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“The Market Started the Year on the Right Foot Thanks to the Banking Sector”

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Market today: The Market Started the Year on the Right Foot Thanks to the Banking Sector

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The early increase of banking stocks such as VCB, ACB, CTG, and BID has improved the market sentiment. Banking stocks were also joined by securities, steel and quarrying stocks, which also stood out today. Overall, gainers in the market outnumbered decliners in the market, though only by a slight amount (222 gainers vs 194 decliners). At the close, the VN-Index increased by 1.07% to 672.01 points, and the HNX-Index also rose 1.61% to 81.4 points. This is the first time since 2013 that Vietnam’s stock market has risen at the beginning of the year. The only drawback is that liquidity was not strong enough, with only VND1,900 billion worth of shares trading on both exchanges.

We believe that these are two potential reasons for the rally of banking stocks: (1) Decision 2509/QD-NHNN set the LDR of Joint Stock Commercial Banks at 90% as of 01/01/2017 for banks that SBV had over a 50% stake ownership in (BID, CTG and VCB) **and (2)** banks experienced brighter business result prospects thanks to strong credit growth. The Decision 2509/QD-NHNN benefited BID and CTG as the LDR of these banks has exceeded 90% over the last years while only VCB recorded an LDR lower than 80%. The deposit and lending market share of BID and CTG is more than 10%. The new decision can release deposit and lending pressure not only for BID and CTG but also for the whole banking system.

We also saw positive business results for VCB and ACB. Earnings of these banks have been improving on the back of (1) high credit growth and (2) faster progress of loan loss provisions for special bonds (VCB) (3) recovery of outstanding debts (ACB). For FY2016, RongViet Research estimates that the deposit and lending growth rates of VCB will be 20% and 17%, which enables interest income to increase by 21% YoY. Therefore, VCB managed to make full provisions for special bonds of VAMC. PBT of FY2016 will be VND8,300 billion (+21% YoY). For ACB, we forecast that the credit and lending growth will be 21% and 16%, assuming that interest income will grow by 17% YoY. ACB’s representative said that the progress of debt recovery from Group 6 was better than expected. 50% has been recovered via collateral disposal and ACB also set another VND1,000 billion for Group 6 loans in FY2016. PBT of ACB will be VND1,556 billion, 3.5% higher than its previous plan and 18% higher than its FY2015 results. We believe the bank’s profit will proliferate in FY2017 as a majority of the bad debt was resolved. At the closing price of 03/01/2017, **ACB and VCB are trading at a PBR of 1.33x and 2.78x, respectively.**

New stocks for the new year. Vietnam Airline (HVN) and Vinatex (VGT) were finally listed on the UPCOM Index and well-received by investors. Similar to SAB and BHN, HVN went to the ceiling on the first day due to the scarce supply. Of the 1.2 billion HVN shares, the state ownership is 86.16%; ANA Holding owns 8.77%, and Techcombank and Vietcombank own 2.1% and 1.07%, respectively. HVN’s free float was only 1.1%, equivalent to over 13 million shares. Meanwhile, strong demand also lifted the price of VGT from VND13,500 to VND17,100. VGT operates in the textile industry and has a complete supply chain from yarn, weaving, dyeing to sewing. **More details of this company can be found in Rong Viet’s Analyst Pinboard today.**

Macro news. PMI in December was 52.4 points, lower than 54 points in November. Despite the

decrease, the PMI of Vietnam has managed to stay above 50 points for the whole year, which is proof of the strong industry production in 2016.

We could not have asked for a better first day as banking stocks have done so well. However, it is worth noting that the rally of banking stocks did not last long in 2016 and did not translate into a rally for the market. Therefore, it is still early to confirm whether the uptrend has returned.

Analyst Pin-board

VGT – Vietnam’s Textile Giant Joins the UPCoM

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Recommendations:

The two indexes increased slightly on low volume and kept moving in narrow range. The market is contracted tight and this stage will not last long. Trader should maintain a balanced cash and stock portfolio and wait for solid reversal signals.

PORTFOLIO RECOMMENDED BY TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Ticker	Price	Action	Buying date	Buying Price	Target Price 1	Target Price 2	Cut loss Price	Selling Date	Selling Price	Gain/ Loose	Duration
PVD	20.80	Buy	03/01/2017	20.80	23.00	25.0	19.50			0.00%	Intermediate
HCM	28.30	Buy	03/01/2017	28.30	30.00		27.00			0.00%	Short
CII	29.90	Hold	18/11/2016	29.45	32.00		28.50			1.53%	Intermediate
PPC	17.00	Hold	18/11/2016	15.30	17.00		14.50			11.11%	Intermediate
VGC	15.40	Hold	26/07/2016	13.50	17.60		12.60			14.07%	Long
LHC	65.00	Hold	21/08/2015	41.50	70.00	78.0	58.00			56.63%	Long

Notes:

- **Buying Price** is the Close Price at Buying date. **Selling Price** may be the Target Price, Cut loss Price or Closing Price at Selling date depending on specific cases.
- **Target Price 2** will be updated when the stock passes Target Price 1.
- In the ex-rights date, the prices will also be adjusted accordingly
- Duration: **Short-term** is less than 01 month; **Intermediate-term** is from 01 to 03 months; **Long-term** is more than 03 months.

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COMPANY REPORTS	Issued Date	Recommend	Target Price
SKG - Competition Will Begin to Impact Earnings Results	December 16 th , 2016	Neutral – Long term	72,800
VGC - Catalysts Ahead for VGC to Fully Realize its Potential	December 14 th , 2016	Neutral – Long term	17,800
SAB - The Giant of Vietnam's Beer Industry	December 06 th , 2016	Neutral – Long term	143,000
DHG - Hope awaits in 2017	November 30 th , 2016	Accumulate – Long term	119,000
GMD - Encouraging result amid short-term cargo low	November 28 th , 2016	Accumulate – Intermediate term	30,000

Please find more information at <http://www.vdsc.com.vn/en/companyReport.rv?categoryId=302>

FUND CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Fund name	Trading Day	Subscription Fee (% of trading value)	Redemption Fee (% of trading value)	NAV per unit at valuation date	NAV per unit last valuation date	Change in NAV
VF1	30/12/2016	0.25% - 0.75%	0% - 2.5%	27.993	27.959	0.12%
VF4	30/12/2016	0.25% - 0.75%	0% - 2.5%	12.436	12.425	0.09%
VFA	30/12/2016	0.25% - 0.75%	0% - 1.5%	6.697	6.725	-0.42%
VFB	30/12/2016	0.25% - 0.75%	0% - 2.5%	13.813	13.813	0.11%
ENF	23/12/2016	0% - 3%	0%	13.763	13.771	-0.06%
MBVF	15/12/2016	1%	0%-1%	11.905	11.966	-0.51%
MBBF	21/12/2016	0%-0.5%	0%-1%	13.413	13.403	0.07%

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