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IMPACT OF SELECTED FACTORS ON STOCK PRICE: A CASE STUDY OF VIETCOMBANK IN **VIETNAM**

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Abstract. Fluctuation of stock price in commercial banks in developing countries such as Vietnam will reflect the business health of bank system and the whole economy. Good business management requires us to consider the impacts of multi macro factors on stock price, and it contributes to promoting business plan, financial risk management and economic policies for economic growth and stabilizing macroeconomic factors. The article analyzed and evaluated the impacts of seven (7) macroeconomic factors on stock price of a joint stock commercial bank Vietcombank (VCB) in Vietnam in the period of 2014-2019, both positive and negative sides. The results of quantitative research, in a seven factor model, show that the increase in GDP growth and lending rate and risk free rate has a significant effect on increasing VCB stock price with the highest impact coefficient, the second is decreasing the exchange rate, finally is a slight decrease in S&P500. This research finding and recommended policy also can be used as reference in policy for commercial bank system in many developing countries.

Keywords: bank stock price; GDP growth; inflationary; S&P500; risk free rate; market interest rate

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1. Introduction

Commercial bank system in Vietnam in recent years plays a key role in helping the whole economy. In the context that GDP growth in Vietnam was increasing during 2014-2019 (see Exibit 1 at the end of the paper) and Vietnam stock market has been growing significantly, it is necessary to evaluate impacts of selected macro economic factors on bank performance, especially bank stock price. From these analytical results, we could

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suggest bank and government policies to encourage and stabilize the growth of bank system and stock market in such developing countries such as Vietnam.

Looking at the Chart 1 below, we find out that Vietcombank (VCB) stock price moves in the same trend with VN Index, S&P 500 and GDP growth, although it fluctuates in a smaller range.

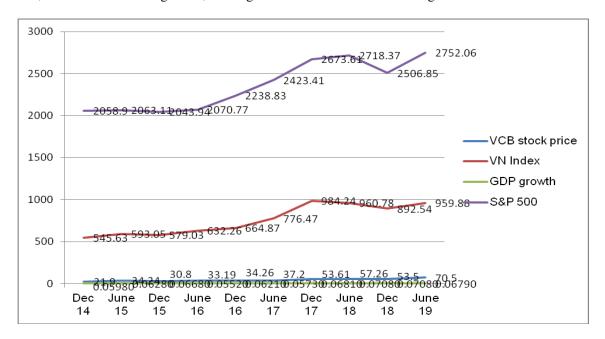


Chart 1. Vietcombank (VCB) stock price, VN Index, GDP and S&P500 (2014-2019)

Source: VN Stock exchange and Bureau statistics

This study will calculate and figure out the impacts of seven (7) macro economic factors such as inflation, GDP growth, market interest rate, risk free rate, VNIndex, S&P500 and exchange rate on Vietcombank stock price (VCB).

The paper is organized as follows: after the introduction it is the research issues, literature review and methodology. Next, section 3 will cover methodology and data and section 4 presents main research findings/results. Section 5 gives us some discussion and conclusion and policy suggestion will be in the section 6.

2. Literature review

Lina (2012) indicated that both the change of inflation rate and the growth rate of money supply (M2) are positive but insignificant to the banking industry stock return, the exchange rate is positive and significant to banking industry stock return and interest rate is negative and significant to banking industry stock return. Next, Sadia and Noreen (2012) found out exchange rate, and Short term Interest Rate have significant impact on Banking index. Macroeconomic variables like Money Supply, Exchange Rate, Industrial Production, and Short Term Interest Rate affects the banking index negatively where as Oil prices has a positive impact on Banking index. Other scientists point to such factors as change of oil prices and terrorism activities, which impact stock prices (Masood et al., 2019; Masood et al., 2020).

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Manisha and Shikha (2014) stated that Exchange rate, Inflation, GDP growth rate affect banking index positively whereas Gold prices have negative impact on BSE Bankex but none of them have significant impact on Bankex. Then, Winhua and Meiling (2014) confirmed that macroeconomic do have a substantial influence to the earning power of commercial banks.

