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Gov't targets GDP growth of 8% in 2025

- Viet Nam targets a GDP growth rate of approximately 8 percent in 2025 to create momentum for the two-digit growth rate in the 2026-2030 period, Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh said.
- The Government chief underlined that 2025 is regarded as a year of acceleration and breakthrough, focusing on overcoming difficulties and challenges, with economic stability serving as the foundation for driving development.
- Viet Nam targets annual GDP growth rate of about 6.5-7 percent; per capita GDP of approximately US\$4,900; average labor productivity rise of 5.3-5.4 per cent.
- The Government is determined to realize the goal of having at least 3,000km of expressways, basically finish the Long Thanh International Airport project, and eliminate temporary and dilapidated housing nationwide.

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Viet Nam back as ASEAN's growth star: HSBC



- From a challenging in the first quarter of 2024, Viet Nam's domestic economy outlook has turned more positive as the recovery continues to firm up as the year progresses, which brings Viet Nam back as ASEAN's growth star.
- Growth improved and surprised on the upside, rising to 6.9 percent and 7.4 percent in the second quarter and third quarter respectively
- On FDI, Viet Nam continued to attract foreign inflows as fundamental prospects remain positive. Although growth in newly registered FDI moderated in the third quarter, sectors beyond manufacturing such as real estate and energy saw increases in investment. A total of US\$21.68 billion was disbursed, up 7.1 percent year-on-year. This marks the third consecutive year in which Viet Nam's FDI disbursement exceeded US\$20 billion.

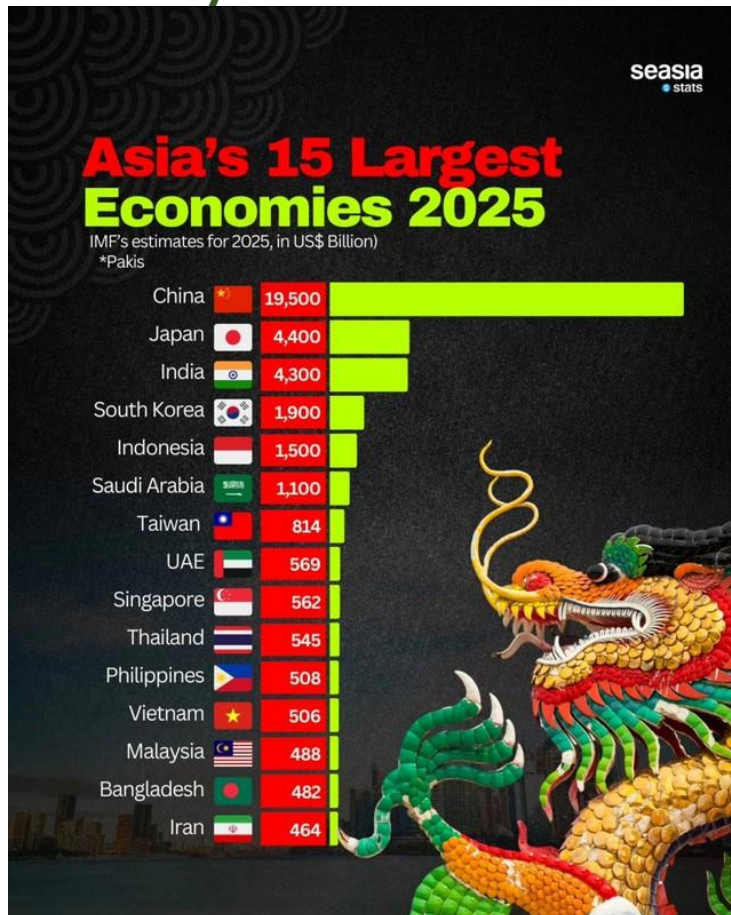
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- Looking ahead, manufacturing inflows are also likely to remain resilient, with General Secretary To Lam's recent visit to the U.S. yielding investment intentions from various firms such as Meta.
- Shunsin, a subsidiary of Foxconn, reportedly sought for a permit to invest US\$80 million to produce integrated circuits in the northern province of Bac Giang, indicative of improving production capabilities in Viet Nam.

