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### Interbank rates cool down

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This week, the USDVND declined with foreign investors bought Vietnamese stocks for the second consecutive week despite the U.S. dollar maintaining its upward momentum. Specifically, the interbank USDVND fell by 0.20% compared to the previous week, closing at 25,922 on Friday. On the global front, 20W25 began with a U.S.-China trade truce. However, the dollar weakened following weaker-than-expected economic data during the week, reinforcing expectations of more Federal Reserve rate cuts this year. On the domestic front, the USDVND cooled down despite the rising U.S. dollar, likely reflecting weaker demand for imported materials in the manufacturing sector. In the stock market, foreign investors continued to buy on the Vietnamese stocks with a net value of VND2.92tn, equivalent to 2.44% of total trading value, helping to ease upward pressure on the exchange rate.

# Vietnam economic indicators

	24-Nov	24-Dec	25-Jan	25-Feb	25-Mar	25-Apr	Corr.1
FDI %YoY	-6.7	22.1	2.0	9.1	9.9	7.8	-0.25
Retail sales %YoY	8.4	7.0	9.9	9.4	9.8	11.1	-0.20
Export %YoY	8.4	12.9	-4.0	25.7	14.5	19.8	-0.13
Import %YoY	10.4	19.0	-2.6	40.0	19.0	22.9	-0.06
Trade balance (USD bn)	1.1	0.5	3.1	-1.5	1.6	0.6	-0.04
CPI %MoM	0.13	0.29	0.98	0.34	-0.03	0.07	-0.06
Credit %YoY	16.6	15.1	16.1	15.7	17.9	17.6	-0.29
USDVND %MoM	0.25	0.55	-1.59	1.89	0.03	1.64	-0.32
PMI (pts)	50.8	49.8	48.9	49.2	50.5	45.6	-0.20
VNINDEX return (%)	-1.0	1.5	-0.1	3.2	0.1	-6.1	1.00

Source: SBV, GSO, Bloomberg, KIS

1 Correlation to VNINDEX's monthly return

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

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# I. SBV withdraws significantly

SBV resumed liquidity withdrawal as the banking system remained abundant

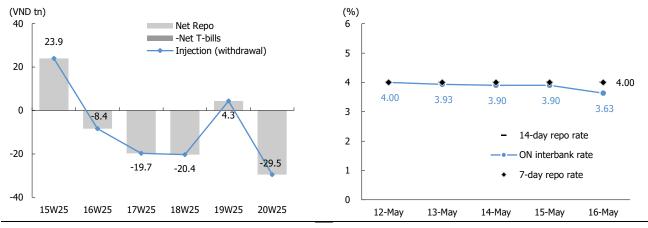
In 20W25 (12 to 16 May), the SBV resumed liquidity withdrawal amid ample liquidity in the banking system. Specifically, a total of VND29.49tn was withdrawn during the week, with VND18.40tn in repos issued to offset VND47.89tn maturing.

As banking system liquidity improved through previous SBV's support via OMO tools—primarily through repos, the SBV has withdrawn more than VND73.70tn over the past five weeks by not rolling over matured repos. This action helps balance the SBV's OMO position, allowing for flexibility to implement suitable measures if needed in the coming weeks.

In addition, SBV has drafted a new circular to enhance internal control systems at commercial banks and foreign bank branches, replacing Circular No. 13/2018/TT-NHNN. The key update includes increasing the frequency of liquidity stress tests to better address increasingly complex liquidity risks. Additionally, the scope of mandatory stress testing has been expanded beyond liquidity and capital risks to include credit, market, operational, and interest rate risks, aligning with Basel Committee standards. These measures aim to enhance risk management and align with new legal requirements, strengthening the financial system's resilience amid evolving domestic and global challenges.

