

# Weekly Wrap: Pushing up against 1000

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+84 28 3622 6868 matthew.smith@yuanta.com.vn Market momentum remained strong last week, with the VNI posting a 2.5% week-on-week gain to reach 990 points on Friday, just shy of our 1000-point target for 2020. We would not be surprised to see some consolidation around that level. But volumes remain strong and foreign investors were net buyers of the market, implying upside risk to our target in the last six weeks of the year. In addition, we noticed that the volatility surrounding monthly futures expiration (the third Thursday effect) is no longer as obvious as it used to be.



## Index, Flows, and FX Performance

- **VNINDEX**: 990 (+2.5% WoW / +3.0% YTD / -1.1% YoY)
- VHINDEX: 147 (+1.7% WoW / +43.6% YTD / +40.3% YoY)
- **UPCOM Index**: 66.4 (+2.7% WoW / +17.5% YTD / +16.8% YoY)
- Average daily turnover: US\$490mn (+25.6% WoW)
- Foreigners net bought (!!!) US\$17mn of 3-index constituents
- VND:USD rate: 23,180 (-6bps WoW / -3bp YTD / +8bp YoY)

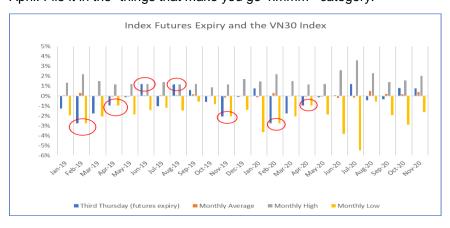
VN30 Components											
Closing price WoW Cont to VN30 TTM PE											
Ticker	(VND K)	chg	(WoW)	(x)							
BID	41.2	2.2%	1%	19							
CTG	33.2	3.9%	6%	11							
EIB	17.3	0.3%	0%	25							
FPT	55.2	2.6%	5%	13							
GAS	81.8	11.3%	5%	17							
HDB	25.8	-0.2%	0%	8							
HPG	35.7	11.7%	44%	11							
KDH	26.5	6.9%	4%	13							
MBB	19.3	0.0%	0%	7							
MSN	82.0	-9.0%	-17%	40							
MWG	110.8	-0.3%	-1%	13							
NVL	61.6	-0.6%	-1%	11							
PLX	50.6	3.7%	1%	74							
PNJ	73.6	-0.3%	0%	16							
POW	9.9	1.8%	0%	15							
REE	44.5	0.0%	0%	10							
ROS	2.2	-1.3%	0%								
SAB	192.0	3.8%	3%	31							
SBT	17.5	8.4%	2%	25							
SSI	18.2	2.2%	1%	10							
STB	14.2	1.8%	2%	11							
TCB	23.4	1.7%	6%	7							
TCH	20.3	8.8%	2%	7							
VCB	92.5	6.4%	14%	20							
VHM	78.5	0.3%	0%	11							
VIC	103.8	-3.4%	-12%	39							
VJC	118.9	5.5%	10%								
VNM	110.9	3.3%	14%	23							
VPB	25.5	4.1%	10%	6							
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Source: Bloomberg, Yuanta Vietnam. Pricing date: November 20, 2020.

**Breadth remained positive** with the VN30 components posting 21 gainers vs 7 losers and the VNI posting 249 gainers vs 117 losers. Interestingly, breadth on the VNI has been similarly positive YTD, with 233 gainers vs 126 losers since January 1.

Among the large caps, HPG (+11.7% WoW) continued its notable rally; the stock has now soared 86% YTD, which is the best performance of any VN30 component. GAS (+11.3%), TCH (+8.8%), and SBT (+8.4%) also led the market higher. By contrast, MSN (-9.0% WoW) lost traction following its extremely strong rally (it was the best performer of the entire VNI in October) to post the largest drag on the index last week.

**Is the third Thursday effect history?** VN30 futures typically expire on the third Thursday of each month. In the past, this event has frequently coincided with considerable end-of-day volatility, usually – but not always – on the downside. Since 2019, the third Thursday of the month has seen the worst daily performance of the month five times and the best daily performance twice. However, that anomaly has not reappeared since April. File it in the "things that make you go 'hmmm'" category.

