




WEEKLY INVESTMENT STRATEGY REPORT ON 8TH JANUARY, 2024
**THE INCREASING PROFIT-TAKING PRESSURE FLUCTUATE THE VN-
INDEX AROUND THE RESISTANCE LEVEL OF 1,165 POINTS**







EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE WEEKLY INVESTMENT STRATEGY REPORT ON 8TH JANUARY, 2024


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-  In the past week, despite foreign selling returning, money continued to flow strongly into the stock market, boosting liquidity and the average daily trading value to 852 million shares and 17,838 billion VND, respectively. As a result, the VN-Index ranked among the top 2 indices with the strongest increase globally, rising by 2.19%. In terms of sectors, funds notably flowed into the banking sector (4.22%) and chemicals (3.46%).


-  With the USD/VND exchange rate starting to rise again after the release of the minutes from the December Fed policy meeting and the market experiencing a prolonged uptrend, many stocks with good profit margins are expected to face increased profit-taking pressure. This could lead to significant fluctuations around the resistance level of 1,165 points for the VN-Index in the week from January 8 to January 12, 2024. Investors are advised to **maintain** a stock/cash ratio of **70/30**. They could capitalize on any correction in the index, testing the support zone of 1,115 - 1,130 points, to significantly increase their holdings with the expectation that the market will continue its upward momentum. The next resistance level is anticipated at 1,165 points.

-  Some of the noteworthy stock groups at this time include:
 -  **Potential stock lists:** PNJ, GEX, DGW, GVR, HHV, VIB

 -  If **the market accumulates stably** the money flow can circulate strongly into some speculative industry groups, including:
 -  **Securities:** HCM, SHS

 -  **Real estate:** TCH, DIG

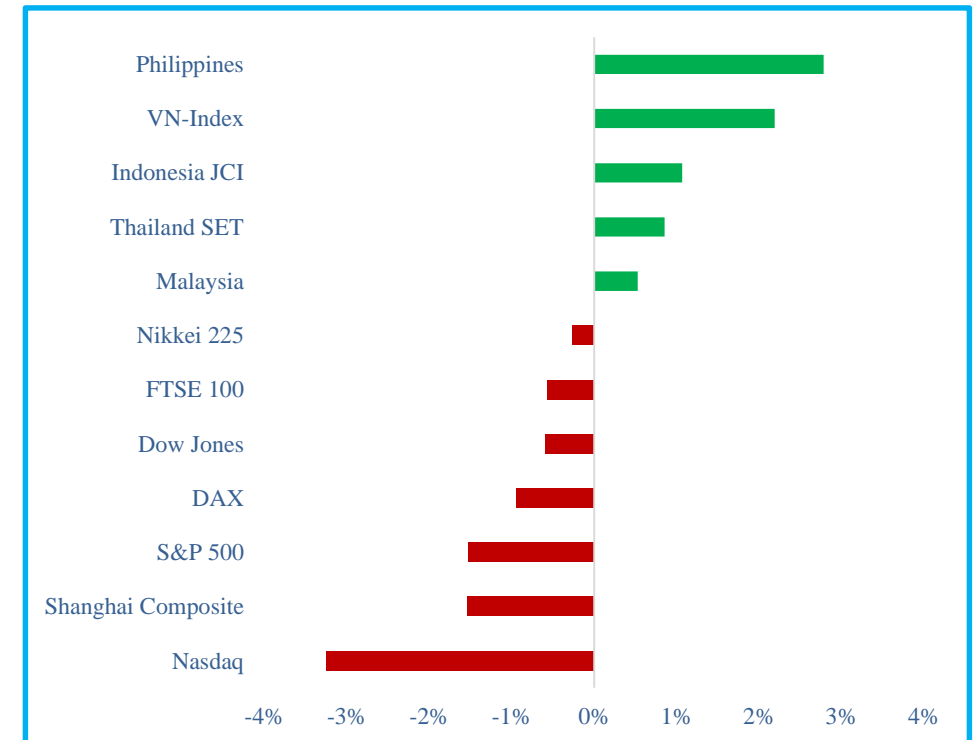
 -  **Sea port:** HAH

 -  **Steel:** HSG

GLOBAL STOCK MARKET OVERVIEW IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK

