

WEEKLY INVESTMENT STRATEGY REPORT ON 11TH MARCH, 2024

THE MARKET DECLINE AMID PROFIT-TAKING PRESSURE AND CONCERN ABOUT THE EXCHANGE RATE



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE WEEKLY INVESTMENT STRATEGY REPORT ON 11TH MARCH, 2024

-  Federal Reserve Chair Powell's speech on March 7th indicated that Fed officials remain very concerned about the risks from inflation and do not want to loosen policy too quickly. The market is expecting the Fed to begin raising interest rates from June 2024 and to reduce them by 4 times this year (25 basis points each time). Meanwhile, the Fed forecasts 3 interest rate cuts. The DXY index also recorded a decrease of 1.15% over the past week and closed at 102.7 points.

-  In the past week, money continued to flow strongly into the market during the beginning of the week before sudden selling pressure surged in the session on March 8th in the VN30 group, causing the VN-Index to decrease by 0.87% compared to the previous week, closing at 1,047 points. Meanwhile, liquidity and the average trading value per session both saw significant increases, reaching values of 1,124 million shares and 27,089 billion VND, respectively. The strongest outflows of money were observed in the automobile and spare parts group (-0.54%) and the banking group (-0.45%).

-  **With the increasing pressure to take profits from the previous week combined with the USD/VND exchange rate on the free market maintaining at record-high levels, investor sentiment is expected to become more cautious, leading the market to anticipate a decline in the week of March 11th to March 15th, with the nearest support level at around 1,245 – 1,250 points. Investors are advised to **reduce** their equity/cash ratio to **70/30**, consider purchasing new stocks, and closely monitor market developments at the 1,245 – 1,250 range.**
 -  In the event that the index shows strong buying pressure at the support level and does not breach this support, there is a high likelihood that the market will begin forming a new base at this level.

 -  In case this support fails to hold effectively, the market will likely retreat to the next support level at the range 1,228 – 1,233 points.

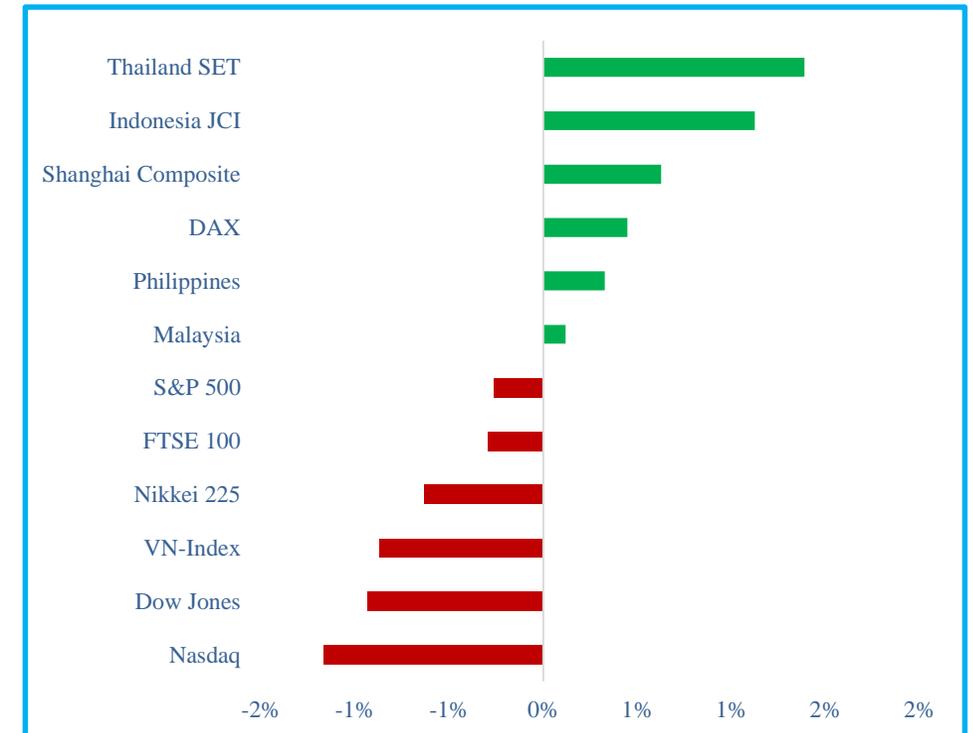
-  Some of the noteworthy stock groups at this time include:

 Government Infrastructure: HHV	 Steel: HSG	 Industrialized real estate: IDC
 Securities: HCM, SHS, VIX, SSI, VND	 Sea port: HAH	 Textile: TNG
 Real estate: TCH, DIG	 Bank: ACB, SSB, VIB, TPB, VPB	 Energy: PC1
 Retail: DGW, MWG, MSN	 Others: GVR, PNJ, GEX, DBC	 Petroleum: BSR

GLOBAL STOCK MARKET OVERVIEW IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK

- The global stock market mostly witnessed a downward trend during the week of March 4th to March 8th, with declines ranging from 0.3% to 1.2%. Notably, the Shanghai Composite (-0.63%) and DAX (-0.45%) indices moved against the general trend.
- The VN-Index recorded a decrease of 0.87% over the past week, ranking among the top 3 indices with the largest declines among the monitored indices.

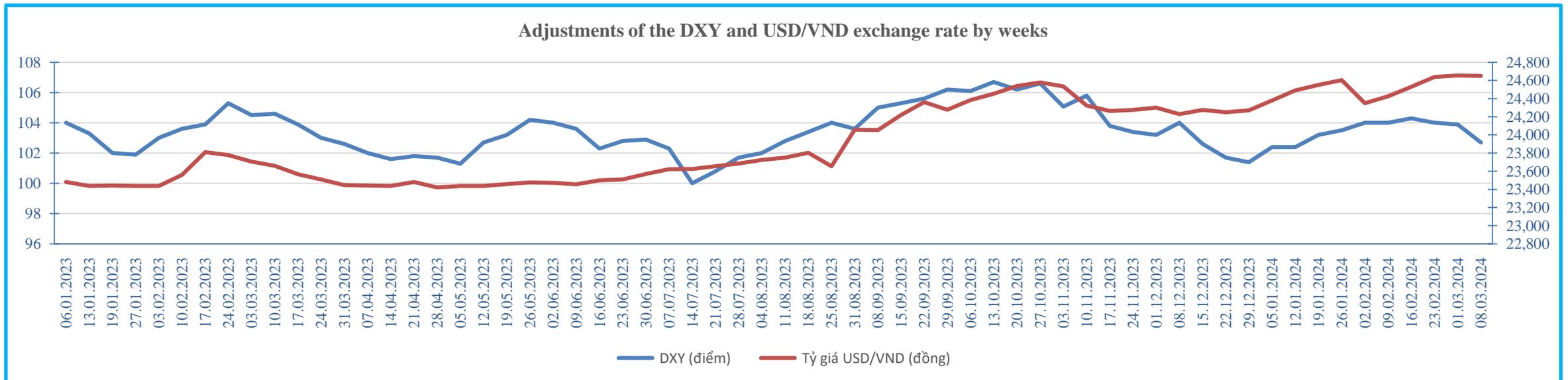
Indices	1st March, 2024	8th March, 2024	Adjustments
VN-Index	1,258.28	1,247.35	-0.87%
S&P 500	5,137.08	5,123.60	-0.26%
Dow Jones	39,087.38	38,722.69	-0.93%
Nasdaq	16,274.94	16,085.11	-1.17%
DAX	17,735.00	17,814.51	0.45%
FTSE 100	7,682.50	7,659.74	-0.3%
Nikkei 225	39,940.00	39,688.94	-0.63%
Shanghai Composite	3,027.02	3,046.02	0.63%
Thailand SET	1,367.42	1,386.42	1.39%
Malaysia	1,538.02	1,539.86	0.12%
Philippines	6,919.09	6,942.21	0.33%
Indonesia JCI	7,311.91	7,394.21	1.13%



FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET OVERVIEW IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK

The DXY index remained relatively flat during the early part of last week before experiencing a sharp decline on March 6th following news from the Institute for Supply Management (ISM) indicating a slight slowdown in the US service sector growth in February, amidst a decrease in employment. Additionally, data showed that new orders for US-produced goods declined more than expected in January. Overall, for the week, the DXY index recorded a 1.15% decrease compared to the previous week, closing at 103.9 points.

In Vietnam, the USD/VND exchange rate remained unchanged compared to the previous week, standing at 24,650 VND. As of March 8th, 2024, the State Bank of Vietnam (SBV) announced the central exchange rate at 24,017 VND. At commercial banks, the buying rate for USD ranged from 24,475 to 24,545 VND, while the selling rate ranged from 24,855 to 24,895 VND. Meanwhile, on the free market, the USD was traded at around 25,300 to 25,380 VND (buying and selling).



