



AFC Vietnam Fund April 2024



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Long Only Equity Fund – Under \$100m:

- > AFC Vietnam Fund 2021 Performance
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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

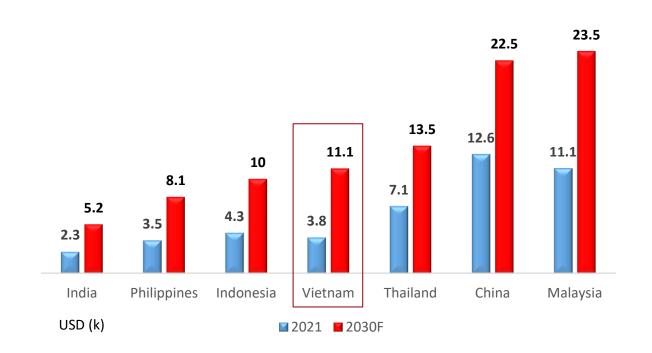
#### **Opportunities in Vietnam**

- Strong macro and demographic fundamentals in both absolute and relative terms
- Geopolitical tailwinds will continue to benefit Vietnam and the region
- Attractive valuations at historic lows (2024 forward P/E of 10.3x)

#### **AFC Vietnam Fund**

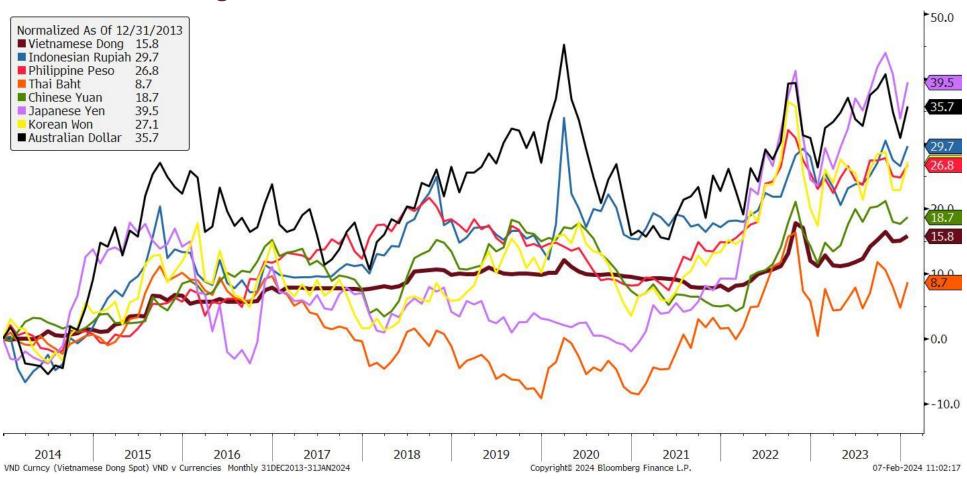
- Invests exclusively in undervalued listed Vietnamese equities with a focus on small to medium-sized companies
- A 10-yr track record, annualizing at 11.8% net, versus 9.6% for the VN-Index Total Return Index (USD)
- Superior risk-adjusted returns, with lower annualized volatility (15%) versus the benchmark (22%) and peers (19-23%)

## **GDP per Capita – Fastest Growth over Next Decade**



World Bank, Capital Economics

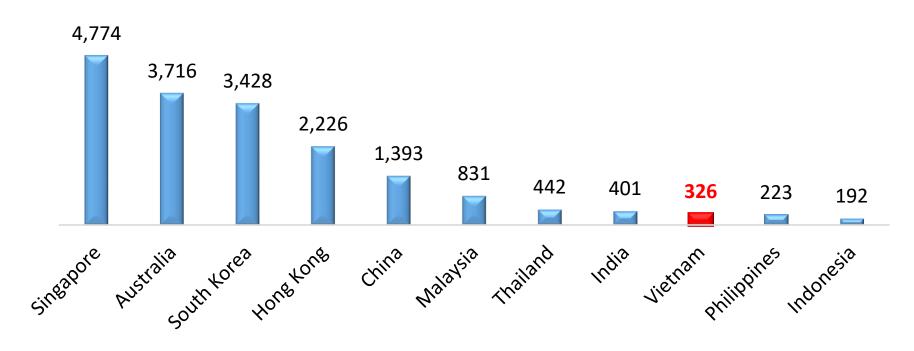
## **VND** is Amongst the Most Stable APAC Currencies Versus the USD



