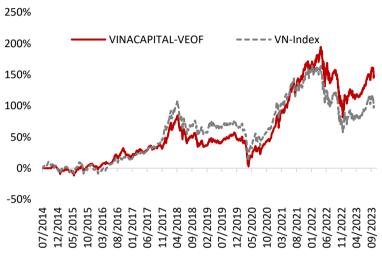
## VINACAPITAL-VEOF

## Investment approach

The fund applies active investment strategy and bottom-up stock selection, concentrates on high-conviction stocks through a deep dive research and analysis.

The fund mainly invests in large and mid-cap stocks which are industry leaders or differentiate in competitive advantages, have growth potential and are being undervalued.

## NAV growth since inception



The performance data featured represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate; therefore, you may have a gain or loss when you sell your fund units. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance data quoted.

## **Fund performance**

#### VINACAPITAL-VEOF VN-Index

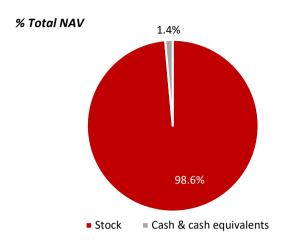
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(3.1)	(5.7)
18.3	14.6
20.2	8.4
10.3	7.8
	99.7
	,775.0 (3.1) 18.3 20.2

(The NAV is net of management fee and administrative expenses)

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### **Investment allocation**



## **Fund information**

Inception	01/07/2014
Management fee	1.75% per annum
Subscription fee	0.0%
	2.0% < 12 months
Redemption fee	1.5% >= 12 months
	0.5% >= 24 months
PIT	0.1%
Custodian and Supervisory Bank	Standard Chartered Bank Ltd. (Viet Nam)
Auditor	PwC Vietnam
Trading frequency	Daily, from Monday to Friday
Benchmark	VN-Index

## **Portfolio statistics**

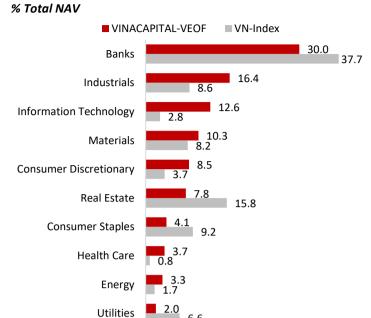
VINACAPITAL-VEOF	VN-Index
11.1	11.5
2.3	1.6
17.7	14.1
2.3	2.8
58.1	-
0.3	0.2
37	418
	11.1 2.3 17.7 2.3 58.1 0.3

Source: Bloomberg, VinaCapital's forecast



# **VinaCapital Equity Opportunity Fund (VINACAPITAL-VEOF)**

### Sector allocation



#### **Top holdings** Stock Sector % NAV **FPT** Information Technology 12.6 **VCB Banks** 8.8 **MBB Banks** 5.3 **Banks** BID 4.6 MWG Consumer Discretionary 45 **ACB Banks** 44 **STB Banks** 4.0 PNJ Consumer Discretionary 4.0 SZC **Industrials** 3.2 VNM **Consumer Staples** 3.2

## **Comments from fund manager**

#### STOCK MARKET UPDATE

The VN-Index dropped 5.7% in September as market sentiment faded after the initial excitement over US president Biden's visit at the beginning of the month. Retail investors aggressively ramped up their selling activities in the last 10 days of September, causing margin calls on several stocks. On a year-to-date (YTD) basis, the VN-Index has advanced by 14.6%.

The correction in September was on the back of: (1) a 2.5% increase in the DXY Index and a subsequent 0.9% depreciation of the VND against the USD during the month, while YTD the VND has depreciated 2.9%; (2) liquidity withdrawals from the State Bank of Vietnam (SBV) via T-bill issuances in order to control the exchange rate, which caused some investors to misunderstand that the SBV might pivot its monetary policy; (3) negative movements of global stock markets; (4) and a lack of supporting news before the Q3 earnings season.

Foreign investors continued to be net-sellers for six months in a row, with a net outflow of VND4.0 trillion across the combined three bourses in September, higher than in July and August. Amidst the volatility, the average daily trading value on the combined three bourses rose to VND26.9 trillion, up 3.4% MoM and 68.3% YoY. In September, large-cap stocks were the main attraction for retail investors, while small-cap stocks saw strong outflows.

Vietnam's 3Q2023 GDP grew by 5.3% YoY, bringing the 9M2023 growth to 4.2%. After economic data showed a gradual recovery in July and August, that appeared to slow down in September. The index of industrial production increased only 0.1% MoM in September 2023 (but up 5.1% YoY), and the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) decreased from 50.5 in August to 49.7 in September due to reduced output and labour. Nevertheless, it is positive that the number of new orders has increased for two consecutive months, and business confidence has reached its highest level since February 2023. In September, retail sales advanced 2.4% MoM (thanks to the long holidays and back-to-school season) and 7.5% YoY, bringing 9M23 growth to 7.3% in real terms. However, inflation was somewhat higher than expected, with September CPI rising 1.1% MoM and 3.7% YoY.

#### FUND UPDATE AND INVESTMENT OUTLOOK

The NAV per share of VINACAPITAL-VEOF declined 3.1% in September 2023, less than the 5.7% slump of the VN-Index. On a YTD basis, VINACAPITAL-VEOF advanced by 18.3%, outperforming the VN-Index by 3.7%.

Among the top ten holdings in VINACAPITAL-VEOF's portfolio, eight stocks outperformed the VN-Index in September. Banking stocks fared reasonably well as the risks related to corporate bonds and bad debts have somewhat subsided, and deposit interest rates have dropped significantly since the beginning of the year. The two largest banking stocks in VINACAPITAL-VEOF's portfolio are VCB, down only 1.8%, and MBB, whose stock price stayed flat during the month. On a YTD basis, VCB and MBB have also outperformed the market, up 29.2% and 27.6%, respectively.

FPT (down 4.0% in September and up 42.0% YTD) continued to report positive business results in August. The company achieved net profit of VND590 billion in August and VND4,086 billion in 9M2023, both growing by 20% YoY.

Some smaller stocks in VINACAPITAL-VEOF's portfolio also performed well in September. DBD gained 7.6% as the company estimates its net profit will reach VND207 billion in 9M2023, a 22% YOY increase. In 2024, the company also expects double-digit profit growth and is negotiating to issue shares to strategic shareholders. GMD rose 9.0% in September as cargo throughput showed signs of recovery in the third quarter, as well as the possibility of increasing container handling fees next year.

In 4Q2023, we expect more positive data related to economic growth and the earnings of listed companies. YoY growth will be more visible from a low comparative base in 4Q2022. Meanwhile, business confidence continues to improve, and companies expect the number of new orders to continue rising, resulting in increased output. Risks from the exchange rate and interest rate should subside as the SBV has mechanisms to stabilize the exchange rate and still maintain its low interest rate policy to support the economy.

At the end of September, the VN-Index was trading at a 2023F P/E of 11.5x, about 1 standard deviation below the 10-year mean, which is an attractive valuation for long-term investment.

Monthly returns													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	-0.1%	11.8%	0.5%	5.6%	11.6%	5.1%	-1.8%	3.0%	3.2%	8.3%	-0.1%	-0.3%	56.5%
2022	0.0%	5.1%	3.3%	-6.0%	-4.1%	-4.7%	-1.3%	5.2%	-10.1%	-10.2%	0.8%	-0.1%	-21.2%
2023	7.8%	-5.3%	1.2%	-0.2%	3.0%	4.2%	8.2%	2.1%	-3.1%				18.3%

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