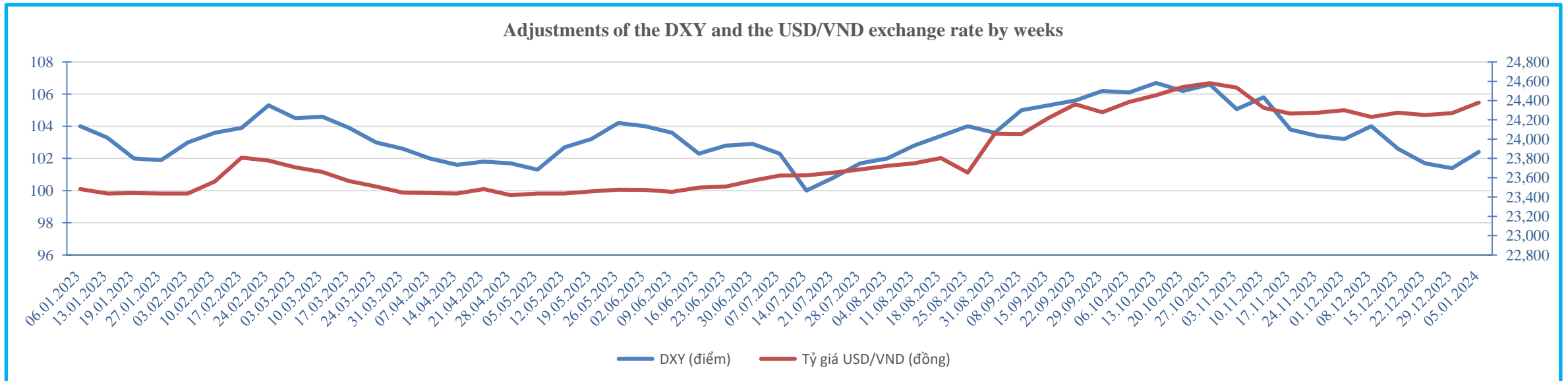
- The global stock market mostly experienced a decline in the week of January 2nd to January 5th, with common losses ranging from 0.6% to 1.6%. However, indices representing Southeast Asian countries showed an upward trend, with the Philippines index experiencing the largest gain at 2.78%.
- The VN-Index recorded a 2.19% increase in the past week, ranking among the top 2 indices with the strongest gains in the monitored group.

Indices	29th December, 2023	5th January, 2024	Adjustments
VN-Index	1,129.93	1,154.68	2,19%
S&P 500	4,769.83	4,697.24	-1,52%
Dow Jones	37,689.54	37,466.11	-0,59%
Nasdaq	15,011.35	14,524.07	-3,25%
DAX	16,751.64	16,594.21	-0,94%
FTSE 100	7,733.24	7,689.61	-0,56%
Nikkei 225	33,464.17	33,377.42	-0,26%
Shanghai Composite	2,974.93	2,929.18	-1,54%
Thailand SET	1,415.85	1,427.96	0,86%
Malaysia	1,454.66	1,462.37	0,53%
Philippines	6,450.04	6,629.64	2,78%
Indonesia JCI	7,272.80	7,350.60	1,07%



FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET OVERVIEW IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK

