

# ANZ-ROY MORGAN VIETNAM CONSUMER CONFIDENCE MEDIA RELEASE

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#### **CONSUMER CONFIDENCE RISES SHARPLY IN FEBRUARY**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

ANZ-Roy Morgan Vietnam Consumer Confidence has risen sharply to 142.3 (up 6.9points) in February with large increases in confidence for all indicators and is still above the 2014 average of 133.3.

- In terms of personal finances now, 38% (up 5ppts) of Vietnamese said their families are 'better off' financially than a year ago compared to 21% (unchanged) who said their families are 'worse off' financially.
- Of the respondents, 58% (up 5ppts) of Vietnamese expect their families will be 'better off' financially this time next year compared to just 7% (up 1ppt) who expect to be 'worse off' financially.
- Over the next 12 months, 58% (up 8ppts) said Vietnam will have 'good times' financially and only 13% (down 1ppt) expect 'bad times' financially.
- Looking further ahead, 66% (up 9ppts) expect Vietnam will have 'good times' economically over the next five years, compared to 8% (up 1ppt) who expect 'bad times' economically.
- In addition, 50% (up 7ppts) of Vietnamese said now is a 'good time to buy' major household items compared to 10% (down 1ppt) who said now is a 'bad time to buy' major household items.

#### Glenn Maguire, ANZ Chief Economist, South Asia, ASEAN & Pacific said:

"The Year of the Goat could well be an auspicious one for household consumption in Vietnam.

The Lunar New Year has been ushered in with Vietnamese households displaying a record level of optimism on three key components of our consumer confidence index. A record number of Vietnamese believe that they and their families are better off now than this time last year and a record number of Vietnamese similarly believe that they and their families will be better off a year from now. Not surprisingly, a record number of Vietnamese believe now is a good time to buy a major household item.

The details of the consumer confidence survey provide us with some optimism that the dichotomy between external and domestic demand could well start to narrow over the course of 2015. Though we forecast the Vietnamese economy to remain on a sure and steady growth recovery over 2015-16, the underperformance of the domestic sector may have made the extent of the recovery in external demand less apparent to ordinary households.

With a more evenly distributed growth recovery aided by 50bps of rate cuts and several discrete Dong revaluations over the year, Vietnamese consumer confidence is likely to remain skewed towards the optimistic in the year ahead. This bodes well for a gradual strengthening in household consumption."

FIGURE 1. ANZ-ROY MORGAN VIETNAM CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX

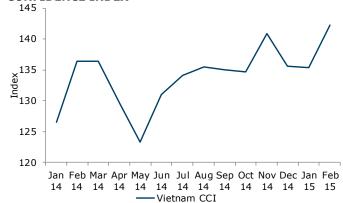


FIGURE 2. Q1 WOULD YOU SAY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE BETTER OFF FINANCIALLY OR WORSE OFF THAN YOU WERE AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR?

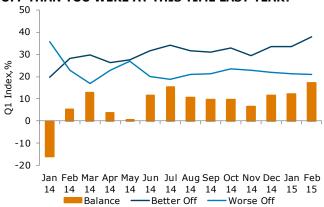


FIGURE 3. Q2 THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, DO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY EXPECT TO BE BETTER-OFF FINANCIALLY OR WORSE OFF THAN YOU ARE NOW?

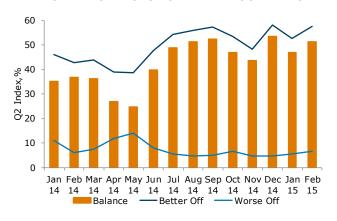


FIGURE 4. Q3 THINKING OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN VIETNAM AS A WHOLE. IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS DO YOU EXPECT WE'LL HAVE GOOD TIMES FINANCIALLY, BAD TIMES, OR SOME GOOD AND SOME BAD?

