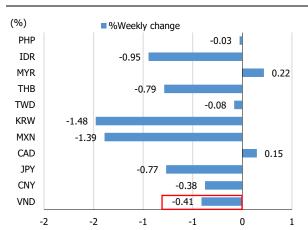


Source: Bloomberg, KIS

Source: SBV, Vietcombank, KIS

Figure 23. Weekly changes in ASEAN and other currencies against the USD

Figure 24. Currency performance of U.S. trading partners



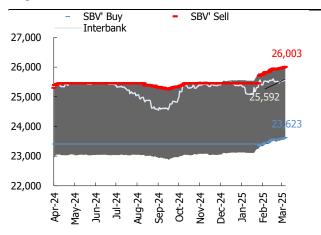
2024 Trade deficit 11W25 12W25 (USDbn) China -295.40 USDONY -0.12 0.20 Mexico -171.81 USDMXN -1.59 1.54 Vietnam USDVND -123.46 0.02 0.29 Ireland -86.75 USDEUR -0.42 0.56 -84.82 Germany Canada -73.93 USDCNY -0.12 0.20 USDTWD Taiwan -68.47 0.38 0.12 -66.01 USDJPY Japan 0.41 0.46 South Korea -64.19 USDKRW 0.85 Thailand -45.61 USDTHB 0.07 0.58

Source: Bloomberg, KIS

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

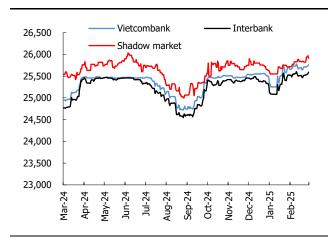
Figure 25. SBV's movement



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).

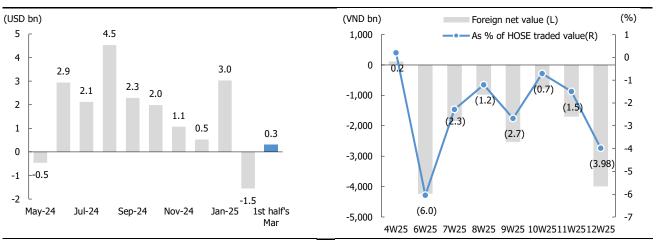
Figure 26. USDVND by market



Source: SBV, Bloomberg, KIS

Figure 27. Vietnam's trade balance by month

Figure 28. Trading of the foreign bloc in Vietnamese stock market



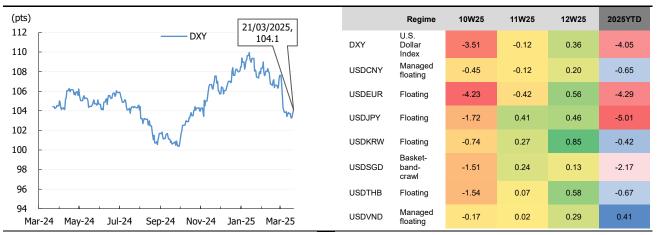
Source: GSO, KIS

Note: Updated until 19 March, 2025

Source: Fiinpro, KIS

Figure 29. Historical DXY

Figure 30. Weekly change of USDVND and peers



Source: Bloomberg

Source: SBV, Bloomberg

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

Macro scorecard

	24-Oct	24-Nov	24-Dec	25-Jan	25-Feb	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)	2.48	4.12	6.85	4.34	2.57	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)	35.59	33.73	35.53	32.15	31.11	93.06	98.2	108.6	105.9	335.7	371.85	355.5	405.5
Import (USD bn)	33.60	32.67	35.00	30.92	32.66	84.98	94.0	99.7	101.9	331.1	360.65	327.5	380.8
Export growth (%)	10.09	8.16	12.85	-4.05	25.67	16.98	13.59	15.82	11.46	18.74	10.61	-4.4	14.3
Import growth (%)	13.56	9.81	19.23	-2.32	39.99	13.88	20.65	17.19	14.91	25.9	8.35	-8.9	16.7
Inflation (%)	2.68	2.77	2.94	3.63	2.91	3.77	4.39	3.48	2.87	1.84	3.15	3.25	3.63
USD/VND	25,282	25,346	25,386	25,082	25,530	24,786	25,458	24.093	25,386	22,790	23,650	23,784	25,386
Credit growth (%)	16.7	16.6	15.1	16.1	15.7	12.5	15.3	16.1	13.8	13.61	14.2	13.7	13.8
10Y gov't bond (%)	2.70	2.76	2.94	2.99	3.18	2.59	2.81	2.66	2.94	2.11	5.08	2.39	2.94

Source: GSO, Bloomberg, FIA, IMF

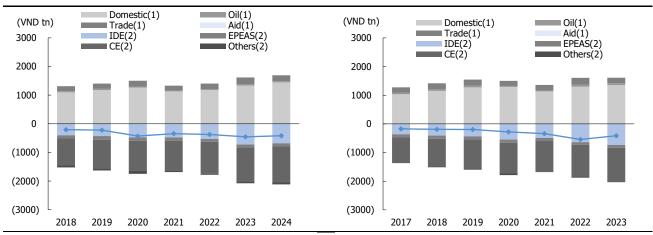
**Glossary

- * Winning yield rate = each group's highest bidding rate, 2.96%
 * Absorption rate = winning value / offering value, 87.97%
 * Bid to offer ratio = offering value / bidding value, 1.16%
 * DXY = U.S. Dollar Index, ~104.1
 * OMO = Open market operation
 * Tenor = due for payment
 * ON = overnight interbank interest rate, ~4.05%

Appendix

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

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



Source: MoF, SBV, KIS

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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