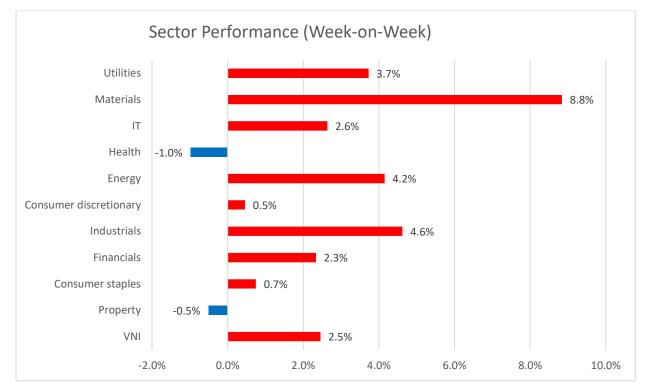




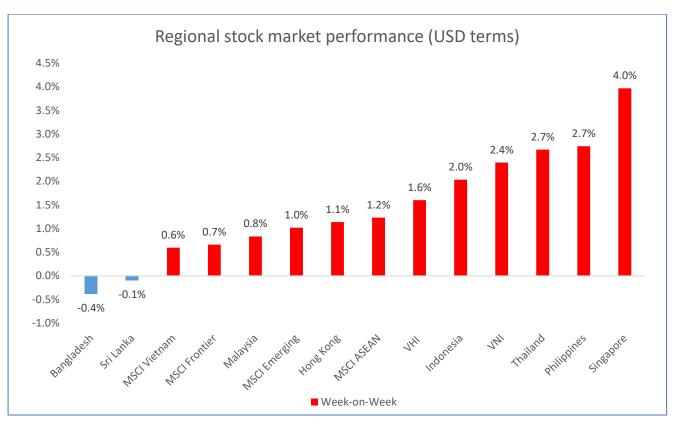
Sector	Company	Stock code	Market cap (USDm)	3-month ADT (USDm)	Yuanta Rating	Current price (VND)	Target price (VND)	Up (down) side	2020E Dividend yield	12-m TSR*	
Banks	Asia Commercial Bank	ACB VN	2,546	9.0	BUY	27,300	25,690	-6%	0.0%	-6%	
	BIDV	BID VN	7,149	3.0	SELL	41,200	37,300	-9%	0.0%	-9%	
	HD Bank	HDB VN	1,398	2.2	HOLD-Underperform	25,800	30,095	17%	0.0%	17%	
	MB Bank	MBB VN	2,309	5.7	BUY	19,300	22,500	17%	0.0%	17%	
	Sacombank	STB VN	1,101	8.4	BUY	14,150	12,950	-8%	0.0%	-8%	
	Vietcombank	VCB VN	14,800	4.0	HOLD-Underperform	92,500	75,140	-19%	0.0%	-19%	
	Vietnam Prosperity Bank	VPB VN	2,682	6.2	HOLD-Underperform	25,500	22,500	-12%	0.0%	-12%	
Brokers	HCM City Securities	HCM VN	308	2.7	BUY	23,400	26,532	13%	5.7%	19%	
	Saigon Securities	SSI VN	472	4.0	HOLD-Outperform	18,200	18,328	1%	3.4%	4%	
	Viet Capital Securities	VCI VN	291	1.5	HOLD-Underperform	40,700	26,449	-35%	2.0%	-33%	
	VNDirect Securities	VND VN	154	0.9	HOLD-Underperform	17,100	13,150	-23%	4.1%	-19%	
Energy	PV POW	POW VN	998	2.2	BUY	9,880	13,137	33%	3.0%	36%	
	PV NT2	NT2 VN	286	0.2	BUY	23,000	25,181	9%	8.7%	18%	
	PCC1	PC1 VN	177	0.3	BUY	25,800	24,092	-7%	0.0%	-7%	
Consumer	Masan Group	MSN VN	4,155	7.6	HOLD-Outperform	82,000	84,908	4%	0.0%	4%	
	Phu Nhuan Jewelry	PNJ VN	715	2.6	HOLD-Outperform	73,600	86,200	17%	2.7%	20%	
	Digiworld	DGW VN	132	1.1	HOLD-Outperform	70,900	31,574	-55%	2.0%	-53%	
Oil & GAS	PV Drilling	PVD VN	230	3.1	HOLD-Outperform	12,650	10,429	-18%	0.0%	-18%	
Property	Nam Long	NLG VN	338	1.1	BUY	28,450	36,400	28%	1.8%	30%	
	Novaland	NVL VN	2,620	3.6	HOLD-Outperform	61,600	65,073	6%	0.0%	6%	
	Khang Dien	KDH VN	638	0.9	BUY	26,450	31,081	18%	1.9%	19%	
	Vinhomes	VHM VN	11,140	7.3	BUY	78,500	94,862	21%	0.0%	21%	
Transport	Airports Corp Vietnam	ACV VN	6,940	0.7	HOLD-Underperform	73,900	76,400	3%	0.7%	4%	

