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# Private placements overtake public bond issuances as the market awaits new regulations

In April 2025, total new bond issuance reached VND 39 trillion, mainly contributed by private placements from banks (VND 21.8 trillion) and real estate companies (VND 12 trillion).

Although private bond issuances in 2025 still comply with the 2019 Securities Law due to transitional provisions, we have observed that 2 new private placement issuers obtained credit ratings and issued secured bonds with payment guarantees. This practice aligns with the requirements of the new Securities Law for private bonds to be distributed to professional individuals from the beginning of 2026.

Only one new public bond was issued in April, amounting to VND 4 trillion (-73% MoM). This issuance has been approved by the State Securities Commission (SSC) in December 2024. We view that public bond issuance activity will remain muted until the new amendment to Decree 155 regulating public issuance is released.

#### **Exhibit 1: Main developments in April 2025**

Themes	Trend	Key Highlights
New Issuance	Increased	<ul> <li>In April 2025, the total new issuance was VND 39 trillion (+126 % MoM), which the bank and residential real estate sectors mainly contributed.</li> <li>The total outstanding corporate bond market at the end of April 2025 was VND 1280 trillion (+1.8% MoM)</li> </ul>
Market Liquidity	Deteriorated	<ul> <li>In April 2025, the daily average trading value in the secondary market reached VND 3.8 trillion per day (-40% MoM).</li> <li>57% of the trading volume in April has the remaining tenor of 2 - 4 years, mostly from Residential Real Estate issuers.</li> </ul>
Defaults	Improved	<ul> <li>No new default records in April 2025. The cumulative default rate decreased by 0.6% to 14% at the end of April 2025.</li> <li>We assess that issuers of 7 out of 17 bonds maturing in May 2025 have a weak credit profile. Among these, 3 bonds have already defaulted on coupon payments.</li> </ul>
□ Debt restructuring	Improved	<ul> <li>In April 2025, 4 defaulted issuers repaid VND 1 trillion of bond principal.</li> <li>The total value of defaulted bonds without recorded restructuring plans decreased by VND 1.3 trillion.</li> <li>The overall recovery rate marginally increased by 0.4% to 30.5% from last month.</li> </ul>

(\*) This color code exhibits the magnitude of the trend from negative to positive compared with the prior month

Source: VIS Rating

## Outstanding at the end of the last month

**Exhibit 2: Outstanding value of the market** 



# **VND 1280 trillion (+1.8% MoM)**

Total outstanding value



**135 tickers**Public bonds



**2,334 tickers**Private bonds

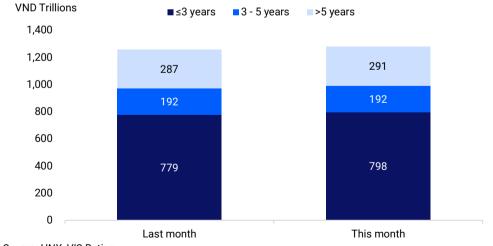
# 413 companies



Number of outstanding issuers

Source: Hanoi Stock Exchange (HNX), National Statistics Office (GSO), VIS Rating

**Exhibit 4: Outstanding by maturity** 



Source: HNX, VIS Rating

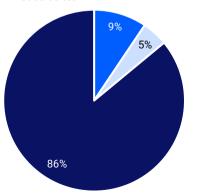
**Exhibit 3: Outstanding by sectors** 



Unit: VND Trillions Source: HNX, VIS Rating

**Exhibit 5: Outstanding by default** 

- Defaulted by coupon
- Defaulted by principal & not resolved yet
- Not defaulted



Source: HNX, VIS Rating

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#### New issuances (1/2)

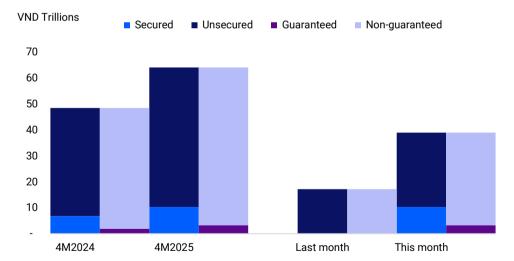
In April 2025, total new bond issuance reached VND 39 trillion, marking a 126% increase compared to the previous month

**Exhibit 6: Monthly new issuances by sector** 



Source: HNX, VIS Rating

Exhibit 8: New issuances break down by type



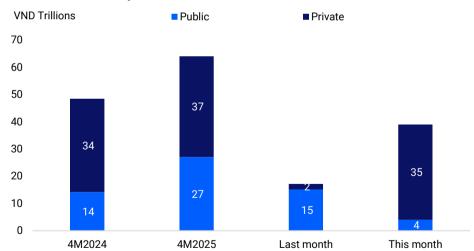
Source: HNX, VIS Rating

**Exhibit 7: Maturity structure of new issuances** 



Source: HNX, VIS Rating

**Exhibit 9: Public and private issuance** 



Source: HNX, VIS Rating

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## New issuances (2/2)