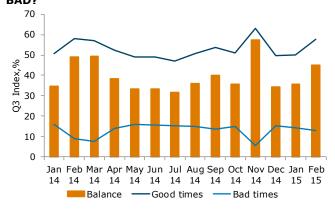


FIGURE 5. Q4 LOOKING AHEAD, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS MORE LIKELY, THAT IN VIETNAM AS A WHOLE, WE'LL HAVE CONTINUOUS GOOD TIMES DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS OR SO - OR WE'LL HAVE BAD TIMES - OR SOME GOOD AND SOME BAD?

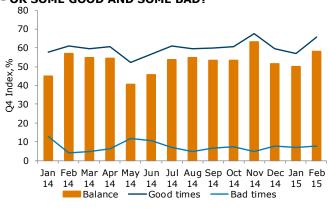
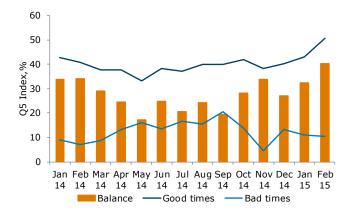
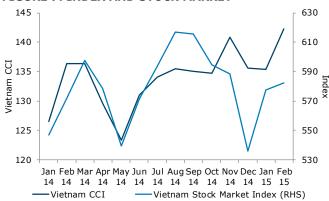


FIGURE 6. Q5 GENERALLY, DO YOU THINK NOW IS A GOOD TIME - OR A BAD TIME - FOR PEOPLE TO BUY MAJOR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS?

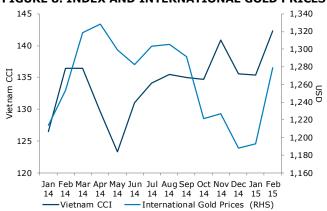


Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

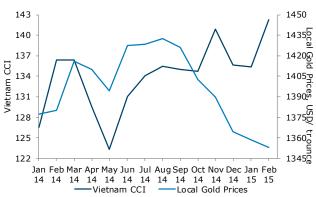
#### FIGURE 7. INDEX AND STOCK MARKET



#### FIGURE 8. INDEX AND INTERNATIONAL GOLD PRICES



#### FIGURE 9. INDEX AND LOCAL GOLD PRICES



Source: Bloomberg, ANZ-Roy Morgan

# FIGURE 10. INTERNATIONAL GOLD PRICES DIVERGE



FIGURE 11. ANZ-ROY MORGAN VIETNAM CONSUMER CONFIDENCE TABLE

		Oct 14	Nov 14	Dec 14	Jan 15	Feb 15
Headline consumer confidence index:						
		134.7	140.9	135.6	135.4	142.3
Subindices:						
1. Financial situation compared to a year ago	Balance, index	9.6	6.6	11.6	12.3	17.1
	Better off, %	33.0	29.4	33.6	33.6	37.9
	Worse off, %	23.4	22.8	22.0	21.3	20.8
2. Financial situation next year	Balance, index	46.9	43.6	53.4	47.0	51.2
	Better off, %	53.4	48.3	58.1	52.6	57.7
	Worse off, %	6.5	4.7	4.7	5.6	6.5
3. Economic conditions next year	Balance, index	35.8	57.5	34.2	35.6	45.0
	Better off, %	50.9	63.2	49.6	49.9	57.8
	Worse off, %	15.1	5.7	15.4	14.3	12.8
4. Economic conditions next 5 years	Balance, index	53.4	63.2	51.7	50.0	58.2
	Better off, %	60.8	67.8	59.5	56.9	66.0
	Worse off, %	7.4	4.6	7.8	6.9	7.8
5. Best time to buy a major household item	Balance, index	28.0	33.7	27.1	32.2	40.1
	Better off, %	41.9	38.1	40.3	43.1	50.5
	Worse off, %	13.9	4.4	13.2	10.9	10.4

<sup>1.</sup> Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?



<sup>2.</sup> This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better-off financially or worse off than you are now?

<sup>3.</sup> Thinking of economic conditions in Vietnam as a whole, in the next 12 months do you expect we'll have good times financially, or bad times, or some good and some bad?

<sup>4.</sup> Looking ahead, what would you say is more likely, than in Vietnam as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so - or we'll have bad times?

<sup>5.</sup> Generally, do you think now is a good time - or a bad time - for people to buy major household items? Source: ANZ-Roy Morgan

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