Krishna (2015) investigated the nature of the causal relationships between stock prices and the key macro economic variables in BRIC countries. The empirical evidence shows that long-run and short-run relationship exists between macro economic variables and stock prices, but this relationship was not consistent for all of the BRIC countries. And Kulathunga (2015) suggested that all macroeconomic factors influence the stock market development. More precisely, volatile inflation rate and exchange rate together with higher deposit rate have curtailed the stock market development in Sri Lanka. Moreover, positive optimism created by the economic growth and the stock market performance during the previous periods tend to enhance stock market performance. Moreover, Duy (2015) mentioned through the evolution of interest rates and the VNI could see that the relationship between these two variables in the period 2005-2014 is the opposite. This relationship is shown in specific periods of the year the stock market proved quite sensitive to interest rates. When interest rates are low or high but the bearish stock market rally, and vice versa when the high interest rates the stock market decline.

Last but not least, Quy and Loi (2016) found that 3 economic factors (inflation rate, GDP growth rate, and exchange rate) impact significantly on real estate stock prices; but the relationship between 10-year Government bond yield and trading volume, and real estate stock prices was not found. Ahmad and Ramzan (2016) stated the macroeconomic factors have important concerns with stocks traded in the stock market and these factors make investors to choose the stock because investors are interested to know about the factors affecting the working of stock to manage their portfolios. Abrupt variations and unusual movements of macroeconomic variables cause the stock returns to fluctuate due to uncertainty of future gains.

Until now, many researches have been done in this public debt field, however, they just stop at analyzing internal macroeconomic factors on stock price.

Within the scope of this paper, we measure impacts of both internal and external macro factors on Vietcombank stock price and suggest policies for bank system, Vietnam government, Ministry of Finance, State Bank and relevant government bodies. We also analyze data through out time series from 2014-2019.

Research issues

The scope of this study will cover:

Issue 1: What are the relationships among many economic factors: VCB stock price, interest rate, exchange rate, inflation, VNIndex, S&P 500 and GDP growth?

Issue 2: What are the impacts of above 7 macro economic factors on Vietcombank stock price?

Issue 3: Based on above discussion, we recommend some solutions regarding to commercial bank management in incoming period.

This paper also tests two (2) below hypotheses:

Hypothesis 1: An increase in lending rate will make VCB stock price declines.

Hypothesis 2: An increase in inflation can increase pressure in VCB stock price.

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3. Methodology and data

This research paper establishes correlation among macro economic factors by using an econometric model to analyze impacts of seven (7) macro economic factors in Vietnam such as: GDP growth, inflation, interest rate, exchange rate, S&P 500 on Vietcombank (VCB) stock price.

In this research, analytical method is used with data from the economy such as inflation in Vietnam and market interest rate, GDP growth rate, exchange rate (USD/VND). Data are included from 2014 -2019 with semi-annual data (10 observations in total). Data is estimated based on exchange rate and lending interest rates of commercial banks such as: Vietcombank, BIDV, Agribank, Vietinbank... (average calculation). S&P 500 index data is from USA Stock exchange, data source (inflation, GDP) is from Bureau of Statistics. Beside, econometric method is used with the software Eview. It will give us results to suggest policies for businesses and authorities.

We build a regression model with Eview software to measure impacts of factors. Vietcombank stock price is a function with 5 variables as follows:

$$Y(VCB \ stock \ price) = f(x1, x2, x3, x4, x5, x6, x7) = ax1 + bx2 + cx3 + dx4 + ex5 + fx6 + gx7 + k$$

Where

x1: GDP growth rate (g), x2: inflation, x3: VNIndex, x4: lending rate, x5: risk free rate (Rf), x6: USD/VND rate, x7: S&P 500.

Besides, this paper also uses analytical and general data analysis method to measure and generate comments on the results, then suggest policies based on these analyses.

4. Main results

4.1. General data analysis

First of all, the chart 2 presented below shows us that Y has a positive correlation with GDP growth:

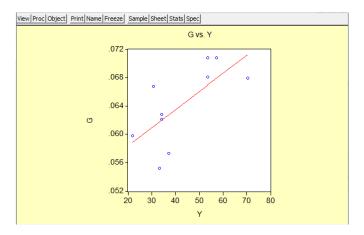


Chart 2. VCB stock price (Y) vs. GDP growth in Vietnam (G)

Next we find out that, based on the below scatter chart 3, Y (VCB stock price) has slightly positive correlation with inflation (CPI).