<sup>\*</sup>Notes: 1) TSR = Total shareholder return over the next 12 months inclusive of expected share price change and dividends. 2) 3-month ADT refers to matched orders and does not include put-through blocks. 3) Stock ratings and pricing data is as of close on November 20, 2020.

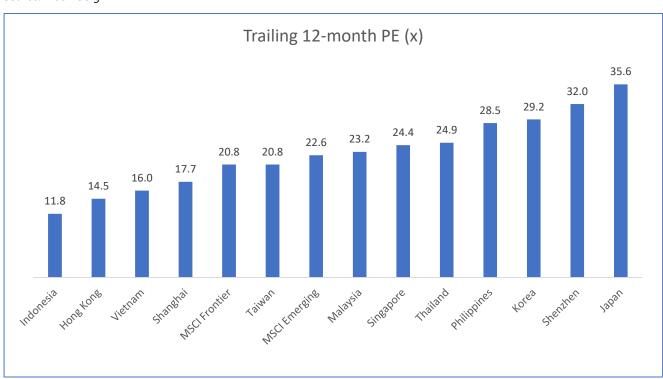
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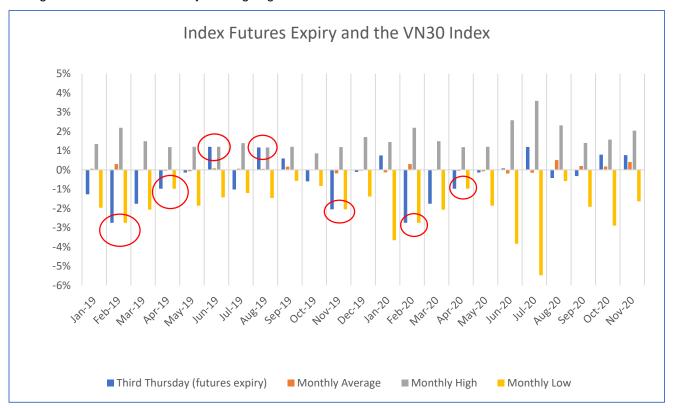


# Is the Third Thursday Anomaly History?

Given all the fun that 2020 has brought to the world, it is perhaps understandable that we were distracted from our study of the volatility that has coincided, or used to coincide, with VN30 monthly futures expiration. Futures expiration typically occurs on the third Thursday of each month. Early in our days as a Vietnam stock analyst, we noticed that often – but not always – the market would either plummet or soar coincidental to this event, and usually within a few minutes of the daily close.

The chart below illustrates this tendency. The third Thursday saw the worst daily closing performance of the month in February, April, and November 2019 and also in February and April 2020. By contrast, the VN30 index posted its best daily closing performance of the month on the futures expiry (i.e., the third Thursday) of June and August of 2019. We are not statisticians, but the frequency of this coincidence leads us to infer that it may not been more than a simple random effect.

However, and interestingly, we can't find evidence for the same effect occurring in any month subsequent to April 2020, including last week's futures expiry on November 19. After April, the options expiration date has not brought about any obvious volatility especially relative to the overall market's day-to-day volatility, which has of course been substantially higher since February than it had been in 2019. Rather than suggesting reasons for the apparent change, we will file this observation in our "things that make you go 'hmmm'" folder and simply suggest that investors keep an eye out for a resurgence of the third Thursday effect going forward.