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-day tenors

Issue date	Maturity Date	Tenor (days)	Amount (VNDtn)	Yields (%)	Issue date	Maturity Date	Tenor (days)	Amount (VNDtn)	Yields (%)
12-May-25	19-May-25	7	3.45	4.00	12-May-25	26-May-25	14	3.10	4.00
13-May-25	20-May-25	7	4.00	4.00	13-May-25	27-May-25	14	1.06	4.00
14-May-25	21-May-25	7	1.61	4.00	14-May-25	28-May-25	14	0.78	4.00
15-May-25	22-May-25	7	1.03	4.00	15-May-25	29-May-25	14	2.00	4.00
16-May-25	23-May-25	7	0.36	4.00	12-May-25	16-Jun-25	35	1.00	4.00
Total			10.45	4.00	Total			7.95	4.00

Source: SBV, KIS

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Figure 6. USDVND movement

Figure 5. Outstanding amount of repos

(VND tn) 26,500 140 USDVND 119.81 26,000 120 111.45 25,500 100 91.72 25,000 16/05/2025, 75.72 71.37 26,110 80 24,500 60 24,000 46.23 40 23,500 23,000 20 May-24 Jan-25 Apr-25 0 15W25 16W25 17W25 18W25 20W25 19W25

Source: SBV, KIS Source: SBV, KIS

# II. Interbank rates cool down

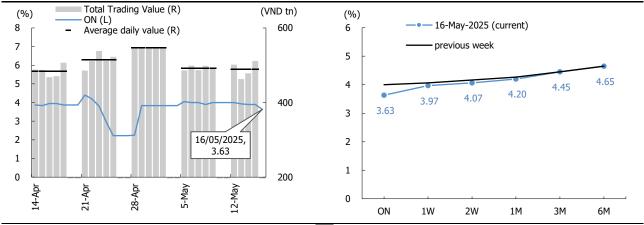
# Interbank rates decline sharply at short tenors

This week, interbank rates steepened as short-term rates decreased, accompanied by a moderate decline in trading volume compared to the previous week. Specifically, overnight (ON), 1-week (1W), 2-week (2W), and 1-month (1M) rates dropped by 37bps, 10bps, 10bps, and 7bps, respectively, reaching 3.63%, 3.97%, 4.07%, and 4.20%. The average trading volume stood at VND488.59tn, down by 0.73% from the previous week.

This week's interbank rate movements reflect easing liquidity pressures in the banking system, as the decline in rates corresponds to a decrease in trading volume, indicating that interbank borrowing demand was not significant during the week.

Figure 7. Interbank daily transaction

Figure 8. Interbank rate curve

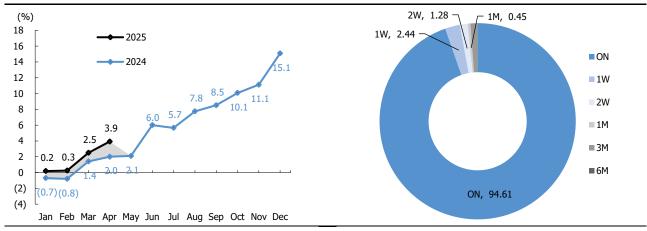


Source: SBV, Bloomberg, KISVN

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Figure 9. Credit growth by month of the year

Figure 10. Interbank transaction structure



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

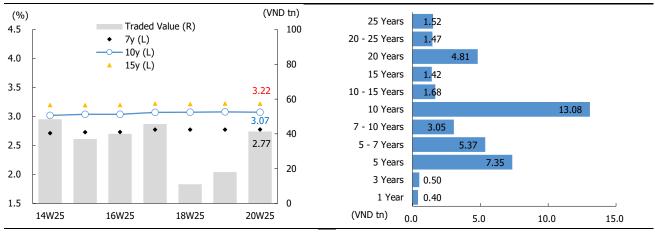
# III. G-bond yield holds steady

# G-bond yields flat as trading value surges

This week, G-bond yields was largely unchanged, accompanied by a sharp increase in trading value. This development indicates a normalization in transactions after the long holiday. Specifically, the 10-year yield rose by 1 basis point to 3.07%, while yields for other tenors remained unchanged. The total trading value this week reached VND41.4tn, up 129.2% compared to the previous week, with an average daily trading value of VND8.27tn.