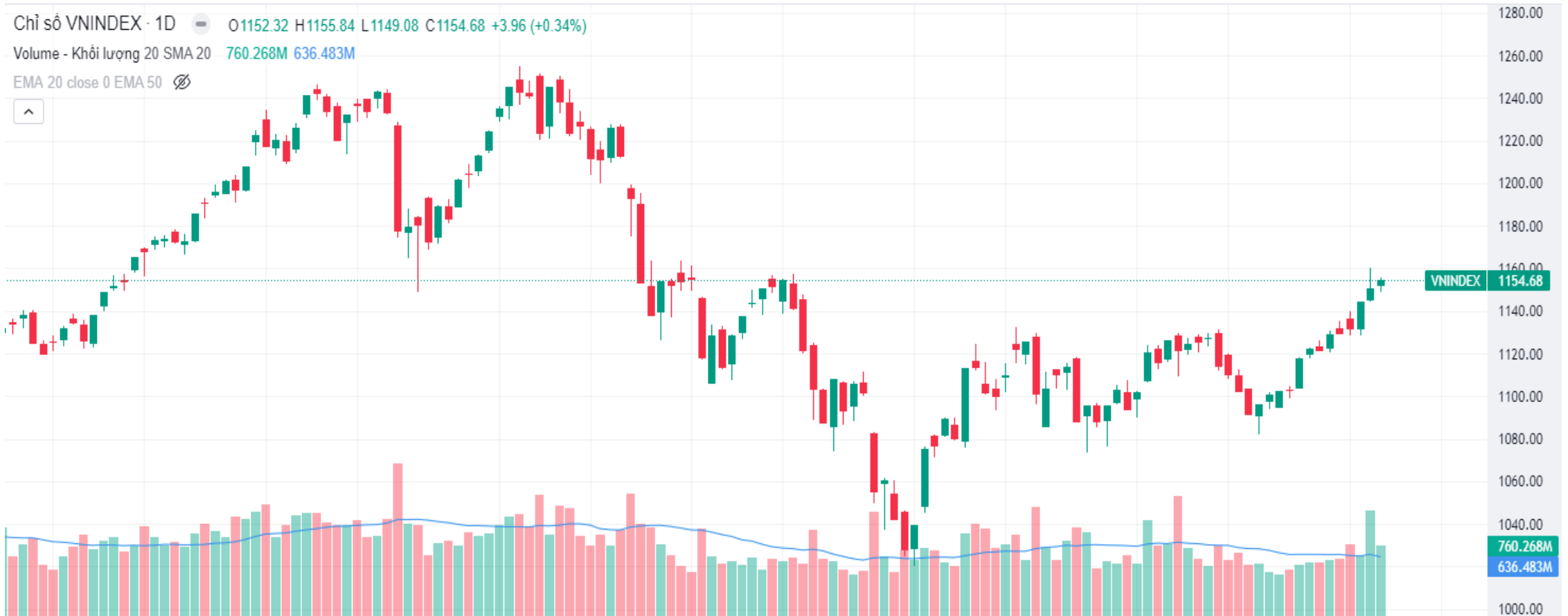
- The DXY index experienced a strong increase at the beginning of the week following the release of the minutes from the December Federal Reserve policy meeting. The minutes emphasized the need to maintain higher interest rates for a longer period to ensure inflation is under control. Overall, the DXY index recorded an approximately 1% increase for the week compared to the previous week, closing at 102.4 points.
- In Vietnam, the USD/VND exchange rate increased by 0.45% compared to the previous week, reaching 24,380 VND. As of January 5, 2024, the State Bank of Vietnam (NHNN) announced the central exchange rate at 23,915 VND. In commercial banks, the buying rate for USD ranged from 24,150 to 24,220 VND, and the selling rate ranged from 24,520 to 24,570 VND. On the free market, the USD traded (buy-sell) at around 24,727 - 24,777 VND.