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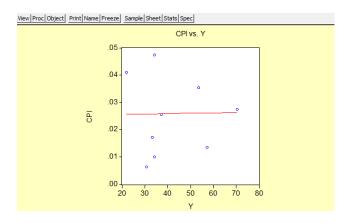


Chart 3. VCB stock price (Y) vs. Inflation (CPI)

Looking at the below chart 4, we also recognize that VCB stock price (Y) and VNIndex have positive correlationship.

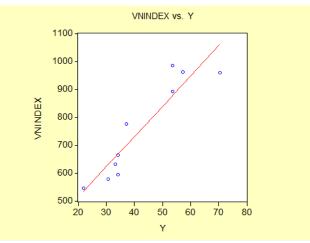


Chart 4. Y vs. VN Index

We see that, VCB stock price (Y) and lending rate have negative correlation (Chart 5):

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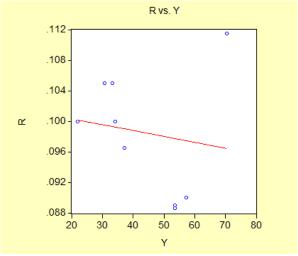


Chart 5. Y vs. Lending rate (r)

In addition to, the below scatter graph shows us that VCB stock price (Y) and risk free rate (Rf) also have negative correlation (Chart 6).

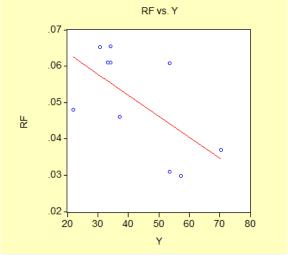


Chart 6. Y vs. Risk free rate (Rf)

Last but least, chart 6 shows us public debt increase (Y) and export/import ratio have negative correlation.

The below chart 7 shows us that Y and USD/VND rate have a positive correlation.

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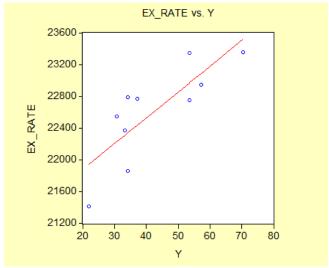
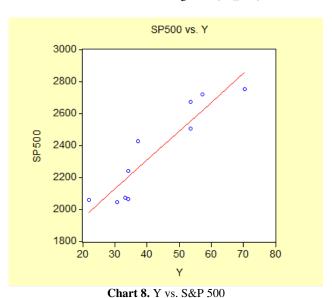


Chart 7. Y vs. Exchange rate (Ex_rate)



In the above chart 8, we also see that VCB stock price (Y) has a positive correlation with S&P500. On the other hand, we could see statistical results with Eview in the below Table 1 with 5 variables:

Table 1. Statistics for macro economic factors

Unit: %

	VCB stock	GDP	Inflation		Lending	Risk free	USD/VND	
	price	growth	(CPI)	VN Index	rate	rate	rate	S&P 500
Mean	42.646	0.06416	0.02588	758.875	0.09856	0.050485	22611.7	2354.985
Median	35.73	0.0648	0.0264	720.67	0.1	0.05435	22757.5	2331.12
Maximum	70.5	0.0708	0.0474	984.24	0.1115	0.06535	23350	2752.06
Minimum	21.9	0.0552	0.0063	545.63	0.0886	0.0297	21405	2043.94
Standard dev.	15.12253	0.005549	0.013884	176.4835	0.007636	0.014066	610.2313	294.9314

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Looking at the above table, we recognize that standard deviation of exchange rate, S&P 500 and VNIndex are the highest values. Whereas standard deviation of GDP growth and lending rate are the lowest values. If we want to see correlation matrix of these 8 macro variables, Eview generate the below result in table 2:

Table 2. Correlation matrix for eight (8) macro-economic variables (GDP growth, inflation in VN, market interest rate, Risk free rate, S&P 500, exchange rate and VCB stock price)

