VINACAPITAL-VESAF

**Investment approach** 

Invest in all equity opportunities unencumbered by foreign restriction or size. The strategy of the fund is to take meaningful stakes in companies with a robust franchise that we believe can benefit from the domestic growth of the country.

# NAV growth since inception 250% VINACAPITAL-VESAF 150% 100% 50% 0% 04/2017 04/2018 04/2019 04/2020 04/2021 04/2022 04/2023

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-VESAF	VN-Index
Total AUM (VND billion)	1,505.4	
NAV/Share (VND)	25,833.6	
Dec 2023 return (%)	2.5	3.3
YTD 2023 return (%)	30.9	12.2
3-year annualized return (%)	18.2	0.8
Annualized return since inception (%	) 15.2	7.2
Cumulative return since inception (%	) 158.3	59.3

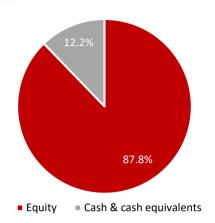
(The NAV is net of management fee and administrative expenses)

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# **Investment allocation**

## % Total NAV



# **Fund information**

Inception	18/04/2017				
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. (Vietnam)				
Auditor	PwC Vietnam				
Trading frequency	Daily, From Monday to Friday				
Benchmark	VN-Index				

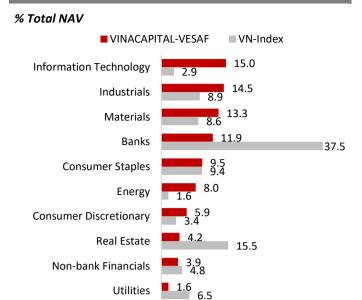
# **Portfolio statistics**

	VINACAPITAL-VESAF	VN-Index
2024 P/E (x)	8.9	9.5
2024 P/B (x)	1.8	1.5
2024 ROE (%)	16.5	15.3
Dividend yield (%)	3.0	3.1
Portfolio turnover 12M (%	) 21.2	-
Sharpe ratio	0.5	0.2
No. of equities	27	420

Source: Bloomberg, VinaCapital's forecast



# Sector allocation



### **Top holdings** % NAV Equity Sector **FPT** Information Technology 15.0 **MBB Banks** 7.4 QNS **Consumer Staples** 5.0 STB **Banks** 4.5 **Consumer Staples FMC** 4.5 SZC Industrials 4.5 PVS Energy 4.3 Materials PTB 3.8 DPR Materials 3.5 PNJ **Consumer Discretionary** 3.0

# **Comments from fund manager**

### STOCK MARKET LIPDATE

After rising 6.4% in November, the VN-Index continued to advance in December, increasing 3.3%. Gains were consistent across most sectors, except for Energy, which dropped 0.6% MoM, and the Consumer Discretionary, which outperformed the market and increased 7.5% MoM, led by MWG (+11.2% MoM).

Liquidity declined 4% MoM in December, with the average trading value on the combined three bourses reaching VND 18.5 trillion/day. There was heavy selling pressure from foreign investors, who net sold VND 10.1 trillion on the combined three bourses, making this one of only three months since 2015 during which foreign investors net sold over VND 10 trillion. The primary reasons behind the heavy foreign selling were end-of-year portfolio restructurings due to changes in the global economic situation as well as profit-taking by Thai investors prior to a new tax law on overseas investment income in that country taking effect from the start of 2024. Therefore, we believe this net selling pressure is likely to be short-term. However, the good news is that domestic investors bought most of the net-sold shares, showing their confidence in the stock market's outlook.

Regarding Q4 macro data, the economy grew by 6.72% YoY in Q4 2023, resulting in 5.05% GDP growth for the full year of 2023, which confirmed the economic recovery trend. The industry and construction sector (which grew by 7.35% YoY and contributed 42.6% to economic growth) and the service sector (which grew by 7.29% and contributed 49.9% to growth) boosted Q4 GDP data. Importantly, within the service sector, real estate business grew by 2.1% YoY in Q4, breaking a three quarter-streak of declines, indicating that the real estate industry has started to recovery.

The VN-Index rose by 12.2% in 2023. Despite the market volatilities during the year, we think this was a reasonable performance, considering the positive and negative factors in the market, the macro situation, and the business performance of listed companies, as well as market expectations for 2024.

As we enter 2024, we believe that the market will be supported by the recovery of Vietnam's economy and the results of listed enterprises, as well as low interest rates and the potential for Vietnam's stock market to be upgrade to an emerging market. Coupled with a reasonable valuation (P/E for 2024 is around 10x), we maintain a positive outlook for the stock market in 2024.

### **UPDATES ON VINACAPITAL-VESAF**

VINACAPITAL-VESAF achieved a return of 30.9% in FY2023 and a 3-year annualized return of 18.2%. The fund has maintained a bottom-up stock selection strategy to invest in companies with high long-term earnings growth prospects based on their niche competitive advantages and proactive business strategies. This approach was resulted in the portfolio's attractive valuation and higher earnings growth than the broader market. At the end of 2023, VINACAPITAL-VESAF's portfolio was trading at a 2024 P/E valuation of 8.9x and forecasted EPS growth of 42.4% for 2024.

FPT and MBB were major contributors to the portfolio in December, with respective returns of 4.6% and 4.8%. Banking stocks started to attract flows due to attractive valuations and the expected economic recovery in 2024. Banks with low funding costs, diversified customer bases, active strategies in lending to real estate while expecting the early recovery in residential real estate, will be winners in earnings prospects, which will be reflected in share prices.

In 2024 we are targeting a portfolio focused on companies with a recovery in revenues and profits, and we are increasing portfolio exposure to selected companies in consumers, real estate (both residential and industrial), and infrastructure. Companies that can deliver higher earnings growth than the broader market deserve higher valuations.

Monthly returns													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	1.2%	12.5%	1.4%	3.4%	14.1%	6.3%	-1.2%	6.2%	3.7%	6.7%	0.0%	-0.7%	67.0%
2022	-0.8%	4.9%	3.9%	-5.6%	-2.9%	-5.8%	-1.6%	5.5%	-10.2%	-11.3%	-1.8%	-0.1%	-24.4%
2023	9.9%	-5.2%	2.1%	1.8%	5.7%	3.5%	9.4%	3.8%	-1.2%	-11.2%	8.2%	2.5%	30.9%

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