VIETNAMESE STOCK MARKET OVERVIEW IN THE PAST WEEK

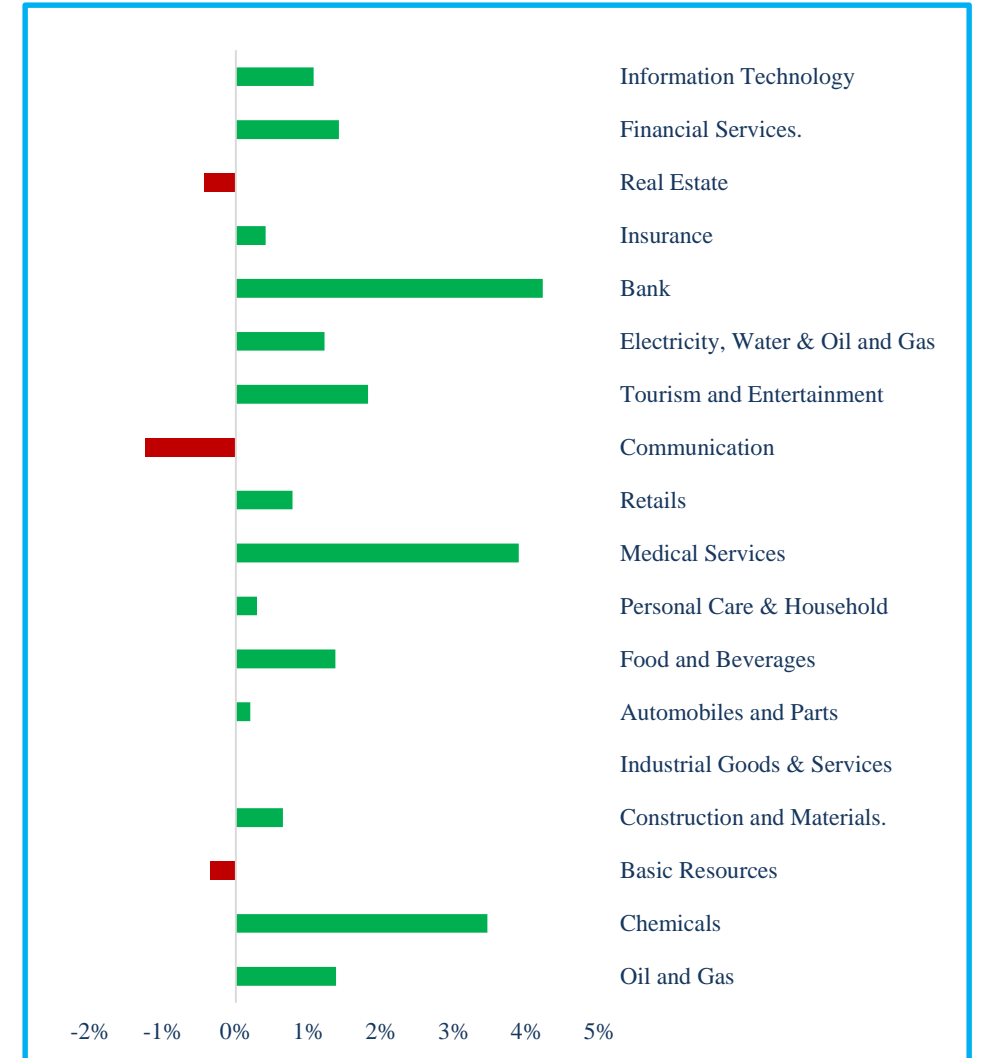


After undergoing a week of volatile trading, the VN-Index continued to close the week with an increase of 3.96 points (~0.34%) at 1,154.68 points. Looking at the entire week, the market recorded a gain of 24.75 points (~2.19%) compared to the closing point of 1,129.93 points the previous week. Market liquidity has improved compared to the previous week, and funds are starting to show signs of returning to the market.