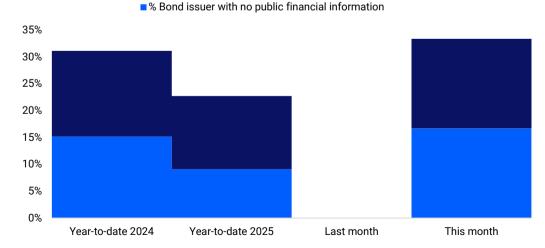
Exhibit 10: The largest bond issuers in April 2025

Issuer name	Sector	New issuance	Issuer's outstanding bond
VIETNAM TECHNOLOGICAL AND COMMERCIAL JOINT STOCK BANK	FI - Bank	13,500	48,590
VINGROUP JSC	Residential Real Estate	9,000	25,479
VIETNAM MARITIME COMMERCIAL JOINT STOCK BANK	FI - Bank	4,000	17,000
VIETNAM JOINT STOCK COMMERCIAL BANK OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE	FI - Bank	4,000	56,177
TCO REAL ESTATE BUSINESS AND CONSULTANCY JSC	Residential Real Estate	3,000	5,500
AN BINH COMMERCIAL JOINT STOCK BANK	FI - Bank	2,100	7,500
ASIA COMMERCIAL JOINT STOCK BANK	FI - Bank	1,500	48,570
PROSPERITY AND GROWTH COMMERCIAL JOINT STOCK BANK	FI - Bank	700	1,700
TECHCOM SECURITIES JSC	Securities	500	5,075
XUAN MAI – HANOI CLEAN WATER TRANSMISSION LIMITED COMPANY	Water	317	317

Unit: VND Billions Source: HNX, VIS Rating

Exhibit 12: Issuers with weak credit profiles or no public financials this month

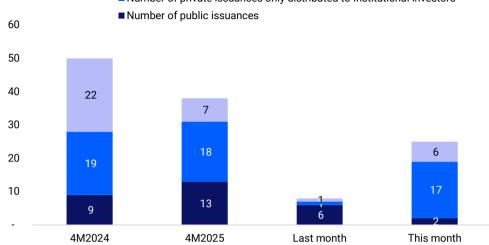
■% Bond issuer with credit profile: "Below Average" or lower



Source: HNX, VIS Rating

Exhibit 11: Number of new private issuances distributed to individual investors

- Number of private issuances distributed to Professional Individiduals
- Number of private issuances only distributed to Institutional investors



Source: HNX, VIS Rating

Exhibit 13: Percentage of issuers with weak credit characteristics

		2024	2025 YTD	April 2025
FI	<b>Solvency</b>	15%	11%	0%
	Liquidity	21%	22%	0%
Non-Fl	<u>§</u> Leverage	28%	0%	0%
corporate	(\$) Coverage	<b>72</b> %	75%	75%

Note: Numbers in the table refer to the percentage of issuers with weak characteristics denoted by the Below-Average, Weak, Very Weak, and Extremely Weak categories based on our eight-category assessment scale

Extremely Weak	Very Weak	Weak	Below- Average	Average	Above- Average	Strong	Very Strong

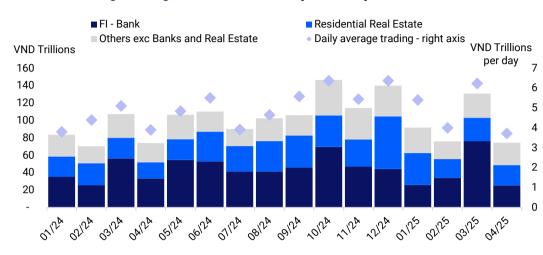
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### **Market liquidity**

The daily trading value of the secondary market in April 2025 was VND 3.8 trillion (-40% MoM)

Exhibit 14: Average trading value in the secondary market by sectors



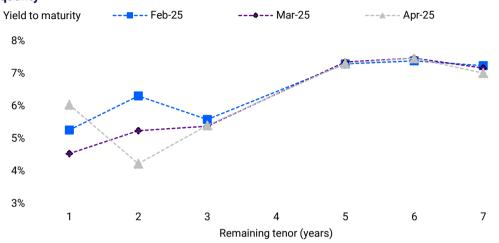
Note: We calculate the daily average trading value based on the total traded value in a month over the number of working days in a month Source: HNX, VIS Rating

Exhibit 16: Trading volume by sectors and traded bond tenors in April 2025



Source: HNX, VIS rating

Exhibit 15: Average yield to maturity (YTM) of bank bonds with Above-Average credit quality



Note: Average YTM estimated from transaction data in each month excludes convertible bonds Refer to <u>VIS Rating - How to Get Rated</u>
Source: HNX, VIS Rating

Exhibit 17: Top 10 issuers having bonds frequently traded (secondary market)