Figure 11. G-bond traded value by week

Figure 12. G-bond traded value by tenor

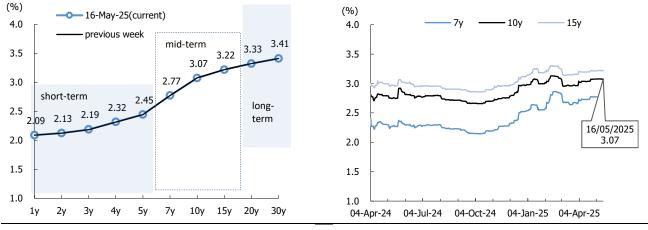


Source: HNX, Bloomberg, KIS

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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, 20W25 saw an increase in G-bond issuance activity compared to the previous week, as the winning value rose and yields edged up slightly. Specifically, VST successfully issued VND4.6tn this week, equivalent to 46.3% of the weekly offering and up 260.9% from the previous week. This was attributed to a gradual recovery in market demand following the holiday, as reflected in the bid-to-offer ratio of 67%, slightly higher than the previous week. As of now, the VST has issued a total of VND158.8tn, completing 31.8% of the full-year plan—faster than the 30.2% recorded in the same period of 2024.

Figure 15. Weekly winning values

### Figure 16. Weekly absorption rate

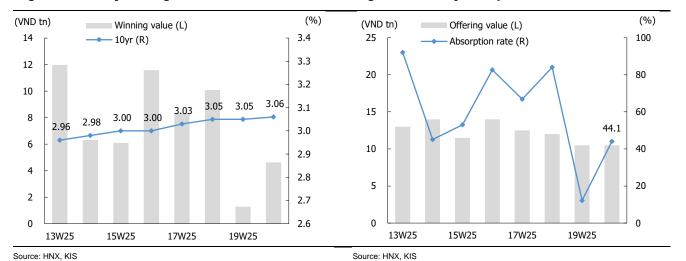
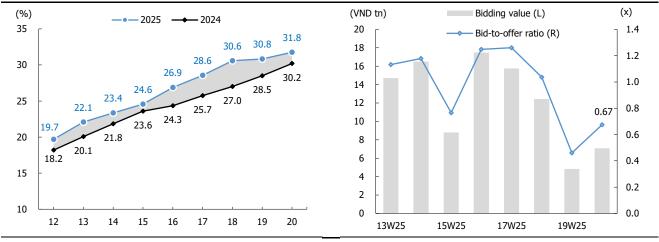


Figure 17. Completion ratio by week-of-the-year

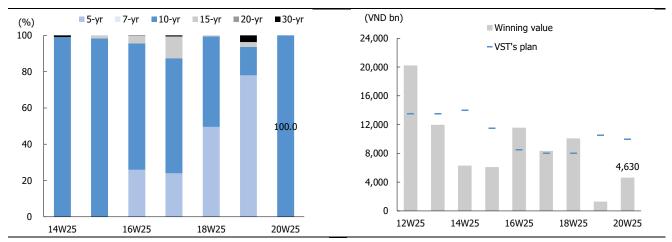
Figure 18. Weekly bid-to-offer ratio



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 eases

USDVND drops as foreign investors enhance buying stocks. This week, the USDVND declined with foreign investors bought Vietnamese stocks for the second consecutive week despite the U.S. dollar maintaining its upward momentum. Specifically, the interbank USDVND fell by 0.20% (or 53ppts) compared to the previous week, closing at 25,922 on Friday.

