

PRESS RELEASE

LUNAR NEW YEAR OPENING TRADING SESSION & 2015 HONORING CEREMONY FOR MEMBER SECURITIES FIRMS WITH BEST PERFORMANCE

On February 15th, 2016, Hochiminh Stock Exchange (HOSE) celebrated the Lunar New Year Opening Trading Session and Honoring Ceremony for Member Securities Firms with best performance in the year 2015. The event was attended by Mr. Nguyen Thanh Phong – Member of the Central Party, Chairman of Hochiminh City People's Committee; Ms. Nguyen Thi Lien Hoa – Vice Chairwoman of the State Securities Commission; together with representatives of market participants and the media.

2015 was a year with full of difficulties for the world's economy, especially the going down of several mature stock markets. In that context, Vietnam Stock Market in 2015 has still maintained the stable development and attracted foreign portfolio investment based on the political, macroeconomic stability with enhanced investment environment, become the spotlight in the region and in the frontier markets group with the VN-Index's growth of 6.2% compared to the end of 2014. Market capitalization on the last day of the year was VND 1,140 trillion (USD 50 billion), increased 16.41% compared to the end of 2014, and equivalent to 27.3% estimated GDP in 2015.

It was the continual striving process of the entire market to attain these achievements, including the market authorities and operators. Besides, there were contribution of the member securities firms, listed companies and other market participants. In order to acknowledge the securities firms' dedication in participating actively in the services of listing consultancy, auctioning consultancy, brokerage and especially launching new products, promoting the market's development, the Honoring ceremony for the best performance securities firms was solemnly organized to express our gratitude and encouragement to achieve new successes to the member securities firms at HOSE.

At the ceremony, there are 6 categories honoured by the Chairman of Hochiminh City People's Committee, Vice Chairwoman of the State Securities Commission and the leaders of HOSE, including:

Category I: 2015 Top 10 securities firms in shares and fund certificates brokerage value

No.	Securities Companies	Abbreviation
1	Saigon Securities Incorporation	SSI
2	Hochiminh City Securities Corporation	HSC
3	Viet Capital Securities Joint Stock Company	VCSC

4	Vndirect Securities Corporation	VNDS
5	Saigon Hanoi Securities Joint Stock Company	SHS
6	MB Securities Joint Stock Company	MBS
7	ACB Securities Company Ltd.	ACBS
8	FPT Securities Joint Stock Company	FPTS
9	BIDV Securities Joint Stock Company	BSC
10	Baoviet Securities Joint Stock Company	BVSC

Category II: 2015 Top 05 Member Securities Firms in bonds brokerage value

No.	Securities Companies	Abbreviation
1	Saigon Securities Incorporation	SSI
2	Techcom Securities Company Limited	TCBS
3	Baoviet Securities Joint Stock Company	BVSC
4	BIDV Securities Joint Stock Company	BSC
5	VPBank Securities Joint Stock Company	VPBS

Category III: 2015 Top 05 Member Securities Firms in listing and auctioning consultancy

No.	Securities Companies	Abbreviation
1	Dong A Securities Company Ltd.	DAS
2	Vietcombank Securities Company Ltd.	VCBS
3	Petro Vietnam Securities Incorporated	PSI
4	Vietinbank Securities Companies	VIETINBANKSC
5	Saigon Securities Incorporation	SSI

Category IV: 2015 Typical Member Securities Firm in Consulting Auctions for Equitization of State owned Enterprises

No.	Securities Company	Abbreviation
1	BIDV Securities Joint Stock Company	BSC

Category V: Member Securities Firm having the best growing number of trading accounts in 2015

No.	Securities Company	Abbreviation
1	Maritime Securities Incorporation	MSI

Category VI: Member Securities Firm having the best growing brokerage market share in 2015

No.	Securities Company	Abbreviation
1	IB Securities Joint Stock Company	IBSC

At the ceremony, Mr. Nguyen Thanh Phong – Member of the Central Party, Chairman of Hochiminh City People’s Committee highly recorded the outstanding achievements of Hochiminh Stock Exchange throughout 15 years. In 2016, Mr. Nguyen Thanh Phong believed that HOSE would become an international standard Stock Exchange, keeping up with the developed stock markets in the region. The Chairman also confirmed that Hochiminh City People’s Committee would be the reliable institution and actively support the development of HOSE and the market participants.

Ms. Nguyen Thi Lien Hoa – Vice Chairwoman of the State Securities Commission informed that the growing of Vietnam Stock market capitalization reached VND 1,360 trillion (USD 60 billion), increased 17% compared to the end of 2014, equal to 34.5% estimated GDP. Though market liquidity fell slightly compared to 2014, the average transaction volume (including stocks, fund certificates, and bonds) still remained quite fair with VND 4,932 billion (USD 219.2 million) per trading section. The stock market has played the role of capital-mobilizing channel and contributed to the restructuring and equitization of State owned enterprises. Total value of capital raising through bond auction, issuance of additional shares... were estimated to reach VND 300 trillion (USD 13 billion), increase 7% compared to 2014. In 2015, there were 139 companies conducted auctions through the two Exchanges (HNX and HOSE) with the value of VND 11,671 billion (USD 518.7 million), increase 40% of the number of corporations and 5% of the value compared to 2014.

Ms. Nguyen Thi Lien Hoa especially acknowledged the result of restructuring securities companies after 4 years of implementation. The number of companies has been shrinking with remarkable improvement in operation quality. The awards honoring these companies, from the awards of having largest brokerage market share, best listing and auctioning consultancy, equitizing the State own enterprises, to the awards of best growing trading accounts and brokerage market share have proven that the companies are increasingly concentrating on providing full services, enhancing the profession, quality and efficiency, showing the strong commitment between companies and the management institutions of moving toward a safe and sound stock market./.

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