	Correlation Matrix								
	Y	VNINDEX	SP500	RF	R	G	EX_RATE	CPI	
Υ	1.000000	0.928783	0.923796	-0.621026	-0.151701	0.697094	0.805234	0.013802	
VNINDEX	0.928783	1.000000	0.983824	-0.634696	-0.440372	0.653067	0.777514	0.146050	
SP500	0.923796	0.983824	1.000000	-0.677534	-0.374293	0.634468	0.755250	0.183559	
RF	-0.621026	-0.634696	-0.677534	1.000000	0.302601	-0.474076	-0.521420	-0.158705	
R	-0.151701	-0.440372	-0.374293	0.302601	1.000000	-0.390583	-0.154750	-0.220576	
G	0.697094	0.653067	0.634468	-0.474076	-0.390583	1.000000	0.564582	-0.050535	
EX_RATE	0.805234	0.777514	0.755250	-0.521420	-0.154750	0.564582	1.000000	0.082310	
CPI	0.013802	0.146050	0.183559	-0.158705	-0.220576	-0.050535	0.082310	1.000000	

The above table 2 shows us that correlation among 8 macro variables. An increase in exchange rate and decrease in lending rate might lead to an increase in VCB stock price. It also indicates that correlation between VCB stock price (Y) in Viet Nam and VNIndex in Viet Nam and S&P 500 in the US (0.928 and 0.923) is higher than that between Y and lending rate (-0.15) or between Y and CPI (0.01).

The below Table 3 shows us that covariance matrix among eight (8) macro economic variables. VCB stock price (Y) has a negative correlation with risk free rate and lending rate but has a positive correlation with exchange rate (EX_Rate), CPI and GDP growth.

Hence, an increase in GDP may lead to an increase in VCB stock price.

Table 3. Covariance matrix for 8 macro economic variables

	Covariance Matrix							
	Y	VNINDEX	SP500	RF	R	G	EX_RATE	CPI
Υ	205.8218	2230.926	3708.207	-0.118892	-0.015765	0.052645	6687.802	0.002608
VNINDEX	2230.926	28031.78	46087.69	-1.418033	-0.534085	0.575578	75361.46	0.322068
SP500	3708.207	46087.69	78286.05	-2.529699	-0.758612	0.934488	122334.5	0.676458
RF	-0.118892	-1.418033	-2.529699	0.000178	2.93E-05	-3.33E-05	-4.028085	-2.79E-05
R	-0.015765	-0.534085	-0.758612	2.93E-05	5.25E-05	-1.49E-05	-0.648952	-2.10E-05
G	0.052645	0.575578	0.934488	-3.33E-05	-1.49E-05	2.77E-05	1.720538	-3.50E-06
EX_RATE	6687.802	75361.46	122334.5	-4.028085	-0.648952	1.720538	335144.0	0.627614
CPI	0.002608	0.322068	0.676458	-2.79E-05	-2.10E-05	-3.50E-06	0.627614	0.000173

4.2 Regression model and main findings

In this section, we will find out the relationship between eight macro economic factors and public debt.

4.2.1 Scenario 1: Regression model with single variable: analyzing impact of GDP growth (G) on VCB stock price (Y)

Note: C: constant

Using Eview gives us the below results:

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Dependent Variable: Y Method: Least Squares Date: 09/15/19 Time: 10:15

Sample: 1 10

Included observations: 10

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
G	1899.833	690.8540	2.749978	0.0251
C	-79.24730	44.47413	-1.781874	0.1126
R-squared	0.485940	Mean dependent var		42.64600
Adjusted R-squared	0.421682	S.D. dependent var		15.12253
S.E. of regression	11.50026	Akaike info criterion		7.899473
Sum squared resid	1058.048	Schwarz criterion		7.959990
Log likelihood	-37.49736	F-statistic		7.562379
Durbin-Watson stat	1.505540	Prob(F-statistic)		0.025060

Hence, Y = 1899 * g - 79.2(8.1), $R^2 = 0.48$, SER = 11.5

Within the range of 10 observations (2014-2018) as described in the above scatter chart 1, coefficient 1899, when GDP growth increases, VCB stock price will increase.