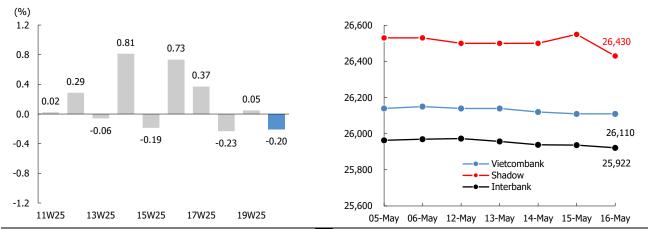
On the global front, 20W25 began with a U.S.-China trade truce that pushed the U.S. dollar higher. However, the dollar weakened following weaker-than-expected economic data during the week, including the PPI dropping at its fastest pace in five years, reinforcing expectations of more Federal Reserve rate cuts this year. By Friday, the DXY index had increased 0.75% compared to the prior week, reaching 101.1.

On the domestic front, the USDVND cooled down despite the rising U.S. dollar, likely reflecting weaker demand for imported materials in the manufacturing sector. Additionally, the market is awaiting the results of ongoing trade negotiations between Vietnam and the U.S., which will significantly impact future trade prospects of the country. In the stock market, foreign investors continued to buy on the Vietnamese stocks with a net value of VND2.92tn, equivalent to 2.44% of total trading value, helping to ease upward pressure on the exchange rate.

Considering FX developments across segments, ask prices at both Vietcombank and the shadow market declined by 0.27% (40 points) and 0.30% (35 points) respectively compared to the previous week. On Friday, selling prices were quoted at VND 26,110 and VND 26,430 per U.S. dollar.

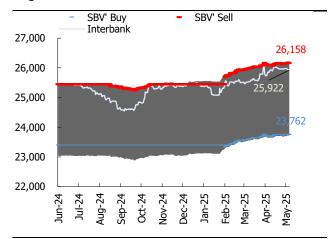
Figure 21. Weekly USDVND performance

Figure 22. VCB & shadow market USDVND spread



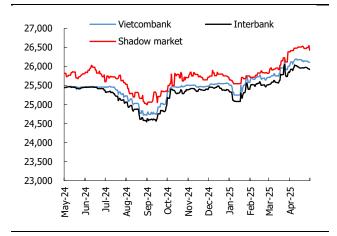
Source: Bloomberg, KIS Source: SBV, Vietcombank, KIS

Figure 23. 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).

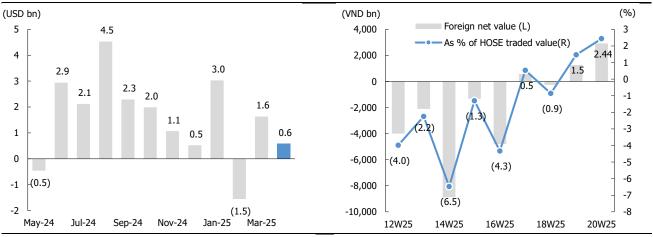
Figure 24. USDVND by market



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 06 May, 2025

Source: Fiinpro, KIS

Figure 27. Historical DXY

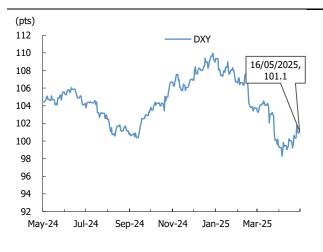


Figure 28. Weekly change of USDVND and peers

	Trade deficit (USDbn)		19W25	20W25	2025YTD
China	-295.40	USDCNY	-0.46	-0.34	-1.17
EU	-235.57	USDEUR	0.42	0.78	-7.25
Mexico	-171.81	USDMXN	-0.71	0.12	-6.23
Vietnam	-123.46	USDVND	0.05	-0.20	1.70
Canada	-73.93	USDCNY	0.89	0.24	-3.17
Taiwan	-68.47	USDTWD	-1.71	-0.48	-8.31
Japan	-66.01	USDJPY	0.28	0.23	-7.32
South Korea	-64.19	USDKRW	-0.21	0.26	-4.77
Thailand	-45.61	USDTHB	-0.14	0.67	-2.51
DXY		U.S. Dollar Index	0.31	0.75	-6.82