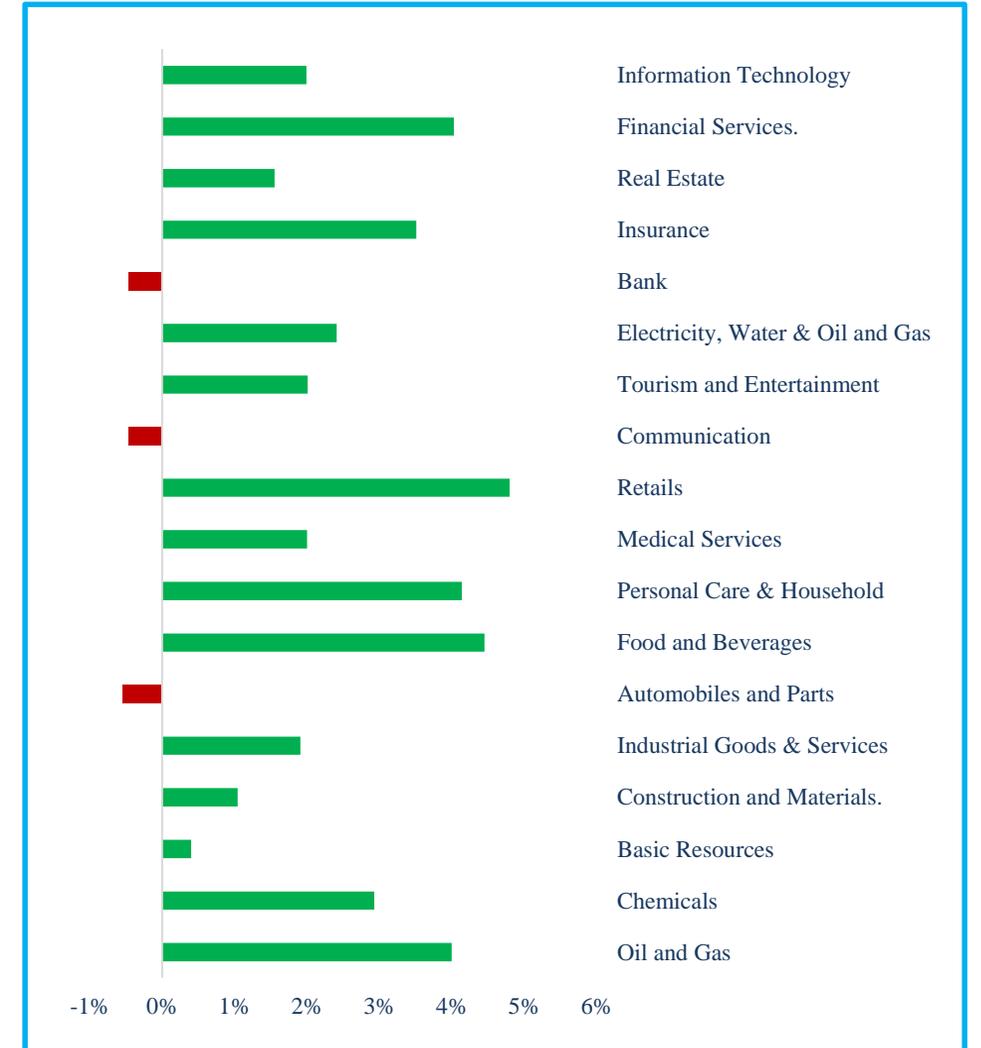
VIETNAMESE STOCK MARKET OVERVIEW IN THE PAST WEEK

After experiencing a week of volatility in trading, the VN-Index continued to close the week's session with a decrease of 21.11 points (~1.66%) at 1,247.35 points. Looking at the whole week, the market maintained a sideways trend with price increases in the early sessions and closing the week with a strong downward red candle. Market liquidity remained at a satisfactory level over the past 10 trading sessions, and there was a tendency for money to return to the market.