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Viet Nam projected to become Asia's 12th largest economy in 2025



- Viet Nam is projected to become Asia's 12th largest economy in 2025, according to the statistical visualization platform Seasia Stats.
- Based on projections by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Seasia Stats forecasted that Viet Nam's GDP will reach US\$506 billion next year, ranking 5th in Southeast Asia behind Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines.
- Seasia Stats highlights Viet Nam's impressive economic growth, adding that Viet Nam's economy is rapidly expanding, thanks to its manufacturing boom and foreign investments
- In a meeting held in October this year, Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh said, Viet Nam's GDP is expected to reach US\$500 billion in 2025, becoming the 33rd largest economy globally and the 4th in ASEAN.

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Viet Nam's economy projected to be ahead of regional peers in 2025

ASEAN-6: GDP growth, constant US dollar terms



- Viet Nam's economy will be the standout among the ASEAN-6, growing at a faster pace relative to its peers over the next few years, according to the Oxford Economics.
- The global economic advisory firm forecast that Viet Nam's economic growth in 2025 will be 6.5 percent year on year, led by manufacturing, with contributions from machinery and textiles.
- Manufacturing fundamentals remain strong. Viet Nam is a hub for assembly, packaging, and testing for semiconductor chips, and the chip-led tailwind will continue next year.
- Solid wage growth, driven by FDI job creation, should support private consumption. With the number of operating enterprises still growing in annual terms, asset accumulation will likely be stronger in 2025, though FDI inflows may see a temporary slowdown in early 2025 while awaiting possible US tariff announcements on Viet Nam.

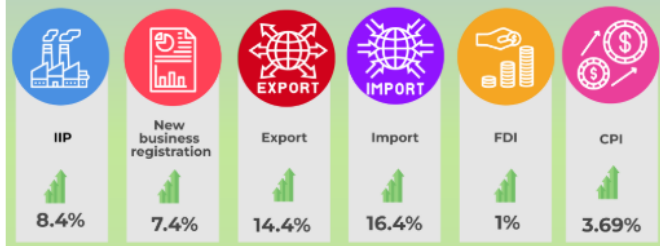
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Infographic: Social-economic performance in first 11 months of 2024

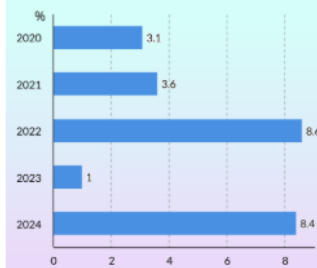
Below are key indicators of the report on socio-economic performance in November and the first 11 months of 2024, recently released by the General Statistics Office (GSO).

SOCIO-ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 2024

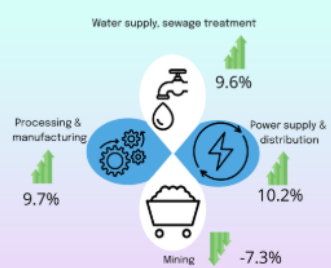
Year-on-year growth rates of key indicators in the first 11 months of 2024 (Unit: %)



Annual growth rate of IIP in the first 11 months in 2020-2024 period (Unit: %)



Growth rates of IIP by sectors in October, 2024 (Unit: %)