Issuer name	Sector	Traded value in 2024	Traded value in 2025 (YTD)
HO CHI MINH CITY DEVELOPMENT JOINT STOCK COMMERCIAL BANK	FI - Bank	75,747	36,758
ASIA COMMERCIAL JOINT STOCK BANK	FI - Bank	125,486	20,416
ORIENT COMMERCIAL JOINT STOCK BANK	FI - Bank	36,488	19,895
VINHOMES JSC	Residential Real Estate	67,918	17,894
VIET DUC INVESTMENT AND TRADING COMPANY LIMITED	Other manufacturing	15,338	17,825
VIETNAM INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL JOINT STOCK BANK	FI - Bank	23,104	14,433
TIEN PHONG COMMERCIAL JOINT STOCK BANK	FI - Bank	25,568	12,310
VINFAST MANUFACTURING AND TRADING JSC	Automotive	28,727	9,424
VIETJET AVIATION JSC	Transportation	24,482	9,410
MILITARY COMMERCIAL JOINT STOCK BANK	FI - Bank	10,563	8,162

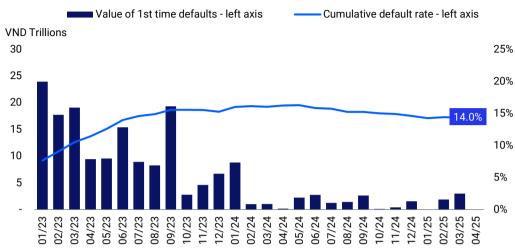
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#### **Defaults**

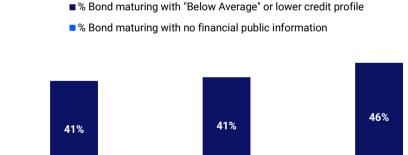
No new default records in April 2025

**Exhibit 18: Monthly new bond defaults** 



Note: Cumulative default rate is calculated by dividing total principal value of defaults by total outstanding value Source: HNX, VIS rating

Exhibit 20: Issuers with weak credit profiles having bonds maturing next month



Source: HNX, VIS rating

16%

2024

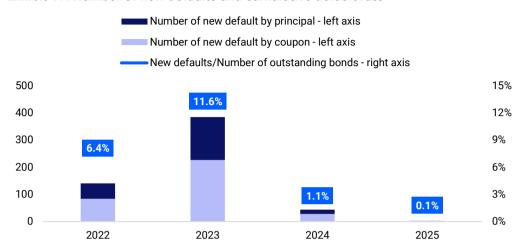
70% 60% 50%

40%

30% 20% 10%

0%

Exhibit 19: Number of new defaults and cumulative default rate



Note: The number of new defaults and number of outstanding bonds is calculated by each year Source: HNX, VIS rating

Exhibit 21: Percentage of maturing issuers with weak credit characteristics

		2024	May 2025	The next 12 months
FI	<b>Solvency</b>	12%	0%	9%
	Liquidity	18%	50%	15%
Non-FI	<u>§</u> Leverage	38%	33%	42%
corporate	\$\frac{1}{3}\frac{1}{2	87%	93%	87%

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Source: HNX, VIS rating

18%

May-25

19%

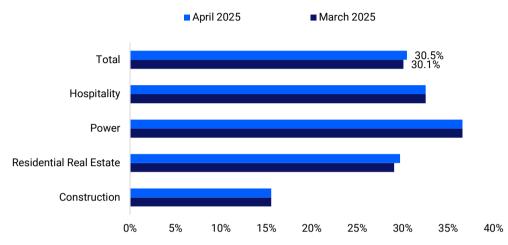
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#### **Debt Restructuring and Resolution**

In April 2025, 4 defaulted issuers repaid VND 1 trillion of bond principal

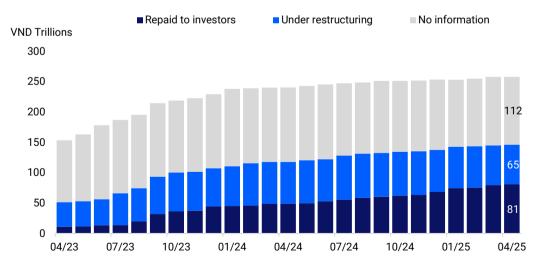
Exhibit 22: Recovery rate of defaulted bonds



Note: We estimate the recovery rate based on the amount of principal repaid, including cases where only a partial amount has been repaid and restructuring is still ongoing, following the bond default.

Source: HNX, VIS rating

Exhibit 24: Debt restructuring actions of defaulted bonds



Source: HNX, VIS rating

Exhibit 23: The recovery rate by type of bonds

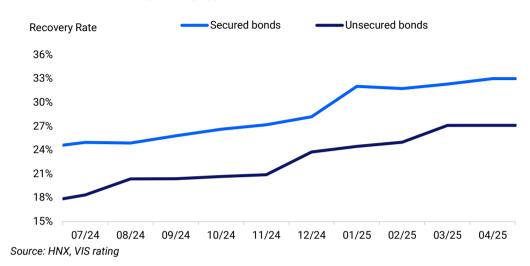


Exhibit 25: Top defaulted issuers resolved in April 2025

Sector	Resolve amount	Total outstanding bond after resolution
Residential Real Estate	600	5,900
Residential Real Estate	340	13,626
Residential Real Estate	30	1,013
Residential Real Estate	29	9,695
Residential Real Estate	20	18
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