

## AFC VIETNAM FUND UPDATE

Fund Category Vietnam Public Equities	
Country Focus Vietnam	
Subscriptions Monthly at NAV (five days before month en	d)
Redemptions Monthly at NAV 60 days notice	
Benchmark VN Index	
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Investment Manager  Asia Frontier Capital (Viet Ltd., Cayman Islands	nam)
Investment Advisor Asia Frontier Investments Hong Kong	Ltd.,
Fund Base Currency USD	
Minimum Investment USD 10,000	
Subsequent Investments USD 1,000	
Management Fee 1.8% p.a. of NAV	
Performance Fee 12.5% p.a. of NAV apprece with high watermark	iation
Fund Domicile Cayman Islands	
Launch Date 11 December 2013	
Custodian Bank Viet Capital Securities, Ho Minh City	Chi
Auditor KPMG, Cayman Islands	
Administrator Amicorp Fund Services As Ltd., Singapore	ia Pte
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Hong Kong Office: Asia Frontier Investments Limited 1208, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Loon Kee Building 267-275 Des Voeux Road Central Hong Kong October, which is historically the most volatile month on global stock markets, ended basically unchanged in Vietnam, despite a further interest rate cut. The Hanoi index lost on a month-to-month basis -0.7% and the Ho Chi Minh index gained 0.3%. While macroeconomic data continued to indicate a continuation or even acceleration of an economic recovery, corporate earnings growth is at best modest in 2014. After 19% earnings growth in the previous year, the forecast for this year is at a mere 3%. The Vietnamese stock market reacts remarkably strong on fundamental data, which should be very beneficial for us in the medium term, since our investment style targets undervalued companies with above-average earnings growth.

So far, about half of our companies have published their quarterly results. As in previous quarters, we continue to be quite pleased with the company results and with the accuracy of our forecasts. In a relatively weak month like October, some of our shares performed quite nicely, which had a positive impact on our NAV which now stands around USD 1'311, +2.5% according to our internal calculations.

What are the reasons why we continue to be so confident and positive for the next few years?

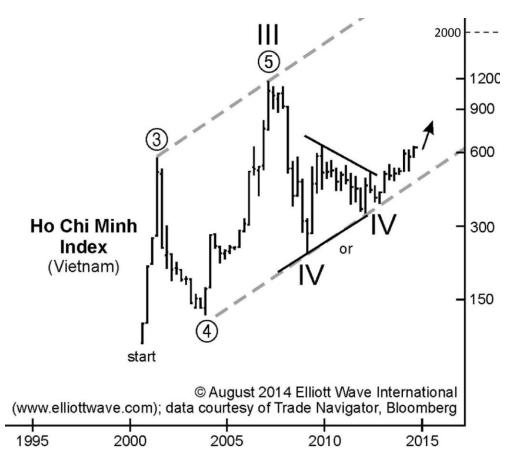
Besides the positive economic outlook for Vietnam, the fundamental facts of our holdings are and will continue to be the most important factor. With a current price earnings ratio of 7x - 8x for the year 2014, these shares would have to almost double in order to reach the current market level of almost 14x. The median profit growth of our 70 companies in 2014 should be around 13%, which is significantly above the overall market expectation. With the latest quarterly results the deviations from our previous earnings estimates for 2014 are at a negligible average of 0.1%.

We recently attended a major investment conference of VinaCapital where we felt that the initial investor euphoria from spring faded, which we regard as healthier for the stock market in the long-term.

In order to invest successfully, one must be able to learn from his own mistakes and not to get caught up in the hysteria of other market participants - neither of euphoria or panic. Over the past 25 years, often I wasn't able to capture large profits when I followed other investors or when I sold my positions due to fear of corrections on major stock markets. It sounds of course very irrational, but should the expected correction never happen, investors find it very difficult to buy back their initial position.



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The Vietnam story is still very exciting and is certainly based now on much better fundamentals than one or two years ago - and our stocks are still trading at very attractive valuations. From a statistical point of view, we are now commencing a period where the Vietnamese stock market should perform very well and as previously mentioned, Vietnam has a very low correlation to the larger developed markets. Ultimately, the old stock market wisdom applies: "It's not about which stocks you buy, but when you buy them." We think the timing of our fund launch back at the end of December 2013 was very good in comparison to most other funds. Although a performance of around 30% in the first year may sound very good – but we launched our fund with the idea of performing several hundred percent over the next few years, and we will do everything possible to reach this goal with the help of our fundamental-quantitative investment style.

Best regards

Andreas Karall, CIO

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