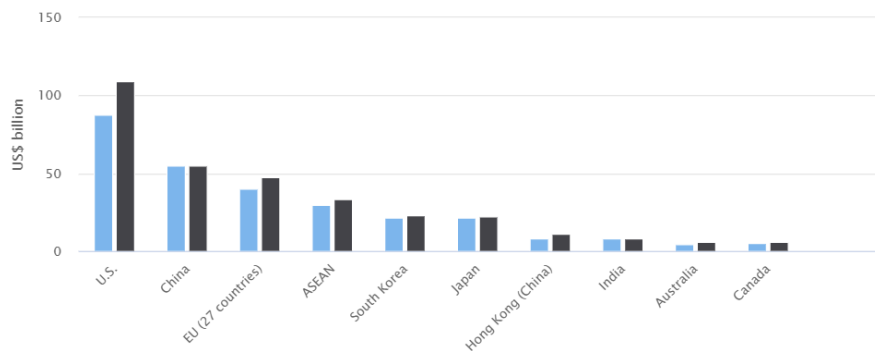
Annually export and import values in the first 11 months, 2020-2024 period (Unit: Billion USD)



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Trade volume likely to reach US\$782 bln by year-end

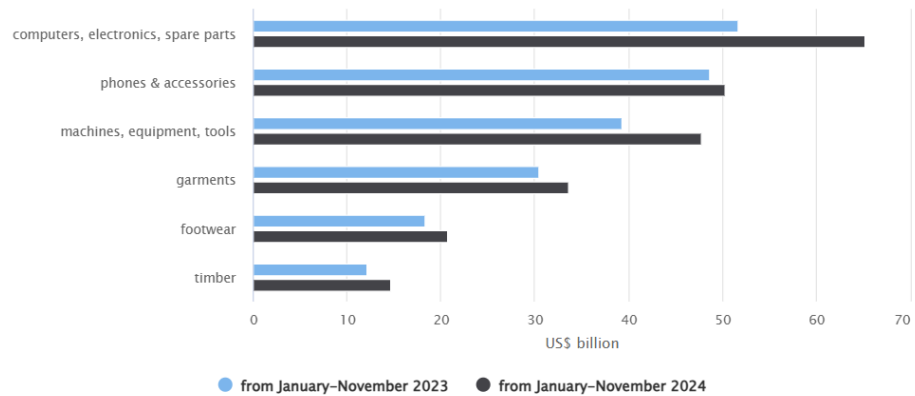
Top importers of Vietnamese goods



- Viet Nam's total trade with rest of the world is estimated to hit US\$782 billion by the end of this year, the General Department of Customs reported
- The country's trade volume reached US\$745 billion, a year-on-year increase of 15.3 percent, from January 1 to December 14.

- During the reviewed period, the country enjoyed a trade surplus of US\$23.4 billion.
- Viet Nam has emerged as a significant player in global trade, currently ranking among the world's top 20 trading economies.
- Viet Nam has maintained a trade surplus for eight consecutive years, increasing from US\$1.77 billion in 2016 to over US\$28 billion in 2023.
- As of October 2024, Viet Nam had signed 17 free trade agreements while negotiations are underway for two others.

Key export items



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Industrial production expands 8.4 percent in January–November

- Viet Nam's industrial production saw a year-on-year increase of 8.4 percent in the first 11 months this year, according to the General Statistics Office (GSO). In November, industrial production grew 2.3 percent from October and 8.9 percent against the same period last year.
- Fastest-growing Industries included automobiles (up 22.4 percent), steel bars and angles (21.7 percent), fiber textiles (16 percent), and oil and gas (15.9 percent).



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Prime Minister calls for promoting tech diplomacy

- Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh has called for promoting tech diplomacy, with a particular focus on semiconductor, artificial intelligence, aerospace, marine space, and underground space.

- To date, global tech giants such as Apple, Intel, Google, NVIDIA, Samsung, LG, Cadence, Qorvo, Marvell, and Siemens have invested in or expanded cooperation with Viet Nam, according to Pham.
- Apple has built 11 factories in Viet Nam while Intel has expanded chip testing capacity in Ho Chi Minh City and Google has expanded AI training in the country.
- Viet Nam and NVIDIA have signed an agreement on establishment of an AI Research and Development Center and an AI Data Center in Viet Nam.
- LG planned to open its third Research and Development Center in the Southeast Asian nation.