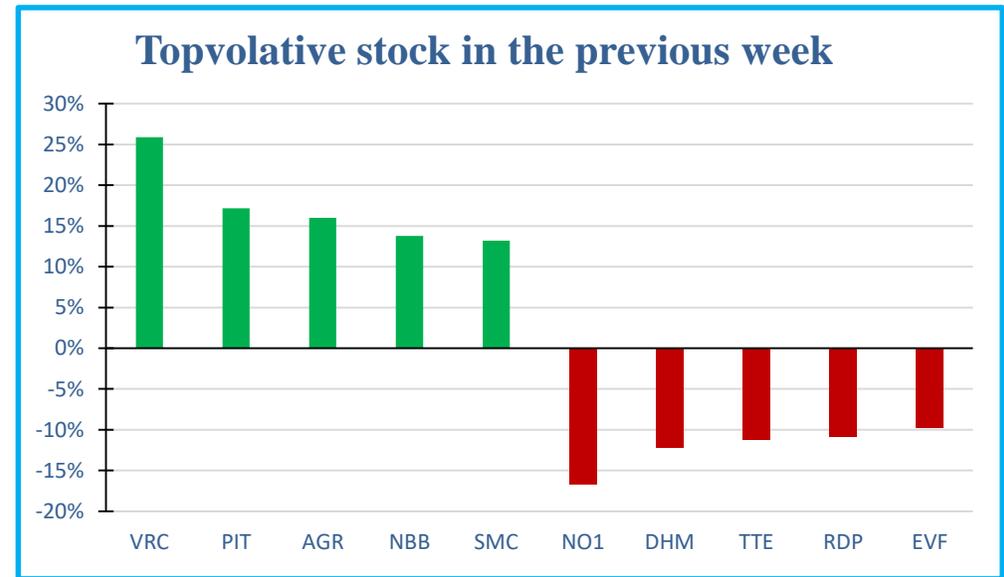
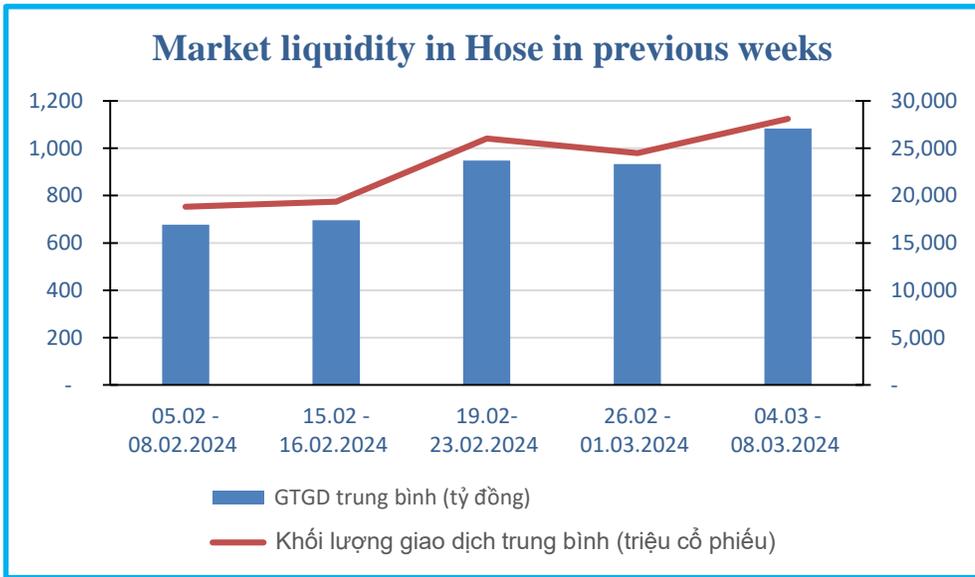
SECTORS IN THE PAST WEEK

Sectors	% Price volatility	Total Value (MilVND)	Average matched value (Mil VND)	Trading Volume (1,000 shares)	Average Trading Volume (1,000 shares)
Oil and Gas	4,00%	1.580.466	270.943	49.207	8.400
Chemicals	2,93%	6.715.905	1.139.381	186.885	30.374
Basic Resources	0,40%	10.250.532	1.719.073	433.403	72.745
Construction and Materials.	1,04%	9.190.063	1.571.722	428.993	74.317
Industrial Goods & Services	1,91%	8.078.805	1.389.959	298.164	51.526
Automobiles and Parts	-0,54%	373.808	64.060	25.747	4.402
Food and Beverages	4,45%	13.468.398	2.197.246	436.818	70.811
Personal Care & Household	4,14%	2.102.386	378.572	51.163	9.086
Medical Services	2,00%	273.955	49.119	11.607	2.062
Retails	4,80%	6.721.180	1.155.183	135.692	23.312
Communication	-0,47%	99.541	16.634	9.353	1.565
Tourism and Entertainment	2,01%	819.425	140.419	27.037	4.682
Electricity, Water & Oil and Gas	2,41%	1.805.875	312.249	76.994	13.028
Bank	-0,46%	30.295.446	4.880.248	1.312.564	209.795
Insurance	3,51%	276.479	47.927	7.968	1.390
Real Estate	1,55%	30.120.497	4.974.827	1.266.084	211.274
Financial Services.	4,03%	27.092.501	4.409.751	1.062.107	174.167
Information Technology	1,99%	3.180.491	556.769	51.551	8.782