Bloomberg – APAC currencies versus USD 31/12/2013 to 31/01/2024

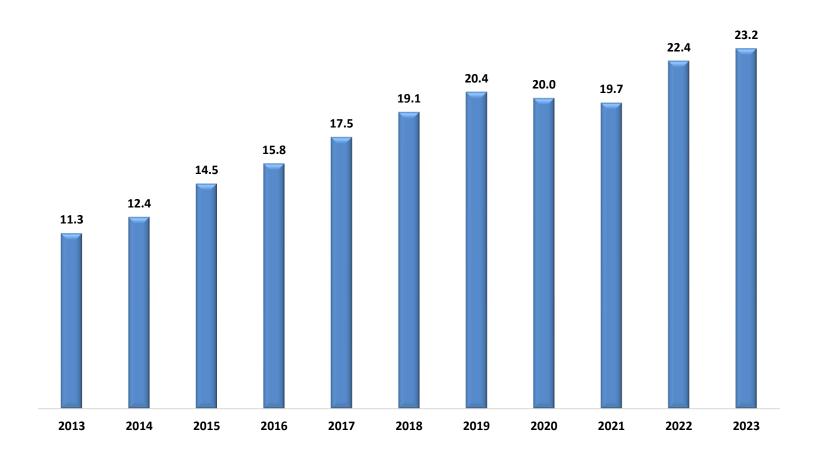
## **Competitive Labour Costs**

## **Average Monthly Income 2022 (USD)**



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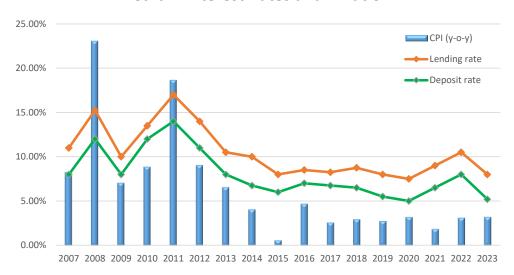
# **Strong FDI Disbursements (USD bn)**



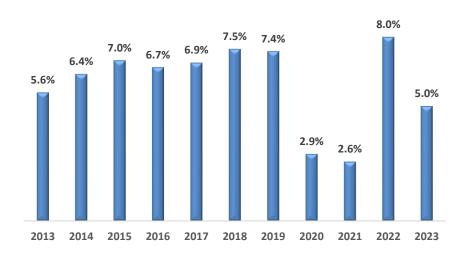
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#### **GDP Growth - Inflation Under Control**

#### **Vietnam Interest Rates and Inflation**



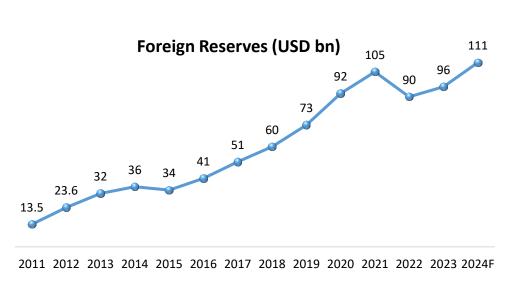
#### **Yearly GDP Growth**

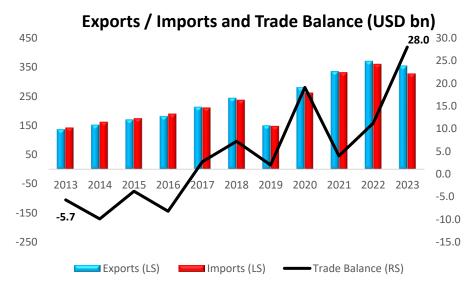


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## **Increasing Foreign Reserves and Trade Balance**