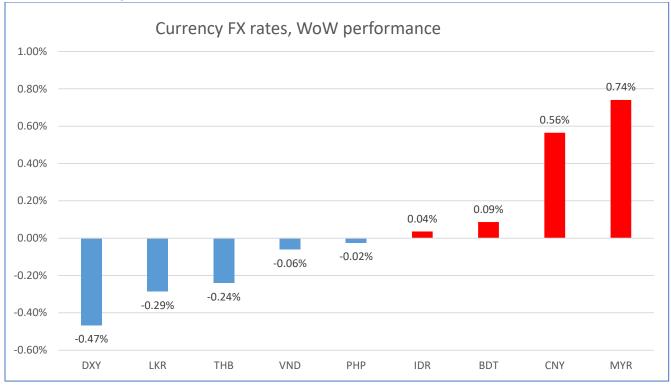


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# Regional currencies: VND declined 4bps WoW vs a 78bp increase in DXY



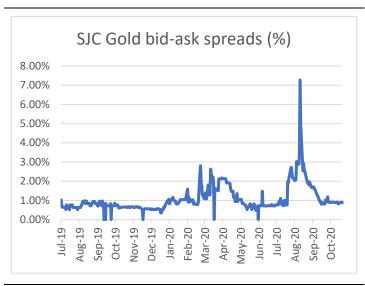
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# Gold has flattened, providing little incentive for a recovery in PM speculation.



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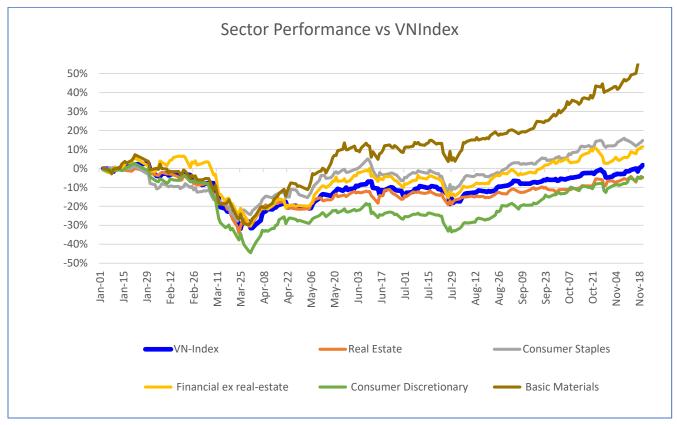
Physical gold spreads remain subdued in Vietnam. That could change if gold's global rally returns.

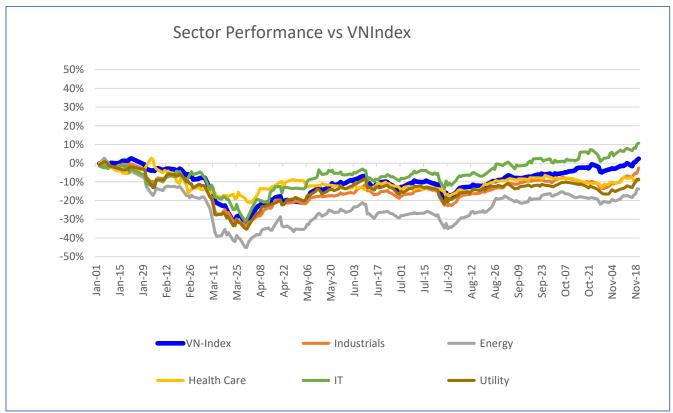


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Note: The Aug 12 bid-ask spread was highest since Feb 2015.