Source: Bloomberg

Source: SBV, Bloomberg

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

# Macro scorecard

	24-Dec	25-Jan	25-Feb	25-Mar	25-Apr	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25	2021	2022	2023	2024
Real GDP growth (%)						6.93	7.43	7.55	6.93	2.58	8.02	5.05	7.09
Registered FDI (USD bn)	6.85	4.34	2.57	4.08	2.82	9.01	9.59	13.44	10.98	31.15	27.72	36.61	38.23
GDP per capita (USD)										3,725	4,110	4,285	4,479
Unemployment rate (%)						2.29	2.23	2.22	2.20	3.22	2.32	2.26	2.24
Export (USD bn)	35.53	32.15	31.11	38.51	37.45	98.2	108.6	105.9	102.84	335.7	371.85	355.5	405.5
Import (USD bn)	35.00	30.92	32.66	36.88	36.87	94.0	99.7	101.9	99.68	331.1	360.65	327.5	380.8
Export growth (%)	12.85	-4.05	25.67	14.49	19.75	13.59	15.82	11.46	10.64	18.74	10.61	-4.4	14.3
Import growth (%)	19.23	-2.32	39.99	18.99	22.95	20.65	17.19	14.91	17.03	25.9	8.35	-8.9	16.7
Inflation (%)	2.94	3.63	2.91	3.13	3.12	4.39	3.48	2.87	3.22	1.84	3.15	3.25	3.63
USD/VND	25,386	25,082	25,530	25,565	25,983	25,458	24.093	25,386	25,565	22,790	23,650	23,784	25,386
Credit growth (%)	15.1	16.1	15.7	16.3		15.3	16.1	13.8	16.3	13.61	14.2	13.7	13.8
10Y gov't bond (%)	2.94	2.99	3.18	3.06	3.20	2.81	2.66	2.94	3.06	2.11	5.08	2.39	2.94

Source: GSO, Bloomberg, FIA, IMF

# \*\*Glossary

- \* Winning yield rate = each group's highest bidding rate, 3.06%
  \* Absorption rate = winning value / offering value, 44.10%
  \* Bid to offer ratio = offering value / bidding value, 0.67%
  \* DXY = U.S. Dollar Index, ~101.1
  \* OMO = Open market operation
  \* Tenor = due for payment
  \* ON = overnight interbank interest rate, ~3.63%

# **Appendix**

Figure 1. Vietnam's balance of payment (USD bn)

	2021	2022	2023	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24
Current account	(4.6)	(1.1)	25.1	4.5	7.8	7.5
Goods, credit (exports)	335.9	371.3	354.7	97.9	108.2	105.9
Goods, debit (imports)	318.5	345.6	310.7	89.3	94.6	97.0
Balance on goods	17.5	25.7	44.0	8.5	13.6	8.9
Services, credit (exports)	4.2	12.9	19.6	5.5	5.9	6.6
Services, debit (imports)	19.9	25.5	29.1	8.3	9.8	9.6
Primary income, credit	1.0	2.3	4.6	1.4	1.4	1.4
Primary income, debit	17.7	22.0	27.0	5.4	6.1	3.8
Secondary income, credit	13.6	12.2	16.1	3.8	3.9	5.1
Secondary income, debit	3.2	6.7	3.1	1.1	1.0	1.0
Financial account	(30.9)	(9.5)	(2.8)	(6.3)	(2.7)	0.3
Direct investment, assets	0.3	2.7	1.6	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Direct investment, liabilities	15.7	17.9	18.5	5.0	5.2	6.4
Portfolio investment, assets	(0.0)	(0.0)	0.0	0.0	(0.1)	0.0
Portfolio investment, liabilities	0.3	1.5	(1.2)	(1.6)	(0.8)	(2.0)
Other investment, assets	0.6	13.7	(14.3)	(5.2)	(2.6)	(4.3)
Other investment, liabilities	15.9	6.4	(7.4)	(4.4)	(4.2)	0.4
Net errors and omissions	(10.4)	(31.1)	(16.6)	(4.3)	(5.1)	(9.4)
Reserves and related items	15.9	(22.7)	(5.6)	6.1	(0.1)	1.7

Source: SBV, IMF, KIS

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