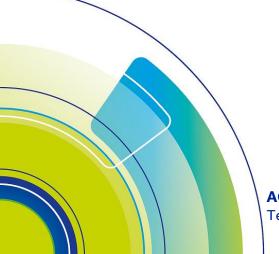


# Money 360

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# MARKET **OVERVIEW**

First round of France's Presidental Election concluded with the stand-off between two opposite candidates: Macron with a "Unite with EU" perspective against Le Pen with the "France's independence from EU" mindset. The Euro rallied 2% against the US dollars early on Monday. The market is currently positive and confident about Macron's victory at May 7<sup>th</sup> second round, already EU related assets has recovered from their months long low. Up to date polls are also suggesting a Macron triumph.

The scenario however, strikingly resembling the Trump-Clinton stand-off. Trump presidency was also deemed unthinkable and impossible to happen by looking at polls and predictive market movements. Given recent gunshots and bombing incidents within Europe, I would personally wager on Le Pen presidency. Reasons being: As France is the second biggest economy within EU (excluding Germany), French people may choose to relieve themselves of the Union's common burden (Greek, for instant). If Le Pen is to become President, the panic flight from EU's assets would be more drastic than vice versa. People tends to be more overreact upon bad news, hence should not neglect the odds.

stNote: Le Pen as a President, could not singlehandedly trigger an Independent Referendum without the support of either Congress or Prime Minister. It is still a possible, although not easy outcome.

In US, jobless claims from retail sector has reached recession-time level, their economy is showing signs of sluggishness. The Tax Policy and the Mexican Wall proposal has yet to be approved, Donald Trump is pinned under a deadline to deliver his most iconic promises. Anymore delays and we might see another US Government shutdown. Fed's target of three hikes this year might be compromised.

Seeing how the new President is forced to achieve something soon, a called out meeting upon North Korea's dilemmas is worth noticing. As we speak, NK's celebrating their Army's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A missile/ nuclear test is most likely to happen after (the failed attempt previously only reinforce another test this time). US warships are at the moment stationed in South Korea. North Korea's remarks was rather aggressive and determined to retaliate strongly in a kamikaze manner. Beijing has yet to make a move (publicly) whilst Pyongyang earlier threaten to launch an attack against Australia. 4 Non-Korean are also being held hostage.

Without reasonable and cooperative actions from Kim Jong Un, the Peninsular is in a risk of war. Japanese Yen and Gold are most likely affected as a result. The first attacks (if there are any), shall be a swift-zero warning one, we should take precautions up ahead.

Gold, even though devalued from the France's election result, hold a bullish drive as safe havens are currently limited. A hedging position is thus advised.

USD/ VND reference rate from SBV kept climbing, ceiling rate already exceeded VND 23,000. The SBV kept on purchasing more reserves, judging from the institutional trading prices

Other than that, things remain relatively unchanged from last week, we might have to wait until the events unfold in US (policies), EU (Elections), and North Korea to have a significant change

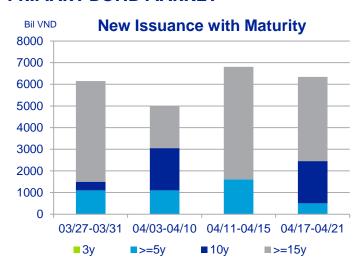
Please keep yourselves posted, even during the coming holidays, thank you.

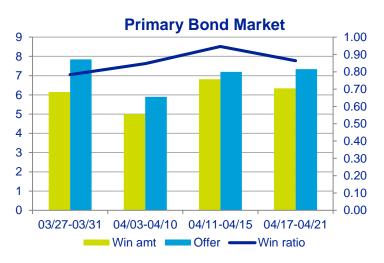




## **VGB-GGB MARKET**

## **PRIMARY BOND MARKET**





Source: HNX, ACBS

A visible trend for the recent weeks was the high demands for long term VGBs. Unlike previous months when most VGBs are highly absorbed both on short and long terms, lately tendency of undesired short term VGBs reflects a lack of funds excessiveness within depository institutions.