4.2.2 Scenario 2 - Regression model with 2 variables: analyzing impact of GDP growth (G) and Inflation (CPI) on VCB stock price (Y):

Running Eview gives us below results:

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Dependent Variable: Y Method: Least Squares Date: 09/15/19 Time: 10:16 Sample: 1 10 Included observations: 10						
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.		
G	1906.603	737.7633		0.0362		
CPI C	53.54223 -81.06734	294.8606 48.48068		0.8611 0.1384		
R-squared	0.488350	Mean depen	dent var	42.64600		
Adjusted R-squared	0.342164	S.D. depend	lent var	15.12253		
S.E. of regression	12.26544	Akaike info criterion 8.094774				
Sum squared resid	1053.087	Schwarz criterion 8.185549				
Log likelihood	-37.47387	F-statistic		3.340612		
Durbin-Watson stat	1.610906	Prob(F-stati	stic)	0.095809		

Therefore, Y = 1906 * g + 53.5*CPI - 81.06, $R^2 = 0.48$, SER = 12.2

Hence, this equation shows us VCB stock price has a positive correlation with GDP growth and inflation in Vietnam. Esp., it is highly positively affected by GDP growth rate.

4.2.3. Scenario 3 - Regression model with 3 variables: adding lending rate (r) into the above model

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Eviews generates below statistical results:

Dependent Variable: Y Method: Least Squares Date: 09/15/19 Time: 10:17 Sample: 1 10 Included observations: 10 Variable Coefficient Std. Error t-Statistic Prob.	View Proc Object Print I	Name Freeze E	Estimate Foreca	st Stats Resid	s		
G 2090.650 855.5390 2.443665 0.0502 CPI 97.54438 322.7201 0.302257 0.7727 R 332.0784 636.6066 0.521638 0.6206 C -126.7442 101.4428 -1.249415 0.2580 R-squared 0.510547 Mean dependent var 42.64600 Adjusted R-squared 0.265821 S.D. dependent var 15.12253 S.E. of regression 12.95763 Akaike info criterion 8.250421 Sum squared resid 1007.401 Schwarz criterion 8.371455 Log likelihood -37.25210 F-statistic 2.086195	Method: Least Squares Date: 09/15/19 Time: 10:17 Sample: 1 10						
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R-squared 0.510547 Mean dependent var 42.64600	R	332.0784	636.6066	0.521638	0.6206		
Adjusted R-squared 0.265821 S.D. dependent var 15.12253 S.E. of regression 12.95763 Akaike info criterion 8.250421 Sum squared resid 1007.401 Schwarz criterion 8.371455 Log likelihood -37.25210 F-statistic 2.086195	С	-126.7442	101.4428	-1.249415	0.2580		
S.E. of regression 12.95763 Akaike info criterion 8.250421 Sum squared resid 1007.401 Schwarz criterion 8.371455 Log likelihood -37.25210 F-statistic 2.086195	R-squared	0.510547	Mean depen	ident var	42.64600		
Sum squared resid 1007.401 Schwarz criterion 8.371455 Log likelihood -37.25210 F-statistic 2.086195	Adjusted R-squared	0.265821	S.D. depend	dent var	15.12253		
Log likelihood -37.25210 F-statistic 2.086195	S.E. of regression	12.95763					
•	Sum squared resid	1007.401	Schwarz criterion 8.37145				
Durbin-Watson stat 1.694810 Prob(F-statistic) 0.203512	Log likelihood	-37.25210	F-statistic		2.086195		
	Durbin-Watson stat	1.694810	Prob(F-stati	stic)	0.203512		

Hence, Y = 2090.6 * G + 97.5 * CPI + 332*R - 126.7, $R^2 = 0.51$, SER = 12.9

The above regression equation shows us that VCB stock price (Y) has a positive correlation with GDP growth (G) and inflation (I) and lending rate (R). And the coefficient (with GDP) is the highest, the 2nd highest is with lending rate. Lending interest rate increases together with GDP growth increases will increase savings of public and lead to an increase in VCB stock price.

4.2.4. Scenario 4 - regression model with 4 macro variables: Eviews presents the below results:

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Dependent Variable: Y Method: Least Squares Date: 09/15/19 Time: 10:18 Sample: 1 10 Included observations: 10					
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.	
G CPI R VNINDEX C	568.4568 -42.91707 669.8638 0.081169 -120.3347	166.7110		0.0918 0.6306 0.0101 0.0002 0.0056	
R-squared Adjusted R-squared S.E. of regression Sum squared resid Log likelihood Durbin-Watson stat	0.973351 0.952032 3.312085 54.84953 -22.69943 2.698581			42.64600 15.12253 5.539886 5.691178 45.65600 0.000398	

Therefore, Y = 568.4*G - 42.9*CPI + 669.8*R + 0.08*VNINDEX - 120.3, $R^2 = 0.97$, SER = 3.31

We find out impacts of 4 macro variables, with the new factor: VNINDEX, shown in the above equation, VCB stock price (Y) has negative correlation with inflation, whereas it has positive correlation with GDP growth, lending rate (R), VNINDEX and interest rate (R). When inflation goes down, VNINDEX and interest rate

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increase, this will increase public savings and investment in stock market, as a result, VCB stock price will increase.