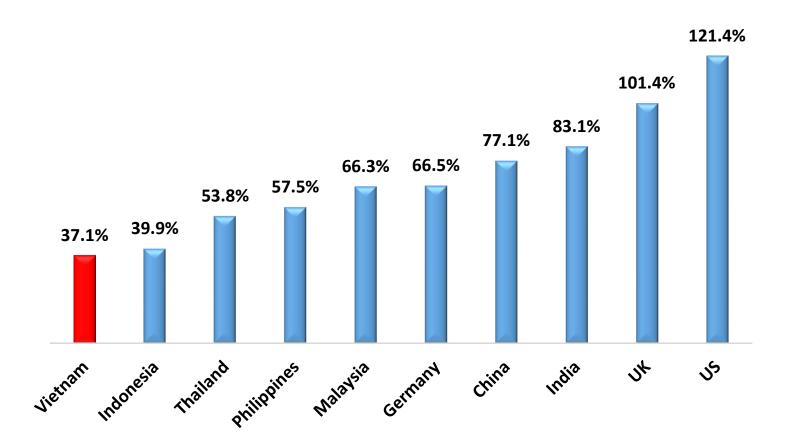
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World Bank, IMF GSO, VCB, State Bank

#### **Government Debt to GDP 2022**



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# **Compelling Valuations (31st March 2024)**

	P/E	P/B	Dividend Yield (%)
AFC Vietnam Fund	12.0	1.3	4.8
Singapore	11.4	1.1	5.2
Philippines	12.7	1.6	2.6
Malaysia	15.2	1.3	4.2
Thailand	16.7	1.4	3.3
Vietnam - Ho Chi Minh City	16.8	1.8	1.6
Indonesia	17.7	2.2	3.8

Bloomberg

## **Summary:**

- GDP Growth Highest growth rate among ASEAN countries for the next 4-5 years
- Competitive Labour Costs Low wages with increasing productivity and improvements in human capital
- Stable Inflation 3.25% in 2023; 4.0% estimated for 2024
- > 2023 Interest Rate Cuts Refinancing Rate from 6% to 4.5% and Discount Rate from 4.5% to 3%
- Government Debt Lowest among ASEAN competitors at 37% Debt/GDP
- Demographics Young and highly educated workforce (99M total population in 2023)
- > Political Stability Ranked above China, Indonesia, Thailand, India and the Philippines
- Geo-Political Tailwinds / FDI Will continue to benefit from supply chain re-positioning and competition between the US and China

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

## **Value Based Bottom Up Stock Selection**

- In-house and third party research to identify undervalued companies
- Integration of ESG investment criteria (Environmental Social Governance)
- Company visits

## **Risk Mitigation**

- In-depth due diligence of investment opportunities
- The fund is well diversified and typically invests in 40 to 60 stocks across various sectors
- Investment limit per position max 9% with top-slicing at 19%

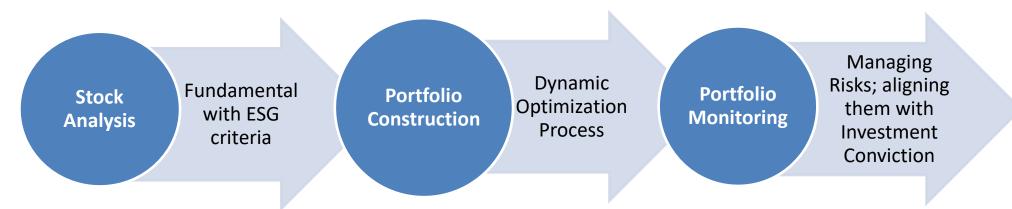
#### Cash

- Not fully invested in uncertain times and/or excessive valuations
- Holding cash will allow the fund to take advantage of opportunistic investments when they
  arise (momentum / news driven)

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

#### **Investment Process**

- Fundamental bottom up value strategy focused on less crowded small/mid-cap companies
- Top-down macro, policy and corporate governance analysis (fraud avoidance) are important components to our investment approach
- Our size allows us to be nimble and benchmark agnostic
- Well diversified, with typically 40 to 60 stocks across various sectors