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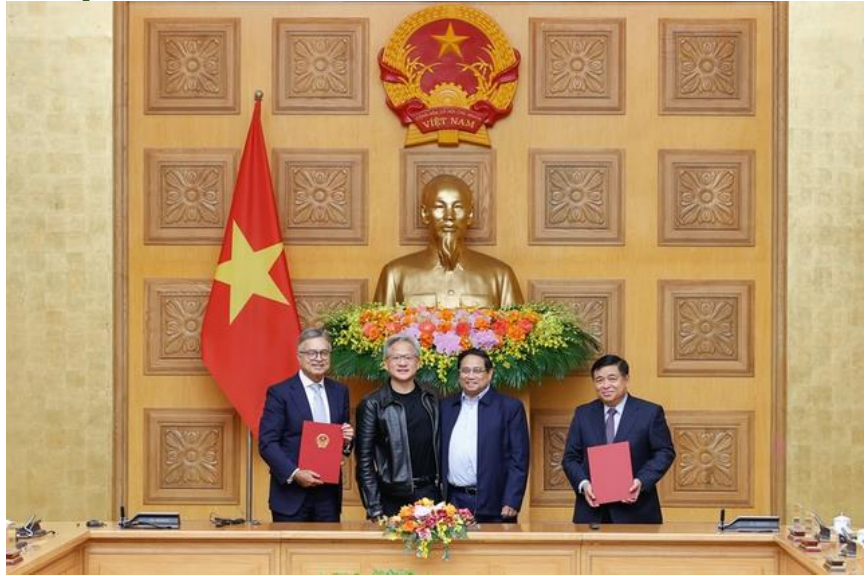
Leading tech giants plan to relocate supply chains to Viet Nam: Minister



- Some of the world's leading tech giants already have concrete plans to relocate supply chains, build research and development centers, or expand investment in Viet Nam, a Cabinet minister has said.
- Given the trend of supply chain diversification and complex geopolitical landscape in the world, Viet Nam has emerged as an attractive investment destination for global semiconductor companies thanks to its high-quality workforce, high investment in infrastructure, increasingly open and transparent policy, high political determination and enthusiasm
- The Ministry of Planning and Investment has had a number of working sessions with global tech giants such as Qualcomm, Google, Meta, LAM Research, Qorvo, AIChip... to discuss investment opportunities in Viet Nam.
- The Government also signed a cooperation agreement with NVIDIA, under which the latter will establish a Research and Development Center and an Artificial Intelligence Data Center in Viet Nam.

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NVIDIA to establish AI research and development center in Viet Nam



- Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh on Thursday 05/12 witnessed the signing of an agreement between the Vietnamese Government and NVIDIA on the establishment of an artificial intelligence (AI) research and development center and an AI data center in Viet Nam.
- The signing of the agreement with NVIDIA—the world's leading technology corporation in the field of AI and semiconductors—reflects Viet Nam's vision in catching up and advancing AI.
- The Vietnamese Government has identified AI as one of the priority areas in its national development strategy, while also committing to facilitating leading technology corporations, such as NVIDIA, to invest and operate long-term operations in Viet Nam.
- NVIDIA's support for Viet Nam in AI will not only help Viet Nam achieve its development goals in high-tech sector, in general, and AI, in particular, but also contribute to positioning the Southeast Asia as a hub for innovation.
- President and CEO of NVIDIA Jensen Huang spoke highly of Viet Nam's resources, and committed to making Viet Nam "the second home" of NVIDIA. With a strategic vision and mutual respect and trust, NVIDIA stands ready to accompany Viet Nam on its journey to build a leading AI research and development center in the Asia-Pacific region.

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Viet Nam's semiconductor industry revenue estimated at over US\$18 billion in 2024

- Viet Nam's semiconductor industry revenue is estimated at US\$18.23 billion in 2024, a year-on-year increase of 11.5 percent.
- Viet Nam's semiconductor supply chain is in its early development stage, focusing on two main areas: chip design and assembly, packaging and testing.
- Global tech giants have shown increasing interest in Viet Nam. There have been 174 FDI projects in semiconductor sector in Viet Nam with total registered capital of approximately US\$11.6

billion.