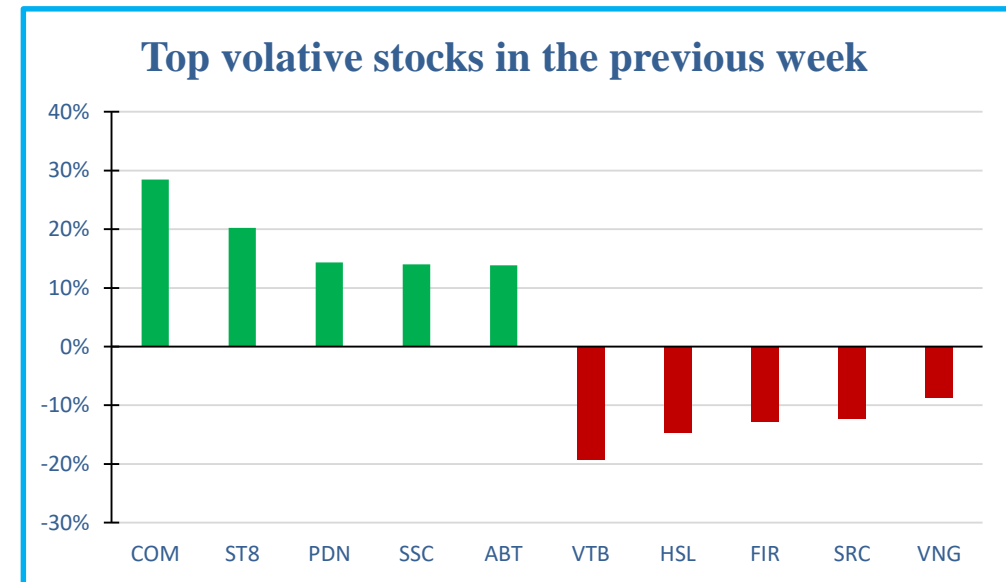
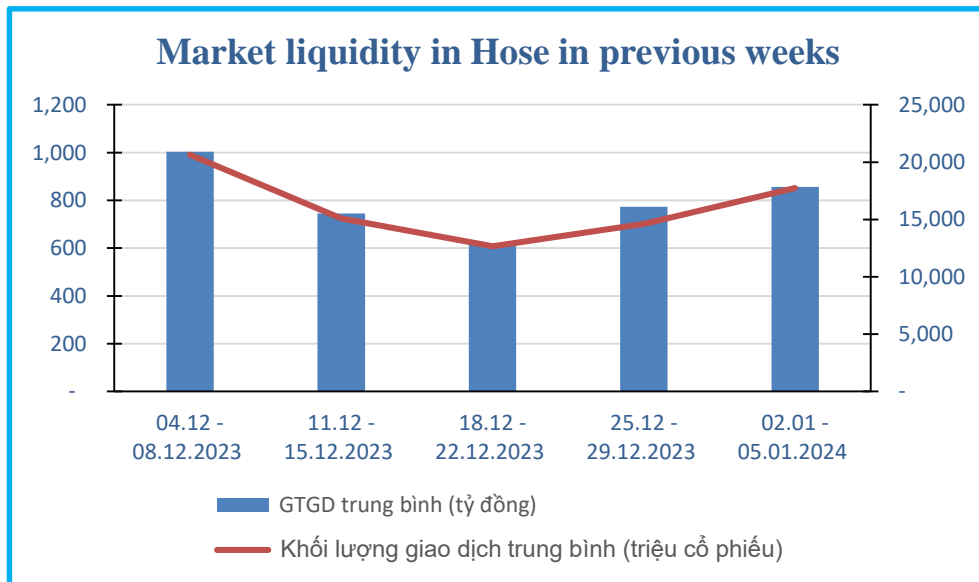
SECTORS IN THE PAST WEEK

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	1,38%	647.713	125.971	21.752	4.256
Chemicals	3,46%	2.957.103	635.260	95.113	20.477
Basic Resources	-0,35%	7.008.524	1.376.799	325.536	65.174
Construction and Materials.	0,65%	4.829.656	1.048.011	233.888	51.159
Industrial Goods & Services	0,00%	5.068.412	1.060.557	193.091	40.620
Automobiles and Parts	0,20%	456.568	91.139	27.916	5.713
Food and Beverages	1,37%	9.180.847	1.789.354	395.896	76.083
Personal Care & Household	0,29%	1.042.526	217.205	22.718	4.847
Medical Services	3,89%	132.064	28.633	5.317	1.113
Retails	0,78%	2.790.701	572.143	67.692	14.227
Communication	-1,24%	98.493	17.943	8.462	1.516
Tourism and Entertainment	1,82%	1.236.142	214.154	27.613	5.411
Electricity, Water & Oil and Gas	1,22%	1.032.017	208.744	49.108	10.341
Bank	4,22%	19.681.035	4.169.282	987.717	207.614
Insurance	0,41%	89.945	19.390	2.928	620
Real Estate	-0,44%	15.551.727	3.067.165	740.450	147.369
Financial Services.	1,42%	14.887.467	3.214.892	654.801	142.822
Information Technology	1,07%	1.560.624	336.717	47.085	10.696



MARKET LIQUIDITY AND TOP VOLATIVE STOCKS IN THE PREVIOUS WEEK

- Statistics from Vietstock indicate that the average trading value per session in the past week reached 17,838 billion VND, an increase of about 10.8% compared to the previous week. Similarly, the average trading volume of stocks also recorded a 21% increase to 852 million shares.
- In the past week, the top 3 stocks with the highest increase were COM (28.44%), ST8 (20.22%), and PDN (14.36%). On the contrary, the top 3 stocks with the largest decrease were VTB (-19.23%), HSL (-14.65%), and FIR (-12.82%).