## **Long-term Investment Themes**

## Consumption

- Services
- Retail
- Fast moving consumer goods
- Logistics

## Industrialisation

- Industrial goods manufacturing
- Infrastructure
- Logistics

#### Finance

- Banking
- Insurance

#### Urbanisation

- Real Estate
- Banking
- Renewable Energy

## **Example of Typical Equity Investments**

	Market Cap USD (m)	P/E	P/B	Div. Yield	Pay Out Ratio	Sector
Agriculture Bank Insurance	105	7.2	1.5	2.7%	20%	Financials
Lien Viet Post Joint Stock Commercial Bank	595	2.6	0.8	0.0%	0%	Financials
PVI Holdings	509	12.1	1.3	5.1%	62%	Financials
Loc Troi Group JSC	106	6.3	0.9	6.3%	39%	Consumer Staples
Power Engineering Consulting JSC No. 2	121	9.8	1.7	4.1%	40%	Industrials

# Portfolio Sector Weightings as of 31st March 2024

Consumer Discretionary	40.8%	Financials	8.0%
Consumer Staples	17.9%	Industrials	2.0%
Utilities	10.5%	Communications	0.9%
Materials	10.3%	Cash	9.6%

#### AFC VIETNAM FUND

Legal Structure: Open End

Style: Value / Growth

Domicile: Cayman Islands

Initial Minimum Investment: USD 10,000 / USD 1,000 subsequent purchases

Launch Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2013

Subscription Frequency: Monthly, 5 business days before end of month

Redemption: Monthly, 30 days prior notice

Fees: Management: 1.8% p.a. of NAV

Performance: 12.5% p.a. of NAV appreciation

High Water Mark: Yes (performance fee only applies to net profits)

Risk Classification for Hong Kong Investors: High Risk

Auditor: EY, Hong Kong

Legal Advisor: Ogier, Hong Kong

Custodian: Viet Capital Securities, Ho Chi Minh City

Bank: DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, Hong Kong

Trident Fund Services, Hong Kong

Investment Manager: Asia Frontier Capital (Vietnam) Limited, Cayman Islands

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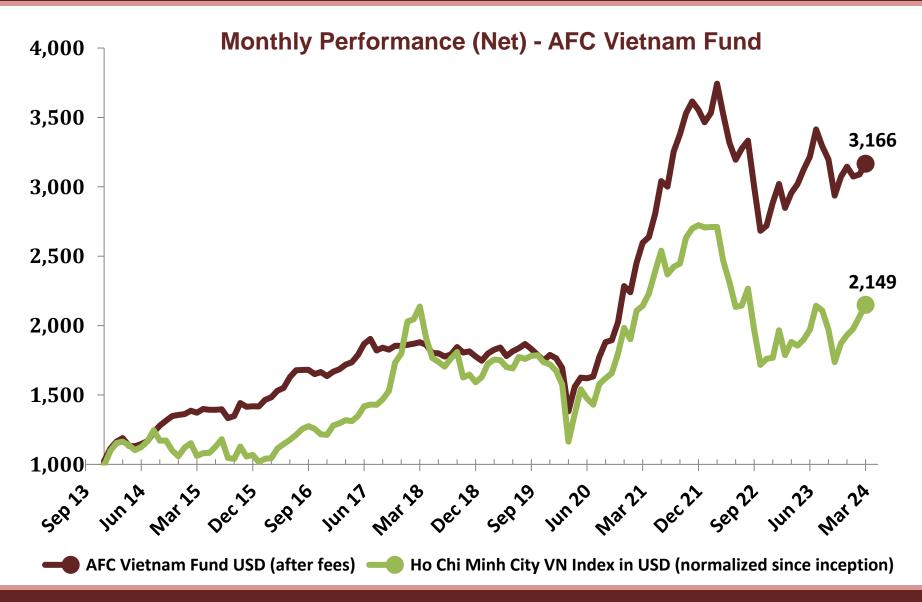
Fund Administrator:

## **FUND PERFORMANCE**

NAV as of 31st March 2024							
<b>NAV</b> 3,166.02							
Since Inception	+216.60%						
Inception Date	23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2013						

# **Monthly Performance (Net) - AFC Vietnam Fund**

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
201	3 USD												+2.37%	+2.37%
201	4 USD	+8.75%	+4.50%	+2.18%	-4.65%	-0.32%	+1.45%	+1.86%	+5.49%	+3.87%	+2.83%	+2.50%	+0.60%	+32.50%
201	5 USD	+0.44%	+1.76%	-0.96%	+1.93%	-0.48%	+0.06%	+0.22%	-4.57%	+1.18%	+6.90%	-1.82%	+0.25%	+4.62%
201	6 USD	-0.10%	+3.30%	+1.28%	+3.17%	+1.40%	+4.97%	+3.00%	+0.13%	+0.11%	-1.83%	+0.88%	-1.76%	+15.29%
201	7 USD	+1.90%	+1.10%	+1.94%	+1.03%	+2.96%	+4.52%	+1.94%	-4.38%	+1.09%	-0.75%	+1.47%	+0.01%	+13.33%
201	8 USD	+0.41%	+0.42%	+0.58%	-0.93%	-3.24%	-0.12%	-1.28%	+0.79%	+3.02%	-2.15%	+0.45%	-2.05%	-4.17%
201	9 USD	-1.63%	+2.90%	+1.58%	+0.82%	-3.35%	+1.98%	+1.18%	+1.63%	-1.89%	-2.34%	-2.22%	+2.31%	+0.70%
202	0 USD	-1.41%	-3.93%	-18.44%	+12.72%	+4.28%	-0.28%	+0.78%	+8.65%	+6.02%	+0.73%	+6.91%	+12.77%	+27.66%
202	1 USD	-1.89%	+9.49%	+5.84%	+1.58%	+6.37%	+8.37%	-1.30%	+8.47%	+3.80%	+4.47%	+2.42%	-1.69%	+55.61%
202	2 USD	-2.51%	+1.92%	+5.99%	-5.82%	-5.86%	-3.73%	+2.50%	+1.76%	-10.01%	-10.53%	+1.35%	+6.09%	-18.84%
202	3 USD	+4.70%	-5.71%	+3.80%	+2.17%	+3.42%	+3.01%	+6.09%	-3.53%	-2.91%	-8.13%	+4.58%	+2.38%	+9.02%
202	4 USD	-2.24%	+0.49%	+2.47%										+0.67%



#### SHAREHOLDER OF ASIA FRONTIER CAPITAL (VIETNAM) LTD.



Vicente Nguyen, Chief Investment Officer of AFC Vietnam Fund, has over 10 years of experience in finance. Prior to joining Asia Frontier Capital (Vietnam) Ltd., Vicente was the CEO of HVS Securities, a brokerage company in HCMC. He also spent several years at the HCMC office of Mirae Asset Group, a global investment management firm, as an Investment Manager.

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## DIRECTOR & SHAREHOLDER OF ASIA FRONTIER CAPITAL (VIETNAM) LTD.



Andreas Vogelsanger, CEO / Head Marketing of AFC Vietnam Fund, has over 25 years of wide-ranging experience with leading institutions in the finance industry, including RBS Coutts, Julius Baer, D.E. Shaw, Nikko, and Chase Manhattan. Prior to launching the AFC Vietnam Fund in 2013, Andreas was a Founding Partner and Chairman of a corporate finance boutique in Singapore. His experience includes postings in Zurich, Geneva, London, Hong Kong and Singapore.

