VinaCapital Liquidity Bond Fund (VINACAPITAL-VLBF)

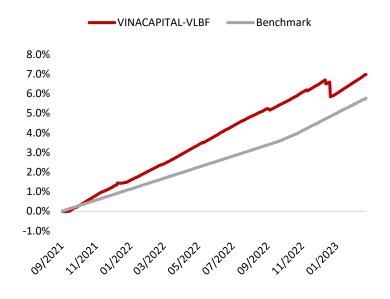
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Investment approach

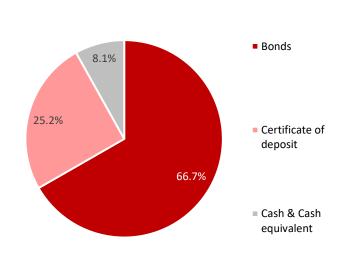
VINACAPITAL-VLBF mainly invests in short-term fixed income securities and money market instruments to generate very stable returns while maintaining daily liquidity.

VINACAPITAL-VLBF is considered a low-risk fund suitable for investors who are looking for a safe, short and medium term investment with a higher return than short-term bank deposit rates. The target return for the fund is 4.5 - 5.0% per annum.

NAV chart since inception



Investment allocation



Fund information

Inception	7/9/2021	
Management fee	0.9% per annum	
Subscription fee	0.0%	
Redemption fee	Day 01 to Day 45: 0.1%	
	Day 46 onwards: 0.0%	
Minimum subscription	0 VND	
Custodian and Supervisory Bank	BIDV	
Auditor	PwC Vietnam	
Trading frequency	Daily, from Monday to Friday	
Benchmark (BM)	Average 3-month VND denominated deposit rate of VietinBank, Agribank, BIDV, and Vietcombank.	

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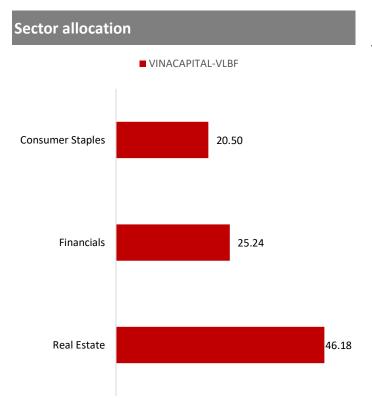
Fund performance

	VINACAPITAL-VLBF	BM
Total AUM (VND billion)	58.8	
NAV/Share	10696.20	
Feb 2023 return (%)	0.48	0.41
YTD 2023 return (%)	1.02	0.87

(NAV is net of management fee and administrative expenses)

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Top holdings

lssuer	Allocation (%)	Yield-to-maturity (%)	Duration (years)
КВС	20.63	9.34	0.30
BAF	17.06	10.42	2.14
VIET CREDIT	16.37	6.17	0.22
TN1	13.44	5.64	1.78
FE CREDIT	8.87	7.07	1.27

Comments from Fund Manager

February's macroeconomic statistics reaffirm our observation from January that Vietnam's economy will be boosted by resilient consumption, by a rebound in tourist arrivals, and by infrastructure spending, but it will be dragged down by slowing demand for "Made in Vietnam" products.

Real retail sales (i.e., stripping out the impact of inflation) grew 9.2% YoY (also the level of Vietnam's average annual retail sales growth, pre-COVID), supported by resilient sentiment among local consumers and by a near 60% rebound in the number of foreign tourists visiting Vietnam versus pre-COVID levels. Meanwhile, inflation remains modest and fell from 4.9% yoy in January to 4.3% in February, driven by a drop in food price inflation from 6.1% to 4.3%.

Infrastructure spending is the other component of our key economic forecast, and the Government's preliminary data points to an 18% increase in infrastructure spending in the first two months of this year, which is quite encouraging.

Manufacturing output declined by 6.9% in 2M23, driven by falling demand for "Made in Vietnam" products, which drove a 10% drop in the country's exports in 2M23. In short, the inventories of consumer-facing US firms like Walmart, Target, Nike, and others surged by about 20% in 2022 and they continue to work through stock. However, with Vietnam's manufacturing PMI surged from 47.4 in January to 51.2 in February, partly because new orders increased at their fastest pace since last August, and as such, we expect production could ramp up within the next few months.

Liquidity in the banking system in February was abundant, attributable to low credit demand resulting from the stagnant property sector and the economic slowdown. The overnight rate stayed at 5.24% p.a. (-100 bps MoM), and the average overnight rate was at 5.36% (-41 bps MoM).

Deposit interest rates, therefore, cooled down for most terms. Some banks (mainly private banks) reduced rates by as much as 0.5-1% for 6-month and 12-month tenors. That said, deposit rates were still generally over 8% for 6–12-month bank deposits.

The market for corporate bonds in February was quiet, similar to January. Only three domestic bond issuances with a total value of VND2,000 billion were made, which represents an 87.7% YoY decrease. Two of the issuances were through public offerings from Masan Group in the Consumer Staples sector, totalling VND1,500 billion. The remaining VND500 billion came from a private placement by Son Kim in the Real Estate sector. As a result, the value of the issuances was split between the Consumer Staples and Real Estate sectors, with the former accounting for 75% and the latter accounting for 25%.

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