Source: Vietstock, Vietinbank Securities

MACRO-ECONOMIC OVERVIEW IN THE PAST WEEK

INFORMATON	EFFECT	ASSESSMENT
<p>According to data released by the Institute for Supply Management (ISM) on January 3, the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) in the manufacturing sector of the United States increased to 47.4 in December 2023, after remaining unchanged at 46.7 for the preceding two consecutive months.</p>	<p>Neutral</p>	<p>A PMI below 50 over an extended period typically indicates a weak manufacturing output and an overall contraction in the economy. However, the U.S. economy still grew by 4.9% in the third quarter of 2023, and the forecasted growth for the fourth quarter is currently at 2.0%.</p>
<p>The People's Bank of China (PBOC) injected nearly 50 billion USD of low-cost capital into policy banks in December 2023 through the Committed Supplementary Lending (PSL) program, indicating that Beijing may be looking to enhance funding for housing and infrastructure projects to support the economy.</p>	<p>Neutral</p>	<p>Although PSL is the most direct and effective way to channel funds into the economy, it is also a controversial tool because it helps prevent price declines but at the same time contributes to inflating the real estate bubble.</p>
<p>According to S&P Global, the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for Vietnam's manufacturing sector reached 48.9 points in December. This means it still remains below the 50-point threshold, indicating a contraction in business conditions for the fourth consecutive month. However, the index has increased compared to the 47.3 in November, suggesting a slower pace of contraction.</p>	<p>Neutral</p>	<p>This latest decline in operating conditions continues to reflect weak demand, with the total number of new orders decreasing for the second consecutive month in December. However, the pace of decline has slowed compared to November when the number of new export orders was almost stable.</p>
<p>As of the end of 2023, public debt is approximately 37% of GDP (over 3.8 quadrillion VND), much lower than the legislative ceiling of 60% set by the National Assembly.</p>	<p>Positive</p>	<p>With the current low level of debt and a favorable debt structure, Vietnam has ample room to borrow for large projects, acting as an economic catalyst and creating both rapid and sustainable effects.</p>

EVENTS FOR THE NEXT WEEK

NO.	Stock symbol	Exchange	Ex- Date	Record Date	Effective Date	Event Details
1	NAV	HOSE	12/01/2024	15/01/2024	25/01/2024	Payment of the 2 nd dividend installment for 2023 in cash, 700 VND per share.
2	DHP	HNX	12/01/2024	15/01/2024	26/01/2024	Payment of the dividend for 2023 in cash, 500 VND per share
3	CMD	UPCoM	11/01/2024	12/01/2024	25/01/2024	Payment of the 2 nd dividend installment for 2023 in cash, 2000 VND per share.
4	KDC	HOSE	11/01/2024	12/01/2024	22/01/2024	Payment of the dividend for 2022 in cash, 1000 VND per share
5	AVC	UPCoM	11/01/2024	12/01/2024	15/05/2024	Payment of the 4 th dividend installment for 2023 in cash, 4,789 VND per share.
6	QNS	UPCoM	10/01/2024	11/01/2024	24/01/2024	Payment of the 2 nd dividend installment for 2023 in cash, 1000 VND per share.
7	VLB	UPCoM	10/01/2024	11/01/2024	05/02/2024	Payment of the dividend for 2023 in cash, 1000 VND per share
8	DNH	UPCoM	08/01/2024	09/01/2024	26/04/2024	Payment of the 2 nd dividend installment for 2023 in cash, 400 VND per share.
9	BSH	UPCoM	08/01/2024	09/01/2024	22/01/2024	Payment of the 1 st dividend installment for 2023 in cash, 1000 VND per share.
10	QTP	UPCoM	08/01/2024	09/01/2024	31/01/2024	Payment of the dividend in cash, 286 VND per share
11	VBB	UPCoM	08/01/2024	09/01/2024	N/A	Exercise the right to purchase additional newly issued shares, at a ratio of 100:21, at the price of 10,000 VND per share

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