MARKET LIQUIDITY AND TOP VOLATIVE STOCKS IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK

- Statistics from Vietstock show that the average trading value per session in the past week reached 27,089 billion dong, an increase of approximately 16.2% compared to the previous week. Similarly, the average trading volume of stocks also increased by 15% to 1,124 million shares.
- In the past week, the top 3 stocks with the strongest gains were VRC (25.89%), PIT (17.17%), and AGR (16.02%). On the other hand, the top 3 stocks with the biggest declines were NO1 (-16.73%), DHM (-12.23%), and TTE (-11.21%).



Source: Vietstock, Vietinbank Securities

MACRO-ECONOMIC OVERVIEW IN THE PAST WEEK

INFORMATION	EFFECT	ASSESSMENT
<p>Federal Reserve Chairman Powell's speech on March 7 indicated that Fed officials remain very concerned about the risks of inflation and are not eager to loosen policy too quickly.</p>	<p>Neutral</p>	<p>The market is expecting the Fed to begin cutting interest rates from June 2024 and to cut rates four times this year (each time by 25 basis points). However, the Fed forecasts three rate cuts.</p>
<p>The European Central Bank (ECB) decided to keep the interest rates unchanged at a record high of 4% on March 7, while also noting that inflation is decreasing more rapidly than predicted a few months ago.</p>	<p>Neutral</p>	<p>Weak growth and inflation have prompted the ECB to start discussing the possibility of cutting interest rates in the near future. However, the ECB remains extremely cautious about loosening monetary policy.</p>
<p>The government has just issued Resolution No. 28/NQ-CP on March 5, 2024, regarding consistent objectives to promote growth while maintaining macroeconomic stability.</p>	<p>Positive</p>	<p>This decree promotes the real estate market, stock market, corporate bonds, and labor export markets; strongly encourages investment in the development of corporations, state-owned enterprises, and increases access to credit capital.</p>
<p>According to data from the Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers (VASEP), seafood exports reached over \$1.3 billion in the first two months of the year, a 23% increase compared to the same period in 2023.</p>	<p>Positive</p>	<p>This is a positive signal for seafood industry businesses in particular and the overall economic landscape in general.</p>

EVENTS FOR THE NEXT WEEK

NO.	Stock symbol	Exchange	Ex- Date	Record Date	Effective Date	Event Details
1	PNJ	HOSE	15/03/2024	18/03/2024	12/04/2024	Payment of the 1 st dividend installment for 2023 in cash, 600 VND per share.
2	SMN	HNX	15/03/2024	18/03/2024	02/05/2024	Dividend payment for 2023 in cash, 1,100 VND per share
3	DSN	HOSE	14/03/2024	15/03/2024	03/04/2023	Payment of the 2 nd dividend installment for 2023 in cash, 1,600 VND per share.
4	NT2	HOSE	14/03/2024	15/03/2024	29/03/2024	Payment of the 1 st dividend installment for 2023 in cash, 700 VND per share.
5	BTP	HOSE	14/03/2024	15/03/2024	29/03/2024	Dividend payment in cash, 2,647 VND per share
6	LAF	HOSE	14/03/2024	15/03/2024	12/04/2024	Dividend payment for 2023 in cash, 1,500 VND per share
7	CII	HOSE	14/03/2024	15/03/2024	01/04/2024	Payment of the 2 nd dividend installment for 2023 in cash, 400 VND per share.
8	EBS	HNX	14/03/2024	15/03/2024	26/04/2024	Dividend payment for 2023 in cash, 800 VND per share
9	SDN	HNX	11/03/2024	12/03/2024	27/03/2024	Payment of the 1 st dividend installment for 2023 in cash, 500 VND per share.
10	SHP	HOSE	11/03/2024	12/03/2024	21/03/2024	Dividend payment for 2023 in cash, 1,000 VND per share
11	NTH	HNX	11/03/2024	12/03/2024	27/03/2024	Payment of the 3 rd dividend installment for 2023 in cash, 1,000 VND per share.

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