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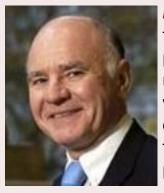


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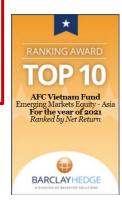


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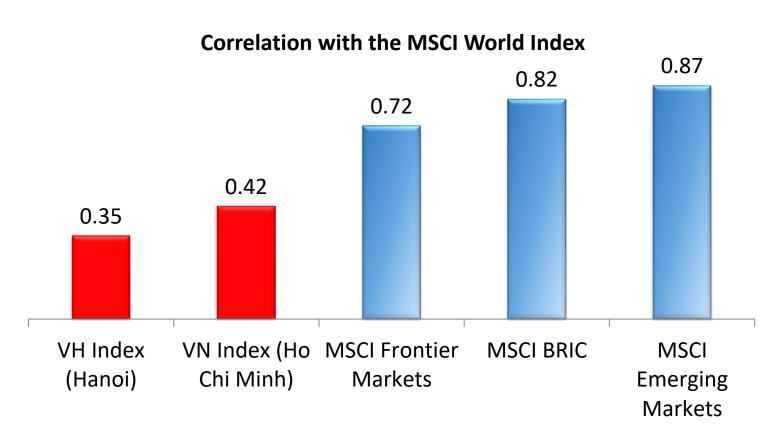
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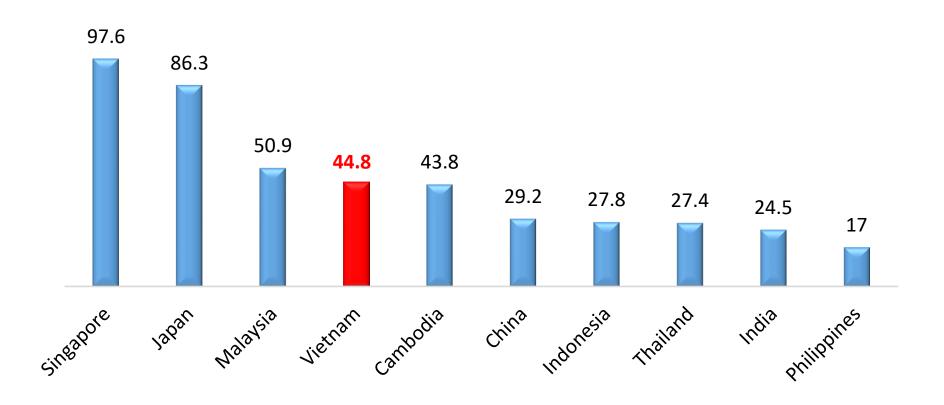
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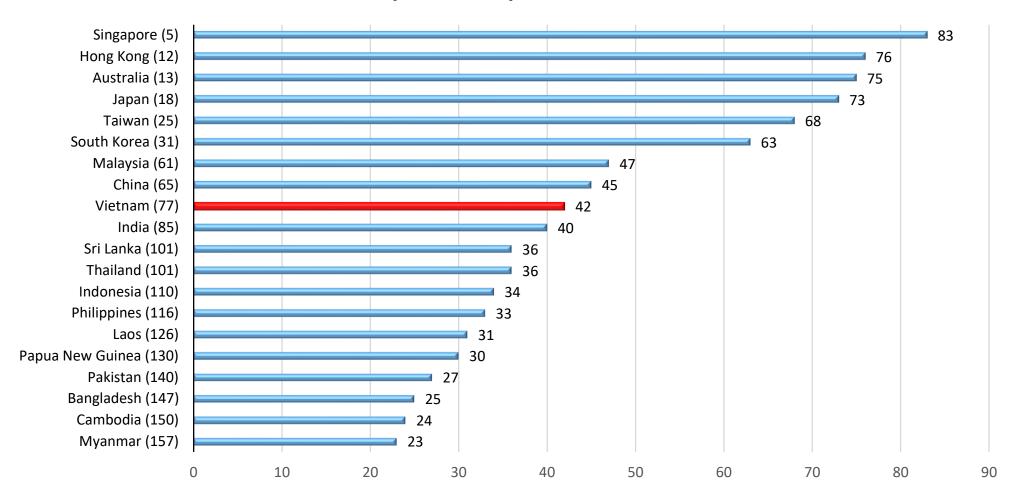
Bloomberg . Based on 10 years monthly data

#### **Stable Political Environment**

## **World Bank 2021 Political Stability Ranking**



## **Corruption Perceptions Index 2022**



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