#### **Bond Issuance Schedule This Week**

04/24/2017- 04/28/2017								
Issuer	Offer Amount	Issue Date	Maturity	Tenor				
State Treasury	1,000,000,000,000	4/27/2017	3/23/2024	7				
State Treasury	1,500,000,000,000	4/27/2017	4/27/2032	15				
State Treasury	1,500,000,000,000	4/27/2017	4/20/2047	30				
State Treasury	1,000,000,000,000	4/27/2017	3/30/2037	20				
State Treasury	1,500,000,000,000	4/27/2017	3/9/2022	5				



# SECONDARY BOND MARKET





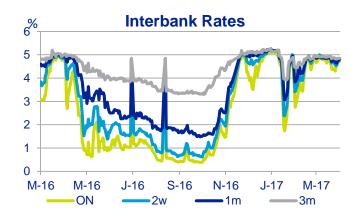


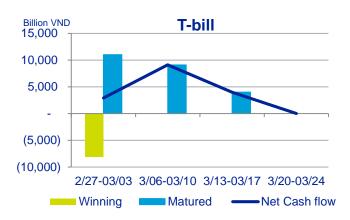
Net bond sell off from foreign investors recovered with VND 425bln, significant rise of trading volume on repo transactions. Primary market seems to be rather sluggish lately. Funds have been hording to other investment channels.

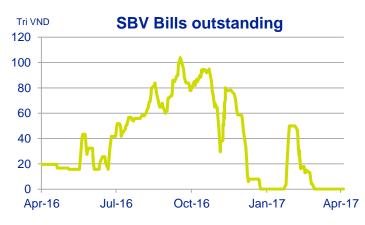
Seeing how the Yield curve got slightly flatter, Vietnam appears to remain a decent long term investment. The coming volatilities are pre-anticipated.

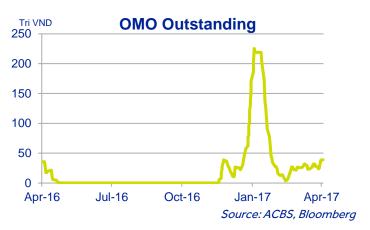


# **MONEY MARKET**









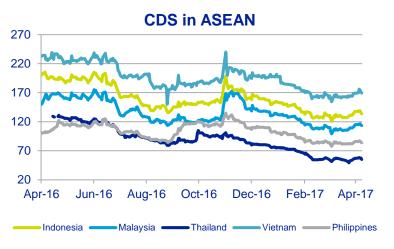
Transaction on OMO market remained stable with almost no changes. Banks are on high demand for extra funds to expand operation without having much of operating liquidity issue. We can expect a decent performance for 2017 coming from the banking sector.

\*Note: Last year's March and April total OMO issued was VND 86tln, current year up to date figure was VND 196tln.



# **OTHER MARKETS**

#### **SOVEREIGN CDS**





Source: Bloomberg

CDS slightly increased last week on ASEAN region. The whole region was downgraded slightly.

#### **FOREX MARKET**



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10-Apr

**ACB Offer** 

Black Market Offer

**USD/VND- Domestic Markets** 

Source: SBV, Bloomberg

24-Apr

17-Apr

VCB offer

Ex Rate Cap

with current global outlook, the US dollars depreciated strongly thus making the SBV increased their USD purchase price to VND22,675 (increased by VND 100) to support the market, institutional offer prices for the green note exceeded the free market prices. At the same time, reference rate cap remains relatively high from market price and SBV seems to have purchased more reserves. We a reasonably hedged against foreign exchange rates shocks, if there should be any.

3-Apr

EUR, JPY, USD, CNY are all facing downward pressures, politically.



#### **GOLD MARKET**





Source: Bloomberg, ACB.

Gold, even though devalued from the France's election result, hold a bullish drive as safe havens are currently limited. A hedging position is thus advised.

Second round of France Election, North Korea's actions should be a supportive force for gold price.

## **APPENDIX**

FX rate	USD		EUR		JPY	
Date	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask
17-Apr-17	22,700	22,770	23,976.60	24,266.28	206.93	210.89
18-Apr-17	22,720	22,790	24,054.92	24,342.48	206.05	209.99
19-Apr-17	22,695	22,765	24,184.19	24,479.32	205.79	209.72
20-Apr-17	22,685	22,755	24,226.86	24,516.51	205.92	209.85
21-Apr-17	22,675	22,745	24,165.79	24,454.72	204.70	208.62
24-Apr-17	22,705	22,775	24,541.62	24,835.02	203.60	207.50

Source: Vietcombank

<b>Deposit Interest Rate</b>	2 weeks	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	2 years
03/28/2017	1%	4.90%	5.10%	5.60%	6.30%	6.60%
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Source: ACB



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