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Aquatic exports forecast to hit US\$10 billion in 2024



- The aquatic sector is likely to fulfill the preset goal of US\$10 billion in export turnover in 2024, a year-on-year increase of 11.5 percent, according to the Viet Nam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers (VASEP). As of late November, total export turnover reached nearly US\$9.2 billion, an increase of 11.5 percent from the same period last year.
- As of November 15, aquatic sector ranked eight out of the biggest hard currency earners in Viet Nam after computers and spare parts, mobile and accessories, machines and spare parts, garments and textiles, footwear, furniture and products, reported General Department of Taxation.

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Fruit and vegetable exports exceed early targets

- Viet Nam's fruit and vegetable sector is set to hit a record milestone of US\$7 billion, potentially surpassing all forecasts to reach US\$7.2 billion in 2024.
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development set an export value target of US\$6-6.5 billion for fruits and vegetables this year. However, customs data shows that export turnover has already reached approximately US\$6.6 billion in the first 11 months, achieving the target one month ahead of schedule.



- According to the Viet Nam Fruit and Vegetable Association, exports saw double-digit growth across many markets in the past 11 months, with the highest increases in exports to Thailand, South Korea, Germany, Canada, China, and the United States.

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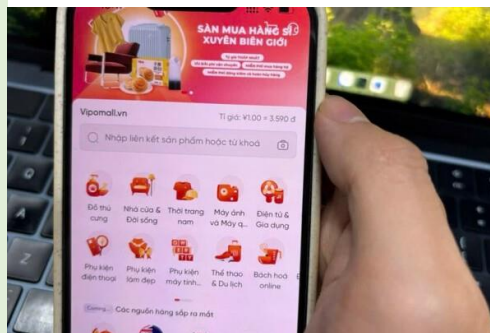
Viet Nam's e-commerce sector to grow 20% this year

- The business-to-consumer (B2C) e-commerce industry in Viet Nam is likely to grow 18-20 percent in 2024, according to the latest report by the Ministry of Industry and Trade.
- 116 foreign suppliers have registered, declared, and paid taxes through the electronic portal designated for foreign providers. Cumulative State budget revenues from these foreign suppliers have reached VND19.774 trillion (US\$790.96 million).
- In 2023, the nation's e-commerce recorded a growth rate of 25 percent, with a revenue of US\$20.5 billion.
- It is forecasted that in 2024, the market size will exceed the US\$25 billion mark.



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Viet Nam launches first cross-border wholesale e-commerce platform



- Viettel Post, an affiliate of the Military Industry and Telecoms Group (Viettel), on December 3 announced the launch of VIPO Mall, the first two-way cross-border wholesale e-commerce platform in Viet Nam.

- VIPO Mall directly connects Vietnamese customers with international suppliers and vice

versa, without intermediaries.

- E-commerce accounts for over 60 percent of Viet Nam's digital economy this year, establishing it as one of the two main growth drivers alongside online tourism.

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Viet Nam becomes more attractive to int'l tourists during New Year holiday 2025



- Viet Nam is becoming a popular destination for celebrating the New Year's Eve 2025, with a 30 percent increase in accommodation searches compared to last year.

- Statistics of the online travel platform Agoda from November 1-

27 showed that tourists from Viet Nam's top source markets such as South Korea, Japan, Thailand, Taiwan, and the U.S. are choosing Viet Nam to bid farewell to the old year, with popular destinations such as Ho Chi Minh City and Phu Quoc Island in the southern province of Kien Giang.

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Viet Nam among world's top 40 most beautiful countries

- Viet Nam has been named in the top 40 most beautiful countries in the world, according to the latest rankings compiled by media company U.S. News & World Report.

- Viet Nam scored 26.6 points, ranking 36th on the list thanks to its boasting fantastic caves, imperial landmarks, and emerald island coves.

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