4.2.5. Scenario 5 - regression model with 5 macro variables: Running Eviews gives us results:

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Dependent Variable: Y
Method: Least Squares
Date: 09/15/19 Time: 10:20
Sample: 1 10
Included observations: 10

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
G	550.9841	298.6726	1.844776	0.1388
CPI	-47.71077	91.62142	-0.520738	0.6300
R	669.4207	181.0975	3.696466	0.0209
VNINDEX	0.078826	0.010615	7.425598	0.0018
RF	-54.34554	111.5725	-0.487087	0.6517
C	-114.5236	30.59845	-3.742792	0.0201
R-squared	0.974843	Mean dependent var		42.64600
Adjusted R-squared	0.943397	S.D. dependent var		15.12253
S.E. of regression	3.597860	Akaike info criterion		5.682265
Sum squared resid	51.77838	Schwarz criterion		5.863816
Log likelihood	-22.41132	F-statistic		31.00042
Durbin-Watson stat	2.960460	Prob(F-statistic)		0.002699

Hence, $Y = 550.9*G - 47.7*CPI + 669.4*R + 0.07*VNINDEX - 54.3*Rf - 114.5, R^2 = 0.97, SER = 3.59$

Here we see impacts of 5 macro factors, with the new variable: risk free rate (Rf), the above equation shows that VCB stock price (Y) has negative correlation with inflation and risk free rate, whereas it has positive correlation with GDP growth, lending rate and VNINDEX. We also recognize that GDP growth and lending rate have the highest impact on VCB stock price. When risk free rate declines, it will increase investment in stock market, then it will lead to an increase in VCB stock price.

4.2.6. Scenario 6 - regression model with 6 macro variables: Running Eviews gives us results:

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View Proc Object Print	Name Freeze E	stimate Foreca	st Stats Resids				
Dependent Variable: Y Method: Least Squares Date: 09/15/19 Time: 10:21 Sample: 1 10 Included observations: 10							
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.			
G CPI R VNINDEX RF	544.5089 -48.21379 661.2468 0.077779 -53.68074	350.1376 105.7299 223.7272 0.015999 128.7782	1.555128 -0.456009 2.955594 4.861442 -0.416846	0.2178 0.6794 0.0598 0.0166 0.7048			

0.003895

76.98268

F-statistic

Mean dependent var

S.D. dependent var

Akaike info criterion

Schwarz criterion

Prob(F-statistic)

0.000396

-121.4743

0.974929

0.924788

4.147324

51.60090

-22.39416

2.975998

EX RATE

Adjusted R-squared

S.E. of regression

Sum squared resid

Durbin-Watson stat

Log likelihood

R-squared

 $Y = 544.5*G - 48.2*CPI + 661.2*R + 0.07*VNINDEX - 53.6*Rf + 0.0004*EX_RATE -121.4,$ $R^2 = 0.97, SER = 4.14$

0.9255

0.2127

42.64600

15.12253

5.878831 6.090641

19.44362

0.016849

0.101578

-1.577943

Therefore, we see impacts of 6 macro factors, with the new variable: exchange rate USD/VND (EX_RATE), the above equation shows that VCB stock price (Y) has negative correlation with inflation and risk free rate, whereas it has positive correlation with GDP growth, lending rate, VNINDEX and exchange rate. We also recognize that GDP growth and lending rate, then risk free rate have the highest impact on VCB stock price, while exchange rate just has a slightly impact on stock price.