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	Stock		PER (x)			Growth (%)			PEG (x)		PBV (x)		ROE (%)			ROA (%)			
Sector	Code	2019A	2020E	2021E	2019A	2020E	2021E	2019A	2020E	2021E	2019A	2020E	2021E	2019A	2020E	2021E	2019A	2020E	2021E
Banks	ACB VN	7.5	9.3	7.2	18.1	(19.0)	28.2	0.4	n/a	0.3	1.6	1.5	1.3	24.2	18.6	19.2	1.7	1.5	1.8
	BID VN	23.1	19.9	16.4	9.1	16.5	21.4	2.5	1.2	0.8	2.1	2.0	1.9	10.5	10.9	12.4	0.5	0.5	0.6
	HDB VN	7.0	6.9	6.4	21.1	1.4	8.8	0.3	5.0	0.7	1.3	1.4	1.1	19.4	18.2	18.3	1.6	1.6	1.7
	MBB VN	5.5	5.7	5.2	44.3	(2.4)	8.7	0.1	n/a	0.6	1.2	1.1	0.9	21.1	19.0	18.5	2.0	2.0	2.0
	STB VN	12.6	12.9	9.7	43.3	(2.3)	33.8	0.3	n/a	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.8	7.9	7.1	8.8	0.5	0.4	0.5
	VCB VN	20.6	20.4	16.5	34.8	1.3	23.6	0.6	15.5	0.7	4.2	3.5	3.0	23.2	18.9	19.7	1.4	1.3	1.5
	VPB VN	7.6	8.8	6.8	11.6	(13.9)	28.8	0.7	n/a	0.2	1.5	1.3	1.1	21.5	15.5	17.0	2.4	1.8	2.1
Brokers	HCM VN	16.0	16.0	9.9	(49.0)	(0.3)	61.2	n/a	n/a	0.2	1.6	1.6	1.5	11.7	11.0	17.1	6.2	5.9	8.8
	SSI VN	11.8	12.9	9.2	(32.5)	(8.0)	39.4	n/a	n/a	0.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	9.8	8.7	11.4	3.6	2.9	3.5
	VCI VN	9.8	14.5	11.3	(16.3)	(32.6)	28.4	n/a	n/a	0.4	1.7	1.5	1.4	18.0	11.1	13.0	9.9	5.9	6.8
	VND VN	9.8	15.4	9.6	(4.3)	(36.1)	59.5	n/a	n/a	0.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	12.3	7.4	11.2	3.3	1.9	2.7
Energy	PVD VN	28.2	106.1	(125.4)	(4.0)	(73.4)	(184.6)	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.4	0.4	0.4	17.1	0.4	(0.3)	0.9	0.2	(0.2)
0,	NT2 VN	9.0	9.6	8.9	(2.7)	(6.6)	7.2	n/a	n/a	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.7	19.3	7.4	19.7	9.2	9.9	11.7
	PC1 VN	11.5	7.6	8.2	(32.1)	52.4	(7.7)	n/a	0.1	n/a	1.1	1.0	0.9	10.2	14.4	11.8	4.8	6.6	5.6
Consumer	MSN VN	17.2	19.0	15.4	4.8	(9.6)	22.9	3.6	n/a	0.7	2.7	2.4	2.1	17.3	13.5	14.5	8.4	7.0	8.0
Consumer	PNJ VN	16.0	12.8	10.5	(13.6)	24.4	22.4	n/a	0.5	0.5	2.7	2.2	1.8	27.5	27.9	27.7	17.8	16.9	18.1
			17.0		24.5	23.3	8.5	0.9	0.5		3.4	3.1	2.7	17.1	18.9		6.1		7.1
	DGW VN	20.9		15.6						1.8						18.4		7.1	
Oil & GAS	POW VN	11.7	10.3	9.6	(18.0)	14.1	7.5	n/a	0.7	1.3	0.7	0.7	0.7	6.8	7.4	7.6	3.9	4.5	4.5
Property	NLG VN	11.5	7.4	6.9	(29.6)	54.4	7.6	n/a	0.1	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.1	12.9	16.9	16.4	6.7	10.0	11.0
	NVL VN	23.3	18.8	17.7	(23.3)	23.8	6.6	n/a	0.8	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	10.2	11.2	11.1	3.1	3.4	3.3
	KDH VN	17.9	13.1	11.8	(15.8)	37.0	10.6	n/a	0.4	1.1	1.9	1.7	1.5	11.9	14.5	14.2	7.5	8.9	9.4
	VHM VN	14.3	11.3	8.4	20.4	27.1	33.5	0.7	0.4	0.3	1.2	0.9	0.7	30.0	28.7	28.5	11.6	11.9	12.7
Transporta	ticACV VN	26.0	24.0	18.7	5.0	8.3	28.8	5.2	2.9	0.6	4.5	3.9	3.2	20.7	18.8	20.2	12.1	11.4	11.3

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