4.2.7. Scenario 7 - regression model with 7 macro variables: Running Eviews gives us results:

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View Proc Object Print Name Freeze Estimate Forecast Stats Resids						
Dependent Variable: Y Method: Least Squares Date: 09/15/19 Time: 10:22 Sample: 1 10 Included observations: 10						
Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.		
G CPI R VNINDEX RF EX_RATE SP500 C	566.4365 -21.33970 761.8717 0.119401 -99.56139 -0.000547 -0.024482 -83.80216	392.8950 125.5649 296.2645 0.068101 161.1397 0.004601 0.038651 104.6013	1.441699 -0.169950 2.571593 1.753285 -0.617858 -0.118823 -0.633413 -0.801158	0.2861 0.8807 0.1238 0.2216 0.5996 0.9163 0.5912 0.5071		
R-squared Adjusted R-squared S.E. of regression Sum squared resid Log likelihood Durbin-Watson stat	0.979118 0.906032 4.635679 42.97904 -21.48002 2.975491	Mean dependent var S.D. dependent var Akaike info criterion Schwarz criterion F-statistic Prob(F-statistic)		42.64600 15.12253 5.896004 6.138073 13.39682 0.071198		

 $Y = 566.4*G-21.3*CPI+761.8*R+0.11*VNINDEX-99.5*Rf-0.0005*EX_RATE-0.02*SP500,$ $R^2 = 0.97, SER = 4.63$

Here we see impacts of 7 macro factors, with the new variable: S&P500 (SP500), the above equation shows that VCB stock price (Y) has negative correlation with inflation, exchange rate, S&P500 and risk free rate, whereas it has positive correlation with GDP growth, lending rate and VNINDEX. We also recognize that GDP growth and lending rate and risk free rate still have the highest impact on VCB stock price. S&P 500 has a slight impact on VCB stock price.

5. Discussion and further researches

Through the regression equation with above 7 macroeconomic variables, this research paper used updated data from 2014-2019 to analyze the regression equation via Eview in order to show that an increase in GDP growth has a significant impact on increasing VCB stock price (Y) with the highest coefficient of impact, followed by an increase in lending rate and decrease in risk free rate, then an increase in VNINDEX, a reduction in inflation and increase in VNINDEX and finally a slight decrease in S&P500, as well as a little reduction in exchange rate.

Data are from observations in the past 10 years, it is partly based on the market economic rules, and the research results are also affected by socio-economic characteristics in Vietnam such as: efficiency of public investment, waste of public investment, enterprise bankruptcy, and investment in areas that increase GDP such as production, electricity, etc. or investing in healthcare, environment and education sectors. We have not yet considered the impact of these factors.

Beside, we can analyze impact of another macro factor, for example, deposit rate when we add this variable into our regression model of public debt. Furthermore, we can add unemployment rate or public debt increase into our econometric model to measure the impact of these extra factors on VCB stock price.

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6. Conclusion and policy suggestion

Based on the above data analysis from our regression model, although low inflation during 2015-2016 is a good signal for VCB stock price, we would suggest the government, Ministry of Finance and State Bank of Vietnam consider to control inflation more rationally, i.e not increasing much and suitable with each economic development stage. Governmental bodies and bank system also need to apply macro policies to stimulate economic growth, however not reducing lending rate too much, together with credit, operational and market risk management, corporate governance and controlling bad debt.

Next, it is necessary to coordinate synchronously between the management and administration of commercial bank policies with fiscal policies, monetary policies (used as effective tools to stimulate bank stock price) and other economic development policies to limit the negative effects of lending rate, risk free rate and exchange rate, i.e not increasing much. Lending policy of bank system need to be selective and increase interest rates for acceptable high risk high return projects.

Generally speaking, managing VCB stock price depends on many factors, so the government need to use fiscal policy combined with monetary policies and socio-economic policies to reduce unemployment and stimulate economic growth, toward a good stock price management.

Finally, this research paper also helps to direct further future researches, for instance, we could add deposit rate and unemployment rate into our above econometric model to measure impacts of them on commercial bank stock price.

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Exhibit

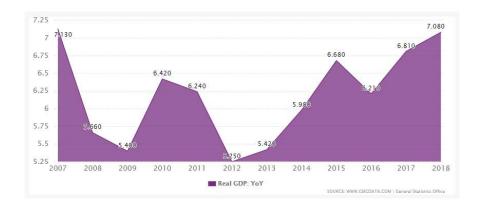


Exhibit 1. GDP growth rate past 10 years (2007-2018) in Vietnam

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